

Scarborough Postal History

Cumberland County, Maine

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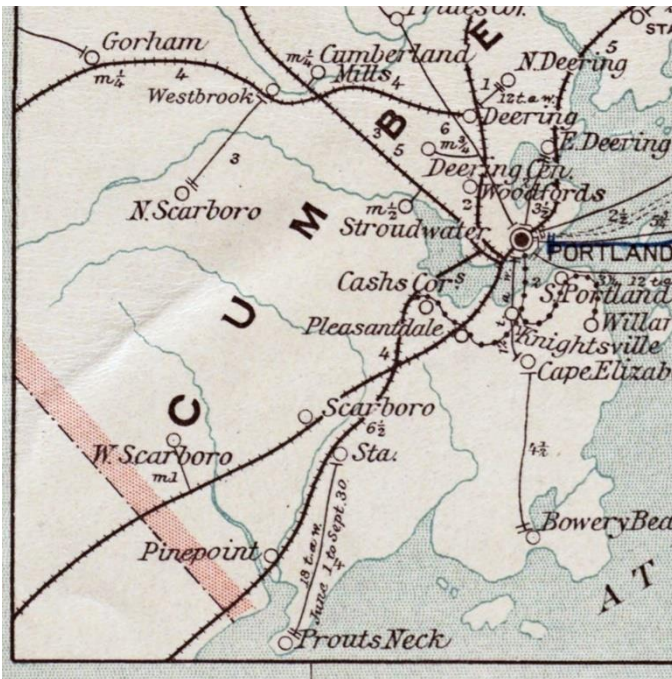
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The Massachusetts General Court incorporated Scarborough on 14 July 1658 from the Towns of Black Point and Blue Point and adjacent islands. Later land was transferred from Scarborough to Saco in 1841 and to Gorham in 1864. On or about 21 May 1892, the Post Office Department changed the Post Office names from Scarborough to Scarboro. There is no indication that the town changed its name. On or about 30 April 1965 the United States Postal Service changed the town's post offices names back to Scarborough. There have been twenty-four post offices in Scarborough.

Briefly, the history of these twenty-four is as follows:

1. [Hallmark #043873 S Scarborough](#) Post Office opened on 1 April 2003 and closed on 31 January 2005. It was located at Shirley's Hallmark, 11 Hannaford Drive.
2. [Higgins](#) Post Office opened on 14 July 1892 and closed on 7 August 1895. It was a summer office only.
3. [Higgins Beach](#) Post Office opened on 14 July 1888 and closed on 27 September 1888.
4. [Higgins Beach RS Scarboro](#) Post Office opened on 1 July 1961 and closed on 30 April 1965 and changed to Higgins Beach RS Scarborough Post Office. It was a summer office only.
5. [Higgins Beach RS Scarborough](#) Post Office (formerly Higgins Beach RS Scarboro Post Office) opened on 1 May 1965 and closed on 1 April 1974. It was a summer office only.
6. [Maine Floral Creations S Scarborough](#) Post Office opened on 1 November 2007 and closed on September 2010.
7. [North Scarborough \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 1 January 1840 and closed on 17 February 1842.
8. [North Scarborough \(2\)](#) Post Office opened on 28 January 1884 and closed in 1894 and became North Scarboro Post Office.
9. [North Scarboro \(2\)](#) Post Office (formerly the North Scarborough (2) Post Office) opened in 1894 and closed on 28 February 1902.
10. [Oak Hill](#) Post Office opened on 8 April 1840 and closed on 1 July 1880 and became the Scarborough (2) Post Office.
11. [Pine Point](#) Post Office opened on 8 August 1877 and closed on 29 April 1922:
12. [Prout's Neck](#) Post Office opened on 28 January 1884 and closed in 1894 and became Prouts Neck Post Office.

13. [Prouts Neck](#) Post Office (formerly Prout's Neck Post Office) opened in 1894 and closed on 19 May 1967. It was a summer office only.
14. [Prouts Neck S Scarborough](#) Post Office opened on 1 April 1974 and closed on 1 April 2018. It was a summer office only. Listed in Post Office Directories as Sx for several years, from the 1970s to the 1980s, this is believed to be an error.
15. [Scarboro \(2\)](#) Post Office (formerly Scarborough (2)) opened on 21 May 1892 and closed on 30 April 1965 and became Scarborough (2) Post Office.
16. [Scarborough \(1\)](#) Post Office opened on 22 August 1797 and closed on 1 July 1880, becoming West Scarborough Post Office.
17. [Scarborough \(2\)](#) Post Office (formerly Oak Hill Post Office) opened on 1 July 1880 and closed on 20 May 1892 and changed to Scarboro (2) Post Office.
18. Scarborough (2) Post Office (formerly Scarboro Post Office) opened on 1 May 1965 and is still operational.
19. [Southern Maine P&DC](#) (Processing and Distribution Center) opened on 8 July 2006 and is still operational.
20. [West Scarboro](#) Post Office (formerly West Scarborough Post Office) opened in 1894, closed on 8 June 1962, and became the West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office.
21. [West Scarboro Sx Scarboro](#) Post Office (formerly the West Scarboro Post Office) opened on 8 June 1962, closed on 30 April 1965, and became the West Scarborough RS Scarborough.
22. [West Scarborough](#) Post Office (formerly Scarborough (1) Post Office) opened on 1 July 1880 and closed in 1894, becoming West Scarboro Post Office.
23. [West Scarborough RS/CPO Scarborough](#) Post Office (formerly West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office) opened on 23 October 1965 and closed in Aug 1994.
24. [West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office](#) (Formerly West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office) opened on 1 May 1965, closed on 23 October 1965, and became West Scarborough RS Scarborough Post Office.



In 1897 there were five post offices in Scarborough: North Scarborough, Pine Point, Prouts Neck, Scarborough, and West Scarborough.

Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1897. Map reproduction courtesy of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library.

<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:cj82kk95k>

Hallmark #043873 S Scarborough

1 April 2003:

Hallmark #043873 S Scarborough Post Office opened.



31 January 2005:

Hallmark #043873 S Scarborough closed. It was at Shirley's Hallmark, 11 Hannaford Drive, Hannaford Plaza.

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Higgins

14 July 1892:

Higgins Post Office opened as a summer office.

14 July 1892:

Edward H. Thompson became the Postmaster of the Higgins Post Office.

7 August 1895:

Higgins Post Office closed with service from Scarboro.

Higgins Beach

14 July 1888:

Higgins Beach Post Office opened as a summer office.

14 July 1888:

Charles A. Beals became the Postmaster of the Higgins Beach Post Office.



1 September 1888:

The outer circle is 34 mm in diameter with no killer.

27 September 1888:

Higgins Beach Post Office closed with service from Auburn.

Higgins Beach RS Scarboro

1 July 1961:

Higgins Beach RS Scarboro Post Office opened as a summer office.

30 April 1965:

Higgins Beach RS Scarboro Post Office closed and changed to Higgins Beach RS Scarborough Post Office.

Higgins Beach RS Scarborough

1 May 1965:

Higgins Beach RS Scarborough Post Office (formerly Higgins Beach RS Scarboro Post Office) opened as a summer office.

