

Perham Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Perham was settled in the mid-nineteenth century and incorporated in 1897.

During the history of Perham, there have been four post offices.

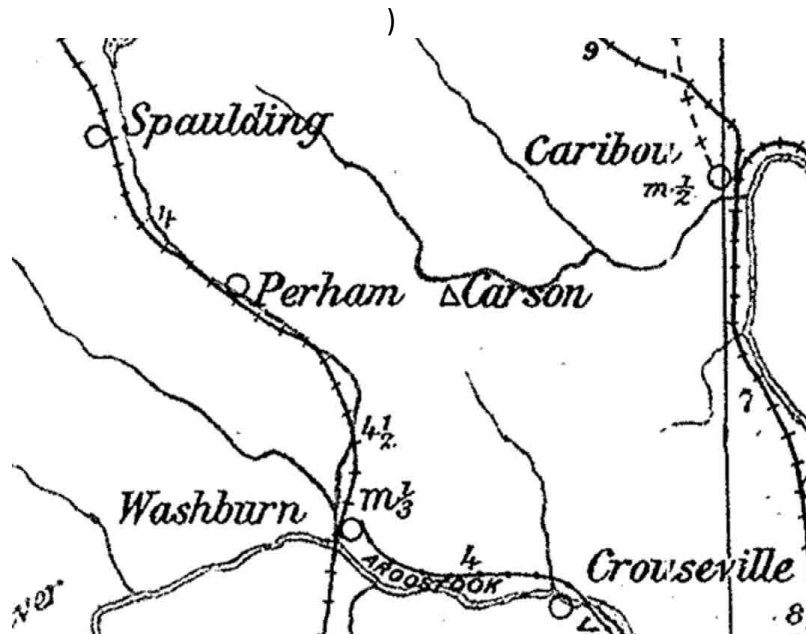
Briefly, the history of these four is as follows:

1. East Perham Post Office opened on 19 March 1878 and closed on 21 July 1891.
2. North Perham Post Office opened on 29 October 1891 and closed on 14 July 1905.
3. Perham Post Office opened on 5 January 1883, closed on 26 October 1887, re-opened on 18 July 1891, and is still operating.
4. Spaulding Post Office opened on 31 December 1913, closed on 15 June 1918, re-opened on 24 August 1918, and closed on 30 September 1935.

In 1914, there were two post offices in Perham: Perham and Spaulding.

Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1914.

<http://www.mainephilatelic.org/postrotemaps/MainePostRouteMap1914.pdf>



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

[East Perham](#)
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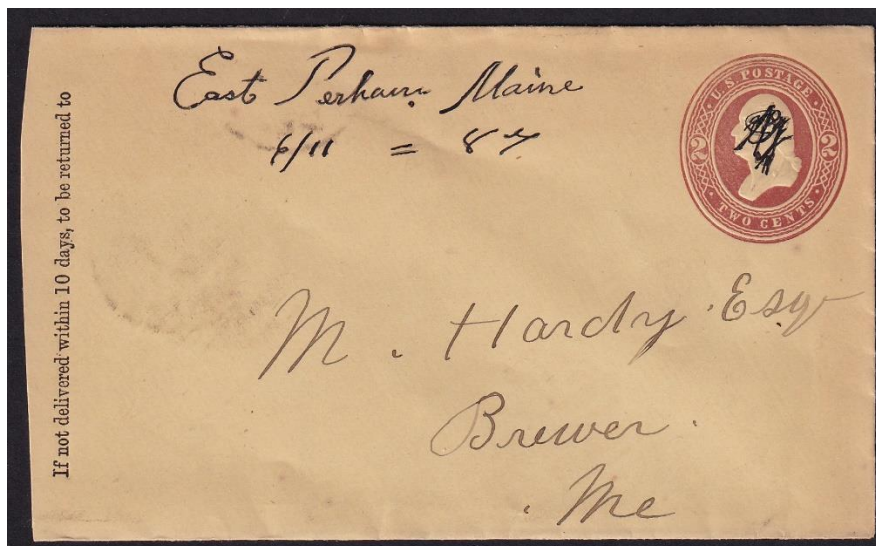
East Perham

19 March 1878:

East Perham Post Office opened.

19 March 1878:

Viola L. Blackstone became the Postmaster for the East Perham Post Office.



11 June 1887:
Manuscript postmark.

9 July 1894:

Hannah W. Moody became the Postmaster for the East Perham Post Office.

29 December 1890:

Mrs. Mary F. Spaulding became the Postmaster for the East Perham Post Office.

21 July 1891:

East Perham post office closed—service from Caribou.

North Perham

29 October 1891:

North Perham Post Office opened.

29 October 1891:

George E. Place became the Postmaster for the North Perham Post Office.

12 May 1897:

Nels Grill, Jr. became the Postmaster for the North Perham Post Office.

17 June 1905:

The North Perham Post Office was discontinued effective 14 July 1905—service from Caribou.

Perham

5 January 1883:

Perham Post Office opened.

