

# Orient Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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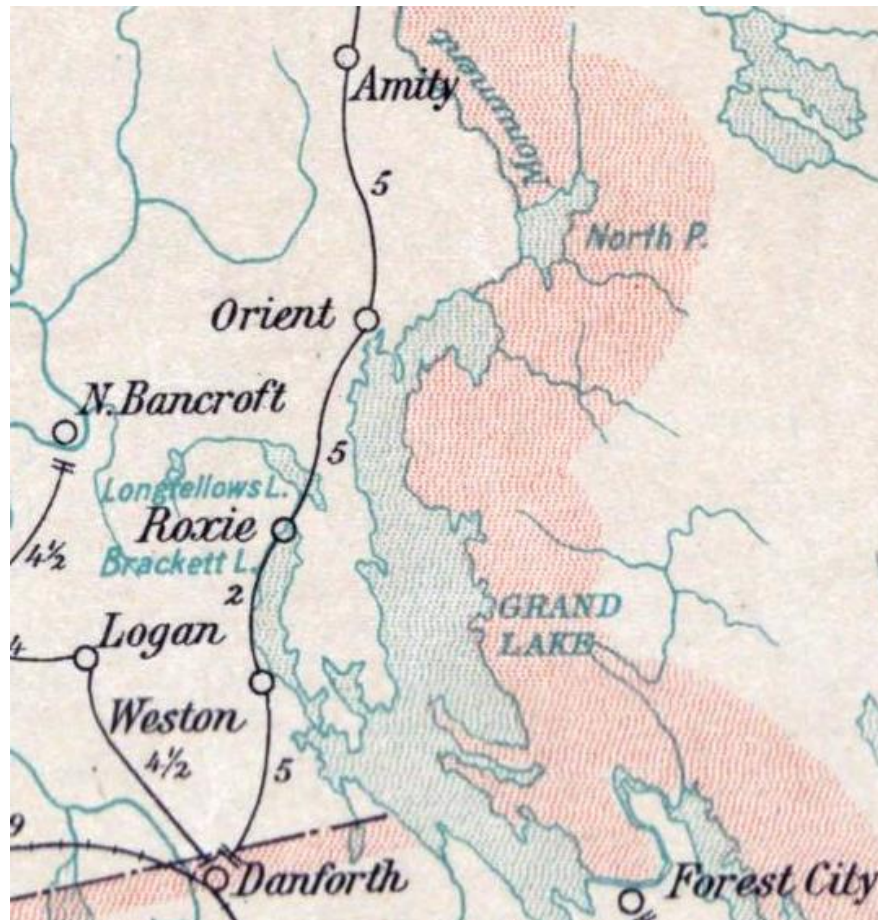
Orient is a town in Aroostook County, formally organized as a town from the township T9 R1, Monroe Gore, and Orient Gore on April 9, 1856.

During the history of the town of Orient, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of this one is as follows:

1. Orient Post Office opened on 9 February 1839 as part of Washington County. It became part of Aroostook County on 1 May 1839. See also Washington County.
2. Orient Post Office became part of Aroostook County on 1 May 1839, closed on 15 September 1909, re-opened on 11 July 1910, suspended on 4 November 2009, and discontinued on 9 March 2013.

In 1903, there was only one post office in Orient.



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

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

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Below are Post Offices from Orient. In addition, postmarks that collectors have provided from Orient have been included.

## **Orient**

9 February 1839:

Orient Post Office opened as Part of Washington County.

9 February 1839:

Abraham Longley became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

1 May 1839:

Orient Post Office is no longer part of Washington County.

