

Silver Ridge Township Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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Silver Ridge was once a plantation in Aroostook County from 1878 to the 1950s, immediately south of Sherman and east of Benedicta Township. Its small and declining population was likely a significant factor in surrendering its organization. It is now an unorganized township.

During the history of Silver Ridge Township, there has been only one post office.

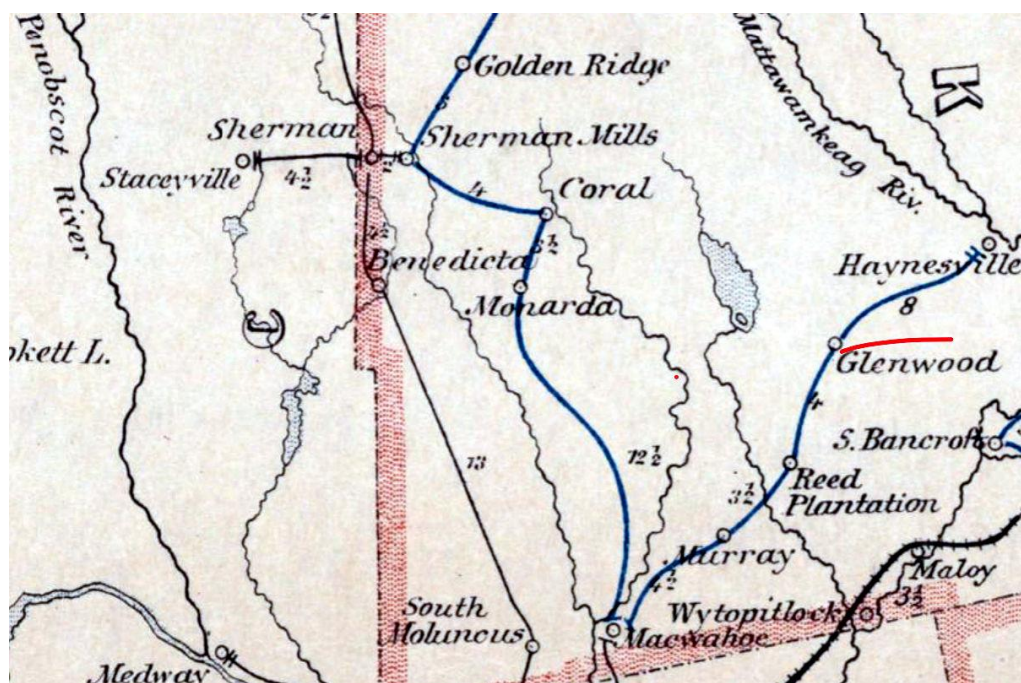
Briefly, the history of this one is as follows:

1. [Monarda](#) Post Office opened on 24 June 1880 and closed on 31 May 1958.

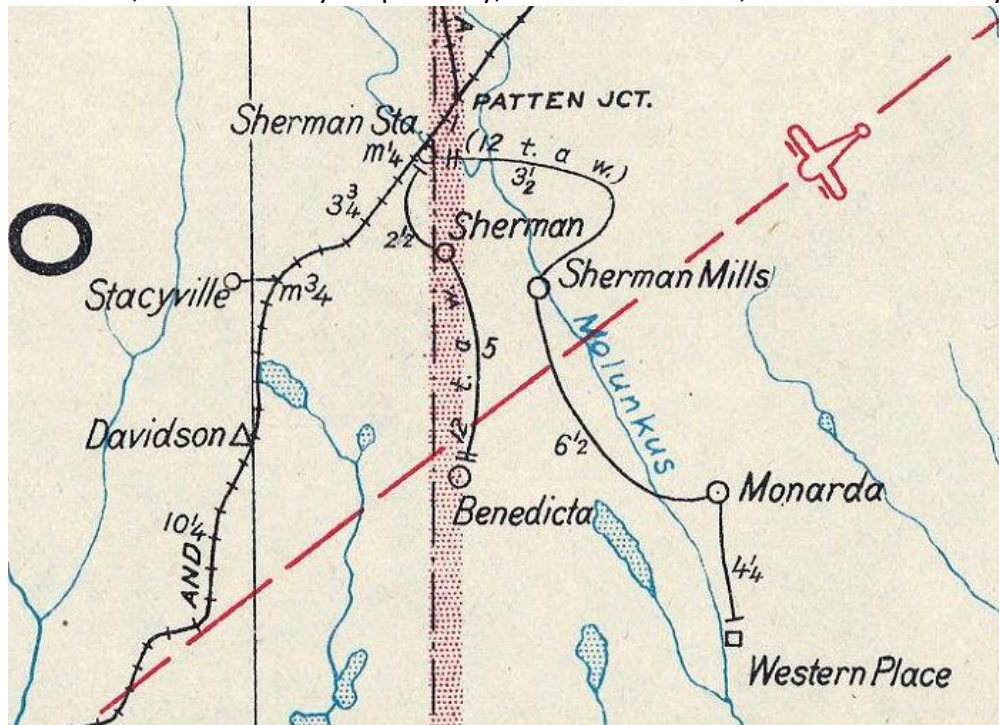
As shown on Postal Route Maps from 1891 and 1942, the mail reached Monarda via Macwahoc, and via Sherman Mills.