5 January 1883:

Washington W.G. Place became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.



21 July 1884:

The outer circle of this double-ringed circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

22 December 1884:

Henry Spear became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

16 August 1886:

Willard T. Barton became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

26 October 1887:

Perham post office closed—service from East Perham.

18 July 1891:

Perham post office re-opened.

18 July 1891:

Willard T. Barton became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.



9 September 1905:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a Doane 1/2 killer.

25 October 1905:

Alma V. Barton became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

13 February 1909:

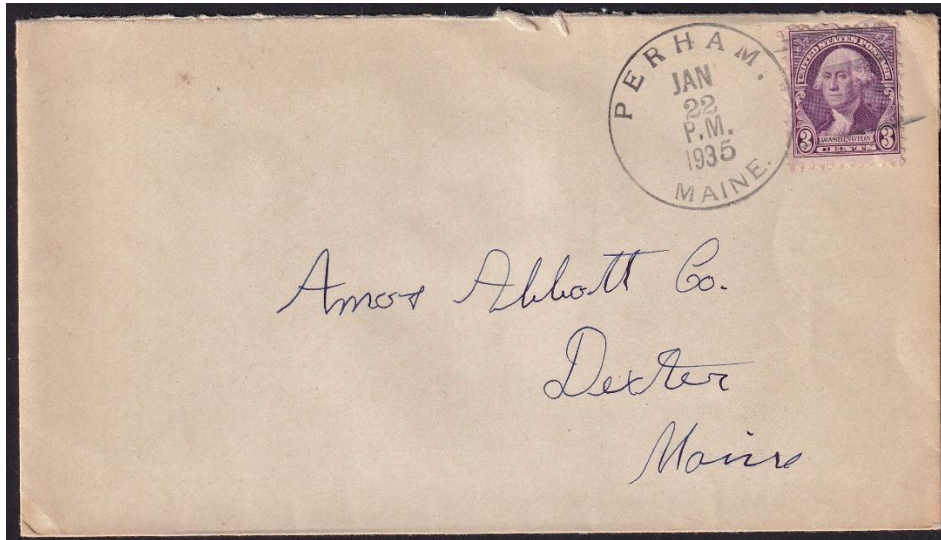
Herbert Perry became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

10 May 1927:

Eugene L. Parker became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

15 August 1927:

Ralph E. Roberts became the Acting Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.



22 January 1935:

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

23 August 1927:

Ralph E. Roberts became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

20 July 1932:

Mrs. Joanna A. Roberts became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

21 October 1932:

Mrs. Joanna A. Roberts became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

25 September 1934:

Malcolm R. Holts became the Postmaster for the Perham Post Office.

5 May 1934, effective 30 May 1934:

Perham Post Office was service from Washburn, rescinded May 29)

31 October 1969:

Elwood A. Doody became the Officer-In-Charge for the Perham Post Office.

31 July 1971:

Elwood A. Doody

28 April 1994:

Herman J. Fortin became the Officer-In-Charge of the Perham Post Office.

17 June 1994:

Linda Tupper became the Officer-In-Charge of the Perham Post Office.

2 March 1996:

Herman J. Fortin

5 April 2001:

Arthurlene Fox became the Officer-In-Charge for the Perham Post Office.

3 November 2001:

Cynthia J. Richendollar

10 January 2015:

Perham Post Office was converted to a remotely managed post office under the direction of the postmaster of the Caribou Post Office.

31 January 2024:

The Perham post office is still in operation. It is located at 2a Mouse Island Road, Perham, ME 04766, GPS 46° 50' 38" N 68° 11' 51" W.

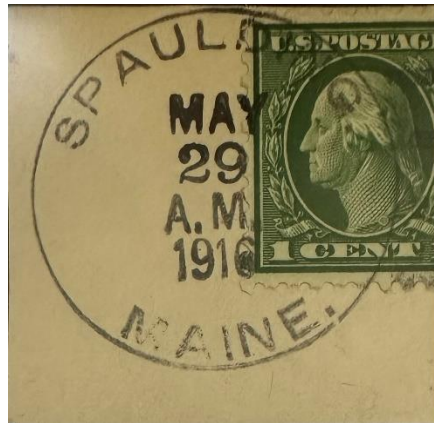


July 2023:
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Spaulding

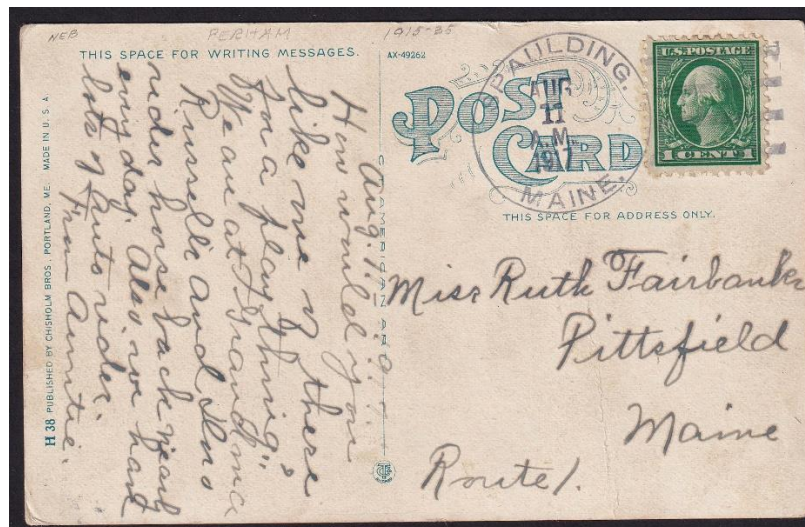
31 December 1913:
Spaulding post office opened.