1 April 1974:

Higgins Beach RS Scarborough Post Office closed.

Maine Floral Creations S Scarborough

1 November 2007:

Maine Floral Creations S Scarborough Post Office opened. It was located at 628 US Route 1 Ste 2, Scarborough, ME.

September 2010:

Maine Floral Creations S Scarborough Post Office closed.

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

1 January 1840:

North Scarborough (1) Post Office opened.

1 January 1840:

Charles Morris became the Postmaster of the North Scarborough (1) Post Office.

17 September 1840:

Seward Merrill became the Postmaster of the North Scarborough (1) Post Office.

17 February 1842:

North Scarborough (1) Post Office closed.

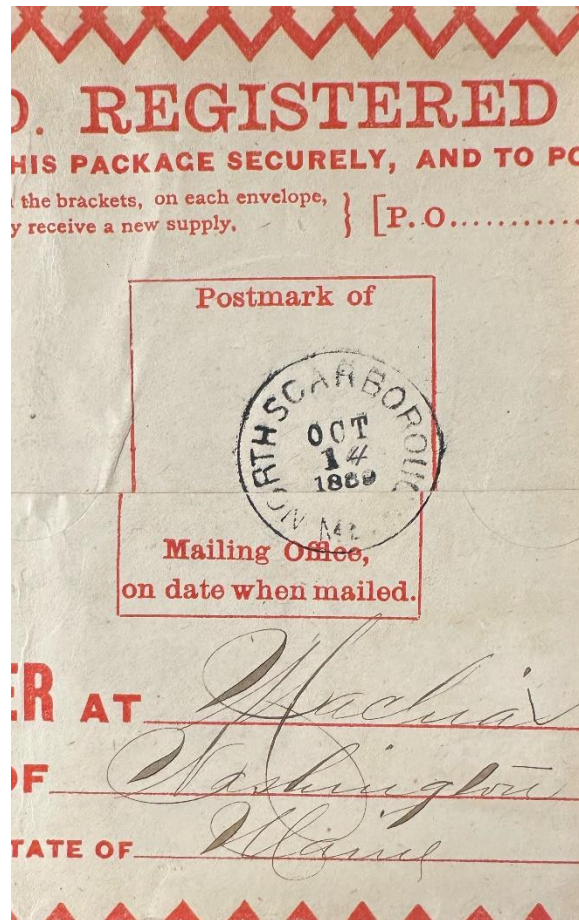
North Scarborough (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named North Scarborough at different times and locations. The (2) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

28 January 1884:

North Scarborough (2) Post Office opened.

28 January 1884:

Mary E. Sherman became the Postmaster of the North Scarborough (2) Post Office.



14 October 1889:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with no killer.

7 March 1892:

William G. Sherman became the Postmaster of the North Scarborough (2) Post Office.

1894:

North Scarborough (2) Post Office closed. The name was changed to North Scarboro.

North Scarboro (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named North Scarborough 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. Since North Scarborough (2) Post Office became North Scarboro, this notation is carried along with it.)

1894

North Scarboro (2) Post Office (formerly North Scarborough Post Office) opened.

7 March 1892:

William G. Sherman became the Postmaster of the North Scarborough Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the post office changed its name to North Scarboro.

28 January 1902:

North Scarboro (2) Post Office was discontinued effective 28 February 1902 closed. Service from Westbrook.

Oak Hill

8 April 1840:

Oak Hill Post Office opened.

8 April 1840:

John Libby, 3rd, became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.

1 March 1852:

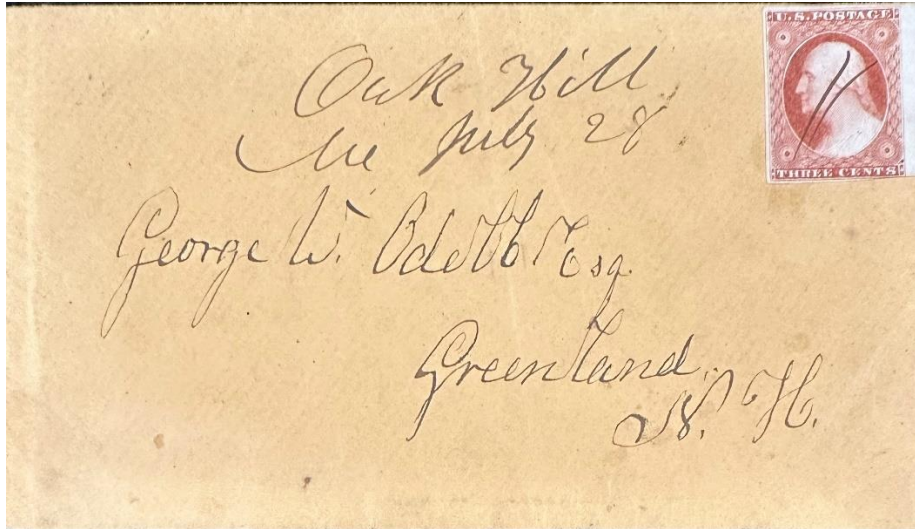
Milton Libby became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.

20 May 1853:

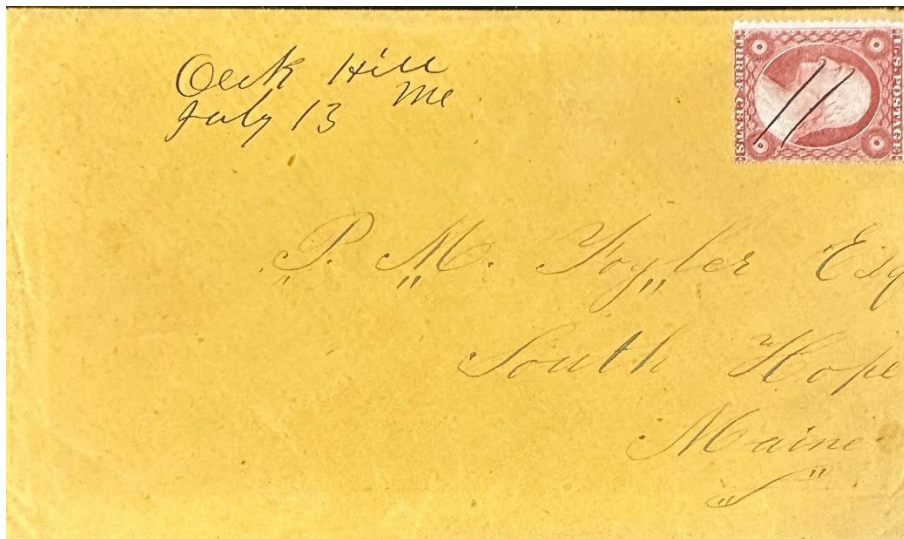
John Libby, 3rd, became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.

14 September 1855:

Charles W. Libby became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.



