

New Gloucester

Cumberland County, Maine

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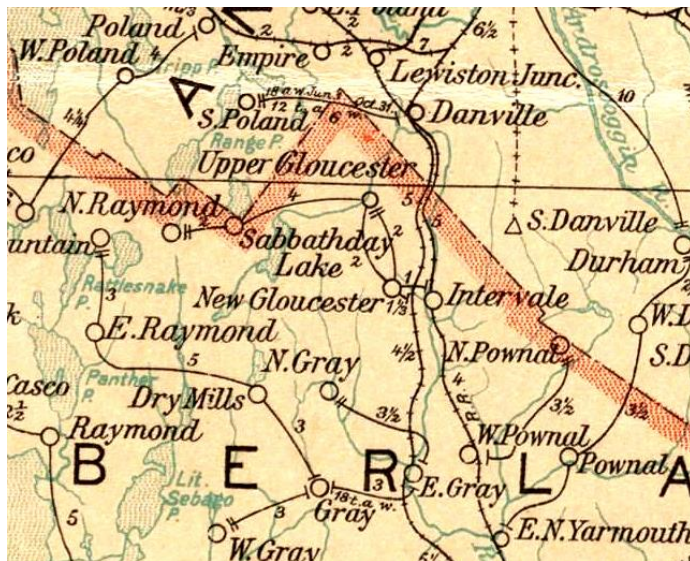
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The Town of New Gloucester was incorporated on March 8, 1774. The town had grown from a grant of land to people from Gloucester, Mass. in the 1730s. New Gloucester may be best known today as the site of the Shaker Village at Sabbathday Lake, and Pineland Farms, a redevelopment of what was once a facility for the developmentally disabled, into a farm, farm market, outdoor recreation center, events facility, and business park.

During the history of New Gloucester, there have been five post offices.

Briefly, the history of these five is as follows:

1. [Intervale](#) Post Office opened on 25 February 1892 and closed on 30 June 1955.
2. [New Gloucester](#) Post Office opened on 1 October 1794 and remains open.
3. [Sabbathday Lake](#) Post Office (formerly West Gloucester Post Office) opened on 16 January 1890 and closed on 30 January 1955.
4. [Upper Gloucester](#) Post Office opened on 4 February 1829 and closed on 30 April 1956.
5. [West Gloucester](#) Post Office opened on 10 April 1826 and closed on 16 January 1890, renamed Sabbathday Lake Post Office.



In 1903, New Gloucester had four post offices: Intervale, New Gloucester, Sabbathday Lake, and Upper Gloucester.

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Intervale

25 February 1892:

Intervale Post Office opened.

25 February 1892:

Joseph S. True became the Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.

1 July 1904:

Frank M. Hawkes became the Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.



11 February 1907:

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

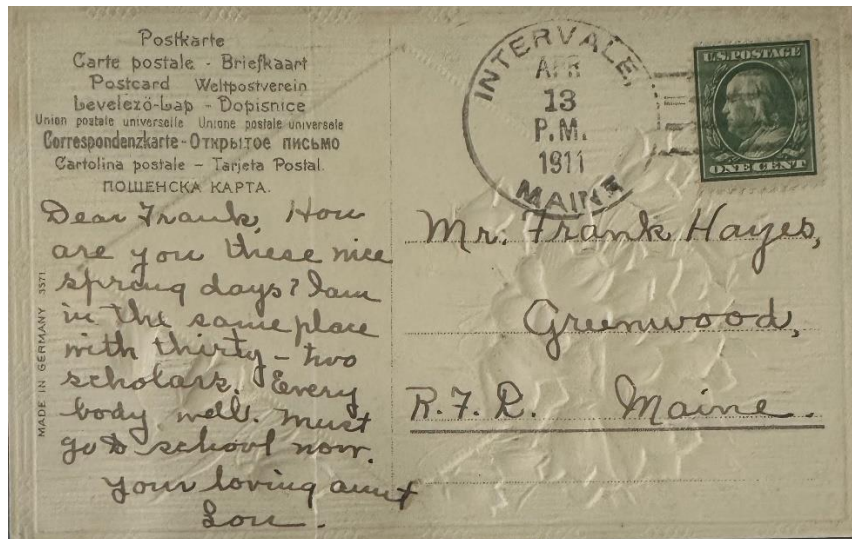


Circ 1908:

RFD postmark Type 11F.

