

# Lisbon Postal History

## Androscoggin County, Maine

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Lisbon was created by dividing the Town of Bowdoin on 22 June 1799, and was originally incorporated as Thompsonborough, after Samuel Thompson, a major landowner. In 1802 the name of the town was changed to Lisbon. In 1808 Little River Plantation (the Lisbon Falls area) was annexed. In 1840, a major portion of Lisbon was carved off to create the Town of Webster. In the 1800s Lisbon annexed land from Bowdoinham and traded land with the Town of Webster (which was renamed the Town of Sabattus in 1971).

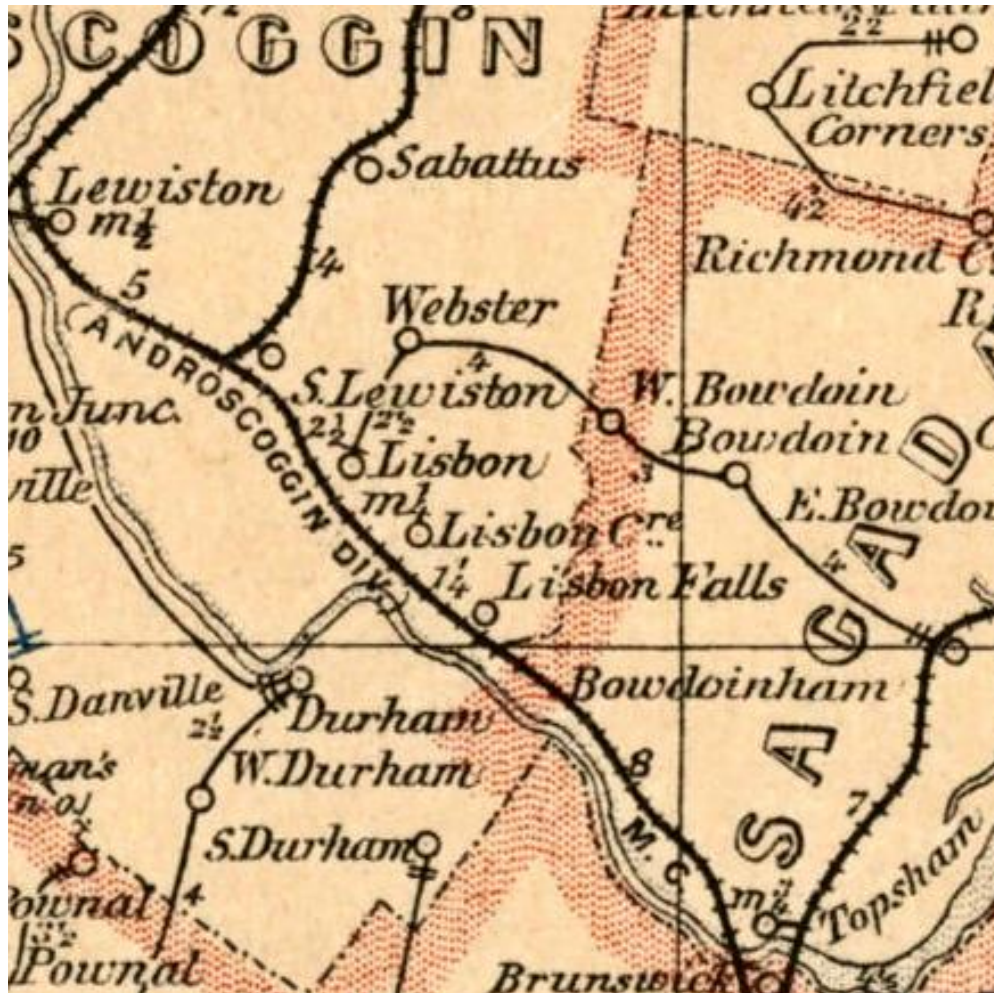
Researchers who wish to delve into the primary source records for the post offices listed below should also be aware that the area now included in Lisbon was part of Lincoln County until 31 March 1854, when it became part of Androscoggin County. Researchers looking for records for the various post offices in Lisbon before 31 March 1854, such as Little River Village, Factory Village, Lisbon Four Corners, Factoryville, and early Lisbon (2), should be aware that the information for that timeframe will be found under Lincoln County, not Androscoggin. ([\*What does it mean when there is a \(1\) or \(2\) after the name of a post office? See the explanation near the end of this document.\*](#))

