

Moro Plantation Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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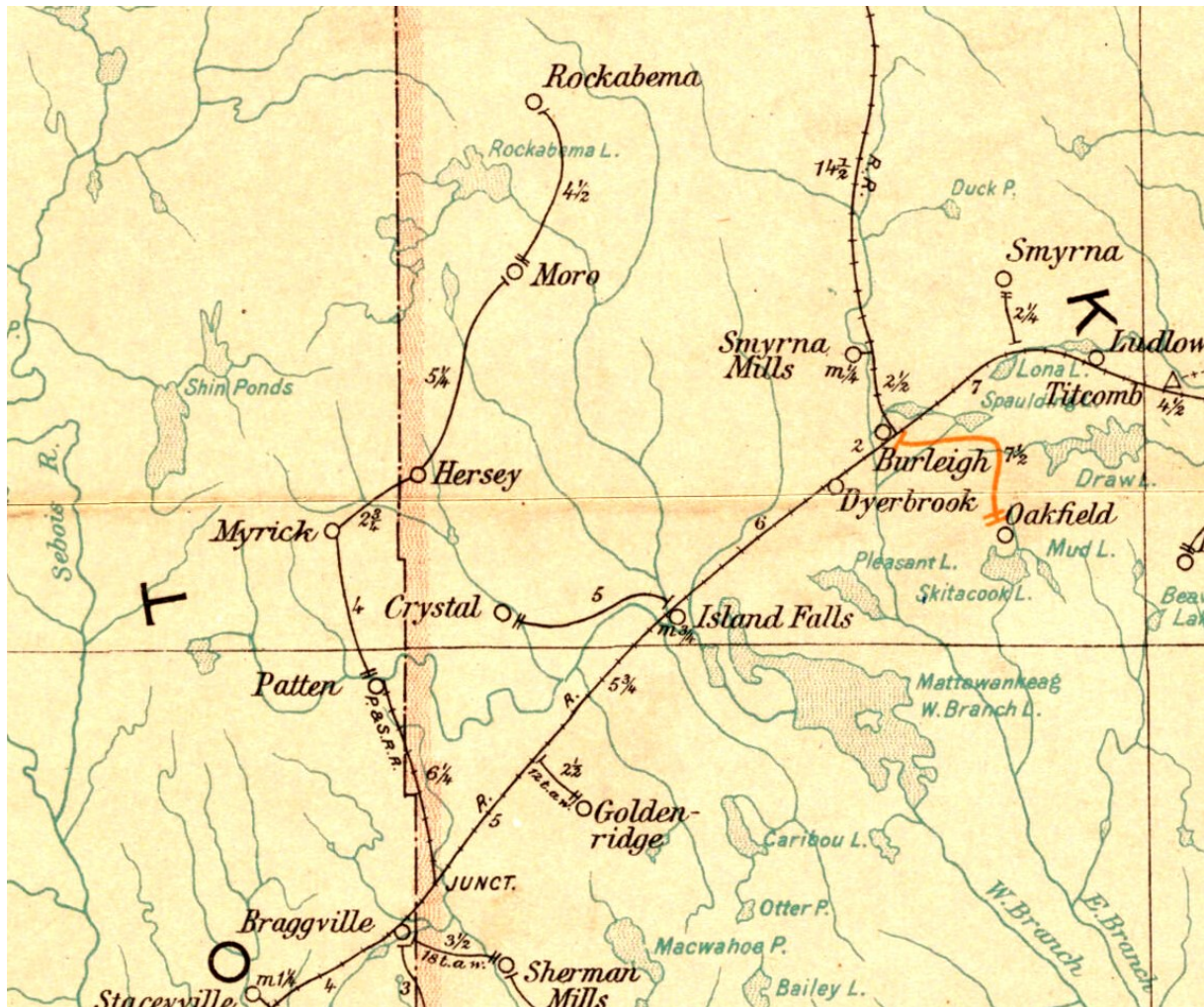
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Moro is a plantation in Aroostook County, organized formally on April 29, 1891, from a portion of Rockabema Plantation.

During the history of Moro Plantation, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

1. Moro Post Office opened on 9 February 1855, closed on 29 October 1872, re-opened on 24 July 1874, and closed on 31 January 1907.
2. Rockabema Post Office opened on 28 April 1856, closed on 24 April 1860, re-opened on 17 May 1860, closed on 9 July 1883, re-opened on 1 September 1899, and closed on 30 April 1907.



In 1903, there were two post offices in Moro Plantation: Moro, and Rockabema.

