

Naples Postal History

Cumberland County, Maine

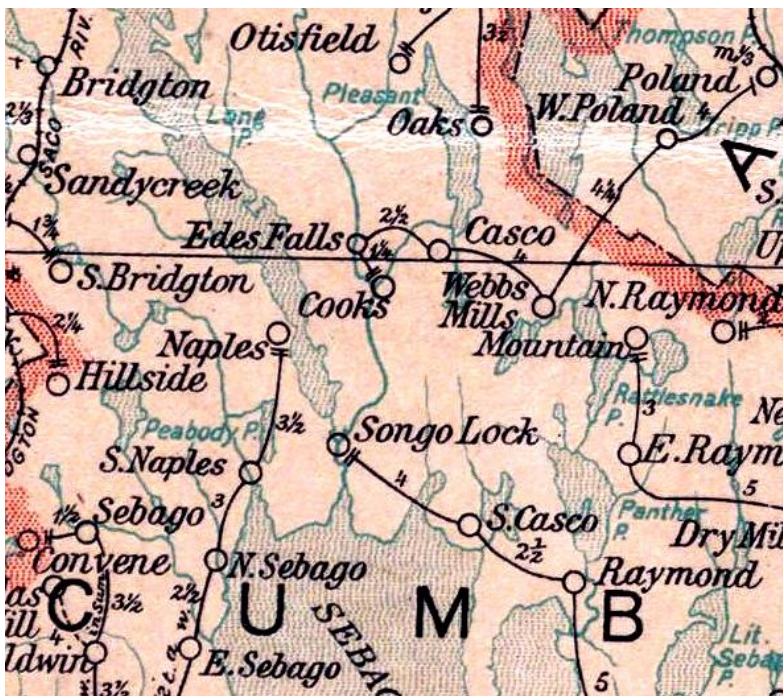
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Incorporated in 1834, the Town of Naples was assembled over the years between 1834 and 1856 from parts of Otisfield, Harrison, Raymond, Sebago and Bridgton. Its location on Long Lake and the Songo River has made it a favorite summer destination since the 1800s.

During the history of Naples, there have been four post offices. Briefly, the history of these four is as follows:

1. [Edes Falls](#) Post Office opened on 8 January 1852 to 30 April 1906.
2. [Naples](#) Post Office opened (formerly South Otisfield (1) Post Office) on 8 April 1834 and is still in operation.
3. [South Naples](#) Post Office operated from 12 January 1893 to 31 March 1912.
4. [South Otisfield \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 15 May 1828 and closed on 8 April 1834 when its name was changed to Naples Post Office.



In 1903, there were three post offices in Naples: Edes Falls, Naples, and South Naples.

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Edes Falls

8 January 1852:

Edes Falls Post Office opened.

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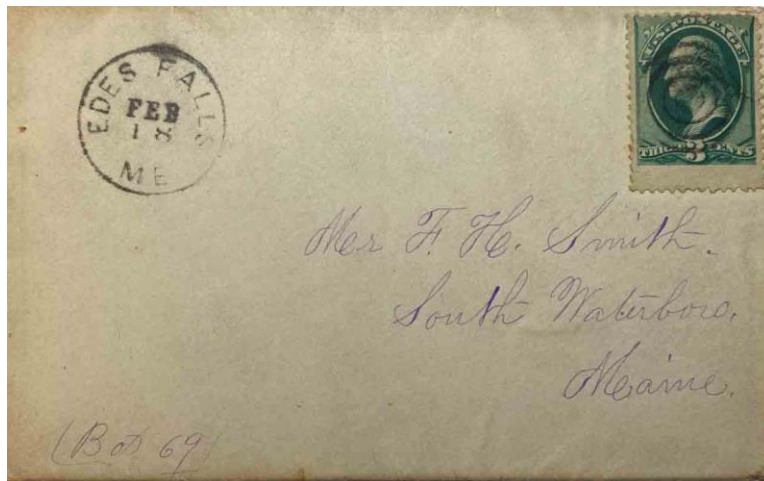
Wilkinson Edes became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

15 August 1861:

Daniel C. Smith became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

19 September 1870:

John C. Wight became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.



