

Saint Francis Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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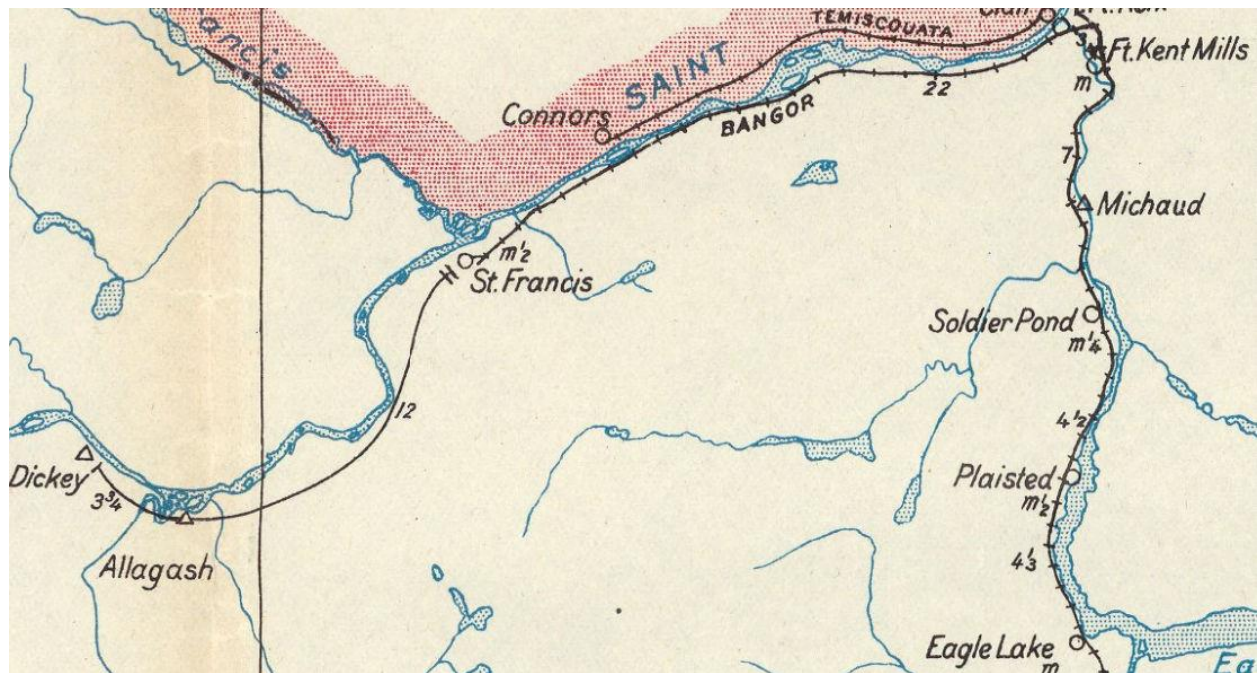
Saint Francis, (Township 17, Range 9) was organized as a plantation on 29 May 1875 and incorporated as a town on 1 March 1967.

During the history of Saint Francis, there have been two post offices.

Briefly, the history of these two is as follows:

1. [Bradbury](#) (2) Post Office opened on 25 June 1918 and closed on 15 June 1934.
2. [Saint Francis](#) Post Office opened on 14 June 1874 and is still operating.

In 1941, there was only one post office in Saint Francis: Saint Francis. (source: Post Route Map of the State of Maine 1941. Courtesy of David Rumsey Map Collection, David Rumsey Map Center, Stanford Libraries, Stanford University. <https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/zrc923>.)