28 July 1856:
Manuscript postmark and killer.



13 July circa 1858:
Manuscript postmark and killer

20 April 1860:

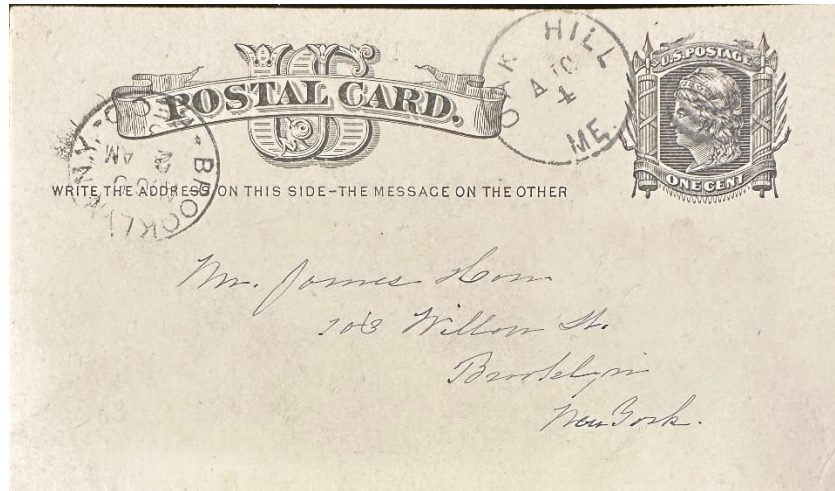
John Wiggin became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.

3 September 1863:

Scott Kilborn became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.

15 April 1867:

Asa M. Sylvester became the Postmaster of the Oak Hill Post Office.



4 August circa 1875:

The circular postmark is 24 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 19 July circa 1875 is known.

1 July 1880:

Oak Hill Post Office name changed to Scarborough (2) Post Office. (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Scarborough 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.)

Pine Point

8 August 1877:

Pine Point Post Office opened.

8 August 1877:

John H. Leavitt became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.

10 November 1887:

Edward W. Litchfield became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.

16 December 1892:

John H. Leavitt became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.

7 May 1900:

Henry F. Snow became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.



8 July 1903 and 9 July 1903:

The rec'd CDS is 28 mm in diameter with no killer. The forwarded CDS is 29 mm in diameter with a nine-bar duplex killer.

10 September 1907:

Lillian A. Snow became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.

5 February 1914:

Percy E. Woodman became the Postmaster of the Pine Point Post Office.

29 April 1922:

Pine Point Post Office closed with service from Old Orchard.

Prout's Neck

28 January 1884:

Prout's Neck Post opened.

28 January 1884:

Zenas L. Seavey became the Postmaster of the Prout's Neck Post Office.

1894:

Prout's Neck Post Office name changed to Prouts Neck Post Office.

Prouts Neck

1894:

Prouts Neck Post Office (formerly Prout's Neck Post Office) opened.

1894:

Zenas L. Seavey remained the Postmaster of the Prouts Neck Post Office when its name changed to Prouts Neck Post Office. Became a summer office.

7 May 1900:

Frank B. Libby became the Postmaster of the Prouts Neck Post Office.

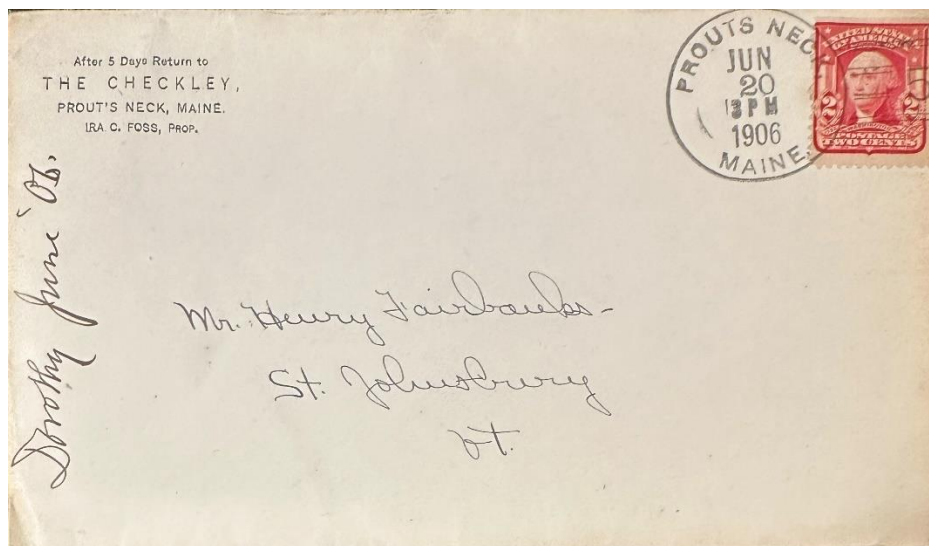


15 July 1902:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a nine-bar duplex killer.

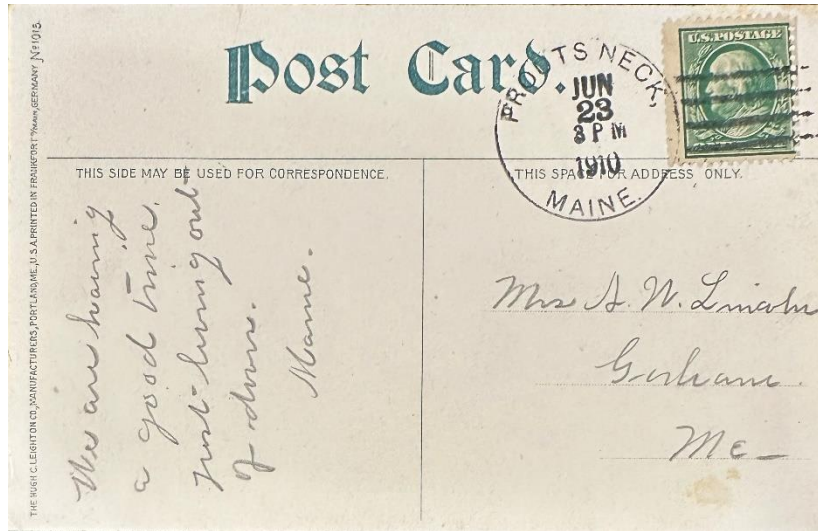
10 April 1906:

Velorius T. Shaw became the Postmaster of the Prouts Neck Post Office.



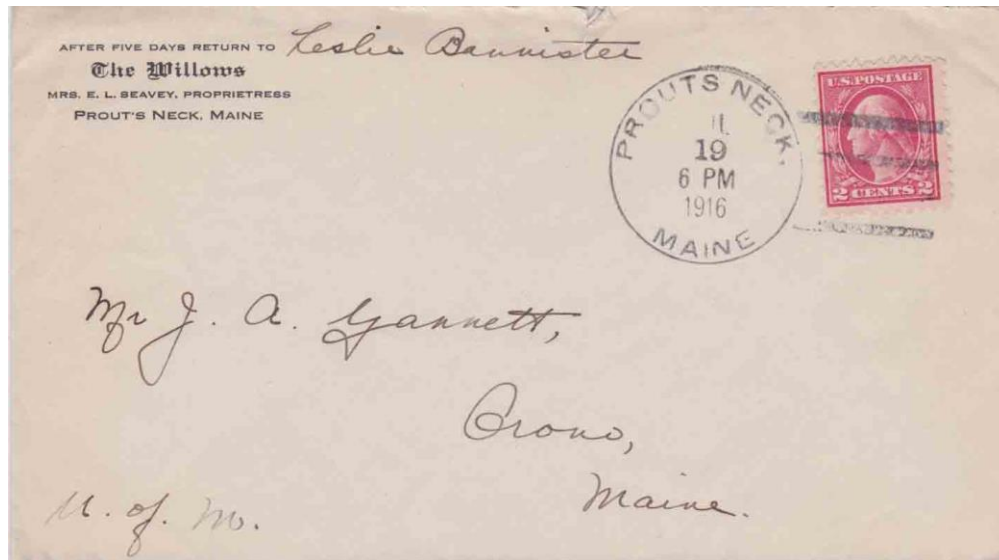
20 June 1906:

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



23 June 1910:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar A/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 9 July 1908 is known.