18 February 1879:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

16 March 1882:

Isaac Sands became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

28 March 1882:

George B. Hall became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

18 February 1886:

Horatio Hall became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

19 July 1897:

Robert C. Edes became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

14 April 1899:

Charles L. Floyd became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

5 May 1903:

Josiah C. Maxfield became the Postmaster of Edes Falls Post Office.

24 March 1906 discontinued effective 30 April 1906:

Edes Falls Post Office closed with service from Naples.

Naples

8 April 1834:

Naples Post Office (formerly South Otisfield (1) Post Office) opened

15 May 1828:

Abraham W. Chute became the Postmaster of Otisfield (1) Post Office and remained Postmaster when Otisfield (1) Post Office name was changed to Naples Post Office on 8 April 1834.

14 November 1835:

Enoch Gammon became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

2 July 1838:

James Sanborn became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

20 October 1844:

Nathaniel M. Pike became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

29 July 1845:

Washington Bray became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

21 June 1852:

Asa Warren became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

17 June 1853:

Washington Bray became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

3 June 1854:

John P. Davis became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

8 June 1857:

Washington Bray became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

4 December 1861:

John P. Davis became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

26 October 1865:

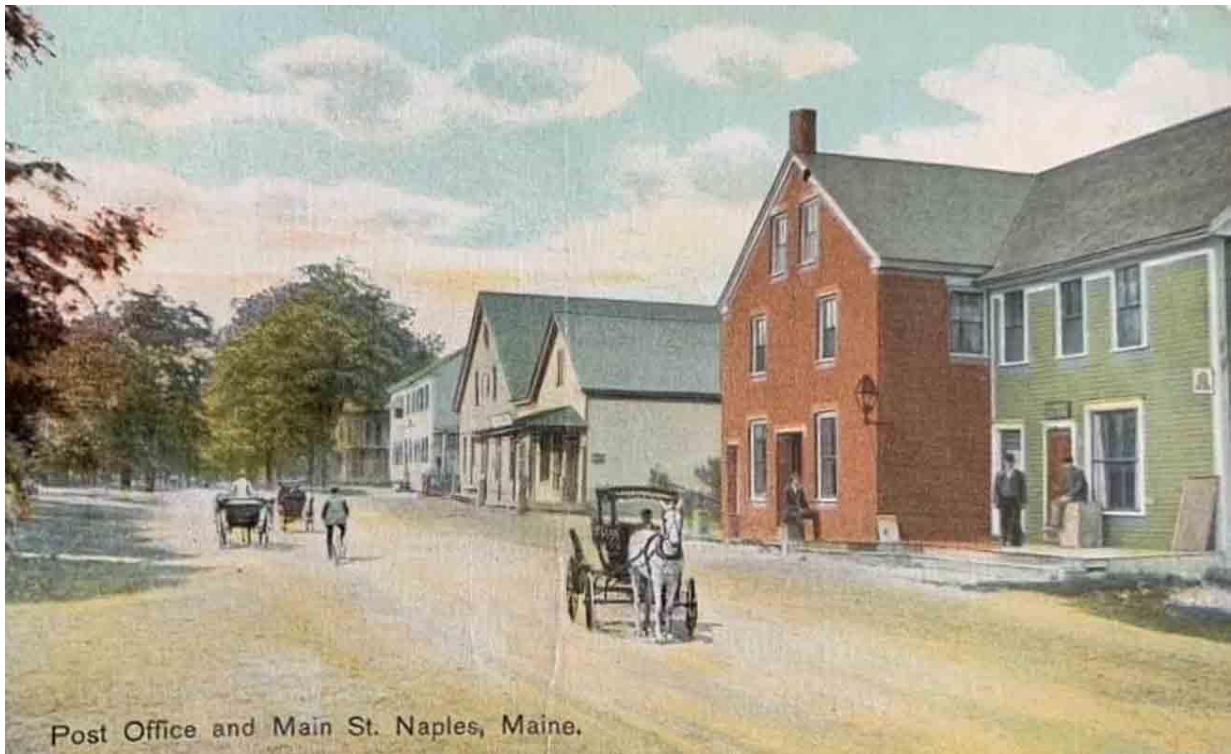
David H. Cole became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