Researchers must also be aware that the post offices Lisbon (1), Lisbon Centre (1), and Lisbon Four Corners were in what is now the Town of Sabattus. These were actually locations a few miles away from the places now known by those names. (Refer to *The Post Offices of Maine 2022* appendix A-15)

Briefly, the history of the five post offices associated with Lisbon in *alphabetical order*:

1. [\*\*Factory Village\*\*](#) post office, a private office, opened on 3 October 1823 and closed on 13 October 1827.
2. [\*\*Factoryville\*\*](#) post office was established on 13 December 1827, and on 6 December 1834, it was renamed [\*\*Lisbon \(2\)\*\*](#) post office, which is still operating.
3. [\*\*Lisbon Four Corners\*\*](#) post office was established on 6 February 1819, and on 8 August 1832, was renamed as [\*\*Lisbon \(1\)\*\*](#) post office. On 6 December 1834, Lisbon (1) was renamed as [\*\*Lisbon Centre \(1\)\*\*](#) post office [in Sabattus] and closed on 22 June 1841.

4. [Lisbon Centre \(2\)](#) post office opened on 10 July 1884. Named changed to [Lisbon Center](#) on 4 November 1893 and closed on 29 July 1992.
5. [Little River Village](#) post office was established on 14 December 1818 and was renamed [Lisbon Falls](#) post office on 20 February 1865. The latter was renamed on 6 January 1996 as [Lisbon Falls Sta. Lisbon](#), which is still operating.



In 1903 there were three post offices in operation in the Town of Lisbon: Lisbon, Lisbon Centre, and Lisbon Falls.

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## **Factory Village**

3 October 1827:

Factory Village Post Office opened as a private post office while still part of Lincoln County. There is no United States Post Office Department record of this post office.

From *The Post Offices of Maine 2022* Appendix A-8, **Factory Village**: “A manuscript postmark dated 25 April 1833 using this name has been seen. It is believed to be counterfeit.”

13 October 1827:

Factory Village Post Office closes.

## **Factoryville**

13 October 1827:

Factoryville Post Offices opens.

13 October 1827:

Robert Jack became the Postmaster for Factoryville Post Office.

25 June 1832:

Samuel Moody became the Postmaster for Factoryville Post Office.

6 December 1834:

Factoryville Post Office name is changed to Lisbon (2) Post Office.

## **Lisbon (1)**

8 August 1832:

Lisbon (1) Post Office is created by changing the name of Lisbon Four Corners. (Note: There was another post office ~~in Maine~~ named Lisbon at a different time a few miles to the south. The (1) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

7 July 1832:

Nathan C. Fletcher became Postmaster for Lisbon Four Corners and remains as Postmaster as the Post Office name changed to Lisbon (1)

29 March 1833:

Amos Dwinel became Postmaster for Lisbon (1) Post Office.

6 December 1834:

Lisbon (1) Post Office is renamed Lisbon Centre (1).

Note: Lisbon (1) was located in what is now Sabattus, formerly Webster prior to 1971 and Lisbon prior to 1840.

## **Lisbon (2)**

6 December 1834:

The former Factoryville post office was renamed as Lisbon (2) post office. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named Lisbon at a different time a few miles to the north. The (2) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

25 June 1832:

Samuel Moody remains the Postmaster as Factoryville Post Office became Lisbon (2) Post Office.

