

Raymond Postal History

Cumberland County, Maine

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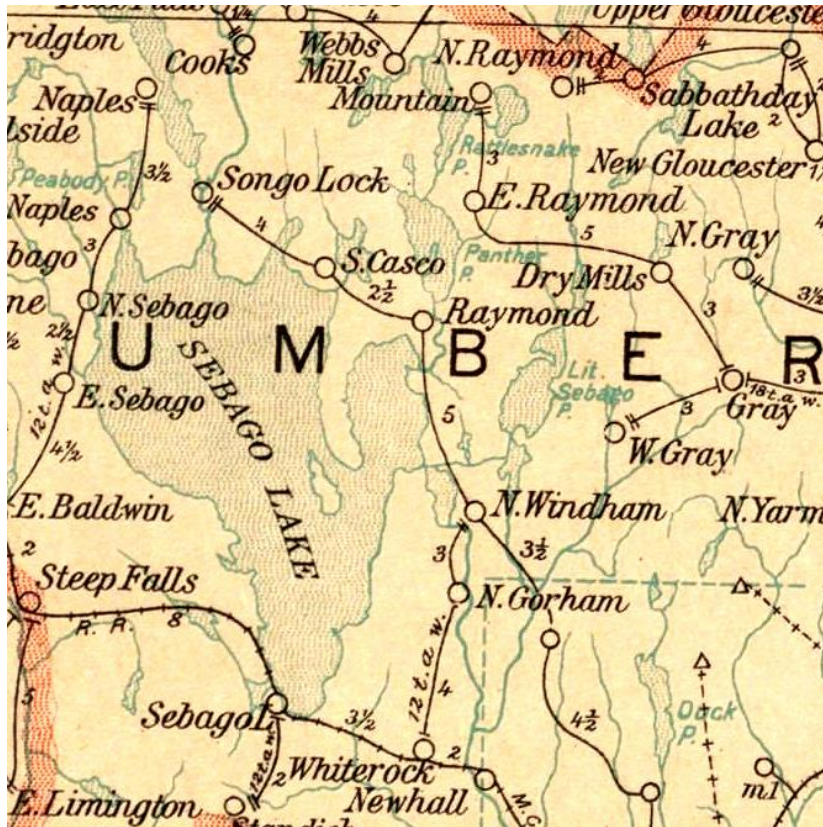
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Raymondtown was a grant to settlers by the Massachusetts General Court in 1767, later organized as Raymond Plantation in 1779, and finally incorporated as the Town of Raymond in 1803. Land was later taken from Raymond to create the Town of Naples and the Town of Casco. Raymond is known as the northeastern shore of Sebago Lake, and as the place where Nathaniel Hawthorne lived in his youth.

During the history of Raymond, there have been nine post offices.

Briefly, the history of these eight is as follows:

1. [East Raymond](#) Post Office opened on 21 April 1830 and closed on 10 January 1838. It was re-established on 18 June 1838 and closed on 31 May 1909.
2. [Mountain](#) Post Office opened on 23 June 1898 and closed on 31 May 1909.
3. [North Raymond \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 25 July 1829 and closed on 16 August 1842 and became Casco Post Office. Post Office was in Raymond until 1841, when Casco was set off and incorporated as a town.
4. [North Raymond \(2\)](#) Post Office opened on 13 February 1831 and closed on 24 December 1892, and became Wilson Springs Post Office.
5. [North Raymond \(2\)](#) Post Office (formerly Wilson Springs) opened on 17 March 1898 and closed on 31 October 1944.
6. [Raymond](#) Post Office (formerly Raymondtown Post Office) opened on 11 September 1806 and is still operating.
7. [Raymondtown](#) Post Office opened in 1801 and closed on 11 September 1806, becoming Raymond Post Office.
8. [West Raymond](#) Post Office was scheduled to open on 30 June 1892 but never opened and was discontinued on 24 February 1893.
9. [Wilson Springs](#) Post Office, formerly North Raymond (1), opened on 24 December 1892 and closed on 17 March 1898 to become North Raymond (2) Post Office.