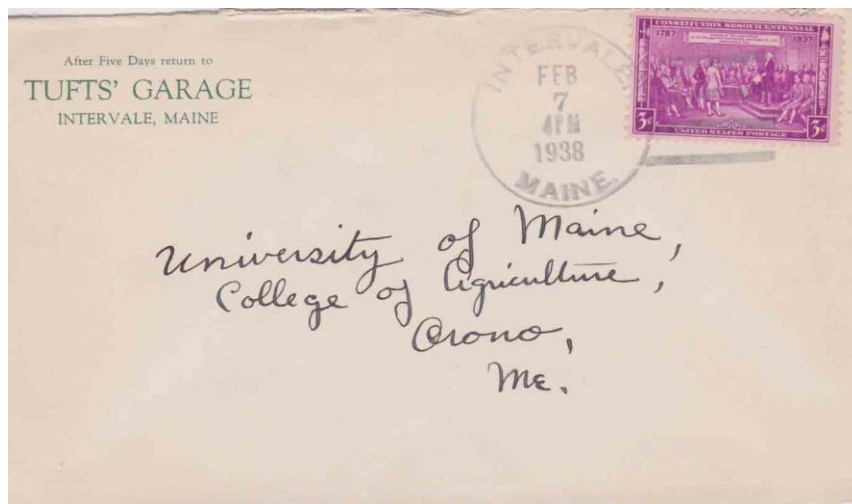
26 January 1910:

John W. Rideout became the Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.



13 April 1911:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/2) killer.



7 February 1938:

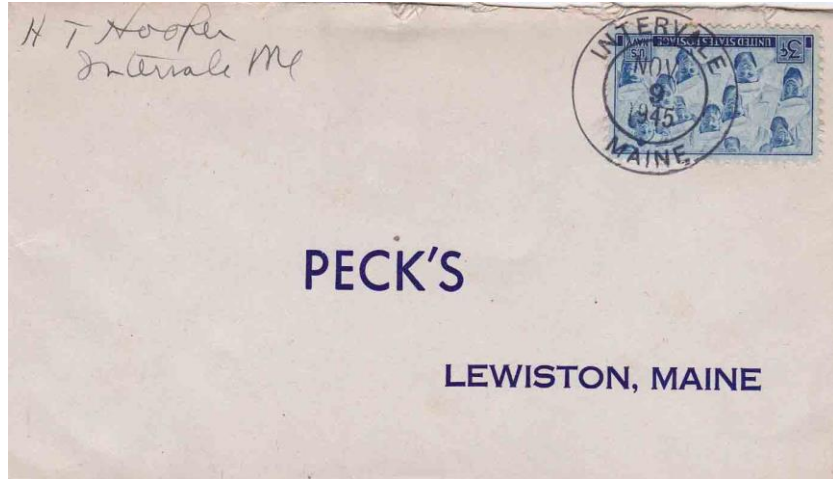
The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer.

8 November 1938:

Clayton S. Tufts became the Acting Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.

25 April 1939:

Mrs. Georgia J. Ayer became the Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.

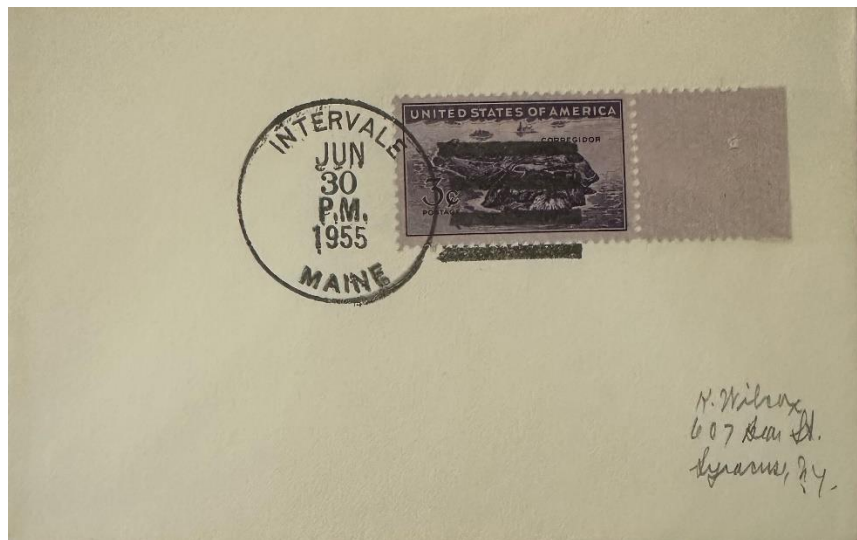


9 November 1945:

The outer ring of this double-ringed circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter, with the CDS also used as a killer.

29 February 1948:

Mrs. Carroll R. Ayer became the Postmaster of the Intervale Post Office.



30 June 1955:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter and has a four-bar (F/1) killer. It is the Last Day of Operation.

6 May 1955 discontinued effective 30 June 1955:

Intervale Post Office closed with service from New Gloucester.

New Gloucester

1 October 1794:

New Gloucester Post Office opened.

