

# Masardis Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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The small town of Masardis was first settled in the 1830s and incorporated in 1839.

During the history of the town of Masardis, there have been three post offices.

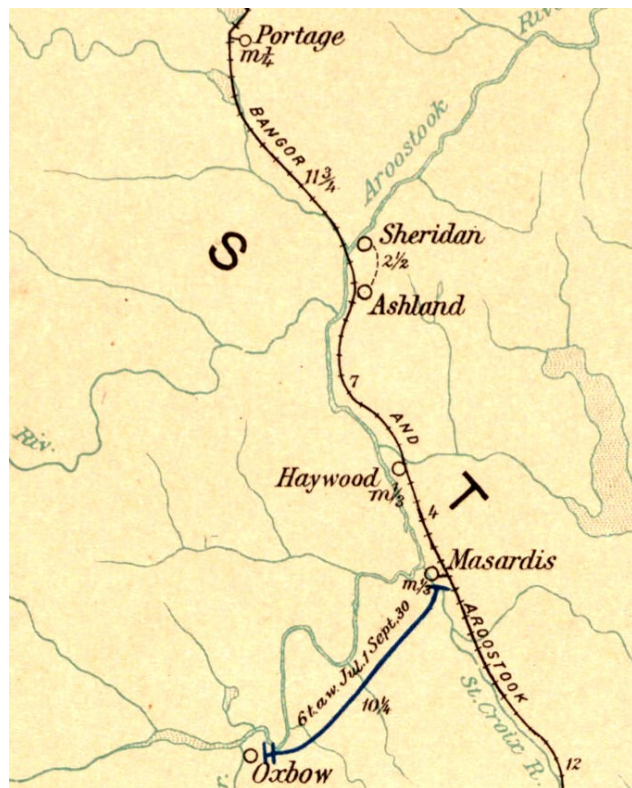
Briefly, the history of these three is as follows:

1. Haywood Post Office opened on 11 August 1900 and closed on 15 February 1914.
2. Masardis Post Office opened on 6 October 1843 and closed on 19 February 1855. It reopened on 19 July 1855 and closed on 25 August 1967 to become Masardis Rural Branch Ashland Post Office.
3. Masardis Rur. Br, Ashland Post Office opened on 25 August 1967 and closed in 2001.

In 1903, there were two post offices in Masardis.

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

From Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.



<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:cj82km77v>

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

[Haywood](#)

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## Haywood

11 August 1900:

Haywood Post Office opened.

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Miss Lucy L. Smith became the Postmaster for the Haywood Post Office.

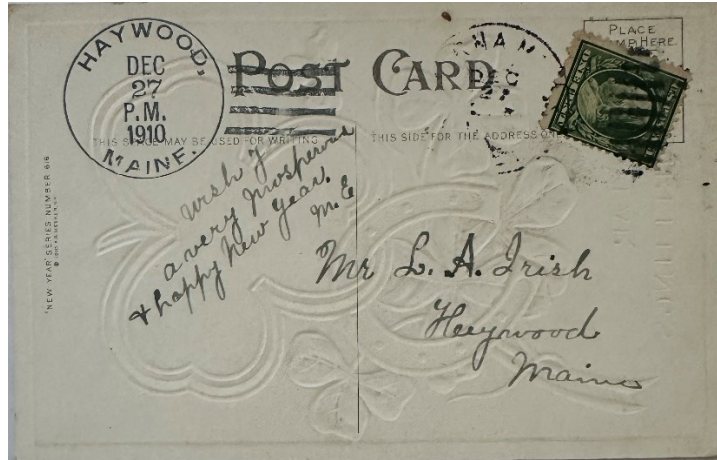
28 August 1901:

Mrs. Gertrude H. Weeks became the Postmaster for the Haywood Post Office.



7 January 1909:

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



27 December 1910:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer. A similar postmark dated 11 January 1911 is known.



13 July 1910:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/2) killer.

15 February 1914:

Haywood Post Office is closed. Service from Ashland.