In 1903, there were four post offices in Raymond: East Raymond, Mountain, North Raymond, and Raymond.

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

21 April 1830:

The East Raymond Post Office opened.

21 April 1830:

Charles W. Stowbird became the Postmaster for the East Raymond Post Office.

10 January 1838:

The East Raymond Post Office closed.

18 June 1838:

The East Raymond Post Office was re-established.

18 June 1838:

Wentworth R. Lane became the Postmaster for the East Raymond Post Office.

30 March 1864:

Henry J. Lane became the Postmaster for the East Raymond Post Office.

31 May 1909:

The East Raymond Post Office closed with service from Raymond.

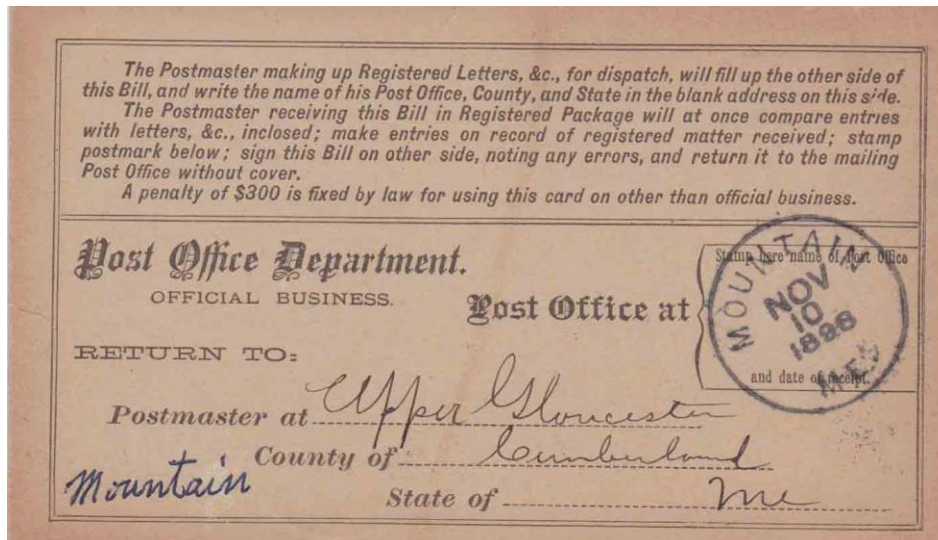
Mountain

23 June 1898:

Mountain Post Office opened.

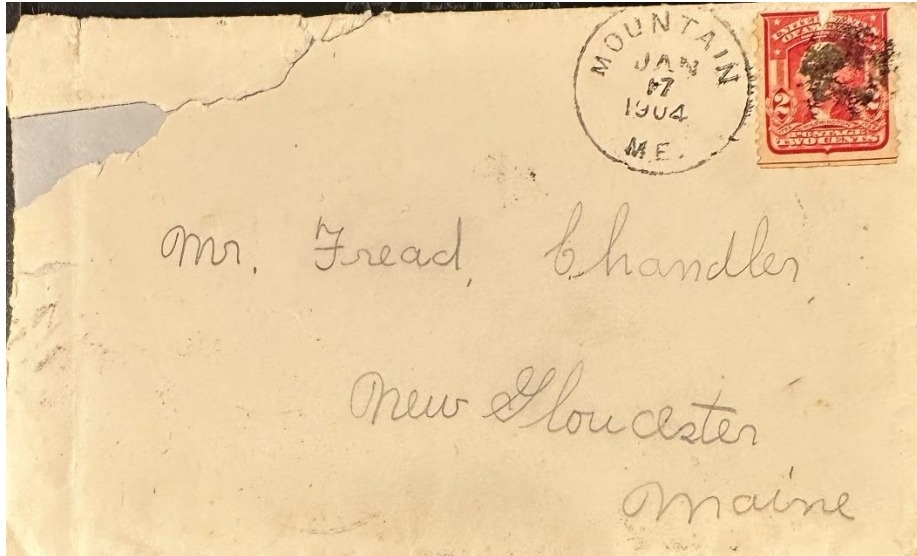
23 June 1898:

Nellie E. Strout became the Postmaster of the Mountain Post Office.