1 October 1794:

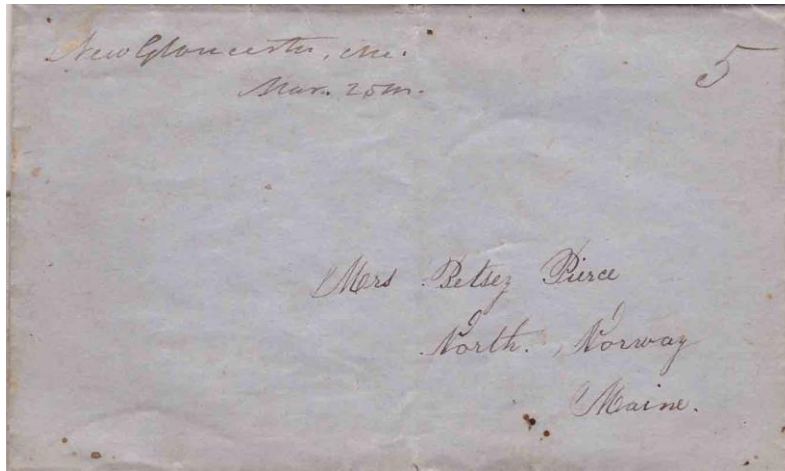
Nathaniel Allen Coit became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

22 March 1806:

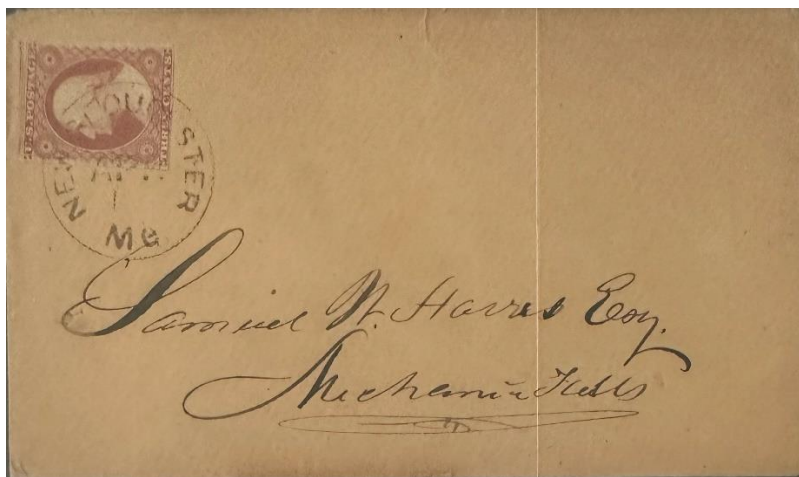
Joseph E. Foxcroft became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

4 June 1841:

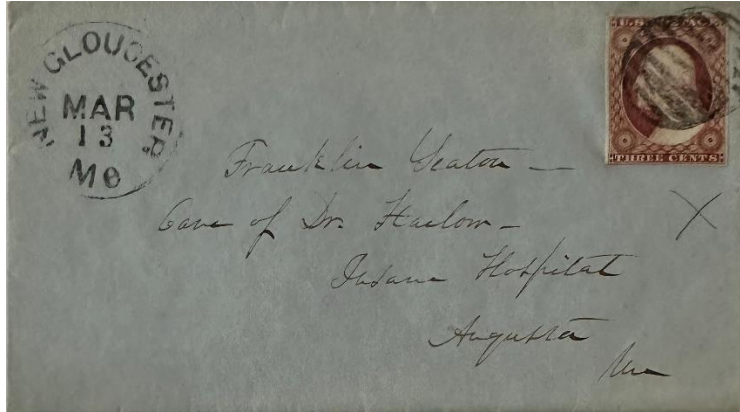
Elisha H. Mosely became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.



25 March 1851:
Manuscript postmark and 'killer.'



1 April Circa 1852:
The circular postmark is 29 mm, and the CDS is also used as the killer.



13 March Circa 1863:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a circle grid cork killer.

18 April 1853:

Joseph Cross became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

8 May 1856:

Samuel Foxcroft became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

9 July 1861:

Charles P. Haskell became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

31 May 1870:

John P. Stevens became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

13 May 1875:

Mrs. Abbie E. Stevens became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

9 December 1885:

Charles F. Sawyer became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

23 July 1889:

Miss Mary Prince became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

24 October 1914:

Chas A. Atwood became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.



23 December 1915:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

1 October 1924:

New Gloucester Post Office became a Presidential Post Office until 30 June 1928.

