

# Reed Plantation Postal History

## Aroostook County, Maine

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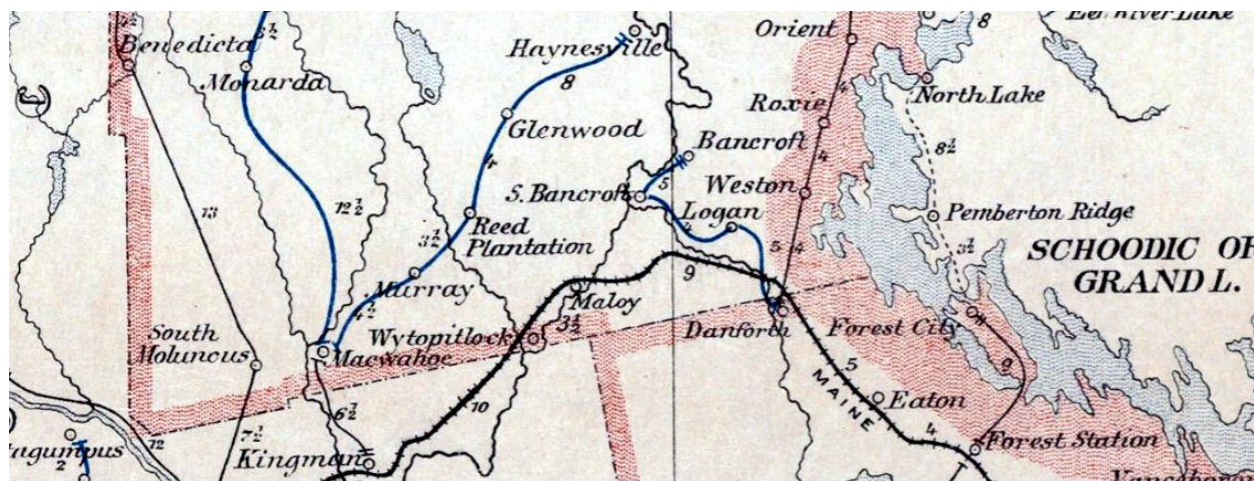
Reed Plantation was settled in 1804 and organized on 6 June 1843 from the township T1 R3 WELS. As was often the case with early plantations, it was “organized” several times after that in 1853, 1860, 1876, and 1896.

During the history of Reed Plantation, there have been three post offices.

Briefly, the history of these three is as follows:

1. [Maloy](#) Post Office was established on 23 January 1891 and closed on 22 May 1895, renamed Bancroft (2) Post Office.
2. [Reed Plantation](#) Post Office opened on 24 June 1878 and closed on 15 November 1906.
3. [Wytopitlock](#) Post Office opened on 23 February 1874. It closed on 3 April 1877, re-opened on 13 September 1877, and is still in operation

All three post offices appear on the Post Route Map of 1891.



Source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1891. Courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Centre, Boston Public Library.

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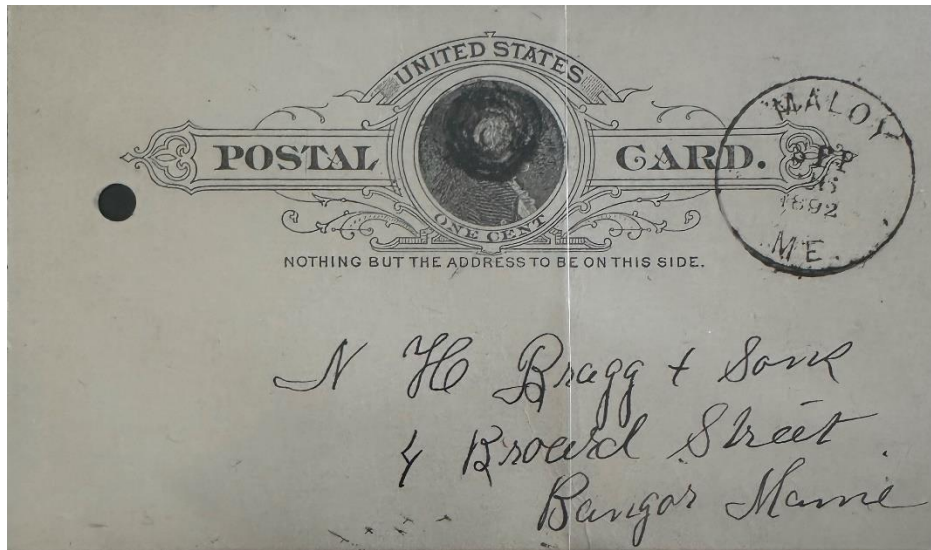
## Maloy