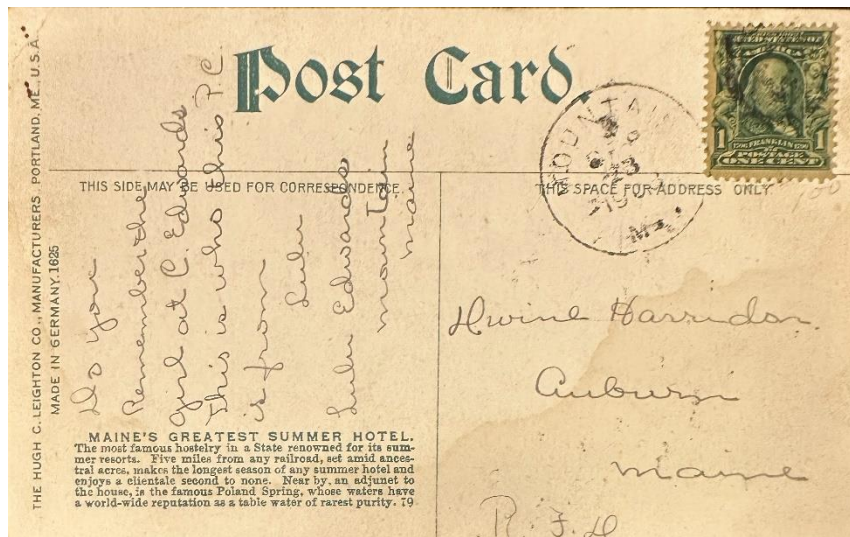
10 November 1898:

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



17 January 1904:

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



23 September 1908:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a partial target killer.

31 May 1909:

Mountain Post Office closed with service from Raymond.

North Raymond (1) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named North Raymond 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.)

25 July 1825:

North Raymond Post Office opened.

25 July 1825:

Dominicus Jordan became the Postmaster of the North Raymond Post Office.

30 April 1832:

Levi Holden became the Postmaster of the North Raymond Post Office.

16 August 1842:

North Raymond (1) Post Office closed and became Casco Post Office (see Casco).

North Raymond (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named North Raymond at different times and locations. The (2) 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.)

13 February 1851:

North Raymond (2) Post Office opened.

13 February 1851:

William Small, Jr. became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

3 February 1864:

Stillman A. Danforth became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

26 June 1865:

William Small became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

31 March 1871:

Charles N. Wilson became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

26 May 1874:

George L. Small became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

7 May 1879:

William Small became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

24 July 1884

Alfred Wilson became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

24 December 1892:

North Raymond (2) Post Office closed and became Wilson Springs Post Office.

17 March 1898:

North Raymond (2) Post Office (formerly Wilson Springs Post Office) opened.

17 March 1898:

Frank M. Hawkes became the Postmaster of the North Raymond (2) Post Office. (note: 10 January 1898 George A. Tibbets was appointed Postmaster of the North Raymond Post Office but this was rescinded.)

27 May 1904:

George S. Churchill became the Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.



26 March 1910:

The circular postmark is *28 mm in diameter with a manuscript killer.



10 November 1913:

The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.

30 November 1917:

Leon P. Carle became the Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

12 February 1930:

George S. D. Churchill became the Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

11 November 1936:

Susanne P. Churchill became the Acting Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

19 December 1936:

Susanne P. Churchill became the Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office.

31 October 1944:

North Raymond Post Office closed with service from Poland Springs.

Raymond

11 September 1806:

Raymond Post Office (formerly Raymondtown) opened.