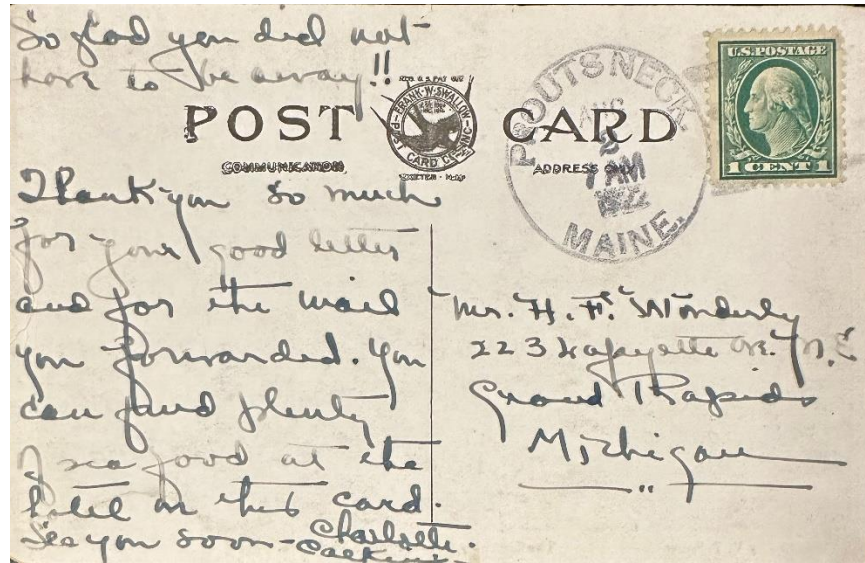


19 July 1916:

The circular postmark is 31.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar B killer.

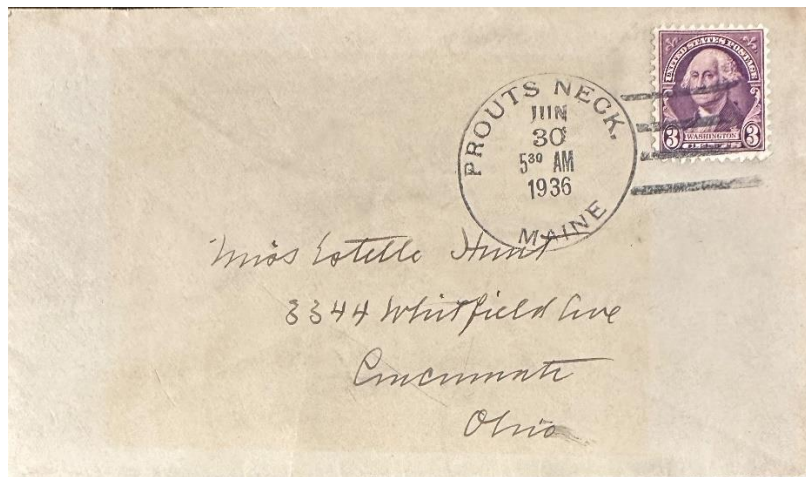
1 January 1922:

Prouts Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.



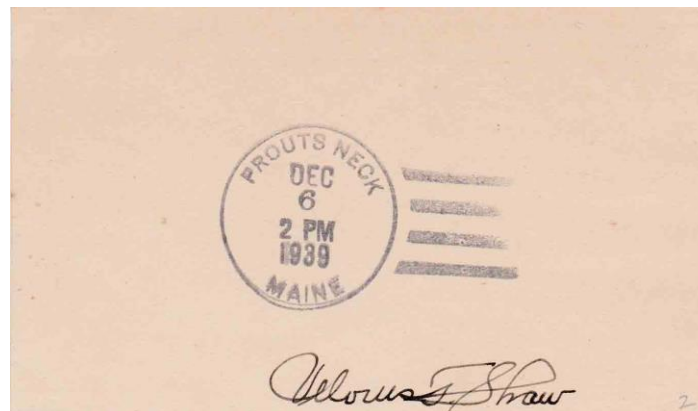
2 August 1922:

The oval (misshapen) postmark is 33 X 35 mm with a four-bar C/1 killer.



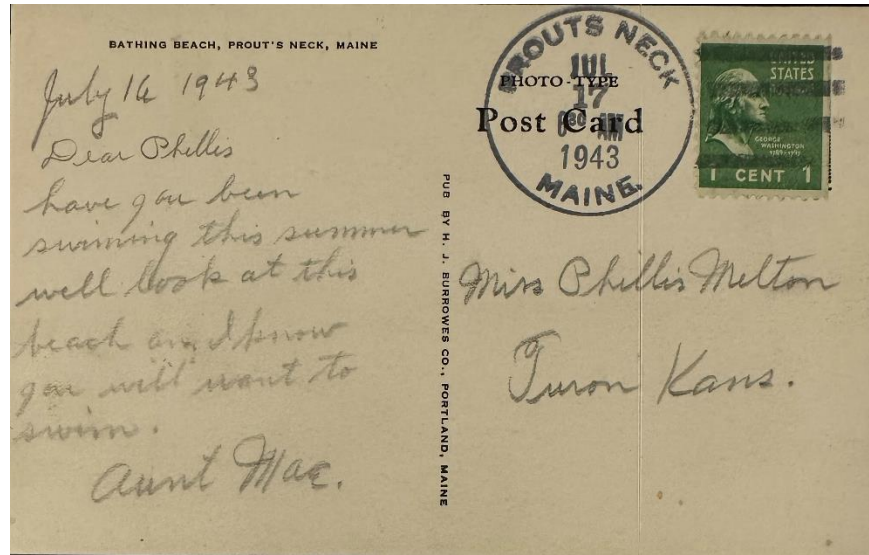
30 June 1936:

The oval (misshapen) postmark is 33.5 x 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar C/2 killer.



6 December 1936:

The oval (misshapen) postmark is 32 x 34 mm with a four-bar F/1 killer.



17 July 1943:

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

31 March 1950:

Harold F. Leslie became the Acting Postmaster of the Prouts Neck Post Office.

29 April 1952:

Kenneth J. Libby became the Postmaster of the Prouts Neck Post Office.

19 May 1967:

Prouts Neck Post Office closed with service from Scarborough.