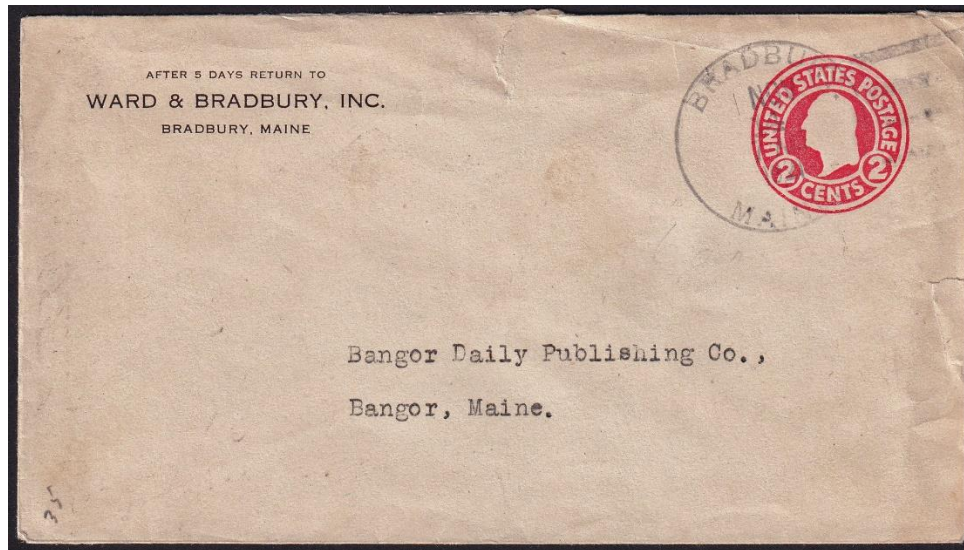
Bradbury (2) (Note: There were two post offices in Maine named Bradbury at different times and locations. The (2) is just a notation. It does not appear in the postmarks and is only used by postal historians and collectors to differentiate between the different post offices.)

25 June 1918:

Bradbury (2) Post Office opened.

25 June 1918:

John R. Sinclair became the Postmaster of the Bradbury Post Office.

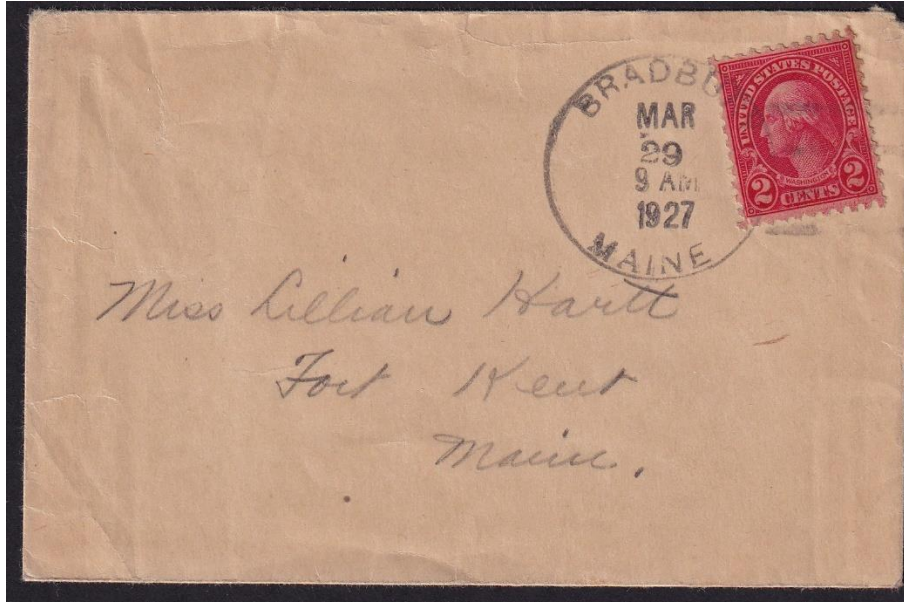


14 November 1921:

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

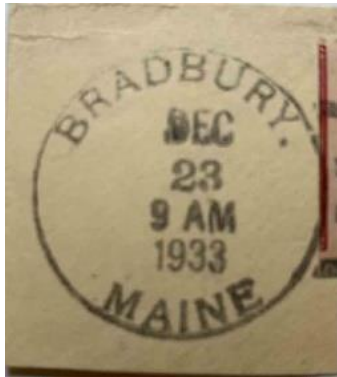
19 September 1933:

Florence R. Thibodeau became the Acting Postmaster of the Bradbury Post Office.