11 September 1806:

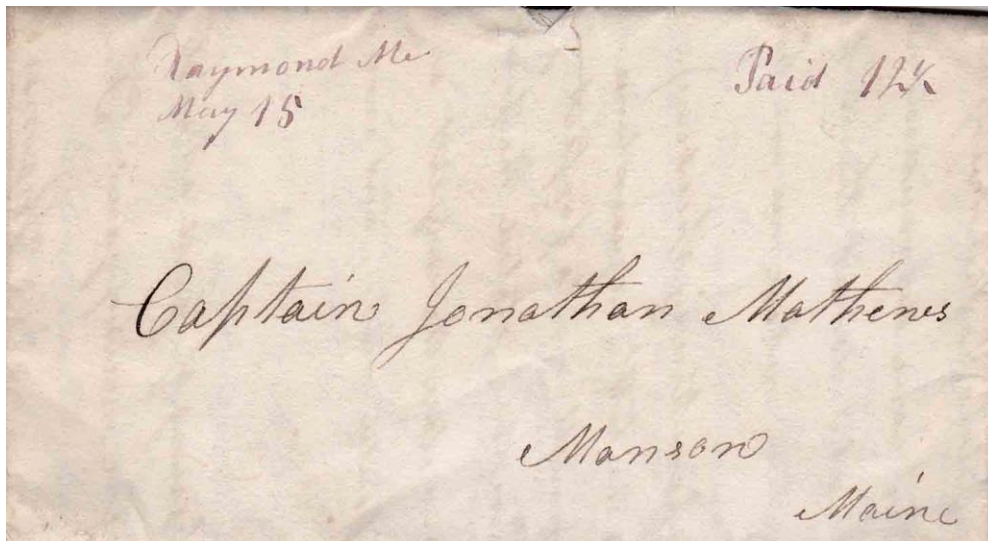
Stephen Swett became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

10 December 1817:

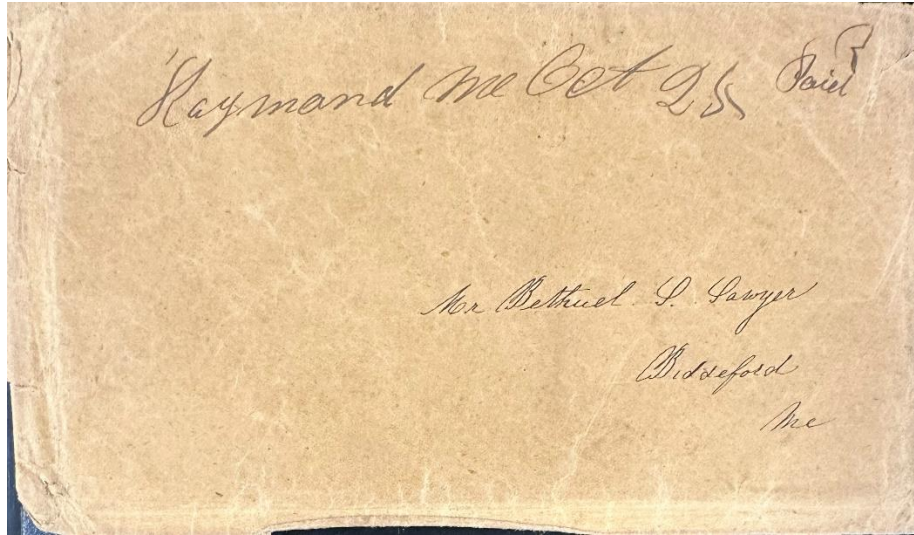
Eli Longley became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

24 February 1831:

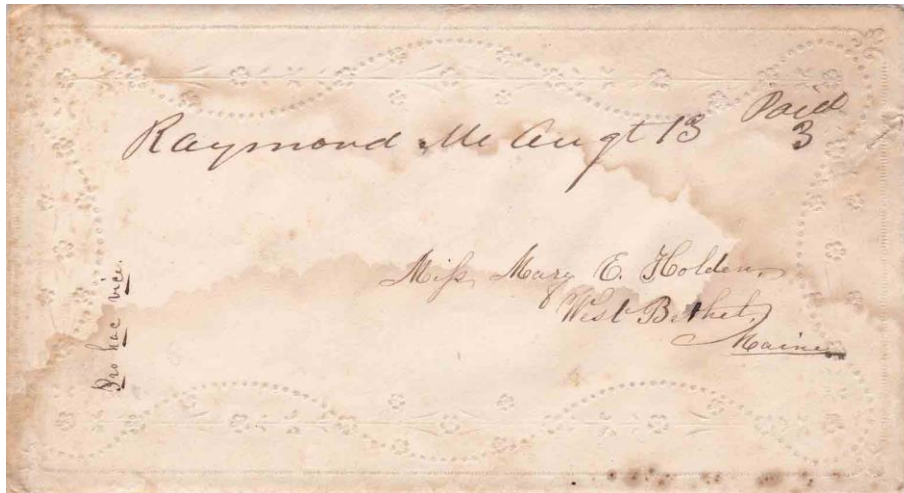
John Sawyer became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.