12 February 1925:

Nettie A. True became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

1 July 1930:

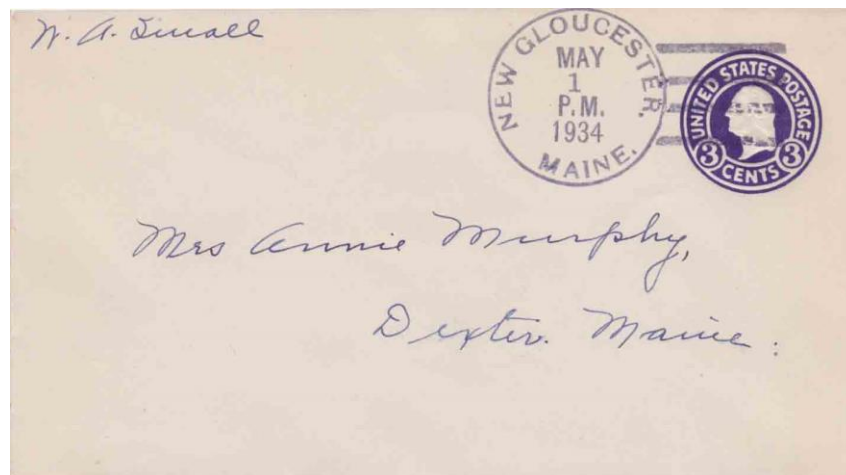
New Gloucester Post Office became a Presidential Post again until 30 June 1933.

16 August 1933:

Sidney A. McIntire became the Acting Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

13 October 1933:

Sidney A. McIntire became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.



1 May 1934:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer.

1 April 1942:

Willard M. Berry became the Acting Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

14 August 1942:

Willard M. Berry became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

11 December 1942:

Mrs. Emma T. Allen became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

1 July 1943:

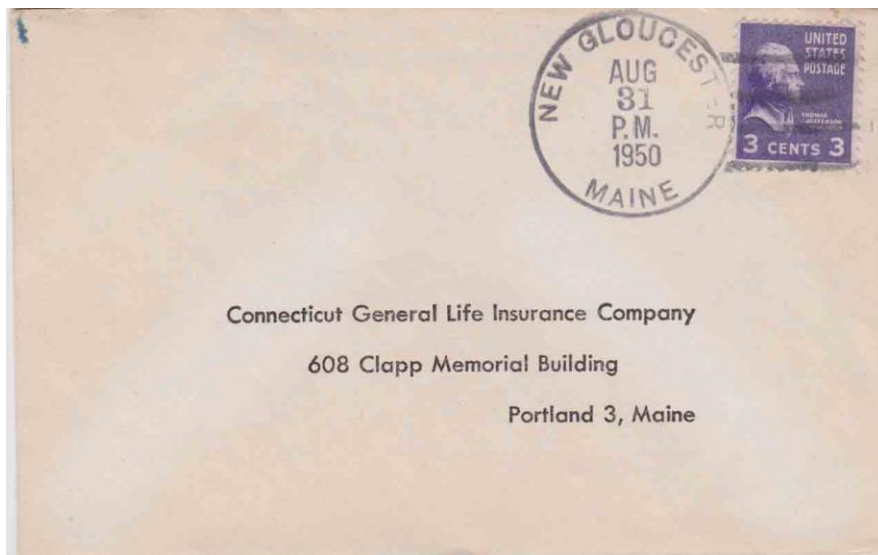
New Gloucester Post Office became a Presidential Post Office again.

21 March 1944:

Mrs. Emma T. (Allen) Tufts became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

29 May 1948:

Mrs. Emma T. Allen's surname changed to Tufts by marriage.



31 August 1950:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.

31 October 1967:

Mrs. Alma W. Berry became the Acting Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

17 January 1969:

Wallace E. Bragdon Jr. became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

21 June 1990:

Pat Belanger became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

11 August 1990:

Steven W. Anderson became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

4 February 2003:

Sandra A. Dresser became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

11 December 2004:

Sandra A. Dresser became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

22 January 2013:

Daniel Bilodeau became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

29 November 2016:

Todd Steele became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

18 February 2016:

Louise A. Cote became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.

8 March 2019:

Irene Wade became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

14 May 2019:

Michele Bowie became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

26 August 2019:

Nichole Camfferman became the Officer-In-Charge of the New Gloucester Post Office.

12 October 2019:

Tammy C. Smith became the Postmaster of the New Gloucester Post Office.



December 2023:

New Gloucester Post Office-Photo Credit Dennis Dixon

11 March 2024:

New Gloucester Post Office is still operational at 9 Gilmore Rd. New Gloucester, ME. 04260, GPS 43° 59' 46" N 70° 17' 23" W.