23 October 1885:

Samuel Leavitt became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

4 January 1889:

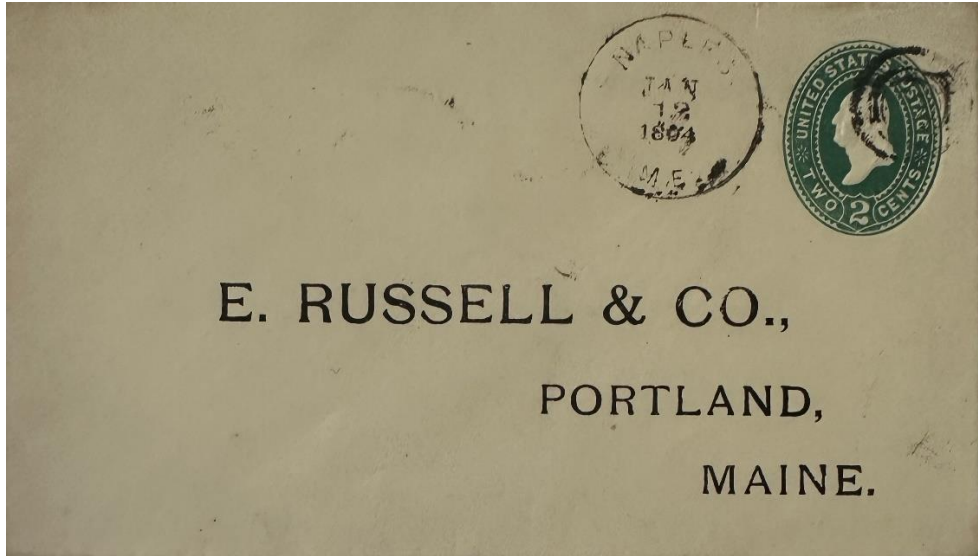
John S. Clark became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