8 February 1836:

Benjamin Burgess became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

26 October 1838:

Joshua Gerrish became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Lisbon (2) becomes part of Androscoggin County. Joshua Gerrish remains as Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

28 May 1856:

Reuben D. Rand became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

7 November 1857:

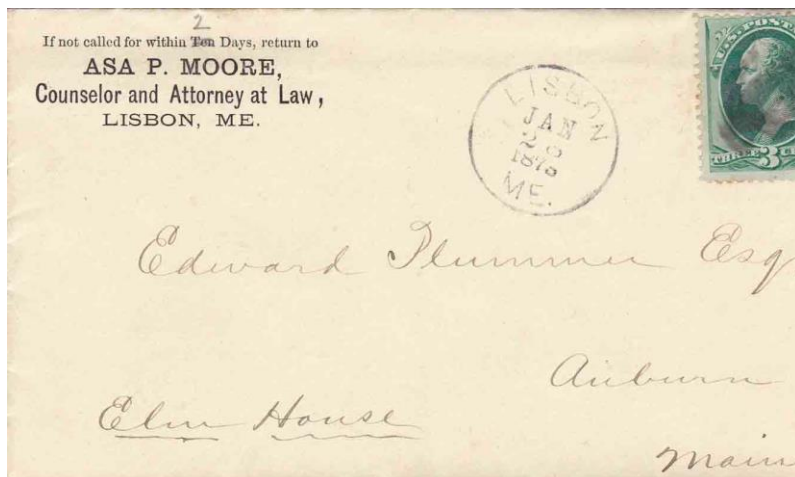
Levi T. Coombs became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

6 January 1862:

Charles B. Jordan became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

7 April 1873:

Charles W. Gerrish became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.



28 January 1875:

The circular postmark is 23–24 mm in diameter with a cork killer.

6 January 1880:

Hannah W. Gerrish became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

30 July 1885:

J.M. Corbett became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

10 August 1889:

Alfred E. Jordan became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

13 October 1893:

Fred J. Atwood became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

21 September 1897:

Edward H. Lunt became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

4 April 1914:

Benjamin J. Atwood became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

11 August 1919

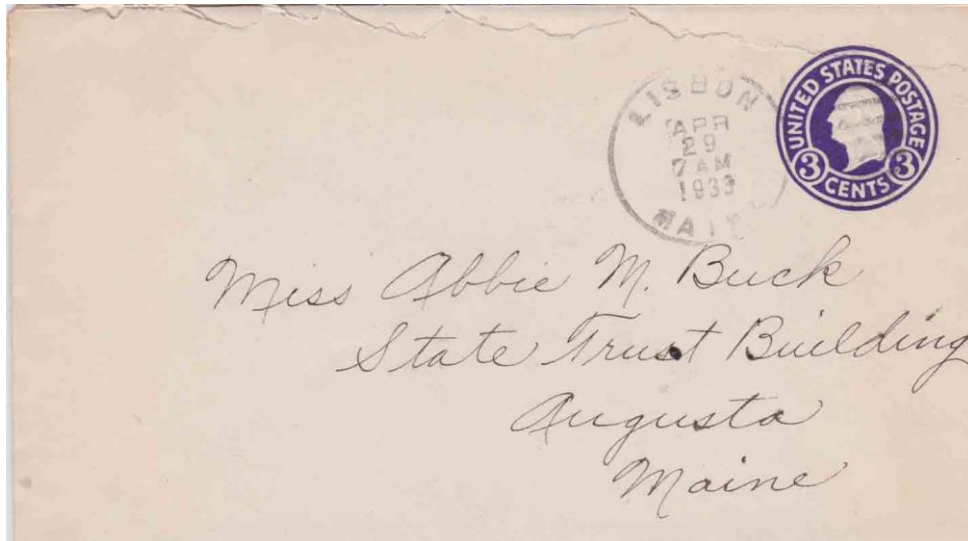
Percie D. Jordan became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

31 December 1923:

Arthur Donkus became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

22 May 1924:

Arthur Donkus became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.



29 April 1933:

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.

