

Mechanic Falls Postal History

Androscoggin County, Maine

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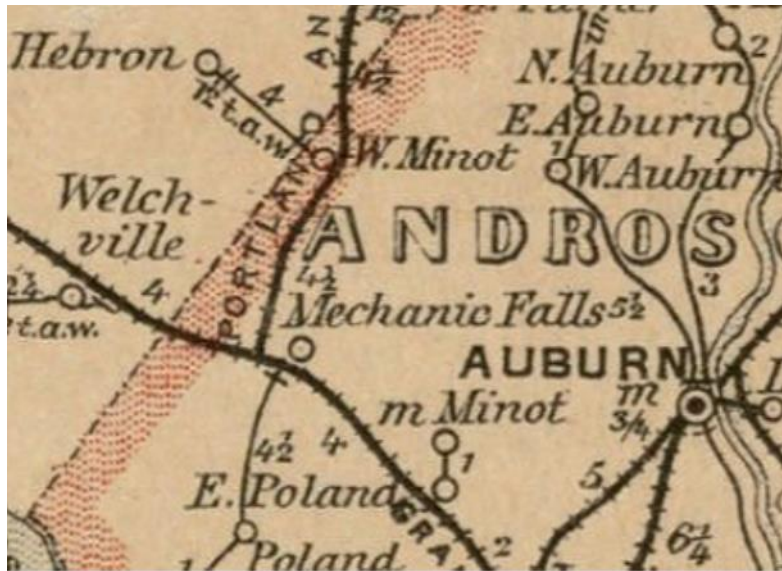
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The urban area of Mechanic Falls was initially divided between two different towns: the Town of Minot and the Town of Poland - both in Cumberland County – with the Androscoggin River serving as the boundary.

The Mechanic Falls Post Office was established in the Town of Poland, in Cumberland County, on 27 October 1841. The early history of the Mechanic Falls Post Office was marked by many turnovers in the job of the postmaster and, consequently, many changes in the location of the post office. The post office may have also been located on the Minot side of the river.

On 31 March 1854, the Towns of Minot and Poland became part of the newly created Androscoggin County. Later, on 22 March 1893, the Town of Mechanic Falls was formed from parts of the towns of Minot and Poland and remained in Androscoggin County.

Researchers seeking primary source records for the Mechanic Falls Post Office should be aware that records before 31 March 1854 may be found under Cumberland County. Throughout its history, there has been only one post office in Mechanic Falls. (Originally spelled Mechanics Falls until 9 May 1887).



Extract from the 1891 Post Route Map of Maine.

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Postmarks that collectors have provided from the town of Mechanic Falls have been included and are highlighted in Blue.

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27 October 1841:

Mechanics Falls Post Office opened as part of Cumberland County and in the town of Poland. (At times may have been located in the town of Minot)

27 October 1841:

Samuel F. Waterman became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

21 January 1845:

Jacob Dwinel became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

2 May 1849:

Samuel Carr became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

7 July 1851:

Merrill W. Strout became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

24 February 1853:

Alexander B. Dwinel became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Mechanics Falls became part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

2 July 1856:

Charles K. Smith became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

26 June 1861:

Samuel F. Waterman became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

8 October 1866:

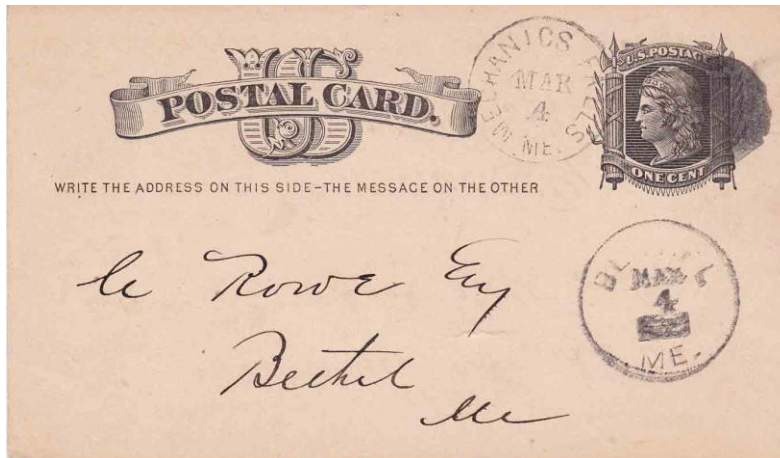
Oliver B. Dwinel became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