23 January 1891:

Maloy Post Office opened.

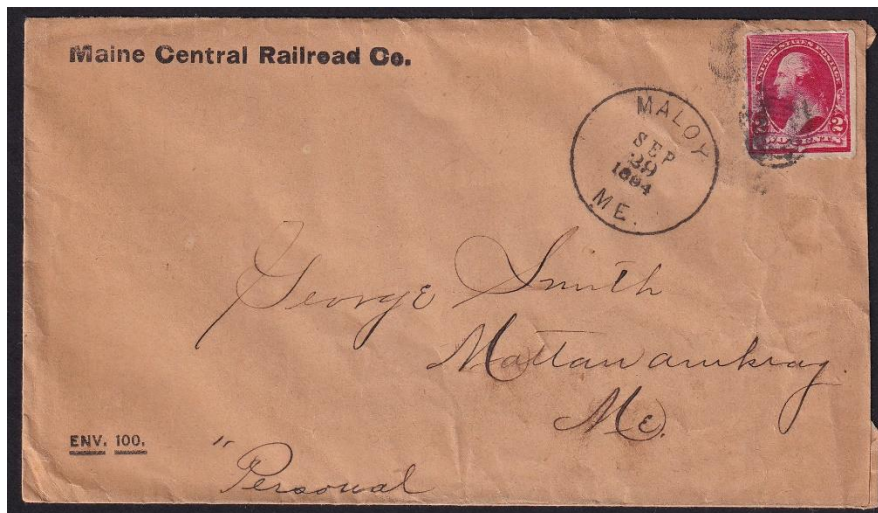
23 January 1891:

Lyman A. Irish became the Postmaster for the Maloy Post Office.



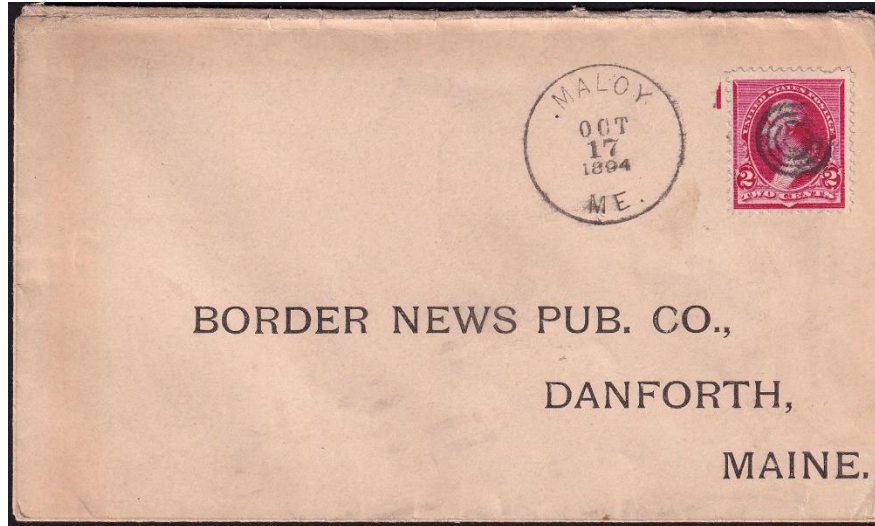
26 September 1892:

The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.



29 September 1894:

The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a cork smudge killer.