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

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Post Route Map of the State of Maine, 1942. Source: Courtesy of David Rumsey Map Collection, David Rumsey Map Library, Stanford Libraries, Stanford University.



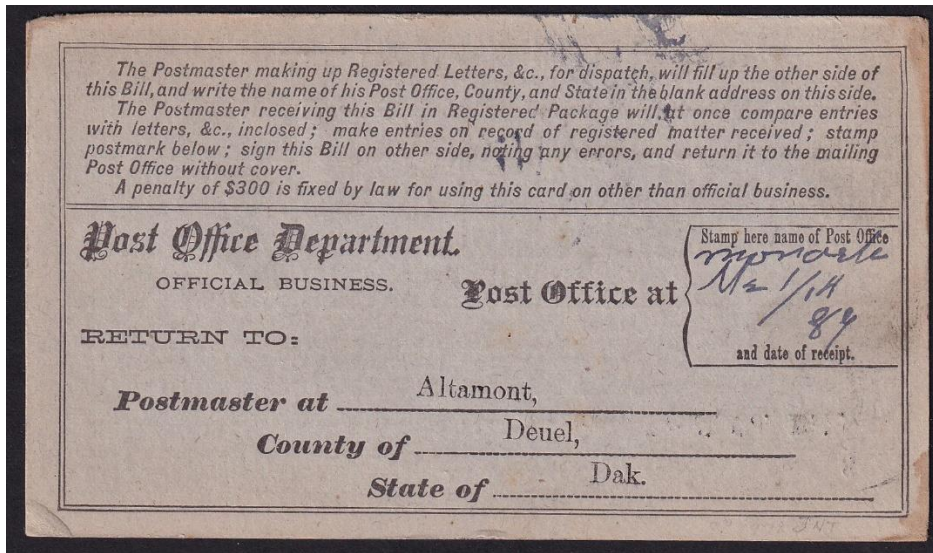
Monarda

24 June 1880:

Monarda Post Office opened.

24 June 1880:

Henry C. Spooner became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.



1 January 1884:
Manuscript postmark

5 July 1884:

Alfred H. Spooner became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

25 February 1891:

William H. St. John became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

18 September 1894:

Cyrus H. Kneeland became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.



10 March 1902:
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

4 June 1902:

George E. Dow became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

25 July 1902:

Ethel M. Hamlin became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

11 July 1903:

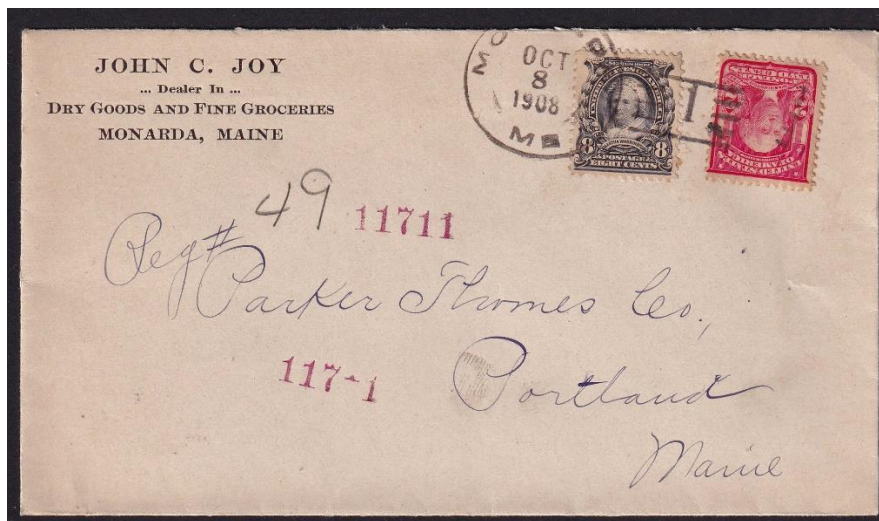
Grace L. Williams became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