8 April 1869:

Joseph Bucknam became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

19 July 1869:

Jason Hall became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

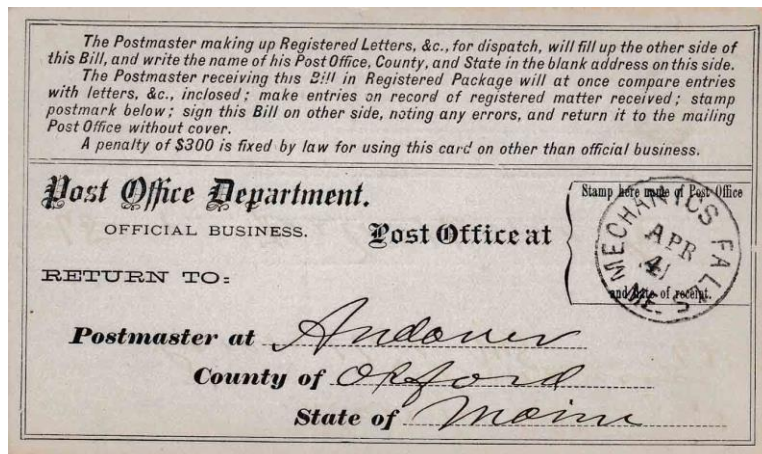


4 March 1882:

The circular Postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a cork killer.

2 March 1883:

F. Edwin Dwinel became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.



4 April 1883:

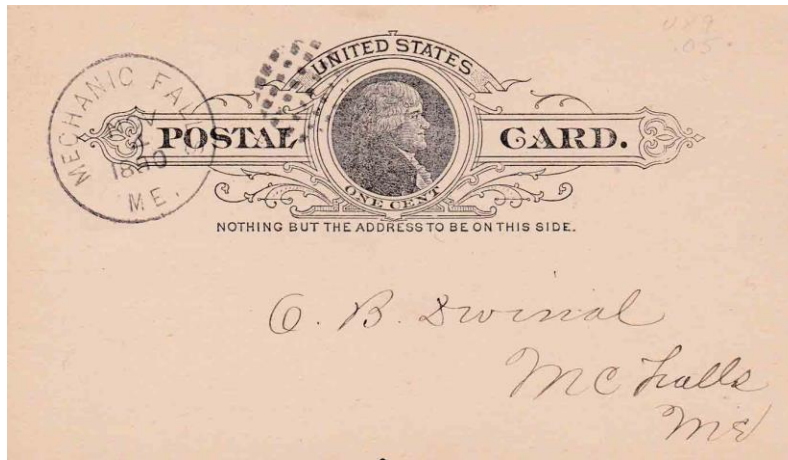
The circular postmark is approximately 24 mm in diameter.
(Click on an image to enlarge)

22 February 1887:

Frank A. Millett became Postmaster for Mechanics Falls Post Office.

9 May 1887:

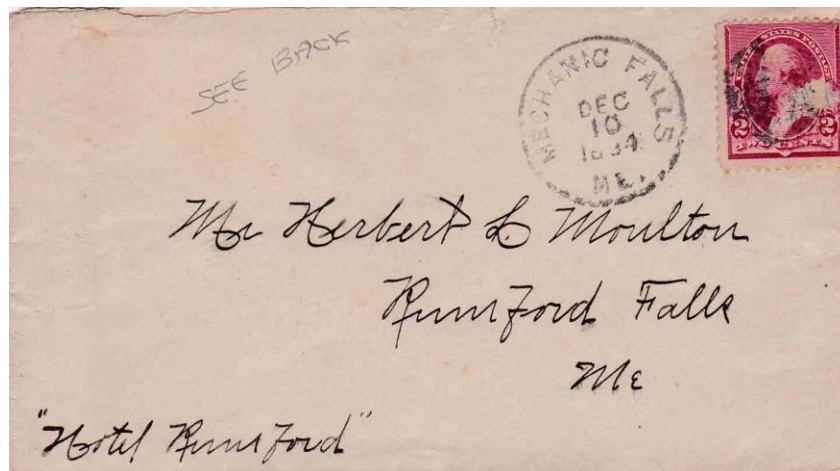
Mechanics Falls Post Office name was changed to Mechanic Falls.