17 October 1894:

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

22 May 1895:

Maloy Post Office closed. The name was changed to Bancroft (2) Post Office. (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Bancroft 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.) Lyman A. Irish remained as Postmaster when it became Bancroft (2) Post Office.

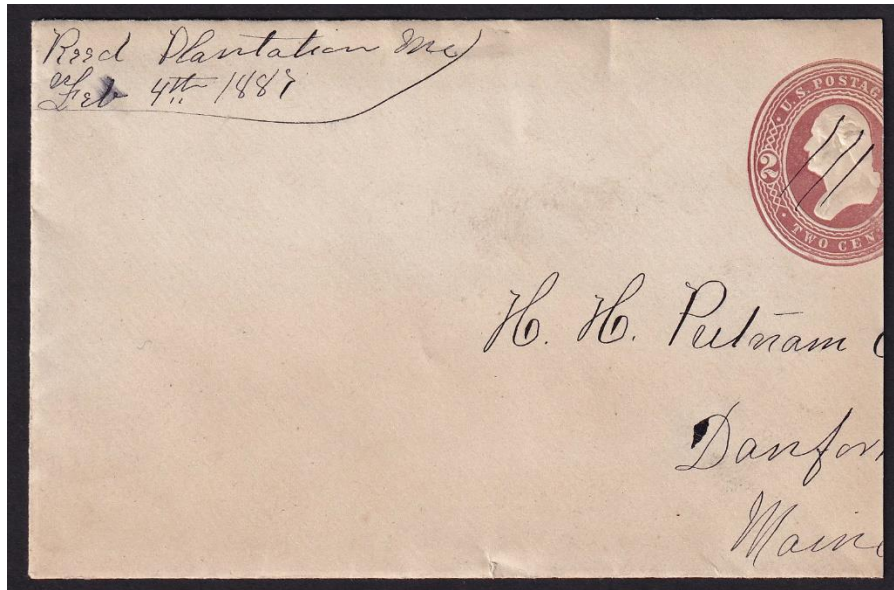
## Reed Plantation

24 June 1878:

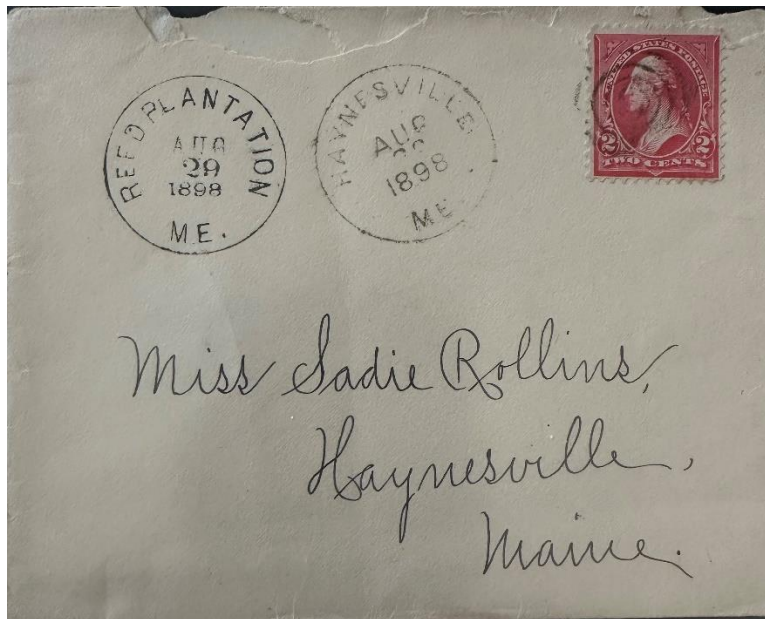
Reed Plantation Post Office opened.

24 June 1878:

Sarah J. Clifford became the Postmaster for the Reed Plantation Post Office.



4 February 1887:  
Manuscript postmark



29 August 1898:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar postmark used as a received CDS dated 18 May 1904 is known.