Circa 1890:
Naples Post Office

30 March 1893:

Samuel Leavitt became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

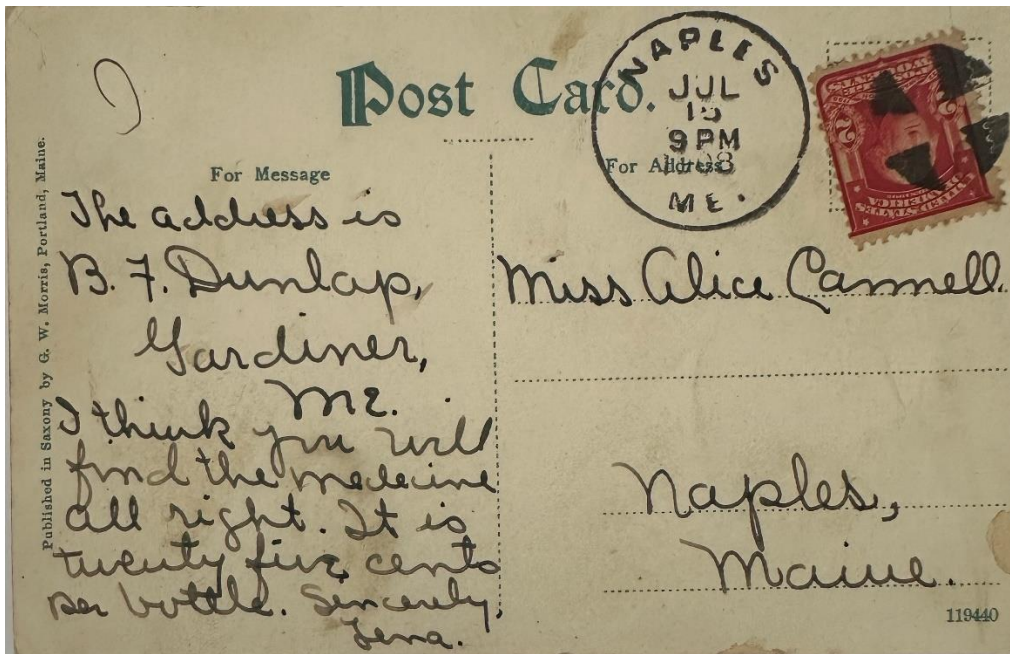


12 January 1894:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a target killer.

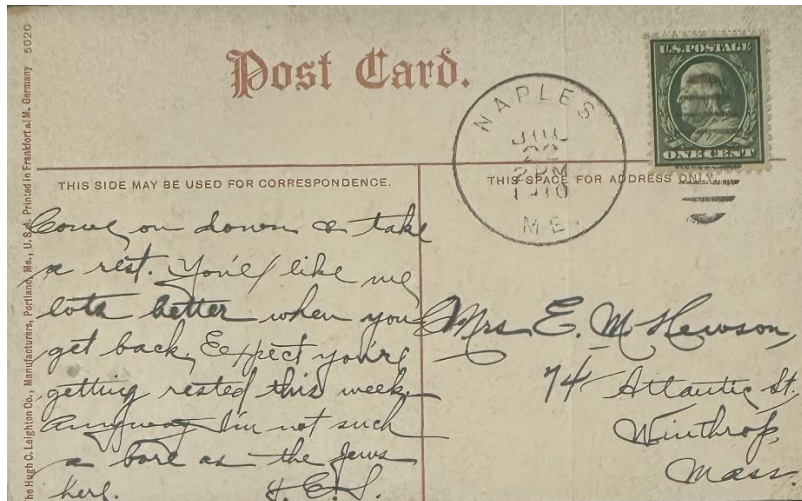
22 September 1897

John O. Clark became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



15 July 1908:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a fancy cork-quartered circle killer.



22 July 1910:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a nine-bar oval duplex killer.

24 October 1914:

George H. Raymond became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

1 January 1917:

Naples Post Office became a Presidential Post Office, until 22 March 1919.

20 March 1917:

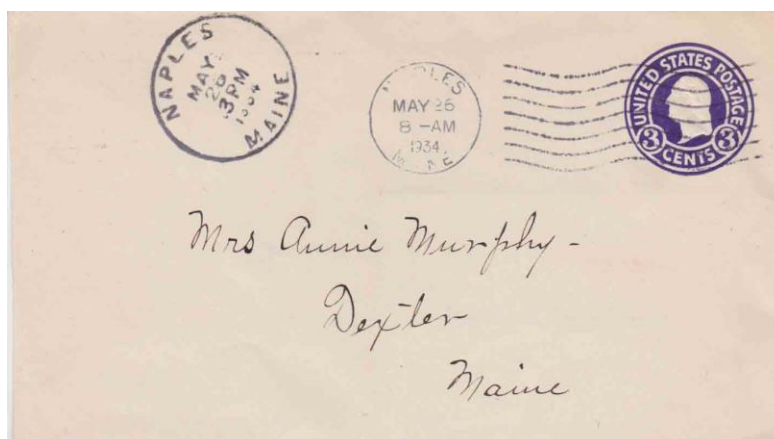
Edward C. Watson became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

1 January 1921:

Naples Post Office became a Presidential Post Office again.

28 April 1922:

George H. Rounds became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



26 May 1934:

The circular postmark to the left is 30 mm in diameter with no killer. The circular postmark on the right is 23 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line Universal Machine killer.