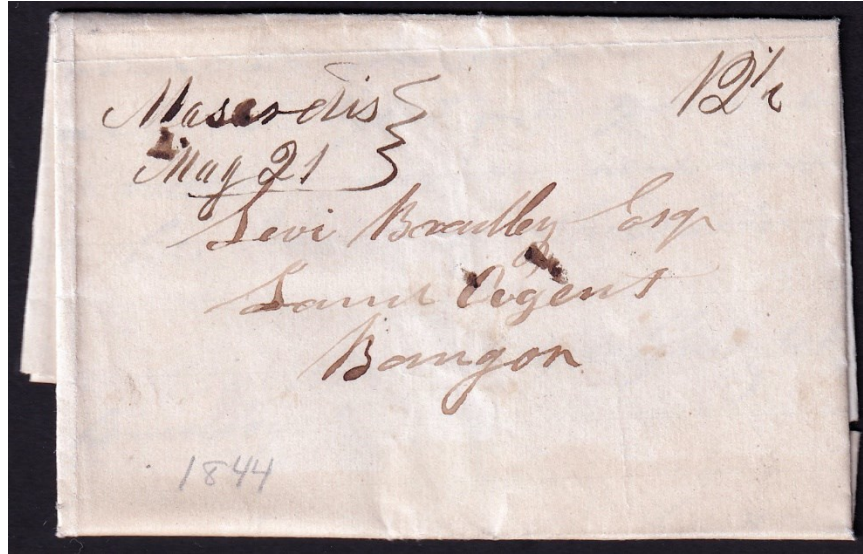
## Masardis

6 October 1843:

Masardis post office opened.

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Alexander Woodard became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.



21 May 1844:  
Manuscript postmark

19 June 1845:

Joseph Pollard became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

4 June 1851:

William Fitzgerald became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

1 May 1852:

Stephen H. Hewes became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

19 February 1855:

Masardis post office is closed.

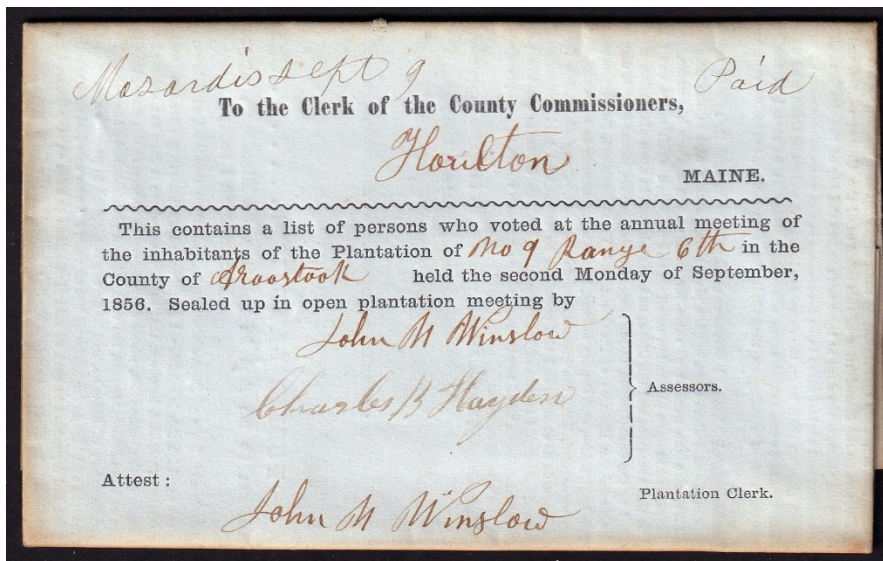
19 July 1855:

Masardis post office re-opened.