1 May 1936:

Marion J. Ricker became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

18 May 1936:

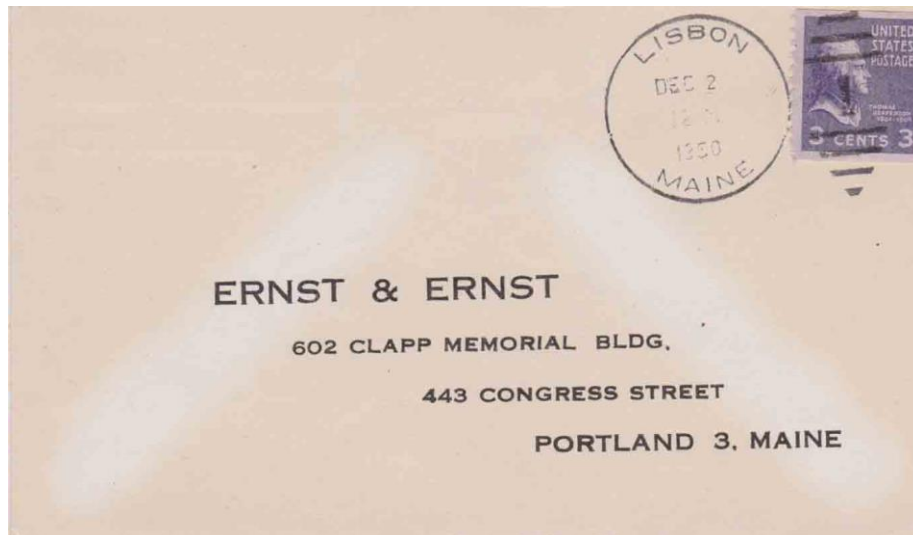
Marion J. Ricker became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.



23 May 1942:

The circular postmark is 29–31 mm in diameter with a Duplex/1 killer.





2 December 1950:

The circular postmark is 29–31 mm in diameter -Duplex/1 killer.

11 July 1969:

Constance T. Doboga became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

17 July 1971:

Constance T. Doboga became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

2 March 1989:

Alfreda E. Smith became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

25 March 1989:

Donna M. Jude became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

4 October 2007:

Kathleen L. Walker became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

29 August 2009:

Kathleen L. Walker became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

23 December 2009:

Eric C. Parmenter became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

2 November 2010:

Mitchell C. Curtis became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

17 November 2012:

Mitchell C. Curtis became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

10 February 2017:

Darin Baker became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

24 June 2017:

James E. Fitzsimmons became Postmaster for Lisbon (2) Post Office.



Lisbon (2) Post Office 2017 July 16

30 June 2020:

Scott Bowie became Officer-in-Charge for Lisbon (2) Post Office.

Today:

The Lisbon post office is still in operation.

## **Lisbon Centre (1)**

6 December 1834:

Formerly Lisbon (1) Post Office, the name was changed to Lisbon Centre. (Note: There was another post office named Lisbon Centre at a different time a few miles to the south. The (1) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

29 March 1833:

Amos Dwinel became Postmaster for Lisbon (1) Post Office and remained as Postmaster as Lisbon (10 Post Office name changed to Lisbon Centre (1).



29 March 1839:

Philip M. Garcelon became Postmaster for Lisbon Centre (1).

22 June 1841 Lisbon Centre (1) becomes Webster Post Office. Note: The town was Webster prior to 1971 and is now Sabattus. It was Lisbon prior to 1840.

## Lisbon Centre (2)

10 July 1884:

Lisbon Centre (2) Post Office opens. (Note: There was another post office in ~~Maine~~ named Lisbon Centre at a different time a few miles to the north ~~and location~~. The (2) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

10 July 1884:

John W. Jordan became Postmaster for Lisbon Centre (2) Post Office.



22 February Circa 1885:

The circular postmark is approximately 27 mm in diameter – cork killer.

7 November 1888:

Albion K.P. Edwards became Postmaster for Lisbon Centre (2) Post Office.

4 November 1893:

Lisbon Centre (2) Post Office's name is changed to Lisbon Center Post Office.

## **Lisbon Center**

4 November 1893:

Lisbon Center Post Office opens.