29 March 1927:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a four-bar (C/1) killer



23 December 1933:

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

14 June 1934:

Bradbury (2) post office closed—service from Fort Kent.

Saint Francis

14 June 1874:

Saint Francis post office opened.

14 June 1874:

Martin Savage became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.



19 November 1877:
Manuscript postmark

12 May 1888:

Cavin Cyr became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

23 August 1889:

Robert Crone was appointed Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office but declined.

25 September 1890:

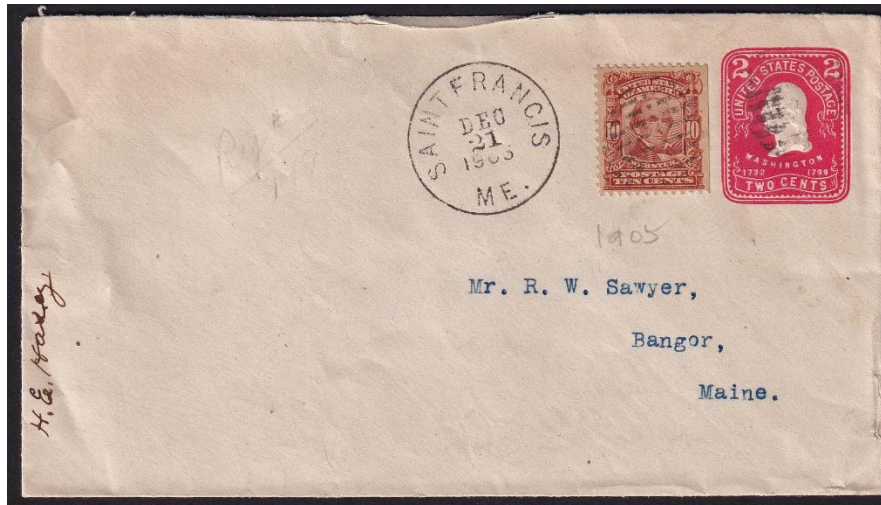
Mrs. Ellen Connors became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

20 November 1893:

Theodore Bouchard became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

28 October 1897:

Chas. E. Jones became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.



21 December 1905:

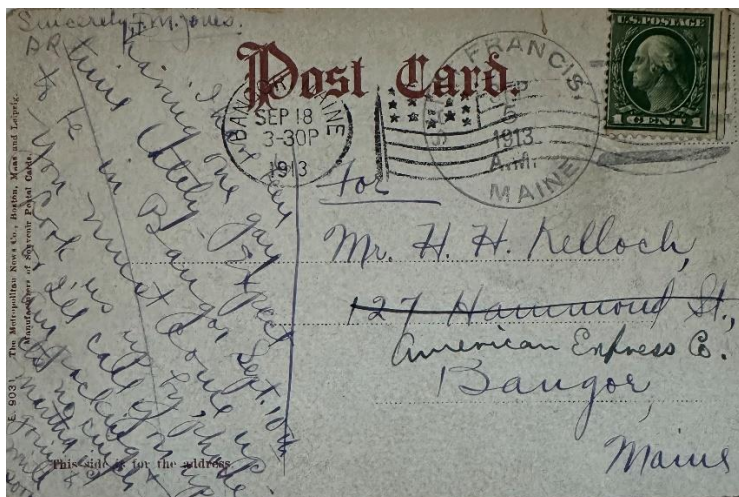
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a circle grid killer.

