

Turner Postal History

Androscoggin County, Maine

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First called Sylvester-Canada, in 1786, the town was incorporated and renamed Turner as part of Cumberland County. The County changed to Oxford County on 4 March 1805. On 31 March 1854, Turner became part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

Researchers looking for records for the various post offices in Turner before 18 March 1854 should know that the information for that time frame may also be found under Oxford or Cumberland Counties, not Androscoggin.

During the history of the town of Turner, there have been 11 post offices.

Briefly, the history of these 11 post offices are as follows:

1. **Chase's Mills** Post Office operated from 18 September 1874 until 1894, when its name was changed to **Chases Mills** Post Office. On 29 December 1896, the name changed to **Chase Mills** until 14 December 1907, when it closed.
2. **Howes Corner** Post Office opened on 27 March 1891, closed on 15 August 1913, opened on 5 April 1915, and closed on 31 January 1935.
3. **Keen's Mills** Post Office was established on 7 February 1873 and renamed on 30 January 1880 **Aqua Mills** Post Office. Aqua Mills Post Office never operated and was renamed on 24 February 1880 as **Keen's Mills** Post Office. 1894 Keen's Mills Post Office name was changed to **Keens Mills** Post Office, which closed on 31 December 1920, re-opened on 6 May 1922, and closed on 15 December 1927.
4. **North Turner** Post Office opened on 12 December 1825, closed on 21 July 1845, re-opened on 14 April 1846, and is still operating.
5. **North Turner Bridge** Post Office opened on 30 December 1830, closed on 10 July 1857, re-opened on 10 May 1858, and closed on 31 July 1908.
6. **Skillings** Post Office operated from 20 June 1899 until 31 January 1908.
7. **South Turner** Post Office opened on 25 January 1875 and closed on 15 March 1909.
8. **Turner (1)** Post Office was established on 1 January 1800 and was renamed 4 February 1826 as **East Turner (1)** Post Office, which closed on 22 March 1839.
9. **Turner Androscoggin** Post Office was established on 10 February 1832, and on 10 July 1839, was renamed **East Turner (2)** Post Office, which closed on 31 July 1908. *[\(What does it mean when there is a \(1\) or \(2\) after the name of a post office? See the explanation near the end of this document.\)](#)*
10. **Turner Centre** Post Office was established on 14 February 1873 and became **Turner Center** Post Office in 1893. It was renamed on 24 March 1967 as **Turner Center Rural Station Turner**.

Postmarks collectors have provided from the town of Turner for this project have been included and highlighted in Blue.

Aqua Mills
Chase's Mills
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Aqua Mills

30 January 1880:

Formerly Keen's Mills Post Office, the name changed to Aqua Mills Post Office. This Post Office never opened. The name changed back to Keen's Mills Post Office.

30 January 1880:

Augustus R. Gilmore became Postmaster for Aqua Mills Post Office, which never opened.

24 February 1880:

Aqua Mills Post Office, which never opened, the name was changed back to Keen's Mills.

Chase's Mills

18 September 1874:

Chase's Mills Post Office opened.

18 September 1874:

Solon Chase became Postmaster for Chase's Mills Post Office.

1894:

Chase's Mills Post Office name was changed to Chases Mills Post Office.

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Chase's Mills Post Office name was changed to Chases Mills Post Office.

18 September 1874:

Solon Chase became Postmaster for Chase's Mills Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the name changed to Chases Mills Post Office.

29 December 1896:

Chases Mills Post Office name is changed to Chase Mills Post Office.

Chase Mills

29 December 1896:

Chases Mills Post Office name is changed to Chase Mills Post Office.

29 December 1896:

Temperance Snell became Postmaster for Chase Mills Post Office.



26 December 1906:

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

14 December 1907:

Chase Mills Post Office closed.

East Turner (1)

4 February 1826:

Formerly Turner (1) Post Office is changed to East Turner (1) Post Office in Oxford County. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named East Turner at a different time and location. 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 July 1807:

Alden Blossom became Postmaster for Turner (1) Post Office. He remained as Postmaster when the Turner (1) Post Office name changed to East Turner (1).