4 November 1893:

George W. Gowell became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

1 July 1899:

Alfred C. Webber became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

23 May 1902:

Beulah L. Webber became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

30 August 1907:

Mildred N. Mayal became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

10 October 1914:

Wilhelmina Gibbs became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

6 October 1915:

John W. Douglas became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

22 August 1919:

William E. Adams became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

10 January 1921:

Lucy P. Akeley became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

7 January 1922:

Eugene M. Edwards became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

11 July 1923:

Wilfred R. Rioux became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

23 December 1933:

Israel Lavigne became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

8 August 1934:

Israel Lavigne became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

26 October 1939:

Miss Maud K. Jackson became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

19 February 1940:

Miss Maud K. Jackson became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

30 May 1940:

Postmaster Mrs. Maude K. Alexander name changed by marriage from Maude Jackson

15 October 1940:

Lionel Raymond Breton became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

10 April 1941:

Lionel Raymond Breton became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

31 January 1944:

Mrs. Vera N. Breton became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

30 September 1944:

Ellery L. Robinson became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

21 July 1947:

Ellery L. Robinson became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

31 July 1971:

Lyndell A. Earle Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Center Post Office.

11 December 1971: Lyndell A. Earle became Postmaster for Lisbon Center Post Office.

3 January 1992: Sherrill Turcotte Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Center Post Office.



4 October 1940

The circular postmark is 33–34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

29 July 1992:

Lisbon Center (2) post office closed.

## Lisbon Falls

1865 February 20:

Lisbon Falls post office opened, formerly Little River Village.

2 July 1861:

Seth P. Crossman became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office and continued as Postmaster when Little River Village Post Office became Lisbon Falls Post Office.

4 February 1868:

Samuel Crowell became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

8 April 1869:

Horace C. White became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

24 July 1874:

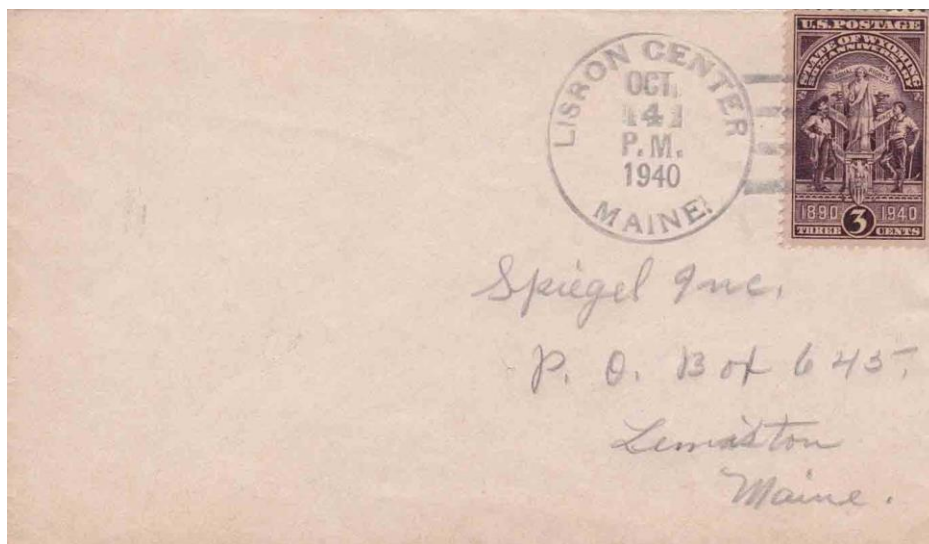
George W. Coombs became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

