

Macwahoc Plantation Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Macwahoc is a plantation in Aroostook County, settled in 1830 and organized as Molunkus Plantation on October 17, 1844 from townships T1 R4 WELS and TA R5. On December 16, 1851, the name was changed to Macwahoc.

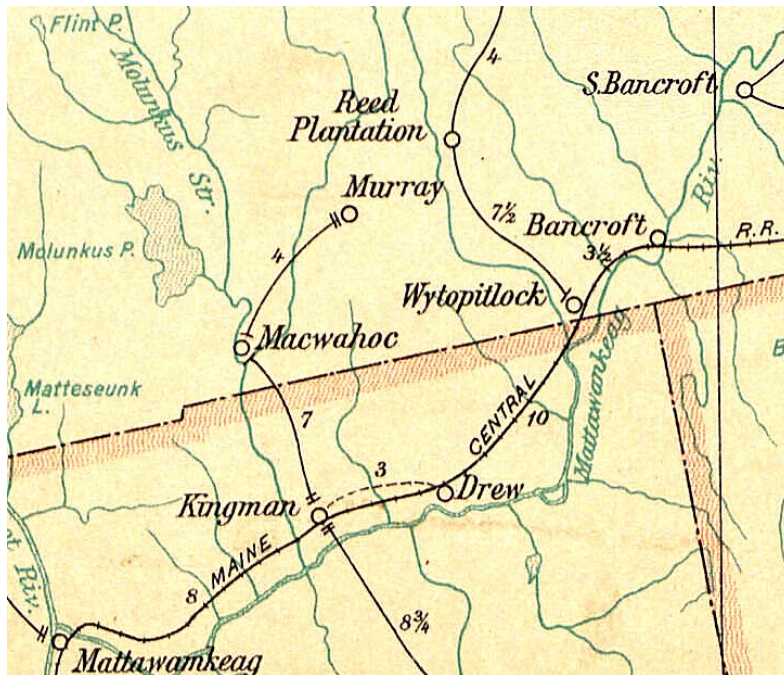
During the history of Macwahoc Plantation, there have been four post offices.

Briefly, the history of these four is as follows:

1. Macwahoc Post Office opened on 26 November 1877 and closed on 30 June 1929.
2. Moluncus (1) Post Office opened on 11 September 1834 and closed on 12 November 1945.
3. Moluncus (2) Post Office opened on 9 January 1866 and closed on 22 April 1879.
4. Murray Post Office opened on 4 August 1887 and closed on 30 June 1908.

Note: Most official spelling uses Molunkus. However, Moluncus was used by the postal system.

In 1903, there were only two post offices in Macwahoc Plantation: Macwahoc and Murray.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1903

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

[Macwahoc](#)

[Moluncus \(1\)](#)

[Moluncus \(2\)](#)

[Murray](#)

Macwahoc

26 November 1877:

Macwahoc Post Office opened.

26 November 1877:

Jere E. Estes became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.

10 June 1878:

Charles O. Libbey became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.



26 July 1880:

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

19 August 1887:

Eugene W. Robinson became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.

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15 July 1891:

Melville Johnson became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.

31 May 1895:

Eugene W. Robinson became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.

28 October 1898:

Melville Johnson became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.

12 July 1905:

Cora M. Coburn became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.



25 June 1906:

The circular postmark is 25 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer.

23 February 1917:

Sadie B. Ames became the Postmaster for the Macwahoc Post Office.



14 January 1924:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/1) killer

30 June 1929:

Macwahoc Post Office closed.

Moluncus (1) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Moluncus at different times and locations. 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.)

11 September 1834:

Moluncus (1) post office opened as part of Penobscot County.

11 September 1834:

Binaiah P. Sturges became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.

11 February 1836:

Franklin Butterfield became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.

15 September 1837:

Gardiner Chadbourn became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.



3 November 1837:
Manuscript postmark

1 May 1839:

Moluncus became part of Aroostook County.