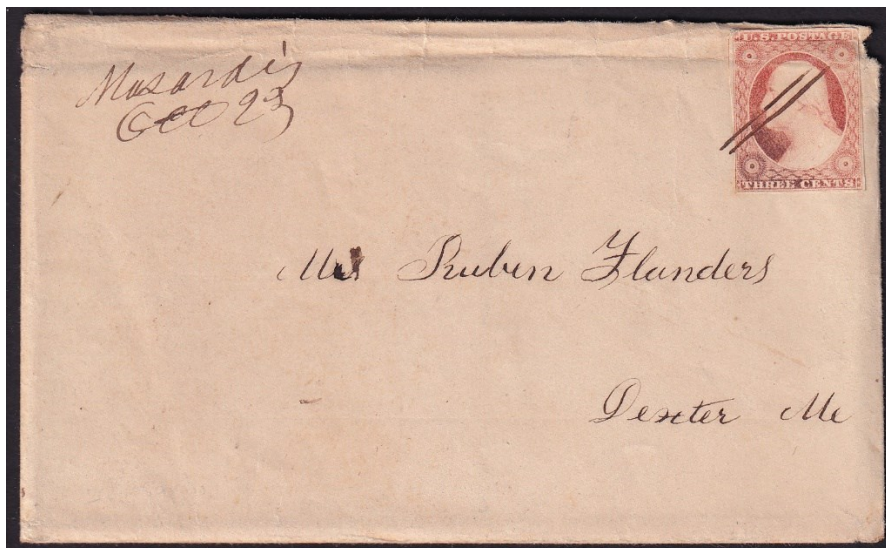
19 July 1855:

Nelson Rowe became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.





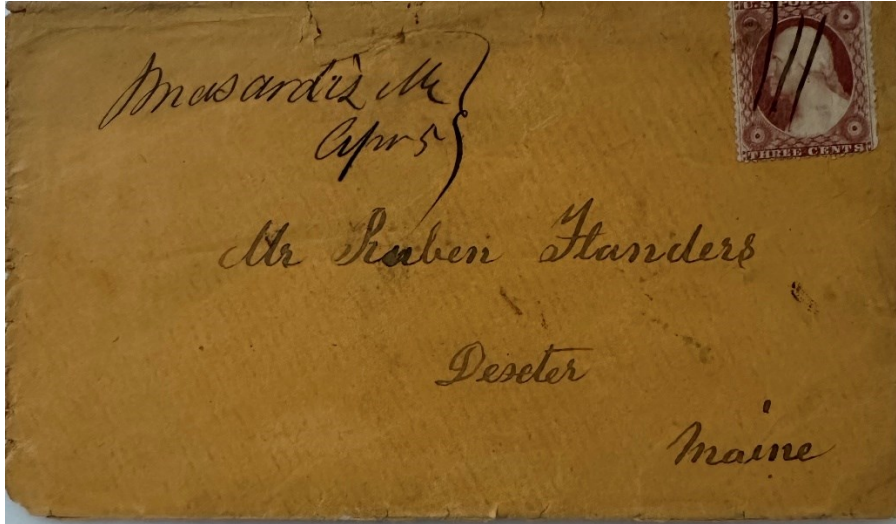
8 September 1856:  
Manuscript postmark.



23 October 1856:  
Manuscript postmark.

7 September 1858:

Hosea Sawyer became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.



5 April circa 1860:  
Manuscript postmark. A similar postmark dated 24 January 1861 is known.

14 January 1864:

John Knowlen became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.



16 November 1880:  
Manuscript postmark with a four-circle killer.

20 May 1881:

Lucinda M. Knowlen became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.