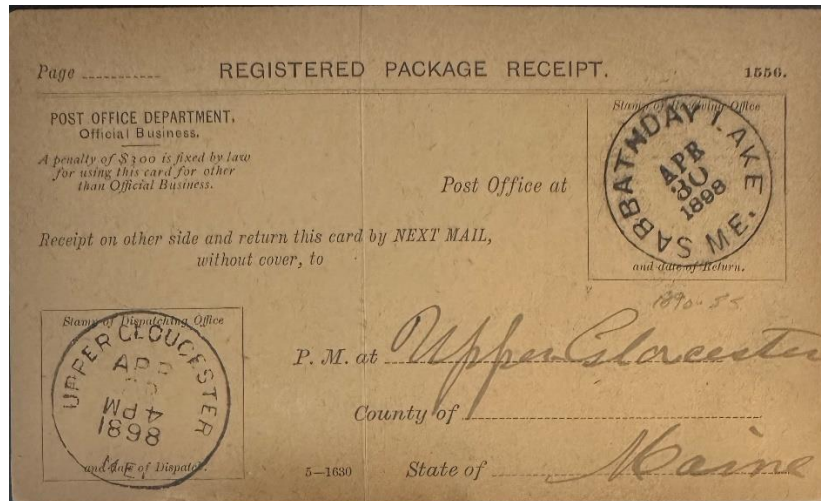
Sabbathday Lake

16 January 1890:

Sabbathday Lake Post Office (formerly West Gloucester Post Office) opened.

16 January 1890:

Lizzie M. Noyes (previous Postmaster of West Gloucester Post Office) became the Postmaster of the Sabbathday Lake Post Office.



30 April 1898:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with no killer.

22 December 1926:

Jennie Mathers became the Acting Postmaster of the Sabbathday Lake Post Office.

11 January 1927:

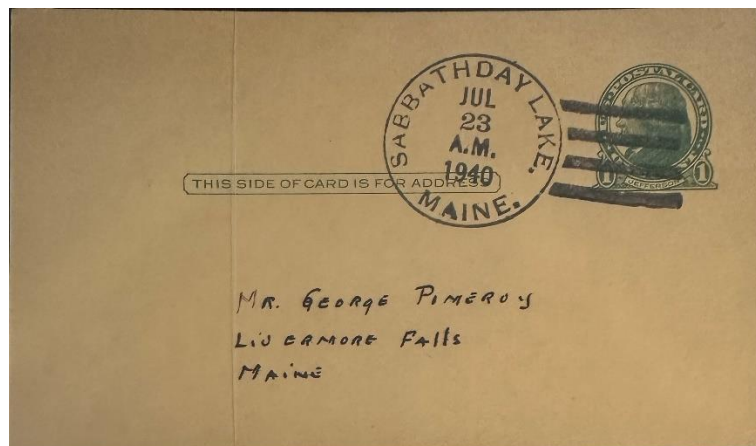
Jennie Mathers became the Postmaster of the Sabbathday Lake Post Office.

31 July 1946:

Miss Eleanor M. Philbrook became the Acting Postmaster of the Sabbathday Lake Post Office.

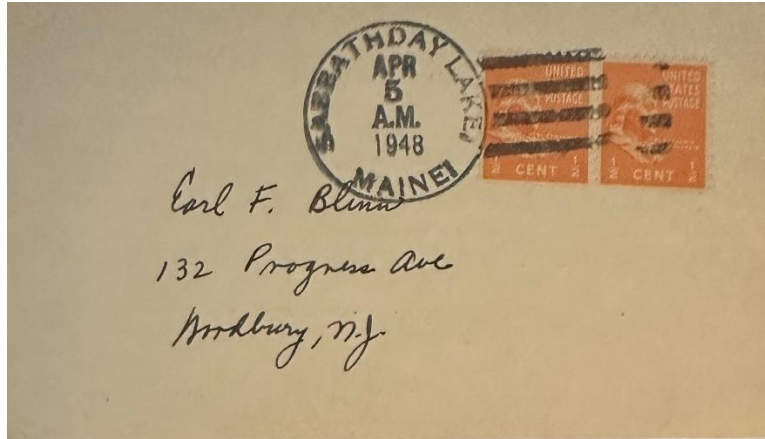
17 December 1946:

Miss Eleanor M. Philbrook became the Postmaster of the Sabbathday Lake Post Office.



23 July 1940:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.



5 April 1948:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer. Similar postmarks and killers dated 11 August 1947 and 16 March 1950 are known.

6 May 1955 discontinued, effective 30 June 1955:

Sabbathday Lake Post Office closed with service from Poland Spring.

Upper Gloucester

4 February 1829:

Upper Gloucester Post Office opened.