23 November 1839:

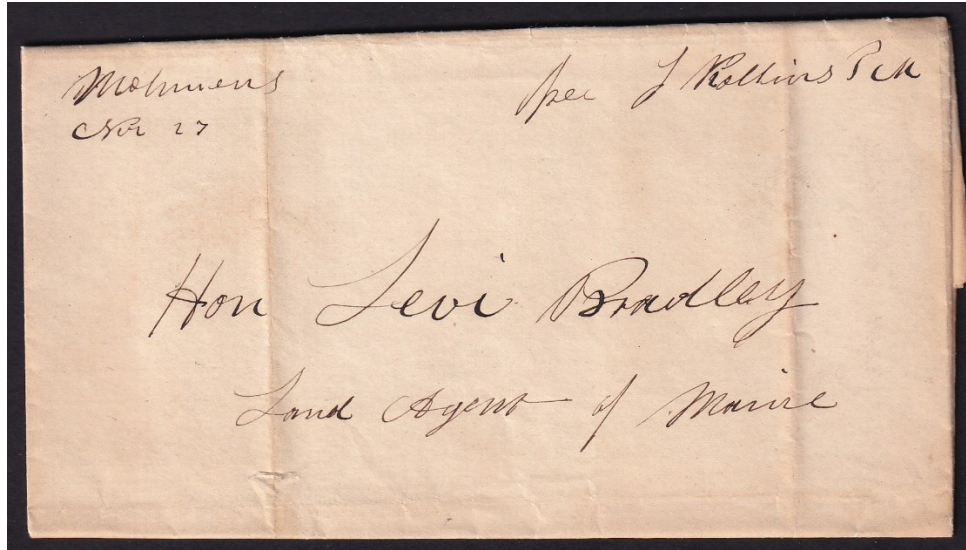
Charles A. Thaxter became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.

3 September 1840:

Humphrey Chadbourn became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.

14 February 1842:

John Rollins became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (1) Post Office.



27 November 1843:
Manuscript postmark

12 November 1845:

Moluncus (1) post office closed.

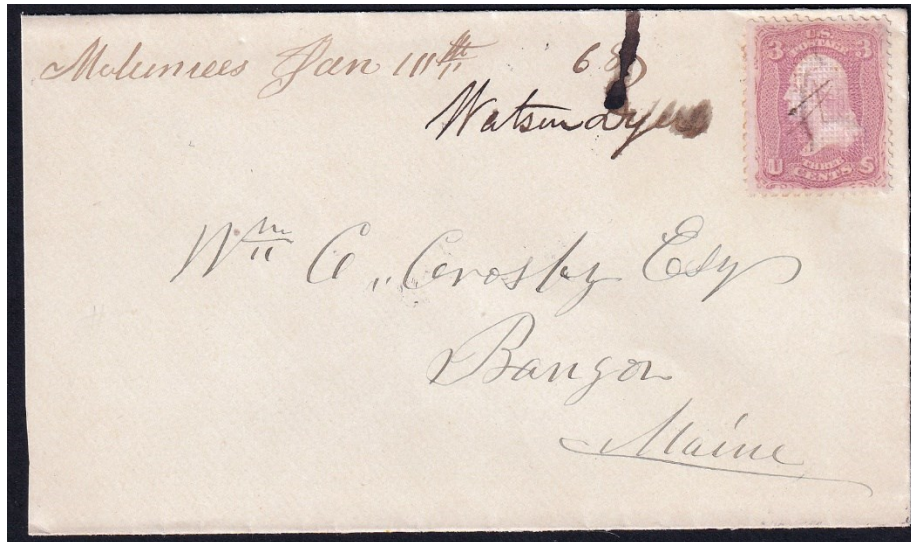
Moluncus (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Moluncus at different times and locations. The (1) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

9 January 1866:

Moluncus (2) post office opened

9 January 1866:

Hugh Read became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (2) Post Office.



10 January 1868:
Manuscript postmark

24 June 1872:

Miss Flora M. Libby became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (2) Post Office.

6 July 1874:

George W. Chick became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (2) Post Office.

15 November 1875:

D.B. Tenney became the Postmaster for the Moluncus (2) Post Office.

1879 April 22:

Moluncus (2) post office closed.

Murray

1887 August 4:

Murray post office opened.

4 August 1887:

Almira L. Stratton

18 June 1888:

Horace Whittier

24 February 1890:
Mrs. Melisa Martin



28 December 1898

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



26 December 1907:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/1 killer.

30 June 1908:

Murray Post Office closed.

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I, R5 (Prentiss Heirs), I, R4 (No. Yarmouth Academy Grant), Molunkus, Macwahoc Plantation [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/44

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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