20 May 1889:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with an M.O.B. cancelation device used as a killer.

31 May 1889:

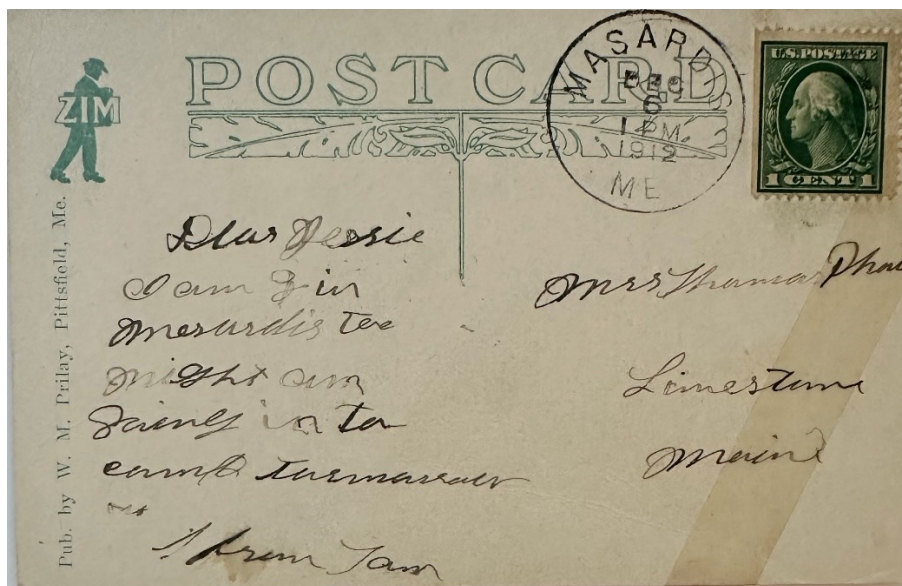
William H. Rowe became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

1 November 1893:

Lucinda M. Knowlen became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

9 March 1896:

Ralph A. Stimson became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.



6 December 1912:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a duplex killer.



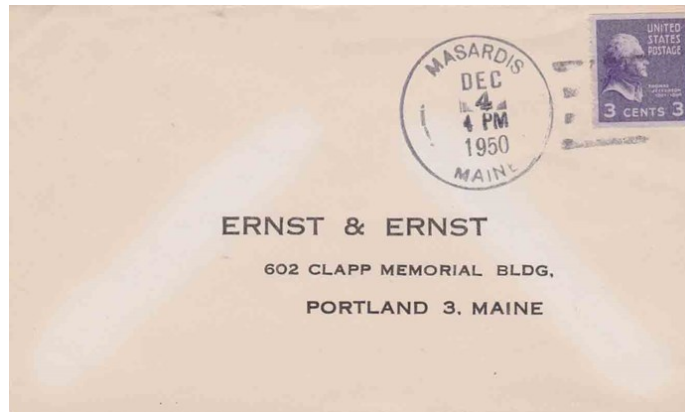
Circa 1920:  
Masardis Post Office.

31 January 1940:

Herman C. Junkins became the Acting Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

23 October 1940:

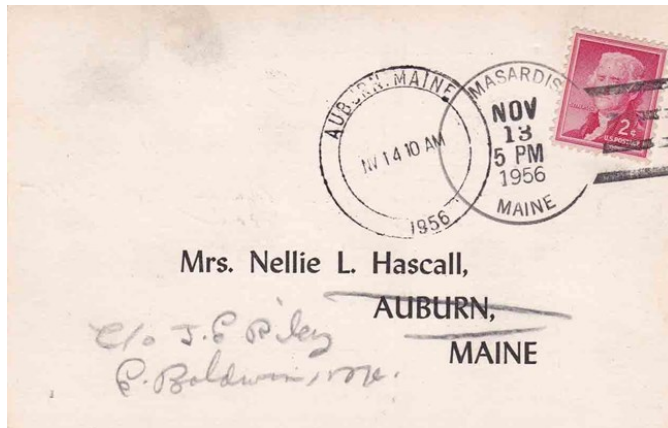
Harry M. Clark became the Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.



4 December 1950:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. Similar postmarks dated 24 July 1941 and 22 March 1950 are known.





13 November 1956:

The circular postmark is 33.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

30 December 1965:

Frederic J. Clark became the Acting Postmaster for the Masardis Post Office.