22 March 1839:

East Turner (1) Post Office closed.

East Turner (2)

10 July 1839:

Formerly named Turner Androscoggin Post Office, renamed to East Turner (2) Post Office, which opened in Oxford County. (Note: There was another post office in Maine named East Turner at a different time and location. 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.)

23 January 1832:

Ezekiel Martin became Postmaster for Turner Androscoggin Post Office and remained as Postmaster when the name changed to East Turner (2).

31 March 1854:

East Turner (2) Post Office becomes part of the newly formed Androscoggin Post Office.

18 December 1855:

John W. Webster became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

18 September 1861:

James D. Gilbert became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

23 April 1873:

Rutellins S. Coolidge became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

23 April 1877:

John W. Webster became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

18 November 1881:

Warren Webster became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

25 June 1901:

Charles A. Day became Postmaster for East Turner (2) Post Office.

31 July 1908:

East Turner (2) Post Office closed.

Howes Corner

27 March 1891:

Howes Corner Post Office opened.

27 March 1891:

George D. Humphrey became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

20 February 1894:

Archibald D. Leavitt became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

20 June 1898:

Charles E. Fuller became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

24 December 1900:

Luther J. Mason became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

5 May 1903:

Earl F. Caswell became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

12 January 1905:

Charles F. Pike became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

17 July 1906:

Eugene F. Rose became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.



24 July 1907:

The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a circle grid killer. Another similar postmark dated 10 January 1907 is known to exist.

27 March 1913:

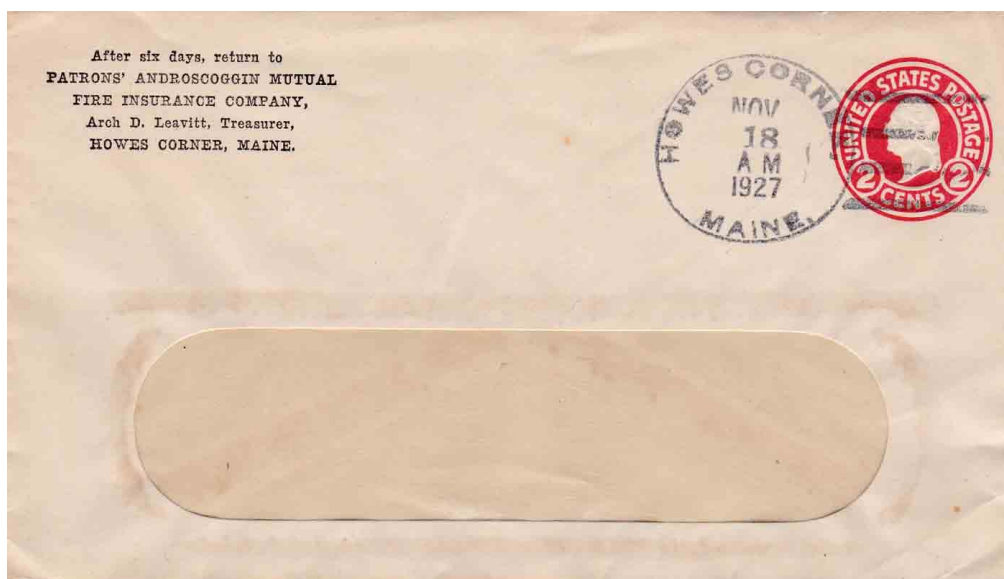
Howes Corner Post Office closed.

5 April 1915:

Howes Corner Post Office is re-established.

5 April 1915:

Edsel G. Pratt became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.