4 February 1829:

Charles Cobb became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

28 July 1836:

John Dinsmore became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

30 November 1841:

Joseph Cross became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

22 January 1842:

Amory Leach became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

25 July 1842:

Joseph Cross became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

8 July 1845:

Clark Bridgham became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

21 September 1847:

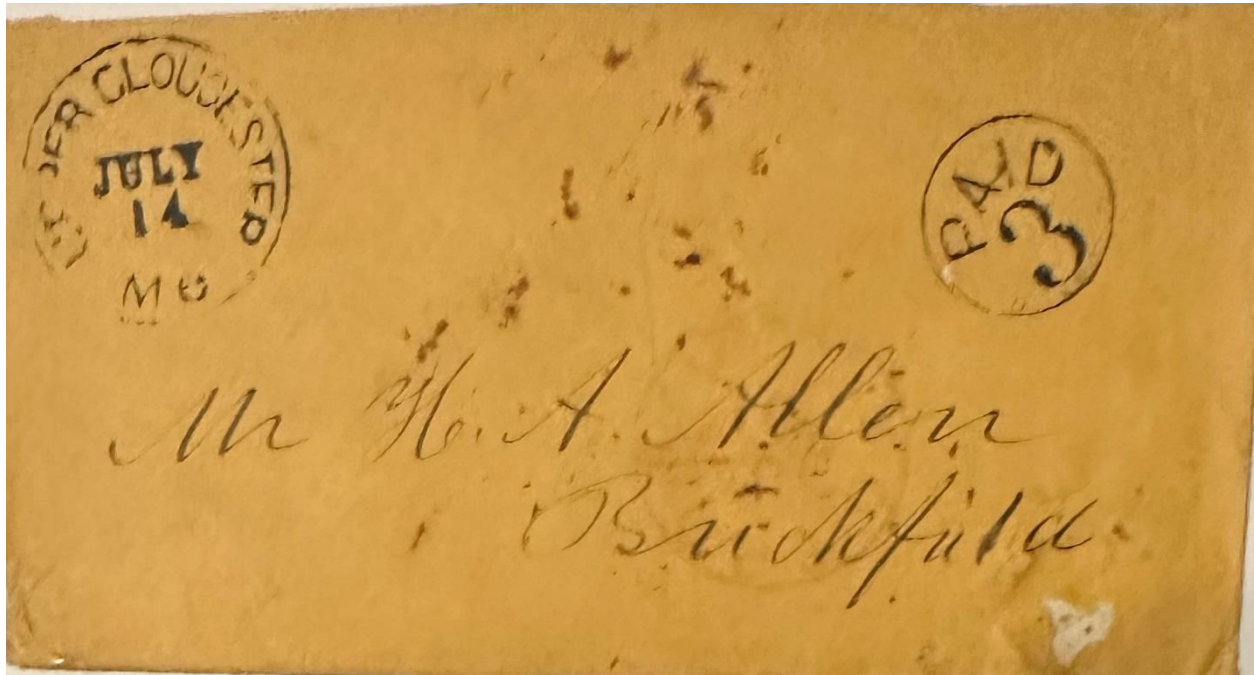
Ezra Tobie became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

9 February 1849:

Otis C. Nelson became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

24 September 1849:

Solomon H. Chandler became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



14 July circa 1852:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a circled 3 "killer."

30 March 1853:

Spofford J. Jewett became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Isaac H. Keith became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

23 April 1855:

Sewell Gross became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

8 August 1856:

Isaac Fuller became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

24 May 1858:

Charles Hinkley became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

13 December 1860:

Sewall Gross became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

23 September 1885:

Alonzo F. Cole became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

23 June 1888:

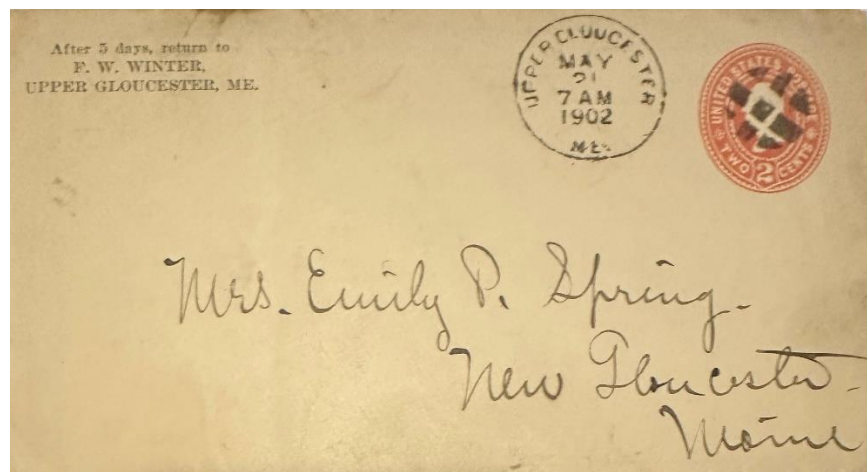
William H. True became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