Prouts Neck S Scarborough

1 April 1974:

Prouts Neck S Scarborough Post Office opened. It was a summer office only. Listed in Post Office Directories as Sx for several years, from the 1970s to the 1980s, this is believed to be an error.

1 April 2018:

Prouts Neck S Scarborough Post Office closed.

Scarboro (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Scarborough at different times and locations. In this case the (2) has been maintained when Scarborough (2) name changed to Scarboro (2) and back to Scarborough (2). 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.)

21 May 1892:

Scarboro (2) Post Office {formerly Scarborough (2)} opened.

21 May 1892:

John H. Libby became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.



27 ??? 1893:

The circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with a fancy cork fan killer.

4 January 1894:

Charles W. Libby became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

12 January 1898:

John H. Libby became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

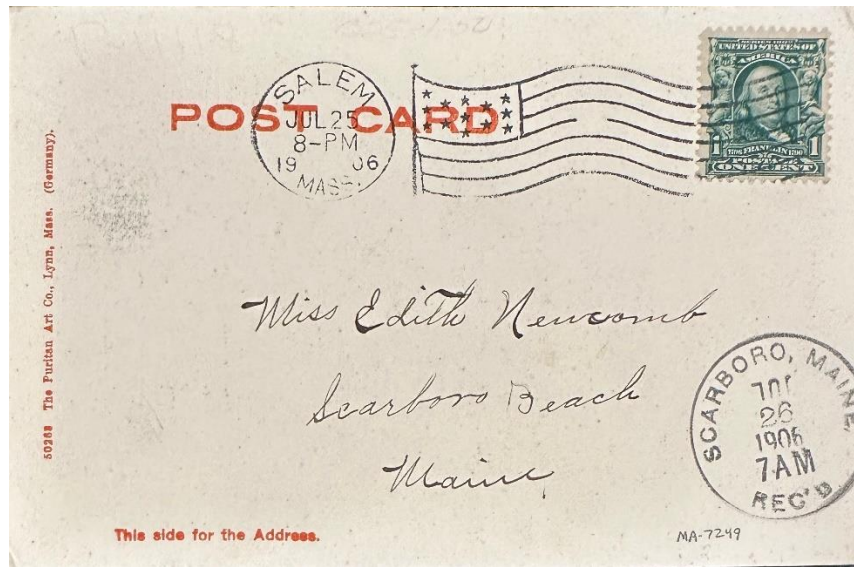
9 February 1899:

Fred M. Newcomb became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.



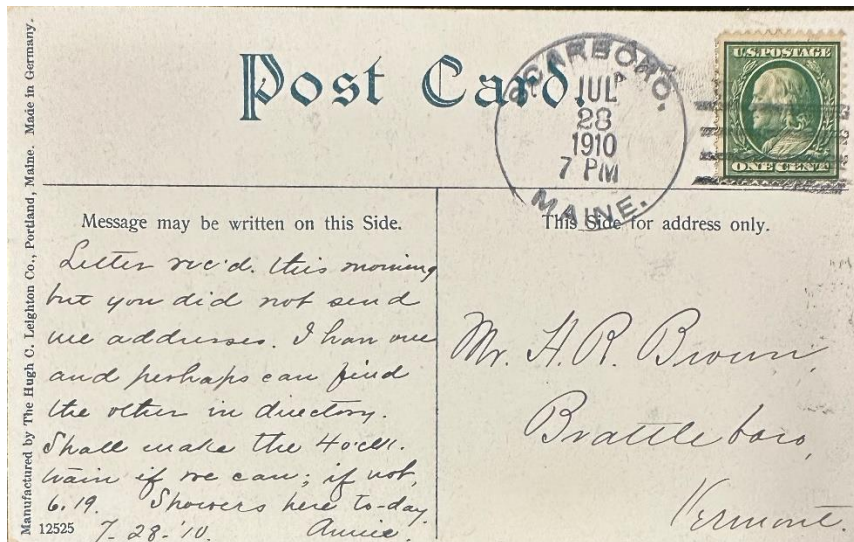
24 August 1905:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/5 killer.



26 July 1906:

The circular rec'd postmark is 30 mm in diameter with no killer—note: inverted JUL.



28 July 1910:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a four-bar A/2 killer.

26 May 1915:

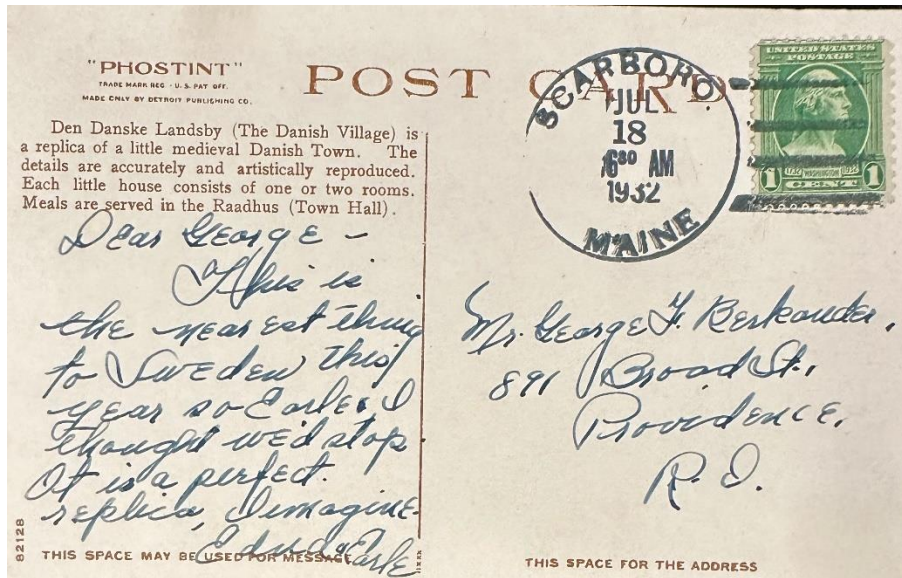
Elbridge S. Oliver became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

5 April 1926:

Edith L. Newcomb became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

9 February 1932:

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Libby became the Acting Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.



18 July 1932:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar C/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 17 September 1932 is known.

1 July 1933:

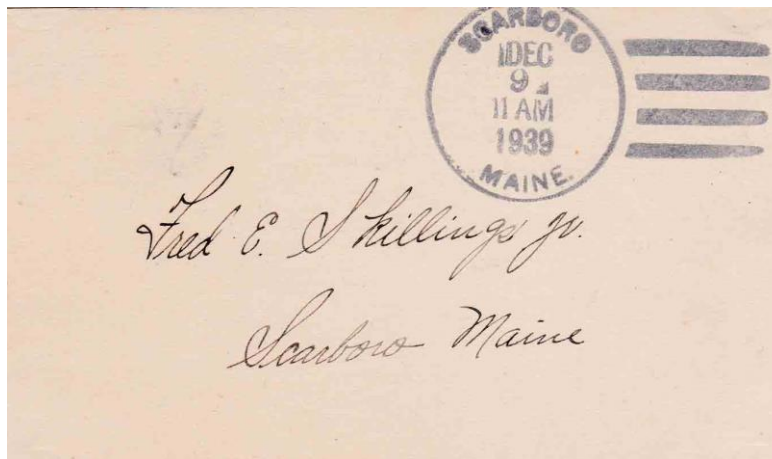
Miss Annie Gilman became the Acting Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

19 July 1935:

Miss Annie Gilman became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

15 July 1939:

Fred E. Skillings Jr. became the Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.