15 November 1906:

Reed Plantation Post Office was discontinued on 13 October 1906, effective 15 November 1906. Service from Wytotitlock

## Wytopitlock

23 February 1874:

Wytopitlock Post Office opened.

23 February 1874:

Mrs. Eliza Murray became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

3 April 1877:

Wytopitlock post office closed.

13 September 1877:

Wytopitlock post office re-opened.

13 September 1877:

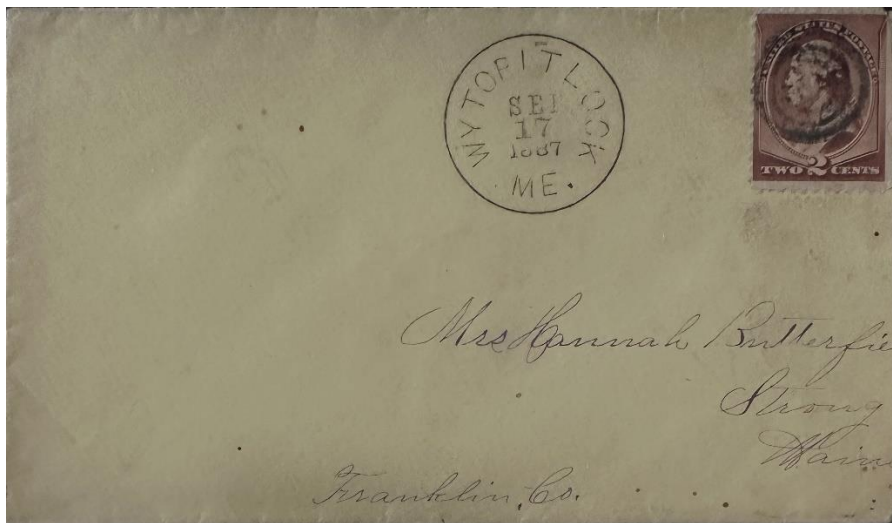
Seth Spaulding became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

30 November 1880:

Clara J. Rollins became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

28 June 1883:

William T. Staples became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.



17 September 1887:

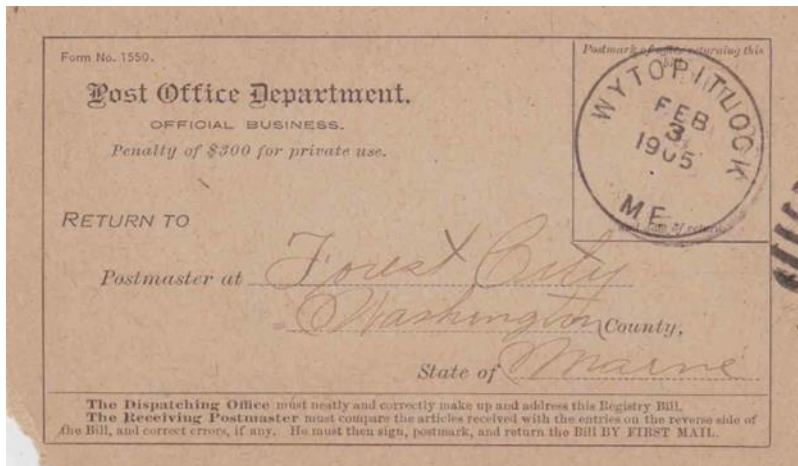
The circular postmark is 27.5 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