29 June 1895:

Charles R. Atwood became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

26 June 1900:

Herbert E. Blake became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



21 May 1902:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a fancy cork grid killer.

15 September 1903:

Mary L. Bickford became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

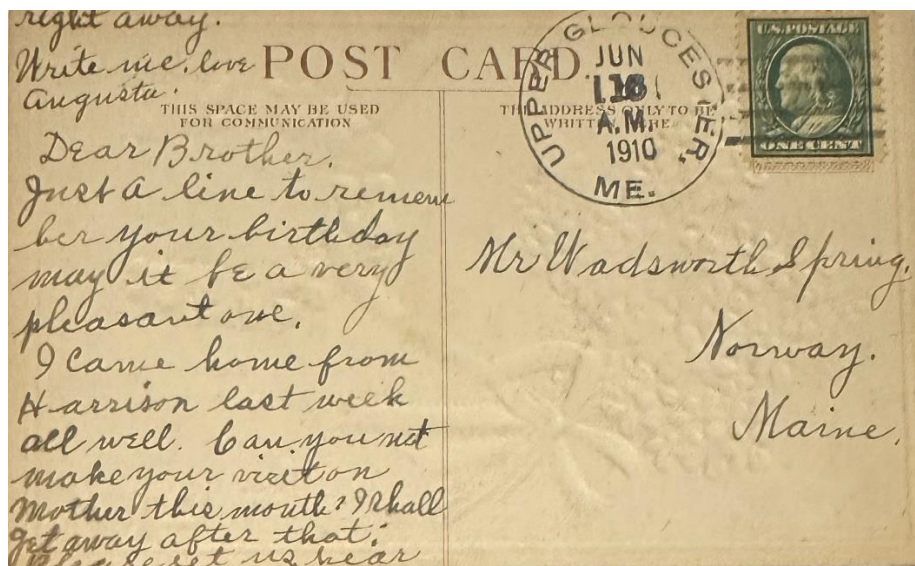
21 April 1908:

Carrie M. Gilbert became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



28 August 1908:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/1 killer.

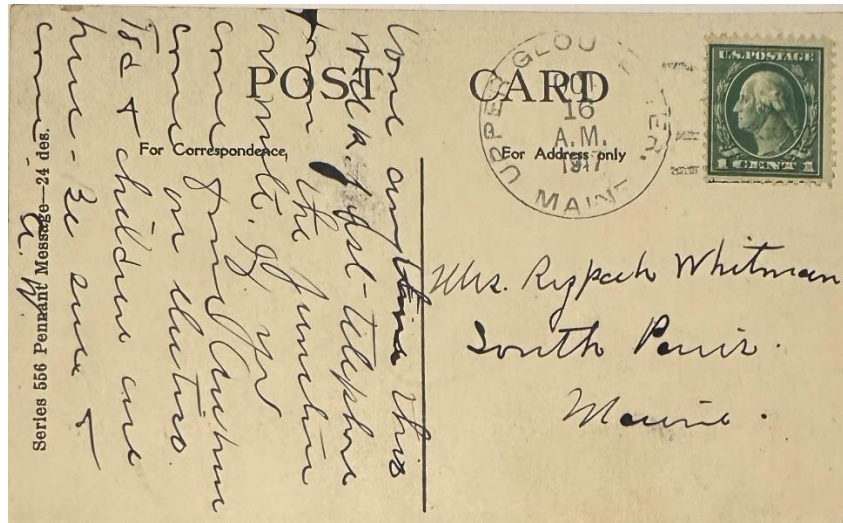


16 June 1910:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/1) killer.

8 March 1912:

Mary E. Estes became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



16 October 1917:
The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/2) killer.

12 June 1921:

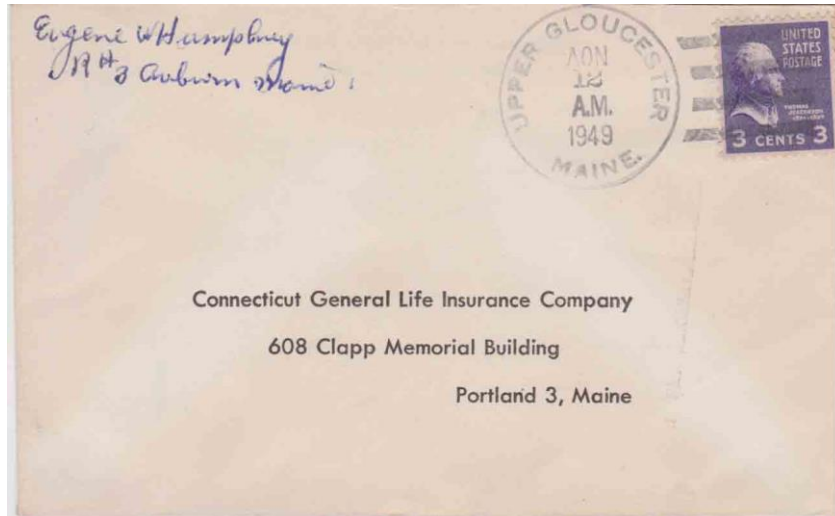
Mary L. Blake became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



Circa 1920
Upper Gloucester Post Office.