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

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

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

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

[Moro](#)

[Rockabema](#)

Moro

9 February 1855:

Moro post office opened.

9 February 1855:

Elisha Brown became the Postmaster for the Moro Post Office.

29 October 1872:

Moro post office closed.

24 July 1874:

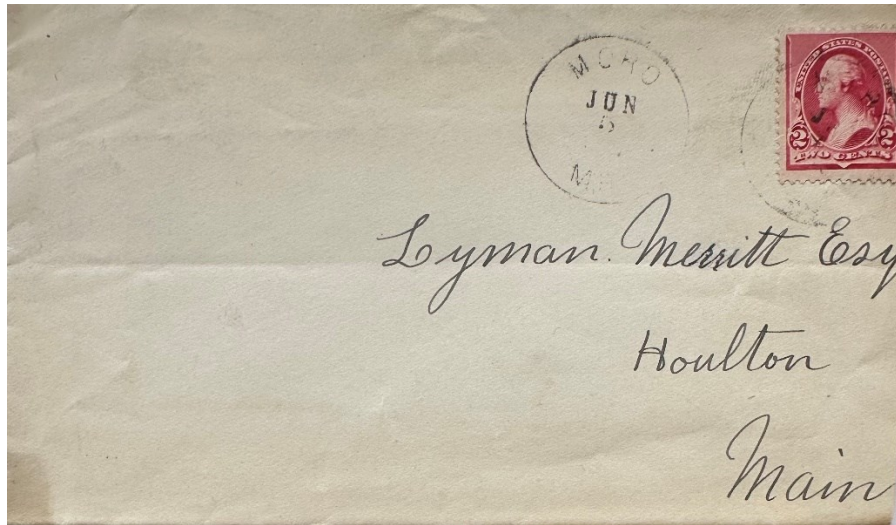
Moro post office re-opened.

24 July 1874:

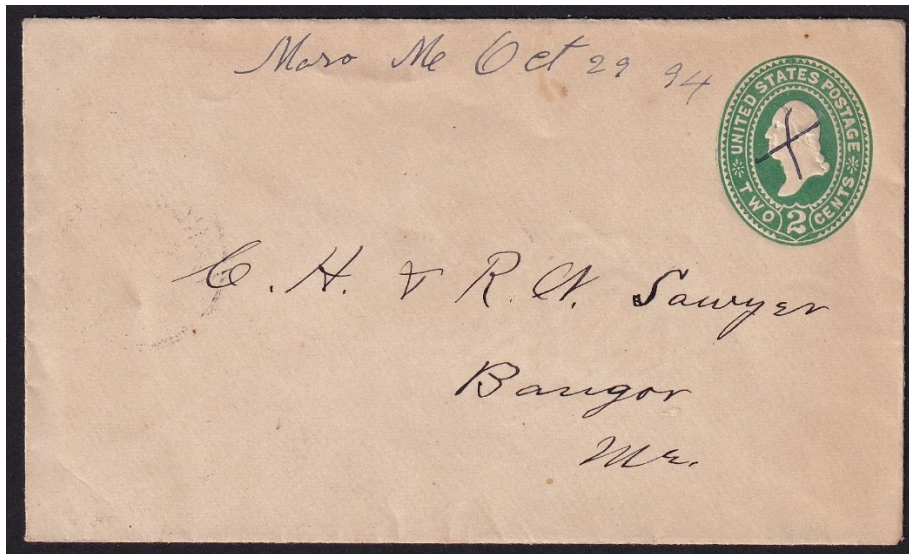
Mrs. Martha M. Bates became the Postmaster for the Moro Post Office.



21 March 1889:
Manuscript Postmark and killer.



5 June 1891: (date confirmed with contents)
The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter, and a postmark was used as a killer.