22 January 1882:

George Plummer became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

14 October 1883:

John H. Coombs became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office



4 December Circa 1885

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

4 November 1889:

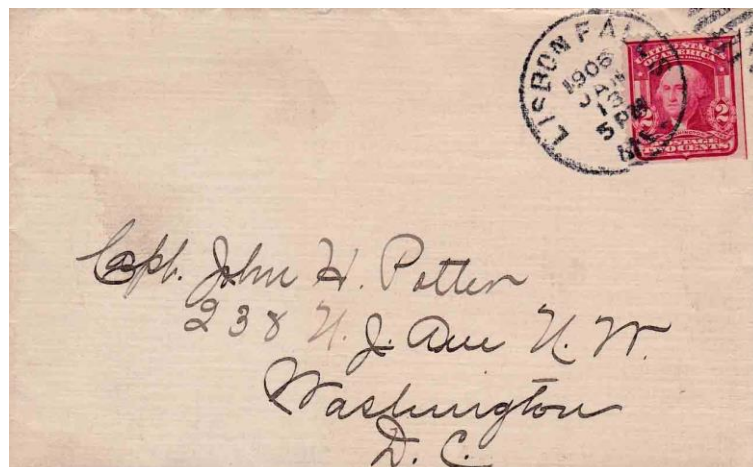
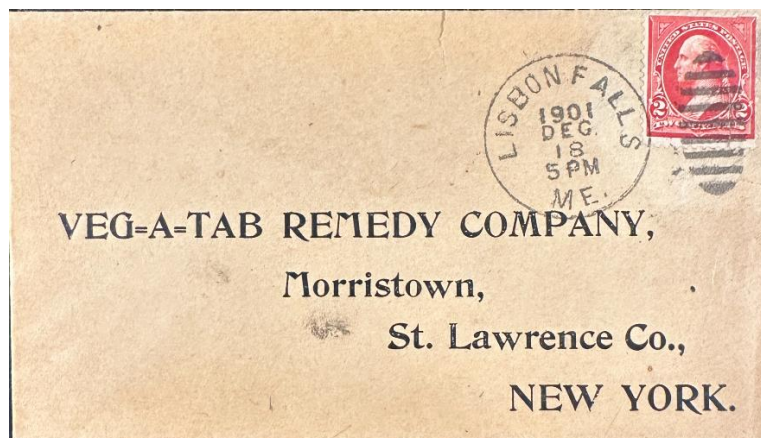
George Plummer became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

15 January 1896:

George W. Beal became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

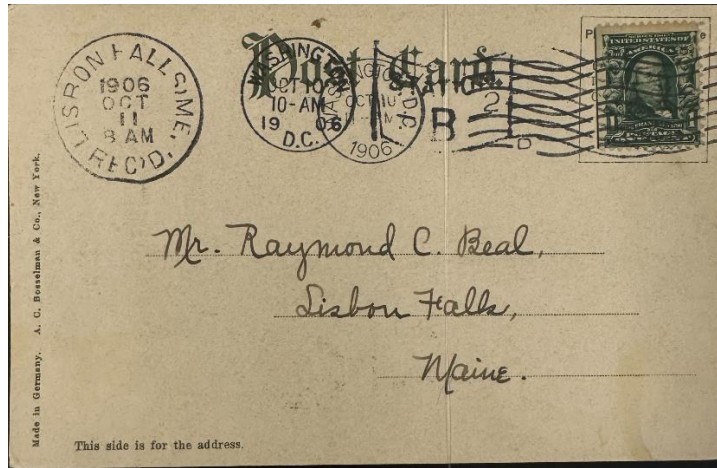
18 January 1900:

George R. Foster became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

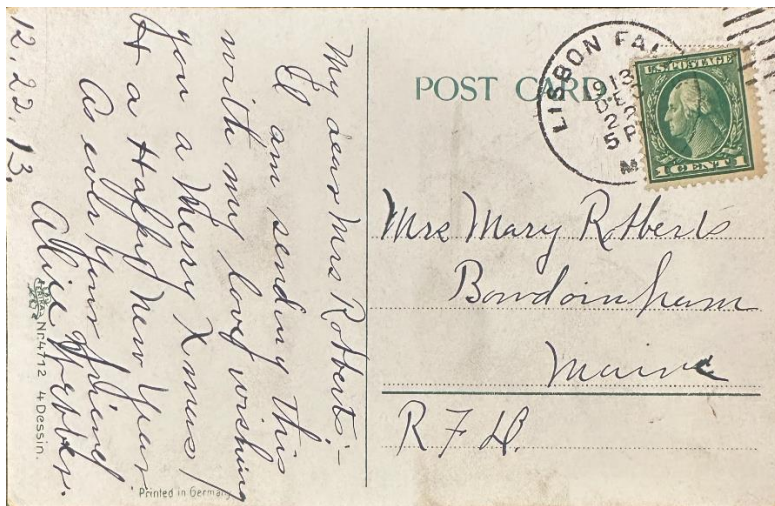




12 November 1901 through 13 January 1906  
The circular postmark is 28–30 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer.