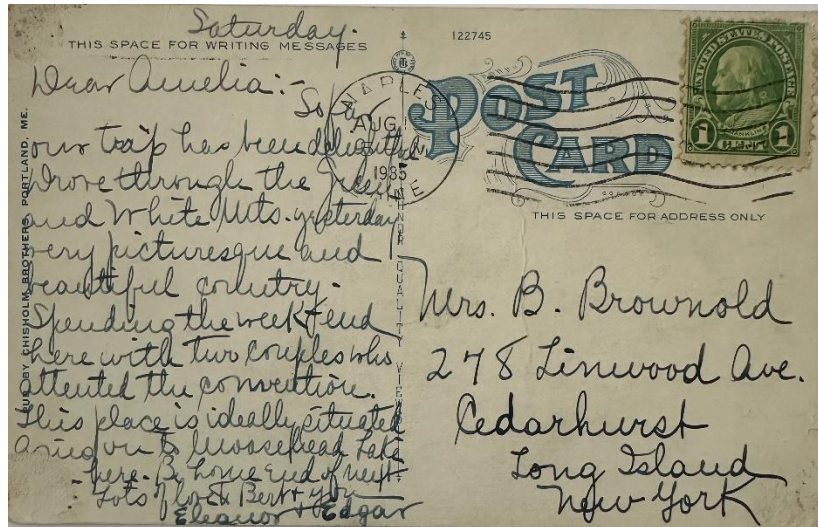
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1 December 1934:

Loton R. Pitts became the Acting Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

19 July 1935:

Loton R. Pitts became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



12 August 1935:

The circular postmark is 23 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line Universal Machine killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 20 December 1957 is known.

15 March 1942:

Edwin M. Burnham became the Acting Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

31 December 1945:

Loton R. Pitts became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office. (return from Military Leave)

17 May 1957:

Almon H. Barker became the Acting Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

16 July 1958:

Almon H. Barker became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

13 April 1979:

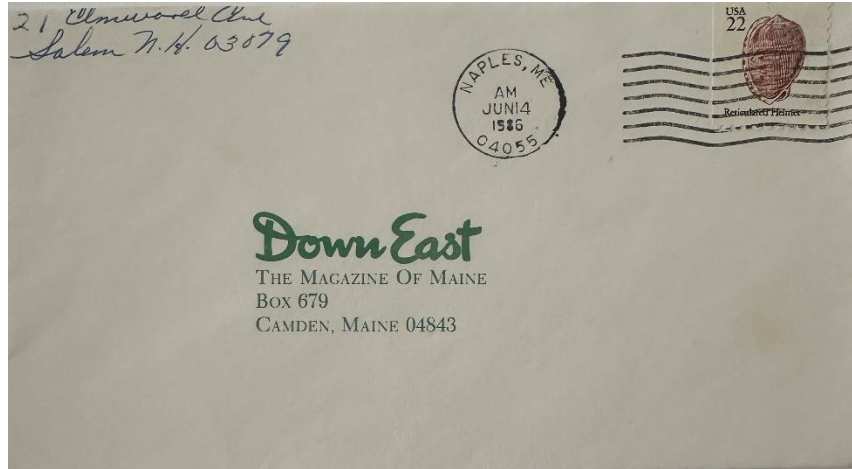
Cynthia A. Albert became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

25 June 1979:

Jane E. Matthews became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

25 August 1979:

Harry W. Grant became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



14 June 1986:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a seven-wavy line Universal Machine killer.

29 April 1992:

Catherine A. Curran became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

9 January 1993:

Catherine A. Curran became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



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14 June 1995:

Catherine Larsen became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

11 April 1996:

Wayne Cadman became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

2 October 1996:

Gregory Morneau became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

12 March 1997:

Stephen M. DiPalma became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

24 May 1997:

Stephan M. DiPalma became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

31 January 2001:

Sherrie Fortin-Bailey became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

21 November 2001:

Linda McLean became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

2 October 2002:

Maureen D. Nevers became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

25 January 2003:

Maureen D. Nevers became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

10 January 2005:

Catherine M. Larsen became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

28 May 2005:

Paul J. Dunn became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

20 March 2008:

Michael T. Smith became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

7 August 2012:

Barry H. Sloat became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

9 February 2013:

Linda M. Wagner became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.

15 October 2015:

Paige S. Coffin became the Officer-In-Charge of the Naples Post Office.

3 February 2018:

Paige S. Coffin became the Postmaster of the Naples Post Office.



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11 March 2024:

Naples Post Office is still operating at 17 Village Green Lane, Naples, ME 04056, GPS 43° 58' 14" N 70° 36' 38" W.

South Naples

12 January 1893:

South Naples Post Office opened.

12 January 1893:

Lewis P. Crockett became the Postmaster of the South Naples Post Office.