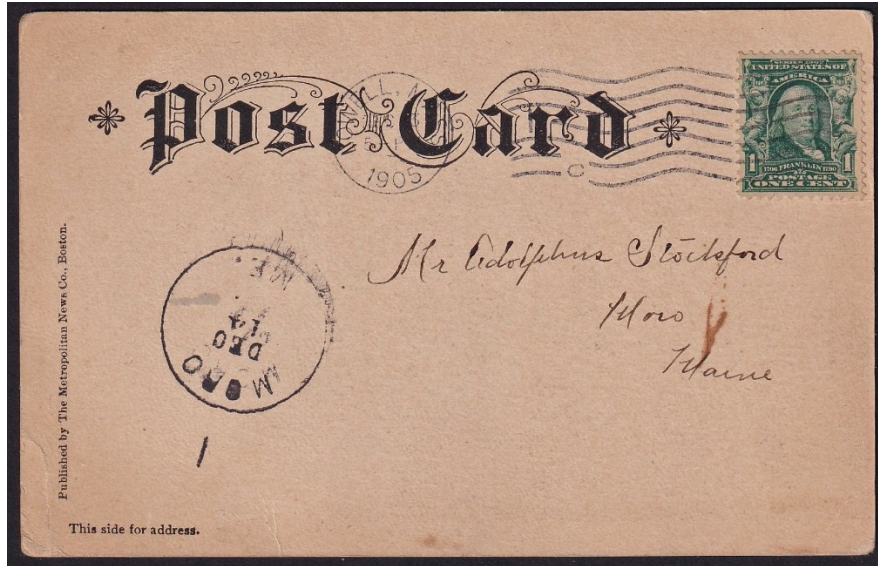
29 October 1894:
Manuscript postmark and killer.

29 October 1896:

Andrew Darling became the Postmaster for the Moro Post Office.

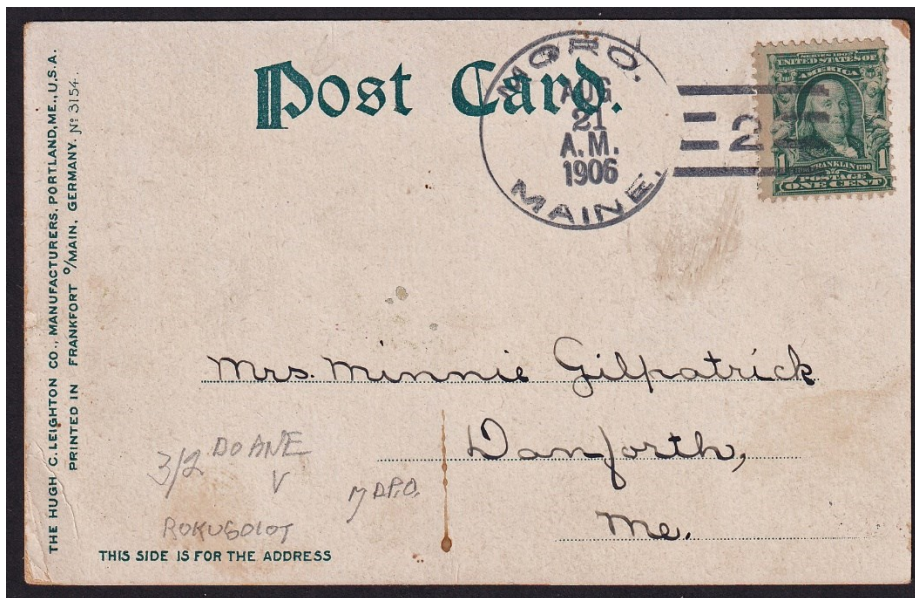
13 November 1903:

Samuel F. Chase became the Postmaster for the Moro Post Office.



14 December 1905:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line International Machine killer.



21 August 1906:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/2 killer.

27 December 1906 discontinued, effective 31 January 1907:

Moro post office closed—service from Smyrna Mills.

Rockabema

28 April 1856:

Rockabema post office opened.

28 April 1856:

Henry T. Knowles became the Postmaster for the Rockabema Post Office.

24 April 1860:

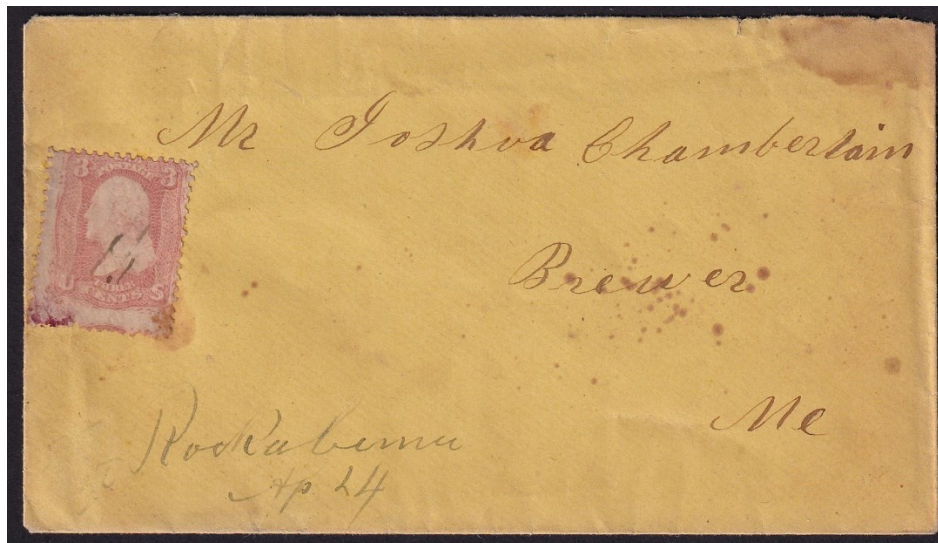
Rockabema post office is closed.