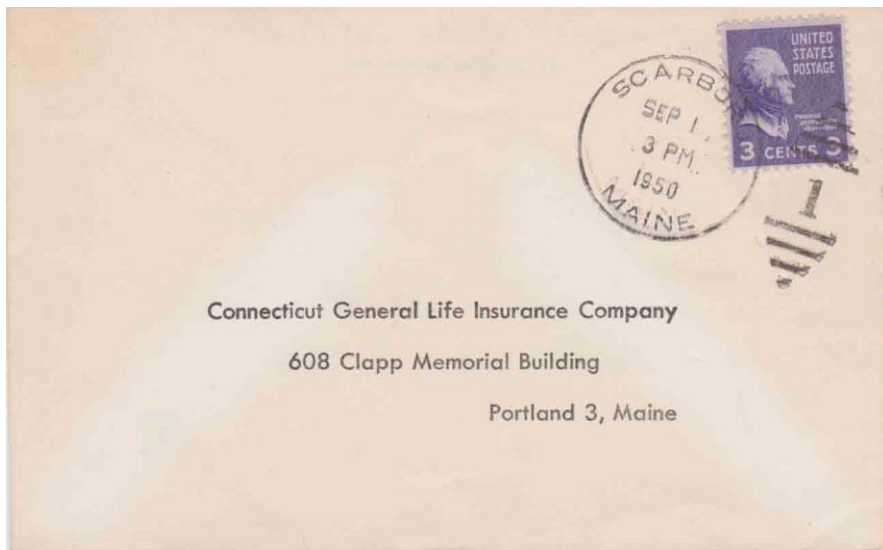
9 December 1939:

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



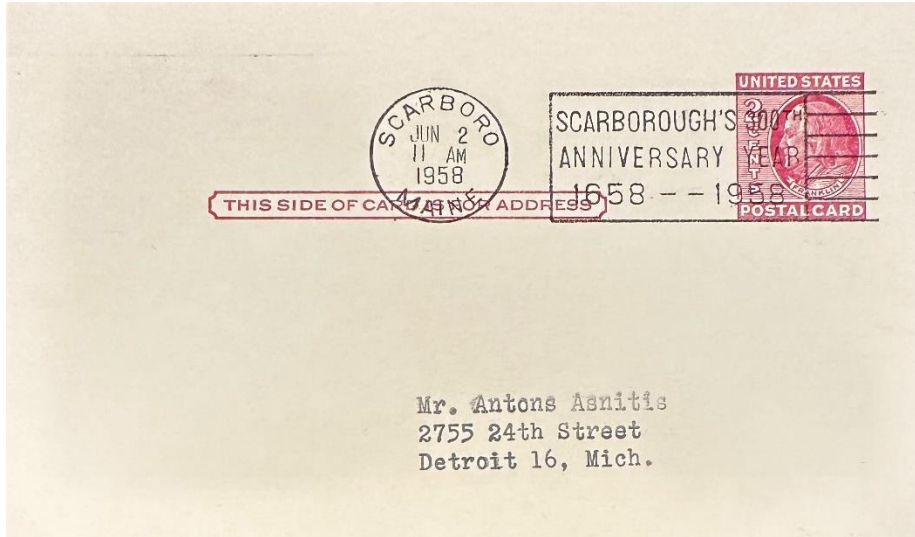
19 July 1940:

The circular postmark is 35 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 19 July 1940 is known.



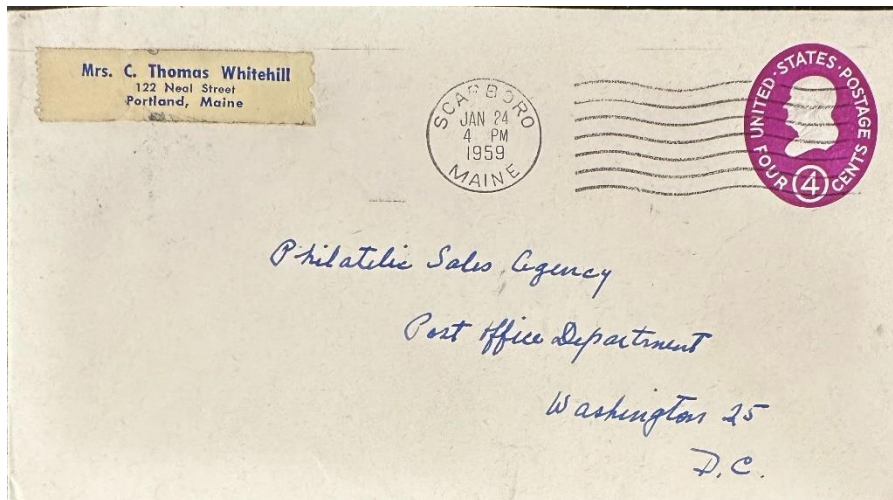
1 September 1950:

The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with an eight-bar duplex/1 killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 31 August 1949 is known.



2 June 1958:

The circular postmark is 20 mm in diameter with a rectangle box slogan anniversary killer.



24 January 1959:

The circular postmark is 21 mm in diameter with a Columbia machine seven-wavy line killer.

23 April 1965:

Jerald A. Paradis became the Acting Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office.

30 April 1965:

Scarboro Post Office name changed to Scarborough Post Office.

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

22 August 1797:

Scarborough (1) Post Office opened.

22 August 1797:

Eliphalet Smith became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

14 September 1798:

John Wood became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

1 July 1806:

William Wood became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

15 January 1811:

Abraham Milliken, Jr. became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

12 September 1815:

Benjamin Milliken 3rd became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

19 September 1828:

John Donnell became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

13 November 1849:

Amos Hight became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

27 August 1853:

Freedom Milliken became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

16 January 1862:

Lemuel Milliken became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

27 September 1878:

Simeon P. Burnham became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office.

1 July 1880:

Scarborough (1) Post Office name changed to West Scarborough Post Office.

Scarborough (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Scarborough 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.)

1 July 1880:

Scarborough (2) Post Office (formerly Oak Hill Post Office) opened.

15 April 1867:

Asa M. Sylvester became the Postmaster for the Oak Hill Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the Oak Hill Post Office name changed to Scarborough (2) Post Office.



20 January 1881:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer. A similar postmark and killer dated 15 February 1881 is known

26 July 1884:

George M. Oliver became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (2) Post Office.

20 May 1892:

Scarborough Post Office name changed to Scarboro (2) Post Office.

Scarborough (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Scarborough 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.)

1 May 1965:

Scarborough (2) Post Office (formerly Scarboro Post Office) opened.

23 April 1965:

Jerald A. Paradis became the Acting Postmaster of the Scarboro Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the Scarboro Post Office name was changed to Scarborough Post Office.

25 August 1967:

Jerald A. Paradis became the Postmaster of the Scarborough Post Office.