4 November 1890:
The circular postmark is 26.5 mm in diameter.

22 March 1893:

The Town of Mechanic Falls was created from parts of the Towns of Minot and Poland.



10 December 1894:
The circular postmark is 26.5 mm in diameter with a cork killer.
(click on an image to enlarge)

13 December 1894:

Ludolphus W. Mason became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

8 May 1899:

James H. DeCoster became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

18 December 1907:

Forest L. Waterman became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.



Mechanic Falls Post Office

The date is unknown. However, the sign says Mechanic Falls, so this is after 1887.
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Mechanic Falls Post Office (on the right)
(click on the image to enlarge)



10 February 1911:
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer.
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4 May 1914:

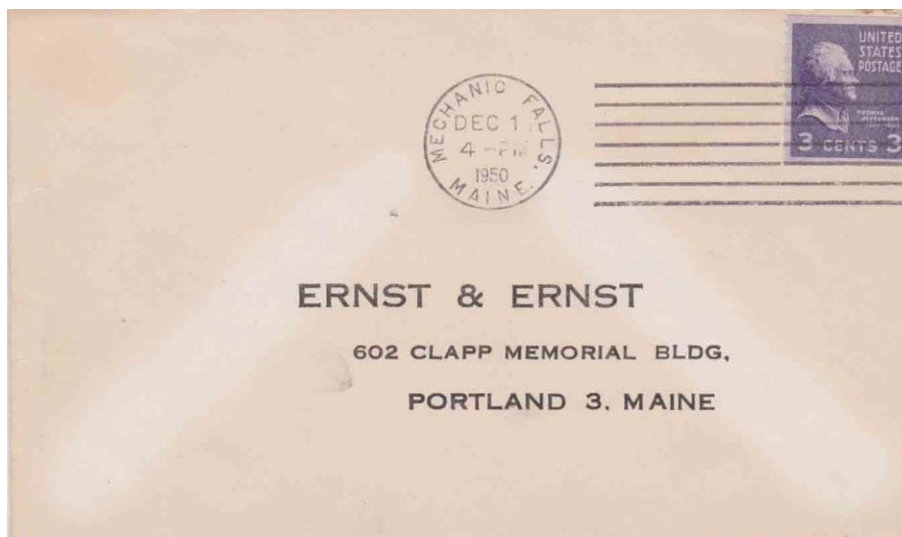
Frank A. Millett became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

4 August 1922:

Luther C. Spiller became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

22 March 1935:

Adelbert L. Mains became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.



1 December 1950:
The circular postmark is 22 mm in diameter with a seven-straight line machine killer. Other similar examples dated 16 December 1946 and 6 October 1942 are known to exist.
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31 May 1950:

Ruth O. Goss became Acting Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

13 October 1951:

Germaine H. Martel became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

30 April 1967:

Ruth O. Goss became Acting Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

9 June 1967:

Milton W. Purington became Acting Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

8 January 1971:

Ruth O. Goss became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

10 June 1972:

Ruth O. Goss became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

29 June 1973:

Robert C. Anderson became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

10 November 1973:

Keith C. Carlin became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

28 June 1990:

Jesse Sirois became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

25 August 1990:

Albert Grandmaison became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

7 December 1993:

Marcia C. Daniel became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

24 March 1994:

Linda C. Pinkham became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

13 February 1995:

Dorothy Baillargeon became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

2 September 1995:

Robert G. Bissonnette became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

20 August 1997:

Carolyn S. Pike became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

26 March 1998:

Randy Hitchcock became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

15 August 1998:

Michael D. Wolfe became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

25 February 2015:

Phillip A. Jackson became Officer-in-Charge for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

16 May 2015:

Phillip A. Jackson became Postmaster for Mechanic Falls Post Office.

Today:

The Mechanic Falls post office is currently in operation.

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Sources:

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Minot [map] and Poland [map] from the 1873 *Atlas and History of Androscoggin County, Maine*: https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/33/ and https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/36/ (Mechanic Falls was part of the Town of Minot and part of the Town of Poland at the time this atlas was published.)
Mechanic Falls [map] from the 1873 *Atlas and History of Androscoggin County, Maine*: https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/34/

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>.