15 May 1833:
Manuscript postmark.



25 October circa 1852:
Manuscript Postmark.



13 August 1855:
Manuscript Postmark.

26 January 1864:

Erastus A. Plummer became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.



Circa 1900:
Mail Coach for Windham, Raymond, and Casco.



12 July 1909:
The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/1) killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 28 July 1910 is known.

27 March 1915:

Adel Lombard became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

22 March 1919:

Fred W. Plummer became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

19 March 1926:

Miss Bertha M. Plummer became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

18 June 1926:

Miss Bertha M. Plummer became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.



13 May 1949:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/1) killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 8 November 1949 is known.

30 December 1950:

Miss Bertha M. Plummer became Mrs. Bertha M. Sellers by marriage.



Raymond Post Office. Undated photo, 1950s?

18 December 1964:

Frank V. Lamber became the Acting Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

6 January 1967:

William J. Flynn became the Acting Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

21 July 1967:

William J. Flynn became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

30 March 1973:

Paul H. Stone became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

25 August 1973:

Richard L. Thurlow became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

25 April 1975:

Mrs. Joan M. Sayward became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

5 July 1975:

Mrs. Joan M. Sayward became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

9 April 1976:

John J. Bennett became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

28 August 1976:

Samuel S. Mack became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

25 August 1978:

Mary Hodgetts became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

1 December 1978:

Joseph E. Brogan, Jr. became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

2 March 1979:

Donald E. Cummings became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

7 April 1979:

Donald L. Wentworth became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

29 March 1980:

Albert J. Cummings became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

14 June 1980:

Mrs. Marjorie A. Darby became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

Unknown date:

Unknown name became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

2 February 1985:

Leo A. Pellitier became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

27 November 1995:

Margo Walker became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

2 March 1996:

Dorothy A. Baillargeon became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

27 July 2012:

Elaine M. Brown became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

6 October 2012:

Daniel W. Forsythe became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

26 March 2020:

Melissa Cabana became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

11 April 2020:

Linda G. McLean became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

2 November 2022:

Trisha Newcomb became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

28 January 2023:

Christopher Macvicar became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.

Unknown date:

Unknown Person became the Officer-In-Charge of the Raymond Post Office.

2 December 2023:

Trisha A. Newcomb became the Postmaster of the Raymond Post Office.



July 2023:

Raymond Post Office. Photo Credit Dennis Dixon

3 August 2024:

The Raymond Post Office is still in operation and located at 1235 Roosevelt Trail, Raymond, ME 04071. GPS 45° 53' 51" N 70° 27' 54" W.

Raymondtown

1801:

Raymondtown Post Office opened.

1801:

Joseph Dingley became the Postmaster of the Raymondtown Post Office.

11 September 1806:

Raymondtown Post Office closed and became Raymond Post Office.

West Raymond

30 June 1892:

West Raymond Post Office was "booked" to open.

24 February 1893:

West Raymond Post Office was discontinued. Never opened.

Wilson Springs

24 December 1892:

Wilson Springs Post Office (formerly North Raymond (1)) opened.

24 July 1884:

Alfred Wilson became the Post Master of the North Raymond (2) Post Office and remained as the Postmaster when North Raymond (2) Post Office became the Wilson Springs on 24 December 1892.

23 April 1896:

Frank M. Hawkes became the Postmaster of the Wilson Springs Post Office.

17 March 1898:

Wilson Springs Post Office closed and became North Raymond (2) Post Office.

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