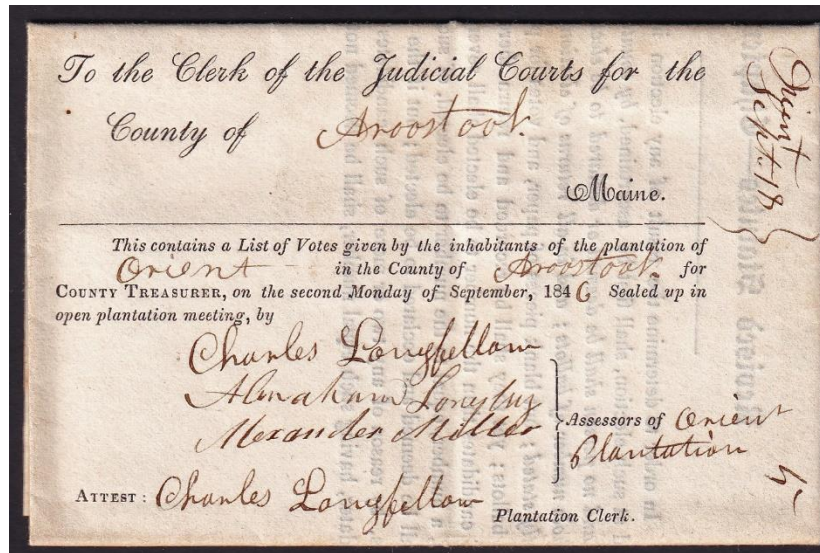
## Orient

1 May 1839:

Orient Post Office becomes part of Aroostook County.

1 May 1839:

Abraham Longley remains the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



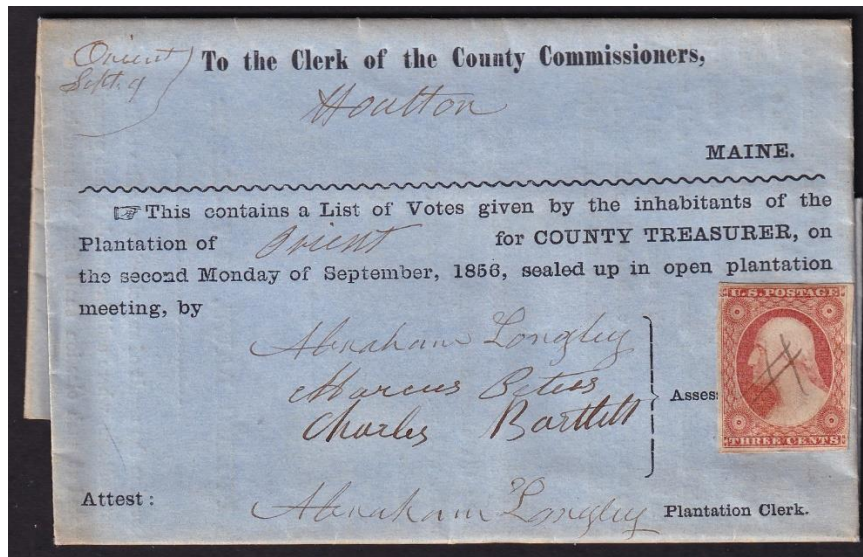
18 September 1846:  
Manuscript postmark.

22 August 1849:

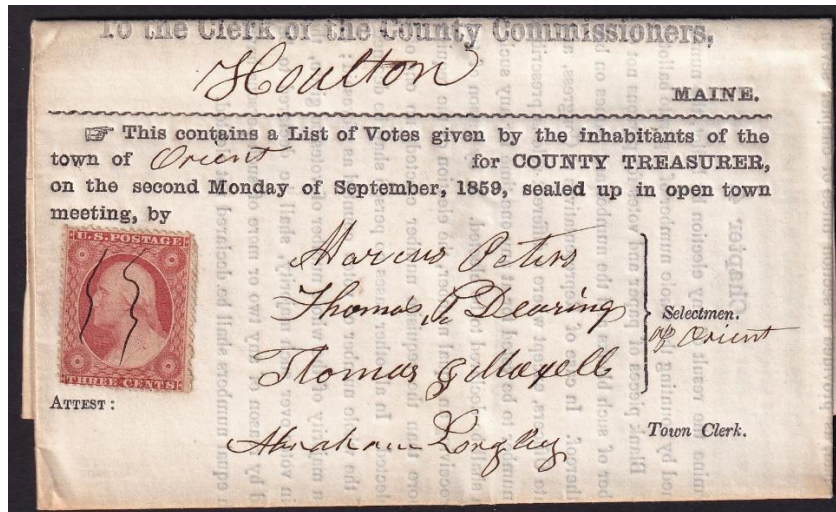
Charles Longfellow became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