11 April 1904:

Caroline A. Ackerson became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

1 June 1907:

John C. Joy became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.

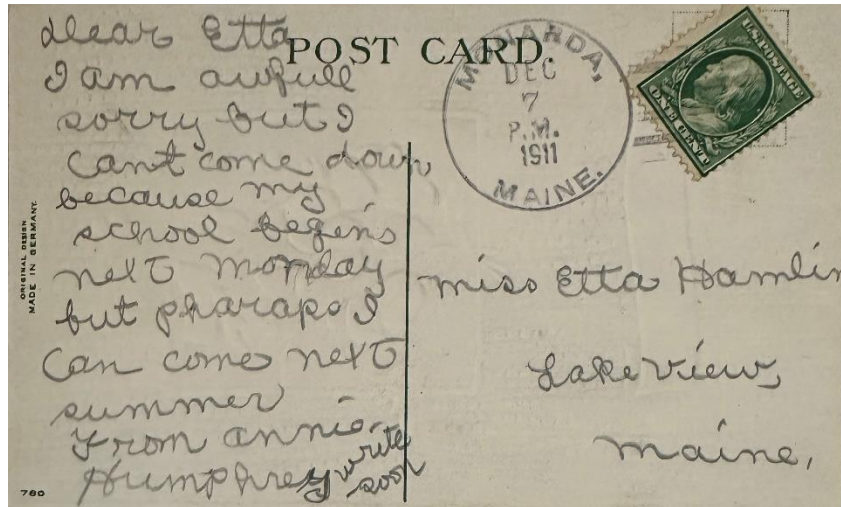


8 October 1908:

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

18 August 1911:

Jos. H. Hoyle became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.



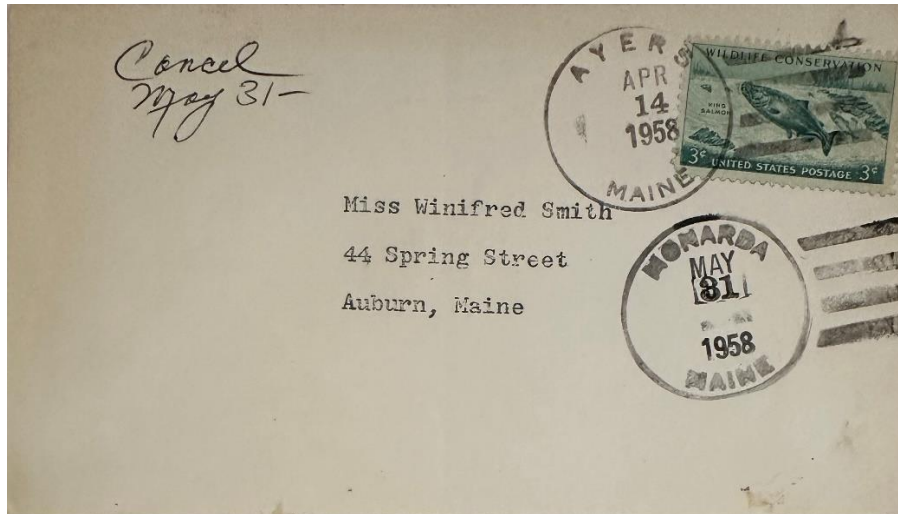
7 December 1911:
The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.

4 December 1923:

Ralph W. Hoyle became the Postmaster of the Monarda Post Office.



20 April 1936:
The misshapen circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/1) killer.



31 May 1958:

The misshapen circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar killer.
Last Day of Operation.

31 May 1958:

Monarda post office closed—service from Sherman Mills.

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Benedicta and Silver Ridge Plantation[map] from the 1877 Atlas of 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>