

Molunkus Township Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Molunkus (also known as South Molunkus)(also spelled Moluncus) is an extinct plantation, now an unorganized territory (township) in the South Aroostook townships of Aroostook County. Molunkus Plantation was organized from TA R5 WELS and T1 R4 WELS in 1844. Macwahoc Plantation (T1 R4 WELS) was set off from Molunkus Plantation in 1851.

During the history of Molunkus Plantation, there has been only one post office. Briefly, the history of this one is as follows:

1. South Moluncus post office opened on 18 January 1845 and closed on 31 October 1902.

Note: For Moluncus Post Office, please refer to the page for Macwahoc Plantation.

In 1869, there was only one post office in Molunkus Township.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1869 via University of North Texas:

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph298381/?q=postal>

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

South Moluncus:

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18 January 1845:

South Moluncus Township post office opened.

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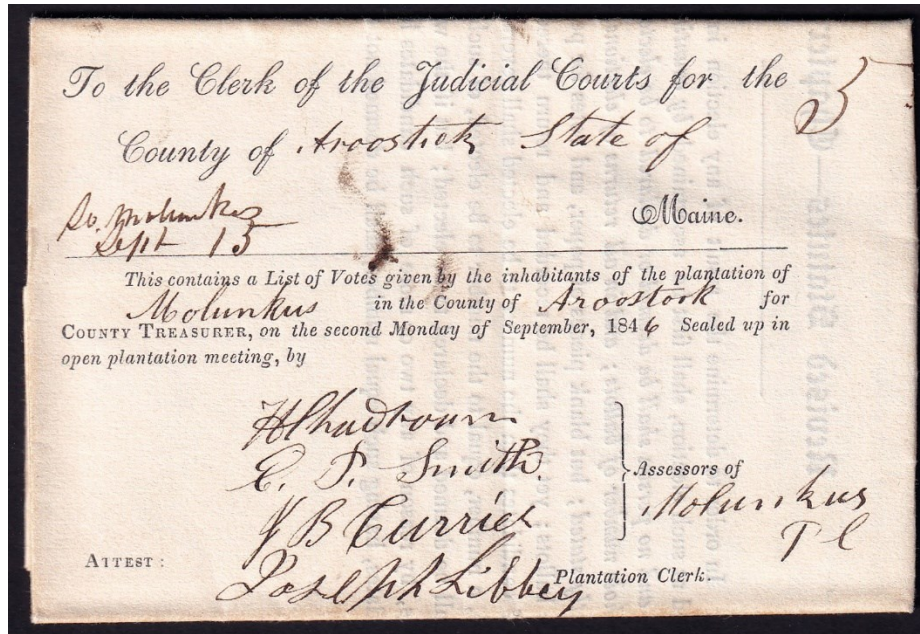
Henry K. Robinson became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

17 June 1845:

Joseph Libbey became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.



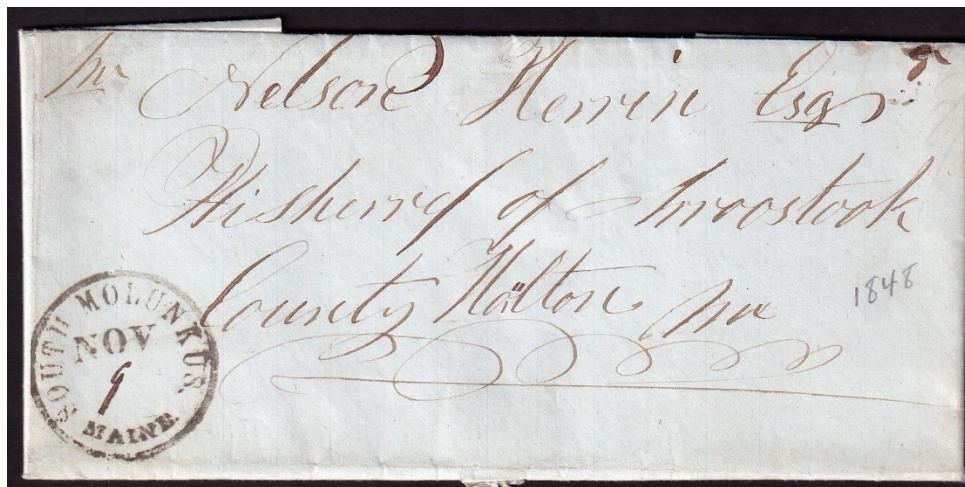
10 September 1845:
Manuscript postmark.



15 September 1846:
Manuscript postmark.

21 September 1847:

Hiram Hawes became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.