10 September 1910:

Hampton L. McLean became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

25 January 1913:

Kate Baker became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

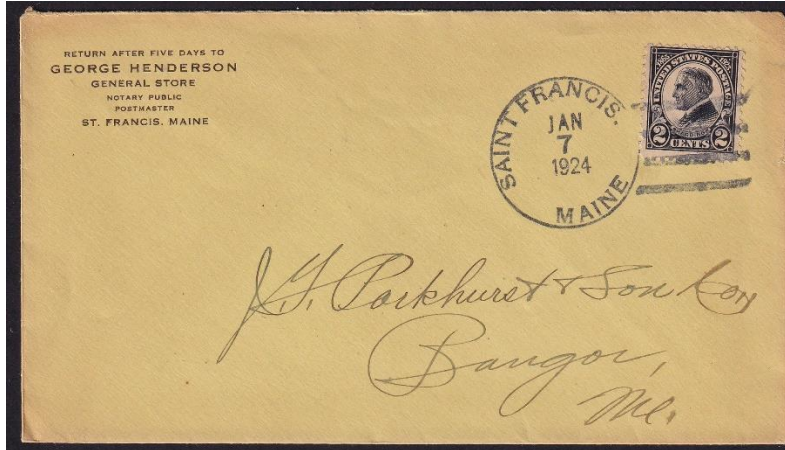


5 September 1913:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a duplex four-bar (B) killer.

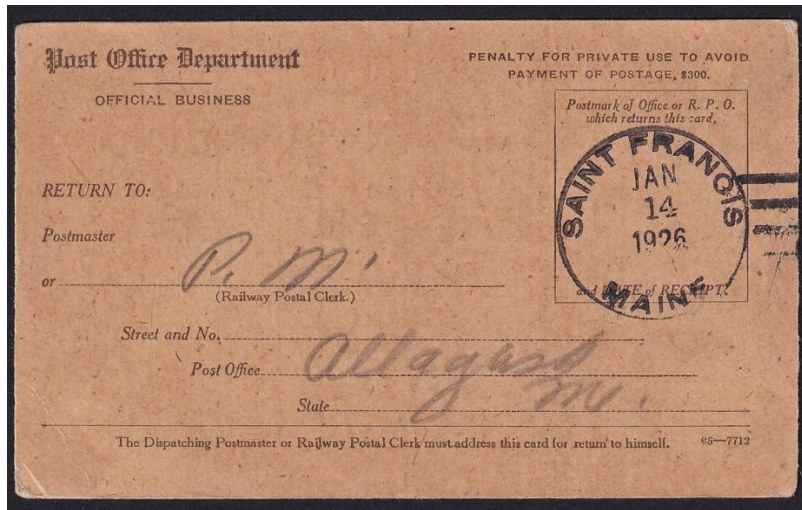
3 January 1918:

George Henderson became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.



7 January 1924:

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



14 January 1926:

The circular postmark is 30 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A/3) killer.



6 January 1939:

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

1 July 1940:

Saint Francis Post Office became a Presidential Post Office.

16 October 1940:

Cyrill P. Pelletier became the Acting Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.



21 December 1942:

A hand-stamped received rectangle box postmark.

16 June 1948:

Cyril P. Pelletier became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

15 December 1954:

Fernald Henderson became the Acting Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

30 April 1955:

Mrs. Emma M. Jones became the Acting Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

13 December 1955:

Kellan R. Melanson became the Acting Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

6 June 1956:

Kellan R. Melanson became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

31 January 1987:

Manzer Belanger Jr. became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

15 April 1992:

Alethea M. Guerrette became the Officer-In-Charge of the Saint Francis Post Office.

22 January 1994:

Alethea M. Guerrette became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

30 March 2005:

P. Gail Kelly became the Officer-In-Charge of the Saint Francis Post Office.

16 April 2005:

Valerie A. Voisine became the Postmaster of the Saint Francis Post Office.

1 September 2011:

Candice Hafford became the Officer-In-Charge of the Saint Francis Post Office.

3 May 2014:

Saint Francis Post Office was converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Fort Kent Post Office.



August 2021:

Saint Francis Post Office. Photo Credit Jim Husson.

2 February 2024:

Saint Francis Post Office is still operational and located at 890 Main Street, Saint Francis, ME 04774. GPS 47° 10' 04" N 68° 53' 57" W

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Fort Kent & Saint Francis (T17R9) & Saint John (T17R8) Plantations [map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine:

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/46/

St. Francis, Maine. USGS Topographic Map, 1930. Shows locations of both St. Francis and Bradbury villages.

https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/ht-bin/tv_browse.pl?id=d358038f13dd800173aab6963e8dd5f3

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>.

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