27 December 1894:

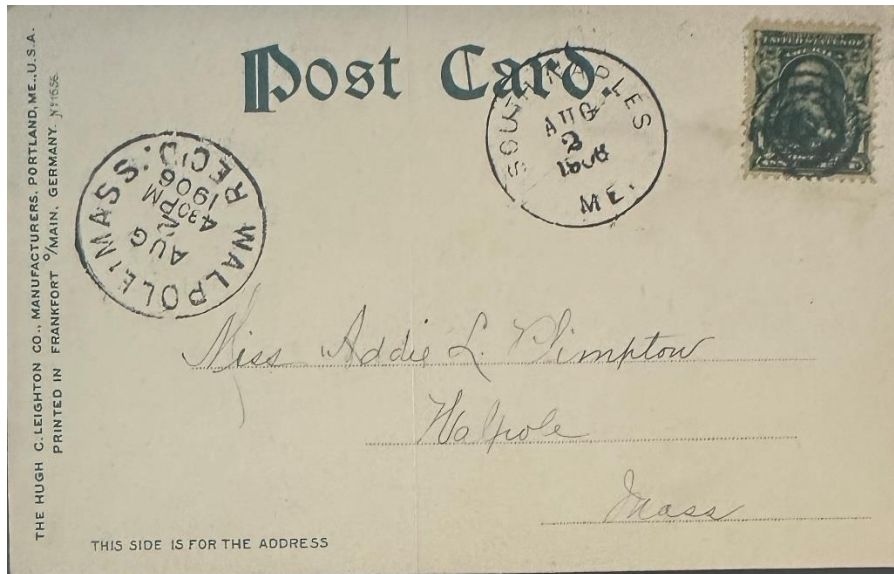
George E. Crockett became the Postmaster of the South Naples Post Office.

30 March 1898:

Miss Ethel M. Larabee became the Postmaster of the South Naples Post Office.

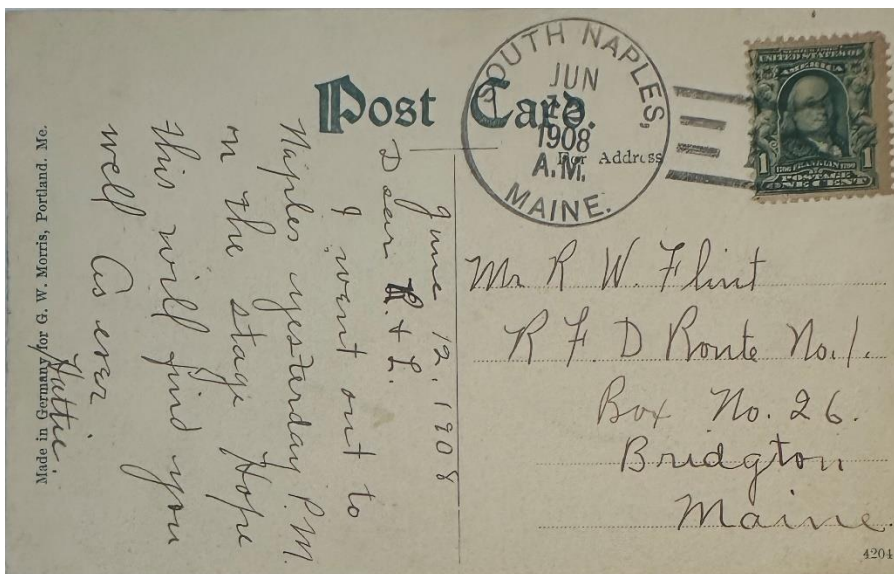
6 August 1898:

Cyrena Crockett became the Postmaster of the South Naples Post Office.



2 August 1906:

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



12 June 1908:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/1 killer.

31 March 1912:

South Naples Post Office closed with service from N

South Otisfield (1) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named South Otisfield 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.)

15 May 1828:

South Otisfield (1) Post Office opened.

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15 May 1828:

Abraham W. Chute became the Postmaster of the South Otisfield Post Office.

8 April 1834:

South Otisfield (1) Post Office closed and was renamed Naples Post Office.

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