9 November 1848:
The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a manuscript 5 "killer".

25 July 1849:

Joseph Libbey became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

7 February 1854:

William Ramsdell became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

17 October 1854:

Benjamin F. Atkinson became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

12 July 1855:

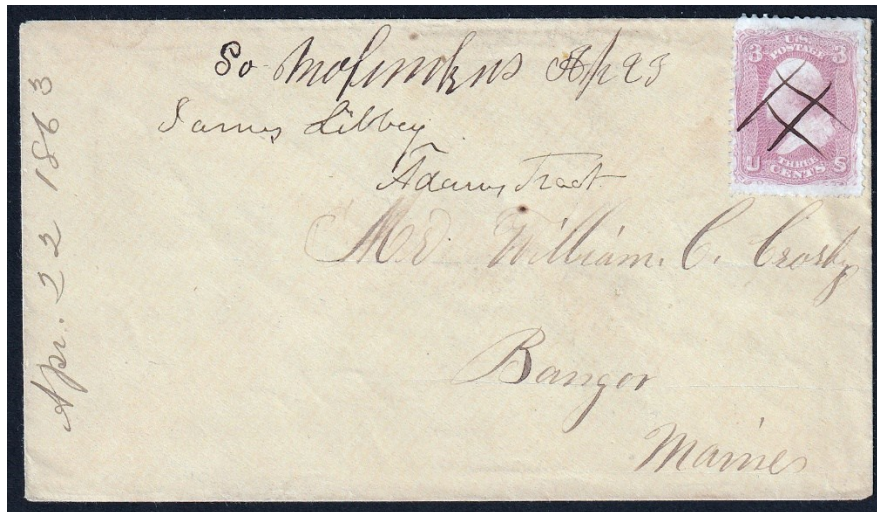
Samuel G. Crocker became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

20 April 1858:

James P. Burnham became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

13 January 1863:

George H. Libbey became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.



22 April 1863:
Manuscript postmark and killer.

24 June 1863:

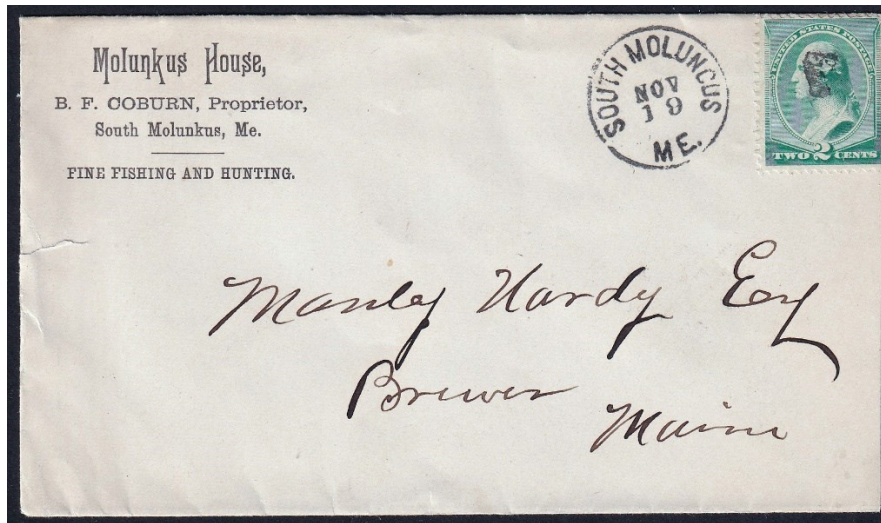
Edmond H. Davis became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

13 October 1865:

Benjamin F. Coburn became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

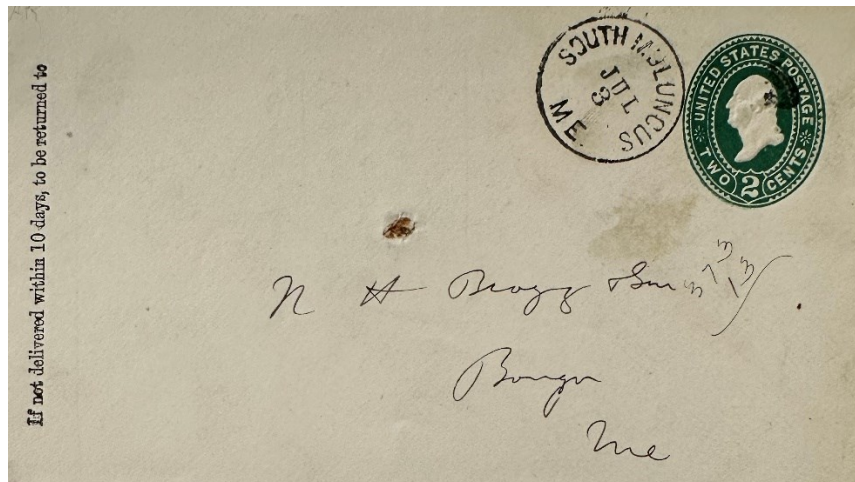
8 December 1870:

Melville Johnson became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.



19 November 1888:

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



3 July Circa 1890:

The circular postmark is 25.5 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer.

12 May 1891:

Benjamin F. Coburn became the Postmaster for the South Molunkus Post Office.

14 November 1893:

Frederick A. Wing became the Postmaster for the South Molunkus Post Office.

(2 October 1895)

(Frank Coburn) became Postmaster for South Molunkus Post Office but was rescinded on 22 October 1895.



29 December 1898:

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

10 March 1900:

Mrs. Grace O'Hara became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

4 August 1902:

Grace Randall became the Postmaster for the South Moluncus Post Office.

31 October 1902:

South Moluncus post office closed—service from Macwahoc.

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Sources:

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<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/TPOOM>

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/

(Note: the "Molunkus P.O." shown on the map was actually the South Molunkus Post Office.)

National Archives Catalog, Postmaster Appointments for Aroostook County, Maine

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/78746425>

Postmaster Finder by City:

<https://about.usps.com/who/profile/history/postmaster-finder/postmasters-by-city.htm>

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>.