30 March 1893:

Horace E. Rand became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

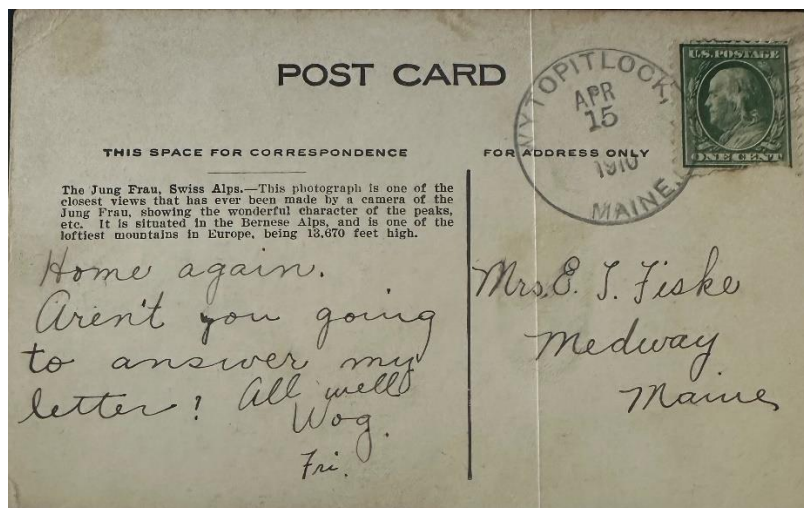
5 November 1897:

Frank B. Staples became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.



3 February 1905:

The circular postmark is 30.5 mm in diameter with an oval duplex killer.



15 April 1910:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.

22 September 1913:

Ernest A. McKay became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

4 November 1916:

Florence M. McKay became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

1 January 1923:

Wytopitlock Post Office became a Presidential Post Office until June 20, 1924.

10 January 1930:

Florence M. Potter (name change) became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

20 December 1930:

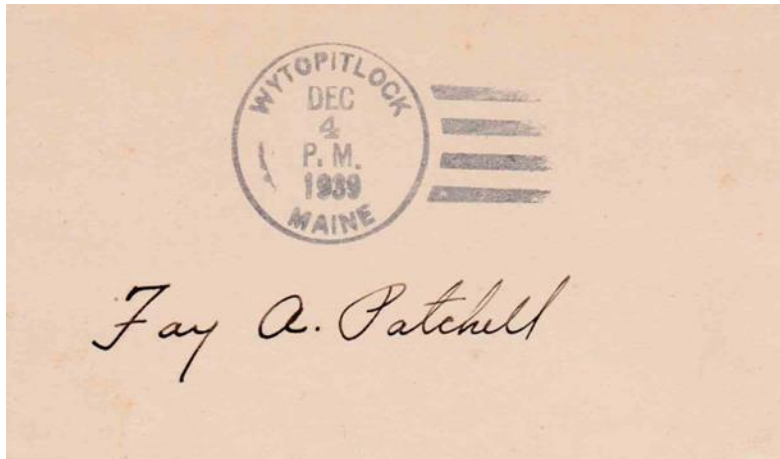
Mrs. Nina D. Andrews became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

29 December 1938:

Ardie J. McKenney became the Acting Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

21 June 1939:

Mr. Fay A. Patchell became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.



4 December 1939:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer and the Postmaster's signature. Similar postmarks (without the Postmaster's signature) dated 21 November 1942 and 30 October 1941 are known.

1 July 1945:

Wytopitlock Post Office becomes a Presidential Post Office until 30 June 1948.

30 May 1975:

Mrs. Faye E. Rollins became the Officer-In-Charge of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

23 April 1977:

Mrs. Faye E. Rollins became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

30 June 2000:

Jean M. Hanington became the Officer-In-Charge of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

27 January 2001:

Jean M. Hanington became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

2 October 2002:

Joy Gillis became the Officer-In-Charge of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

11 April 2003:

Katrina M. Whirty became the Officer-In-Charge of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

9 August 2003:

Katrina M. Whirty became the Postmaster of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

11 March 2014:

Lisa Field became the Officer-In-Charge of the Wytopitlock Post Office.

28 June 2014:

Wytopitlock Post Office is Converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Houlton Post Office.



August 2020:

Wytopitlock Post Office. Photo Credit J. Husson.

1 February 2024:

Wytopitlock Post Office is operational at 751 Main Street, Wytopitlock, Maine 04497. GPS 45°38'31" N 68°04'46" W

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USGS Topographic Map, Whytopitlock, Maine, 1943

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National Archives Catalog: Postmaster Appointments for Aroostook County, Maine

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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>.