30 March 1853:

Abraham Longley became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



9 September 1856:  
Manuscript postmark.



13 September 1859:  
Manuscript postmark.

13 January 1863:

William H. Sprague became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

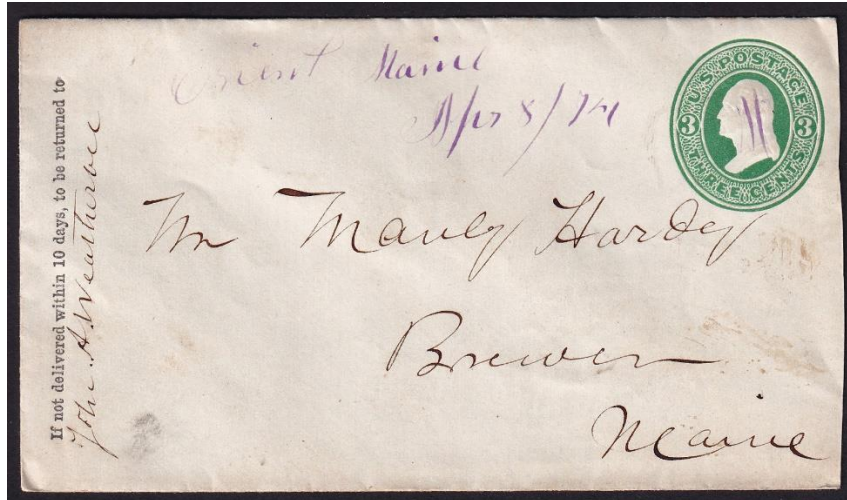
23 September 1867:

Martin V.B. Longley became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

13 May 1869:

William H. Sprague became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.





8 April 1874:  
Manuscript postmark.

7 December 1880:

M.J. Rolerson became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

20 December 1880:

Matilda J. Patterson became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

3 September 1883:

Matilda J. Gates became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



27 April 1889:  
The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

9 February 1898:

Levi H. Dunning became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



1 August 1907:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/2 killer.

15 September 1909:

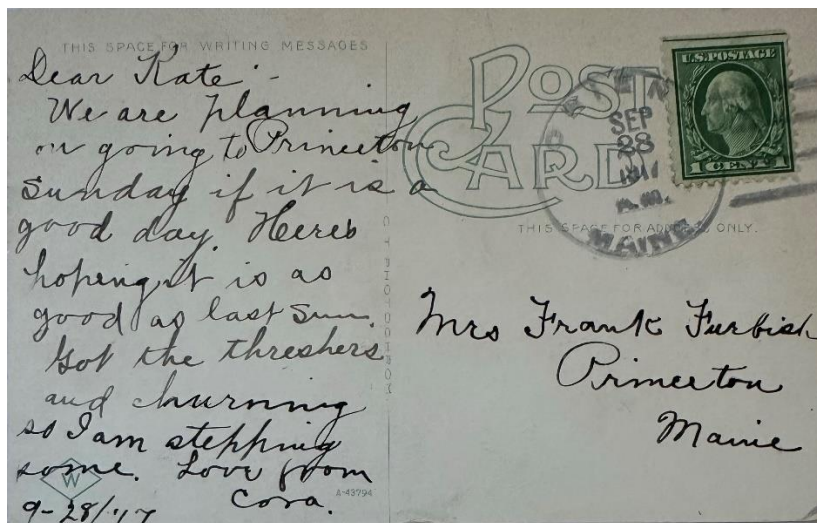
Orient Post Office closed with service from Roxie.

11 July 1910:

Orient post office re-opened.

11 July 1910:

Levi H. Dunning became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



28 September 1917:

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



8 October 1927:

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



6 December 1939:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm with a four-bar (F/1) killer.

31 January 1940 per Postmaster Finder, 21 February per old Postmaster Records:  
Clare M. Bartlett became the Acting Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

9 March 1940:

Clare M. Bartlett became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

1 December 1961:

Robert X. Black became the Acting Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



5 December 1963:

Robert X. Black became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

2 September 1969:

Betty H. Smith became the Officer-In-Charge for the Orient Post Office.

31 July 1971:

Betty H. Smith became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

29 August 1978:

Marie M. Black became the Officer-In-Charge for the Orient Post Office.

10 March 1979:

Loughlin D. Black became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.



1992:

Orient Post Office. Photo Credit Kelvin Kindahl

30 October 2002:

Torri M. Bates became the Officer-In-Charge for the Orient Post Office.

28 December 2002:

Barry F. Tower became the Postmaster for the Orient Post Office.

3 March 2013:

Orient Post Office closed. Service from Danforth. The Zip Code was 04471



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Glenwood, Reed & Bancroft Plantations, Part of Haynesville, Orient, Weston [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

[https://digitalmaine.com/atlas\\_aroostook\\_1877/7/](https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/7/)

Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found at Research Resources on Maine Postal History: <http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources-pdf>

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Postmaster Finder by City:

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