10 May 1924:

Byron S. Parsons became the Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.

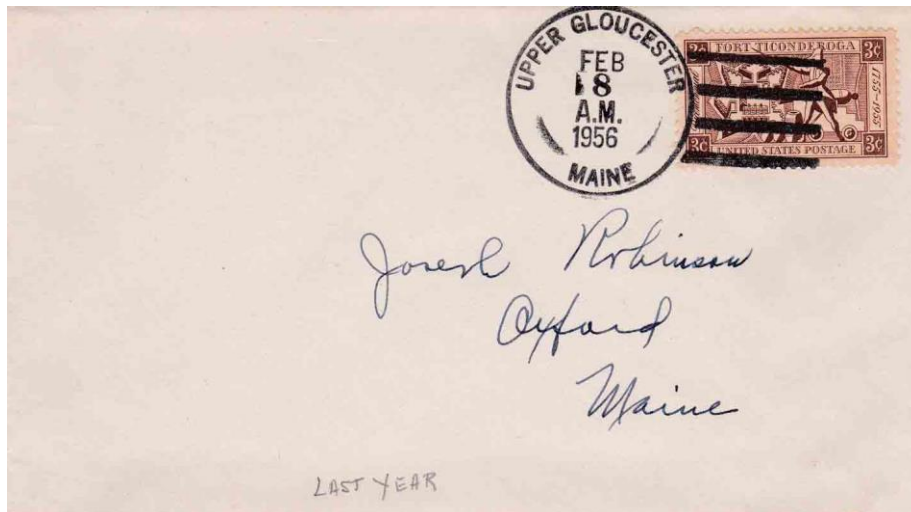


12 November 1949:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer. Note: the month is inverted.

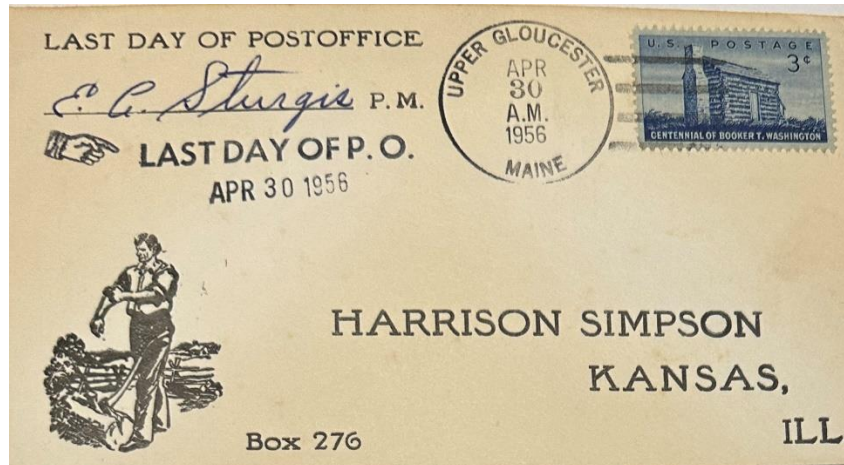
31 March 1955:

Elliott A. Sturgis became the Acting Postmaster of the Upper Gloucester Post Office.



8 February 1956:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer.



30 April 1956:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer—Last Day of Operation and Postmaster signature.

13 April 1956 discontinued effective 30 April 1956:
Upper Gloucester Post Office closed.

West Gloucester

10 April 1826:

West Gloucester Post Office opened.

10 April 1826:

William Proctor became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

26 January 1836:

Thomas Lane became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

20 April 1837:

William Proctor became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

6 November 1854:

Elisha P. Proctor became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

21 June 1861:

Charles Vining became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

10 July 1866:

John Coffin became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.

13 December 1866:

Samuel Kendrick became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.



21 February Circa 1885:
The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a manuscript killer.

23 September 1887:

Lizzie M. Noyes became the Postmaster of the West Gloucester Post Office.



6 December 1889:
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a target killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 6 February 1889 is known.

16 January 1890:

West Gloucester Post Office closed and was renamed Sabbathday Lake Post Office.

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