11 October 1906  
The circular received postmark is 29 mm in diameter.







22 December 1913 through 24 January Circa 1927

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter with an elliptical Duplex killer.

5 January 1916:

George H. McIntosh became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

8 January 1925:

Arthur O. White became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

4 January 1929:

E. Plummer became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

29 June 1929:

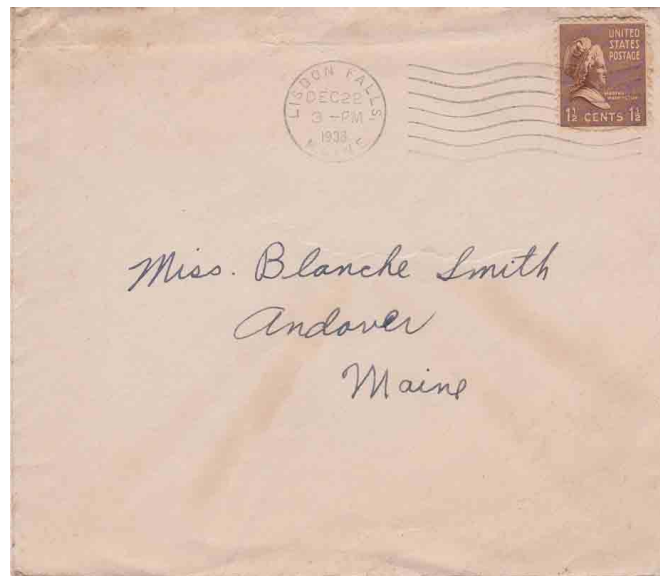
Walton H. Smith became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

30 June 1933:

George I. McIntosh became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

15 February 1934:

George I. McIntosh became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

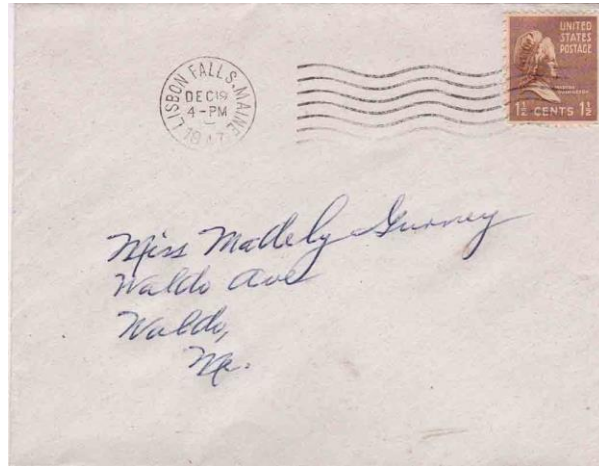


24 August 1936 through 1938 December 22  
The circular postmark is approximately 22 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line machine killer.



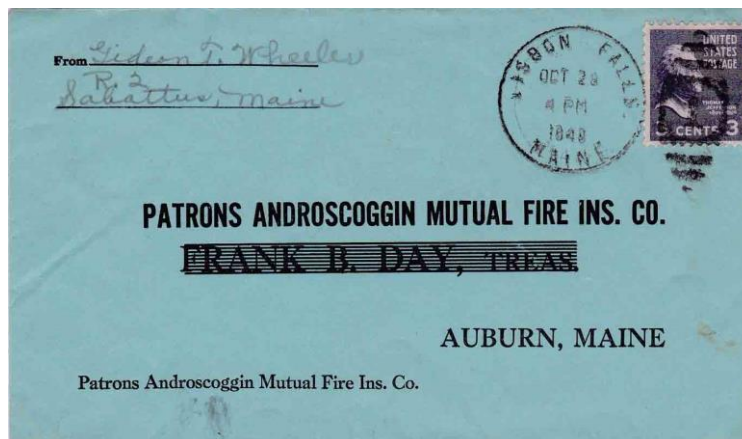
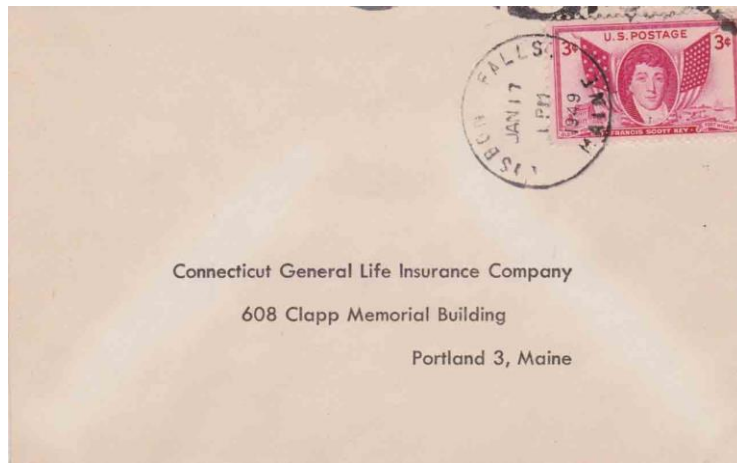
8 February 1940