29 March 1991:

George Vokey became the Officer-In-Charge of the Scarborough Post Office.

1 June 1991:

Donald S. Oliver became the Postmaster of the Scarborough Post Office.

24 December 2003:

Steven Smith became the Officer-In-Charge of the Scarborough Post Office.

4 March 2004:

Jim Wescott became the Officer-In-Charge of the Scarborough Post Office.

6 March 2004:

Tamara E. Rosario became the Postmaster of the Scarborough Post Office.

20 October 2015:

Jeanine Mitchell became the Officer-In-Charge of the Scarborough Post Office.

14 November 2015:

Theophilus R. Smith became the Postmaster of the Scarborough Post Office.



9 October 2022:
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8 September 2024:

The Scarborough Post Office is at 31 Gorham Rd, Scarborough, ME 04074, GPS 43° 35' 33" N
70° 20' 03" W.

Southern Maine P&DC

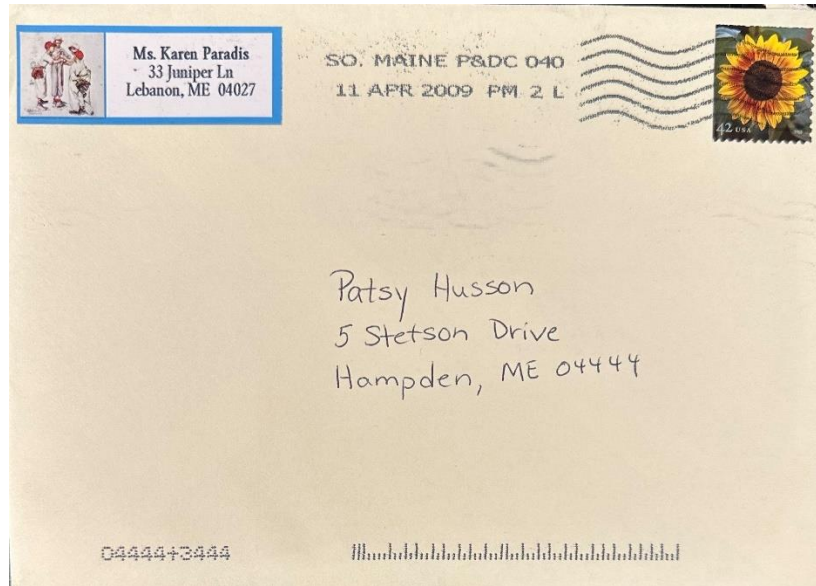
8 July 2006:

Southern Maine P&DC opened.



6 February 2009:

The circular postmark is 26 mm in diameter with a machine seven-wavy line killer.



11 April 2009:
Spray on Straight Line Postmark with a six wavy line killer.



15 February 2014:
The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/2 killer.



9 October 2022:
Southern Maine P&DC

8 September 2024:

The Southern Maine P&DC is still operating at 79 Postal Service Way, Scarborough, ME 04074.
GPS 43° 37' 00" N 70° 19' 34" W

West Scarboro

1894:

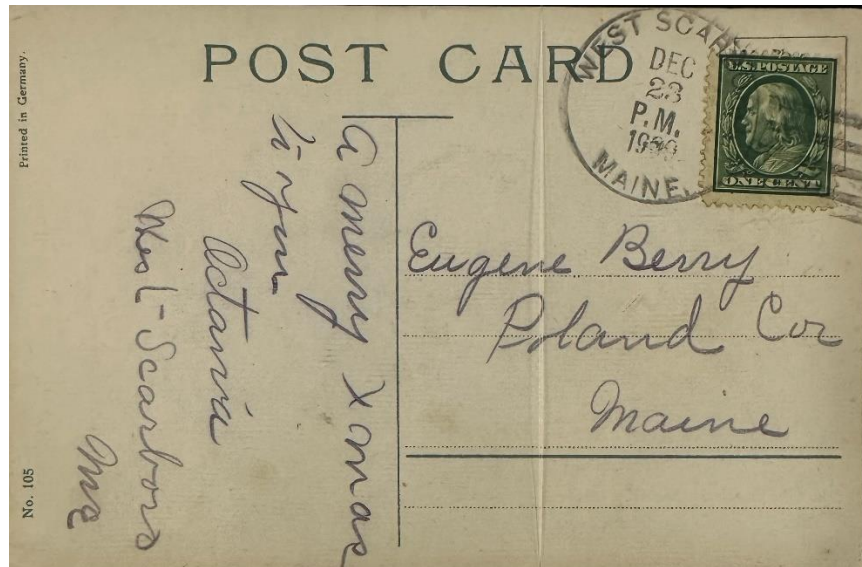
West Scarboro Post Office (formerly West Scarborough Post Office) opened.

31 August 1893:

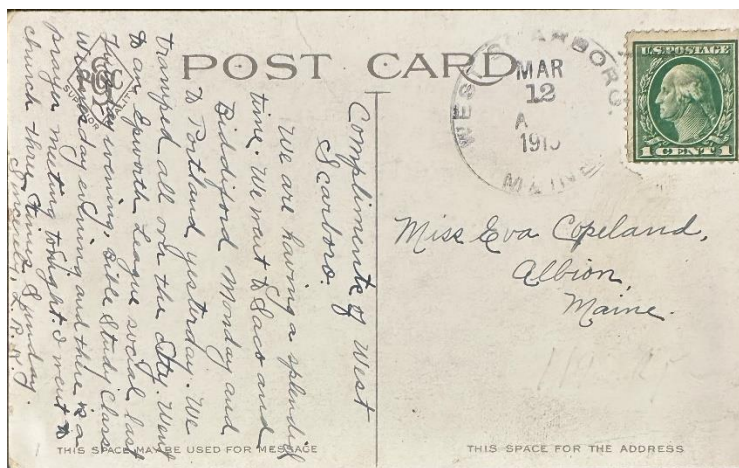
William H. Graffam became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office and remained Postmaster when the name was changed to West Scarboro Post Office.

2 August 1897:

George Knight became the Postmaster of the West Scarboro Post Office.



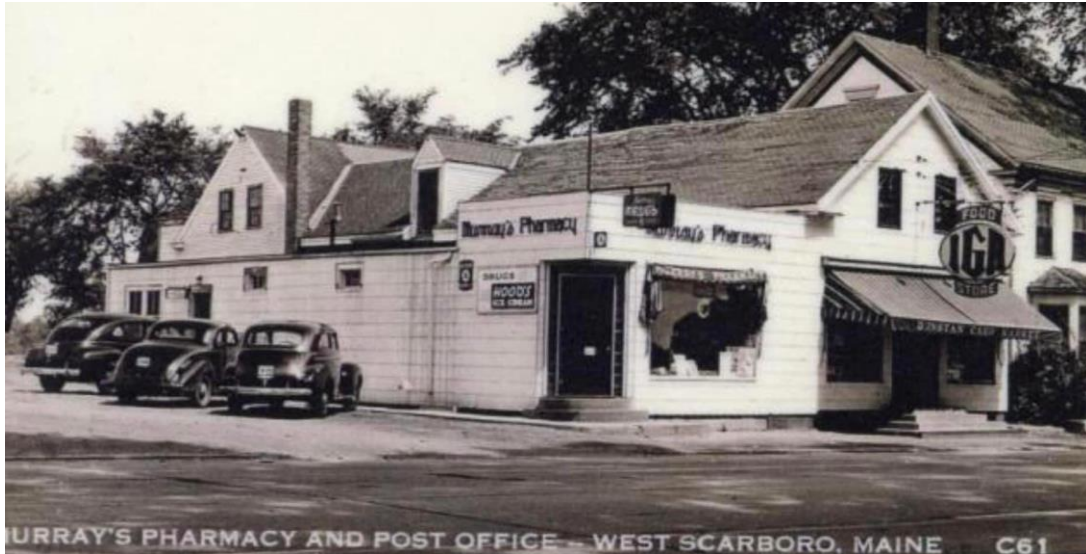
23 December 1909:
The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar A/1 killer.