31 December 1913:
Frank P. McNeil became the Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.



29 May 1916:
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

22 January 1917:
Austin S. Jacob became the Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.



11 August 1917:
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

15 June 1918:

Spaulding post office closed with service from Perham.

24 August 1918:

Spaulding post office re-opened.

24 August 1918:

Frank R. Walton became the Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.

3 November 1921:

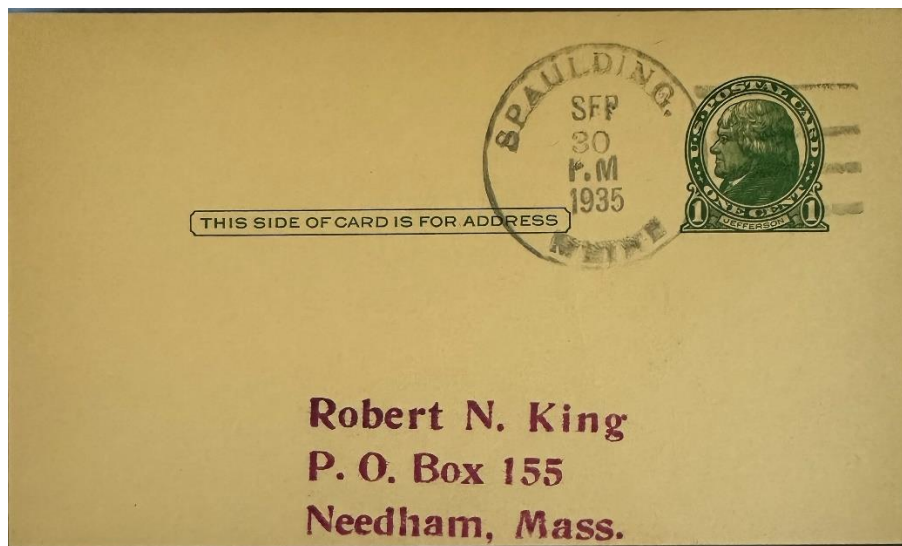
Daniel J. Turner became the Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.

20 June 1932:

Mrs. Phyllis K. Turner became the Acting Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.

23 January 1932:

Mrs. Phyllis K. Turner became the Postmaster for the Spaulding Post Office.



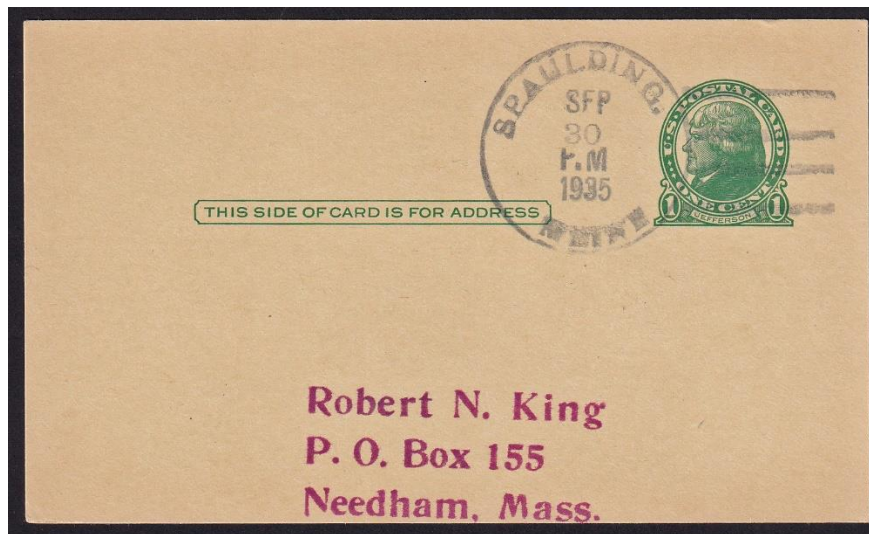
30 September 1935:

The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter, with a serif print and a four-bar (B) killer.



25 July 1933:

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



30 September 1935:

The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/2) killer—Last Day of Operation.

10 September 1935 discontinued and effective 30 September 1935:

Spaulding post office closed with service from Caribou.

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Sources:

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Perham Plantation [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

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National Archives Catalog, Postmaster Appointments for Aroostook County, Maine

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

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