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter with an elliptical Duplex killer.



19 December 1947

The circular postmark is 20–12 mm in diameter-machine cancel.



17 January 1949 through 29 October 1949

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter with a Duplex/1 killer.

30 December 1965:

Richard A. Agathos became Acting Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

25 August 1967:

Richard A. Agathos became Postmaster for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

2 March 1992:

Elaine P. Edwards became Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

25 January 1993:

Doris D. (Clark) Baker became Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

5 January 1995:

David E. Fleenor became Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

1 June 1995:

Cheryl R. Harper became Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

12 December 1995:

Donna M. Jude became Officer-In-Charge for Lisbon Falls Post Office.

6 January 1996:

Lisbon Falls Post Office closed. Changed to Lisbon Falls Station Lisbon

### **Lisbon Falls Station Lisbon**

6 January 1996 to currently operating. Formerly Lisbon Falls

No examples have been submitted at this time.

### **Lisbon Four Corners**

6 February 1819:

Lisbon Four Corners Post Office opens.

6 February 1819:

James Small became Postmaster for Lisbon Four Corners Post Office.

14 February 1823:

Samuel Heath became Postmaster for Lisbon Four Corners Post Office.

7 July 1832:

Nathan C. Fletcher became Postmaster for Lisbon Four Corners Post Office.

8 August 1832:

Lisbon Four Corners Post Office's name was changed to Lisbon (1)

## **Little River Village**

14 December 1818:

Little River Village Post Office opens.

14 December 1818:

William P. Lewis became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

5 February 1819:

Ezekiel Thompson became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

31 March 1832:

Joseph Cowing became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

11 December 1834:

Josiah Lane became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

17 February 1842:

Moses Tibbets became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

19 August 1845:

James Booker became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

23 December 1845:

Jedediah Moulton became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

29 January 1852:

Warren A. Bibber became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

29 March 1853:

Aaron S. West became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

31 March 1854:

County Changed from Lincoln County to Androscoggin County.

29 November 1855:

John O. Tracy became Postmaster for Little River Village.



15 July Circa 1857  
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter.

6 November 1858:

John H. Coombs became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

2 July 1861:

Seth P. Crossman became Postmaster for Little River Village Post Office.

20 February 1865

Little River Village's Post Office name was changed to Lisbon Falls Post Office.

Note: Postmarks of Little River, Little River Vill, and Little River Ville have been seen.

***What does it mean when there is a (1) or (2) after the name of a post office?***

Sometimes the numbers (1) and (2) appear after the name of a post office. These numbers indicate the (first) and (second) localities of post offices of the same name. If the post office name is used for two separate post offices in two respective villages at different times, they will be identified in this manner. These numbers do not necessarily indicate time periods.

These numbers do **not** represent numbered stations. Some larger places like Auburn, have postal stations with numbers. These are *not* the same thing as the post offices we call Auburn (1), Auburn(2), etc.

Also: the numbers do **not** appear in postmarks or any official post office publications, but are used by postal historians and collectors to refer to different post offices as noted above.



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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>.