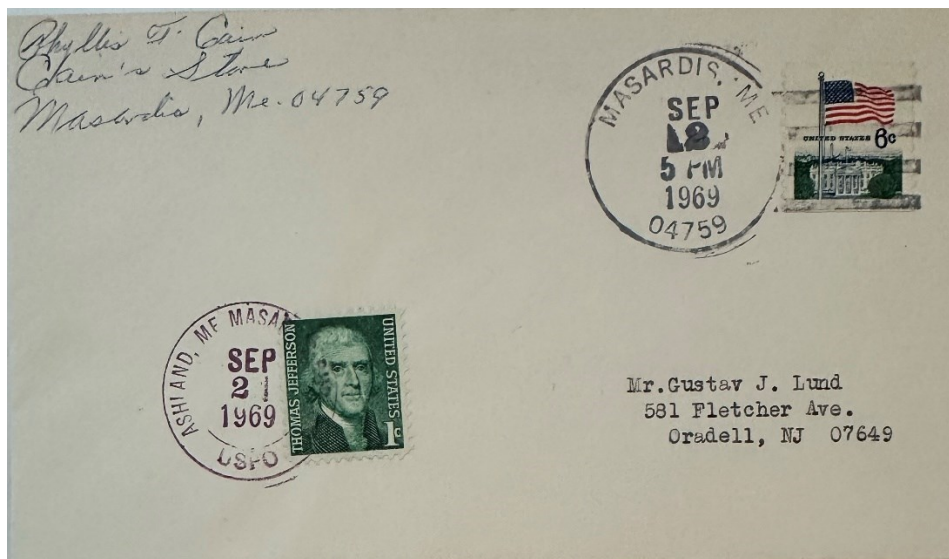
25 August 1967:

Masardis Post Office is closed. Became Masardis Rural Branch/CPO Ashland.

### Masardis Rural Branch Ashland

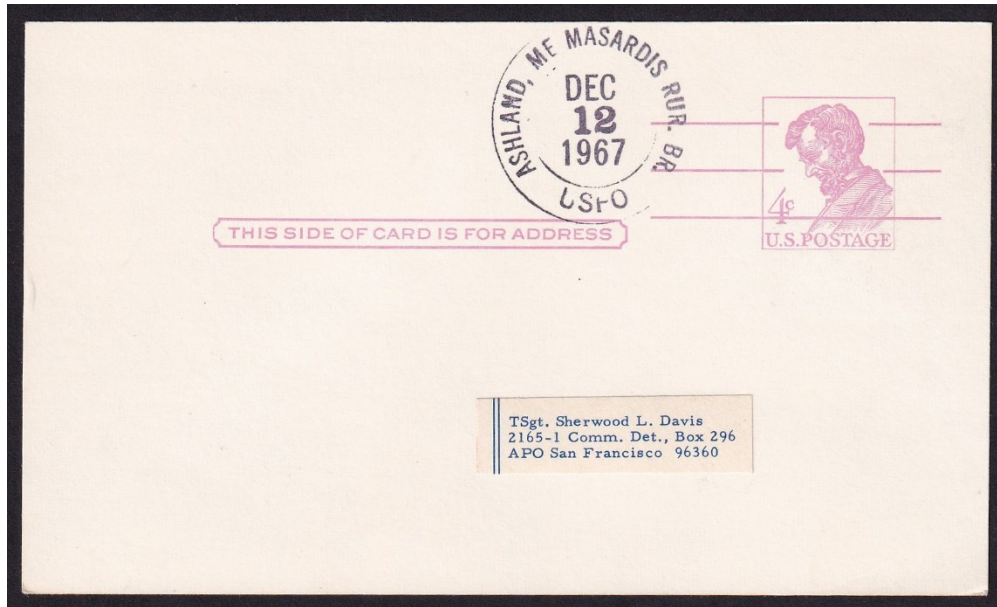
25 August 1967:

Masardis Rural Branch/CPO Ashland is opened with Postmaster management from Ashland Post Office.



21 September 1969:

The large Masardis postmark is 34.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. The smaller Masardis Rur. Br. Ashland USPO postmark is 30 mm in diameter with no killer. A similar postmarked cover-dated 9 September 1967 is known.



12 December 1967:  
The outer circle of the double-ringed postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a pre-cancel.



August 1999:  
Masardis Rural Branch/CPO Ashland Post Office. Photo Credit Kelvin Kindahl

2001:  
Masardis Rural Branch/CPO Ashland Zip Code 04759 is closed.

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Letter 'K' R2, Masardis (T10R5), Ox Bow (T9R6) & Pleasant Ridge (Letter 'F' R1) Plantations [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/27/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/27/)

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Postmaster Finder by City:

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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>