12 March 1915:
The circular postmark is 32.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer.

8 July 1921:

Mrs. Ina Knight became the Postmaster of the West Scarboro Post Office.



Circa 1940:
West Scarborough Post Office

31 December 1947:

Harold F. Leslie became the Acting Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office.

29 February 1948:

William R. Bradford became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office.

2 June 1949:

Irving R. Moulton became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office.

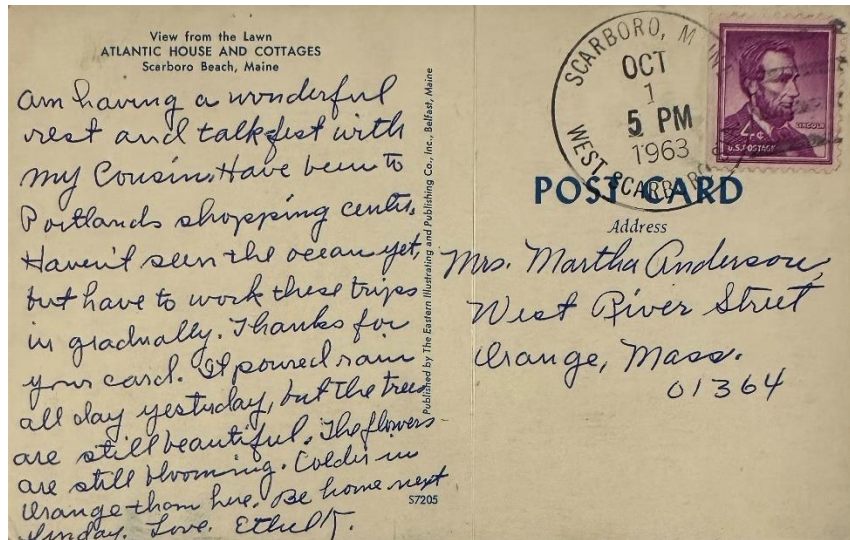
2 June 1962:

West Scarborough Post Office was discontinued effective 8 June 1962 and became West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office.

West Scarborough Sx Scarborough

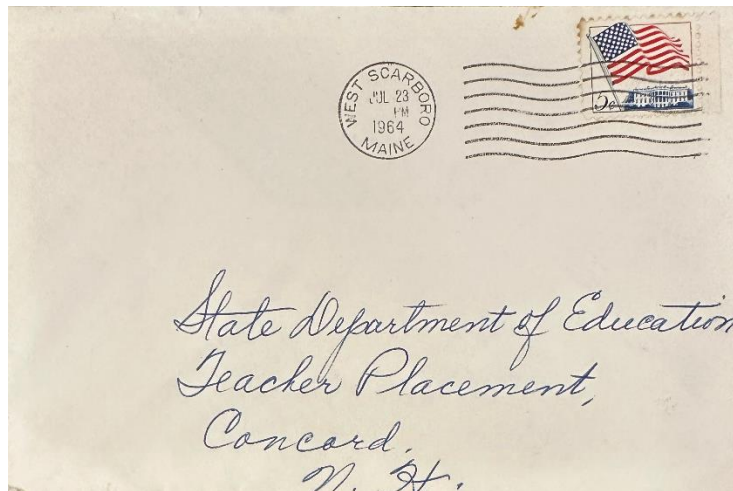
8 June 1962:

West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office (formerly the West Scarborough Post Office) opened.



1 October 1963:

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



23 July 1964:

The circular postmark is 20.5 mm in diameter with a Columbia machine seven-wavy line killer.

30 April 1965:

West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office closed and became the West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office.

West Scarborough

1 July 1880:

West Scarborough Post Office (formerly Scarborough (1) Post Office) opened.

27 September 1878:

Simeon Burnham became the Postmaster of the Scarborough (1) Post Office and remained as Postmaster when Scarborough (1) Post Office changed its name to West Scarborough Post Office.

10 June 1885:

Wilbur F. Dresser became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office.

20 August 1889:

Elbridge L. Waterhouse became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office.

31 August 1893:

William H. Graffam became the Postmaster of the West Scarborough Post Office and remained as Postmaster when West Scarborough Post Office changed its name to West Scarboro Post Office.

1894:

West Scarborough Post Office name changed to West Scarboro Post Office.

West Scarborough RS/CPO Scarborough

23 October 1965:

West Scarborough RS/CPO Scarborough Post Office (formerly West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office) opened.

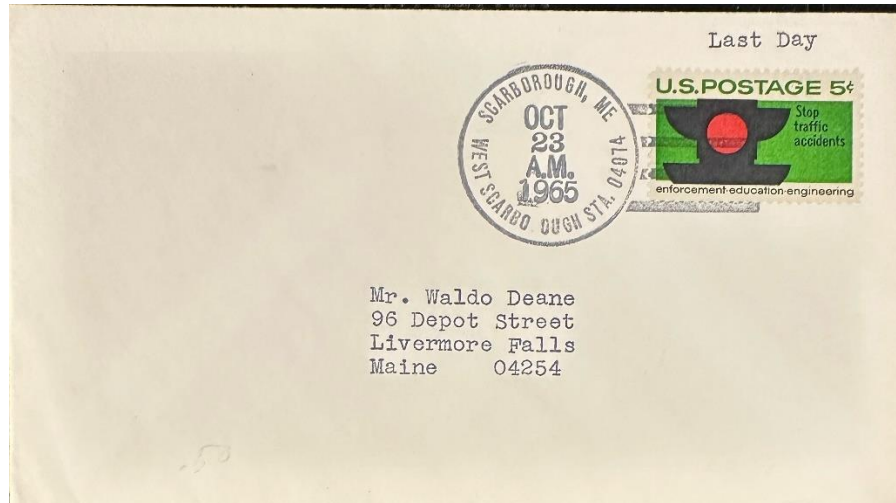
August 1994:

West Scarborough RS/CPO Scarborough Post Office closed.

West Scarborough Sx Scarborough

1 May 1965:

West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office (Formerly West Scarboro Sx Scarboro Post Office) opened.



23 October 1965:

The circular postmark is 34 mm in diameter with a four-bar F/2 killer.

23 October 1965:

West Scarborough Sx Scarborough Post Office closed and became West Scarborough RS Scarborough Post Office.

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