17 May 1860:

Rockabema post office re-opened.

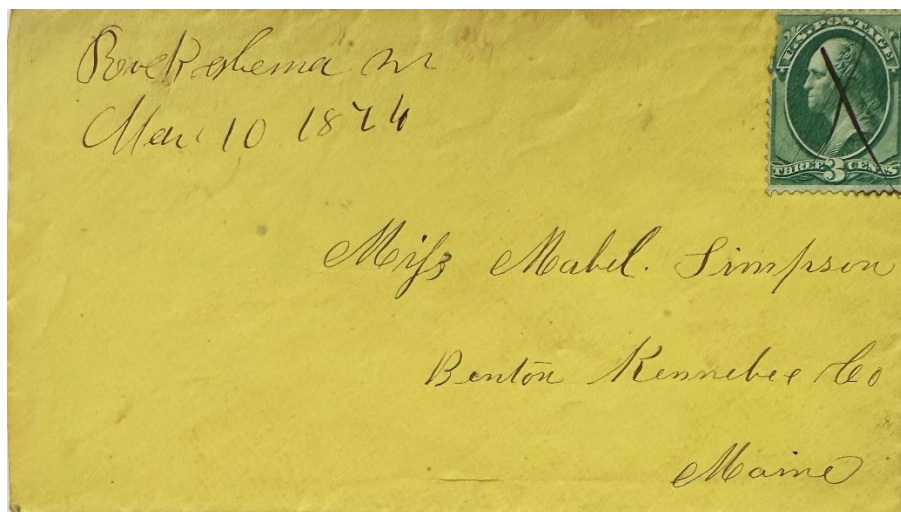
17 May 1860:

Henry T. Knowles became the Postmaster for the Rockabema Post Office.



24 April 1865:

Manuscript postmark and killer.



10 March 1874:

Manuscript

9 July 1883:

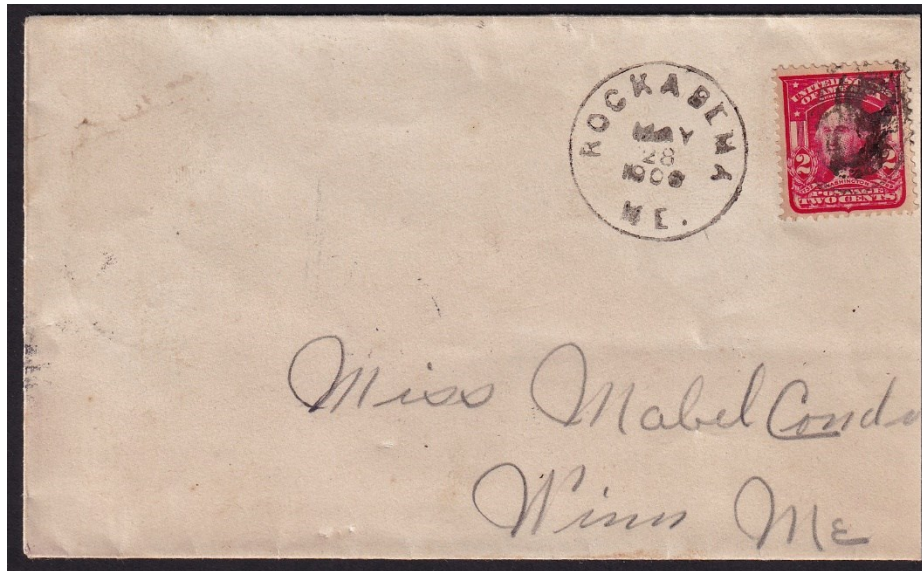
Rockabema post office is closed. Service from Moro

1 September 1899:

Rockabema post office re-opened.

1 September 1899:

Mrs. Betsey E. Baston became the Postmaster for the Rockabema Post Office.



28 May 1906:

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

1907 April 30:

Rockabema post office is closed—service from Smyrna Mills.

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

Moro Plantation (T6R5), Merrill Plantation (T6R4), T7R5 & T7R4 [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/17/

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>.

National Archives Catalog:

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

Postmaster Finder by City:

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