18 November 1927:

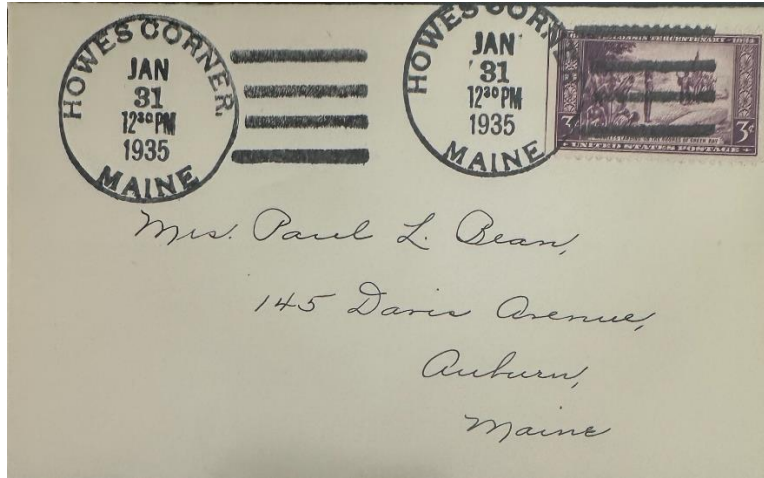
The circular postmark is 30–33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. Another similar postmark dated 2 December 1930 is known to exist. (Click on image to enlarge.)

19 September 1932:

Mrs. Lizzie M. Pratt became Acting Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.

20 October 1932:

Mrs. Lizzie M. Pratt became Postmaster for Howes Corner Post Office.



31 January 1935:

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

31 January 1935:

Howes Corner Post Office closed.

Keen's Mills

7 February 1873:

Keen's Mills Post Office opens.

7 February 1873:

William A. Andrews became Postmaster for Keen's Mills Post Office.

30 January 1880 Keen's Mills Post Office name is changed to Aqua Mills.

24 February 1880:

Formerly Aqua Mills Post Office (which never opened), Keen's Mills Post Office is re-established.

24 February 1880:

William A. Andrews became Postmaster for Keen's Mills Post Office.

18 February 1886:

Fred B. Wing became Postmaster for Keen's Mills Post Office.

Keens Mills

1894:

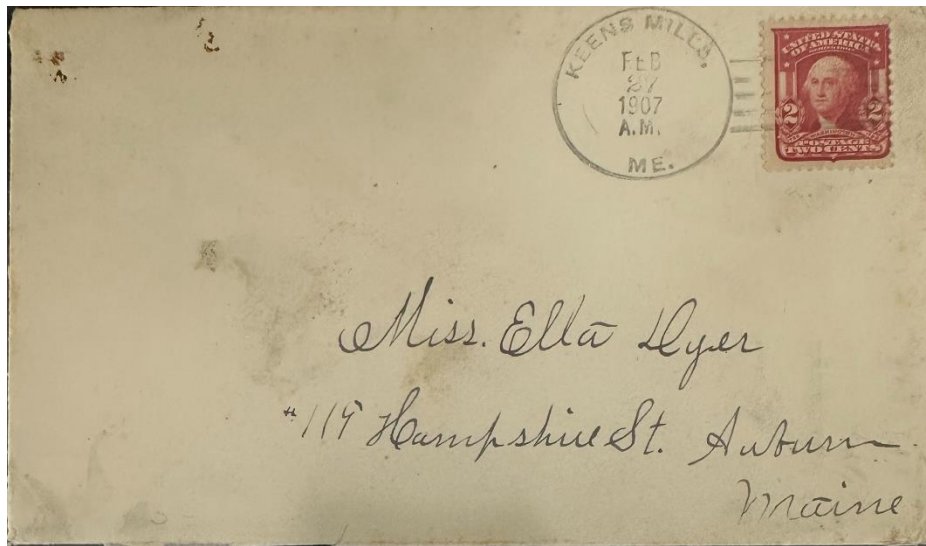
Keen's Mills Post Office name is changed to Keens Mills.

18 February 1886:

Fred B. Wing became Postmaster for Keen's Mills Post Office and remained Postmaster when Keen's Mills Post Office changed its name to Keen Mills.

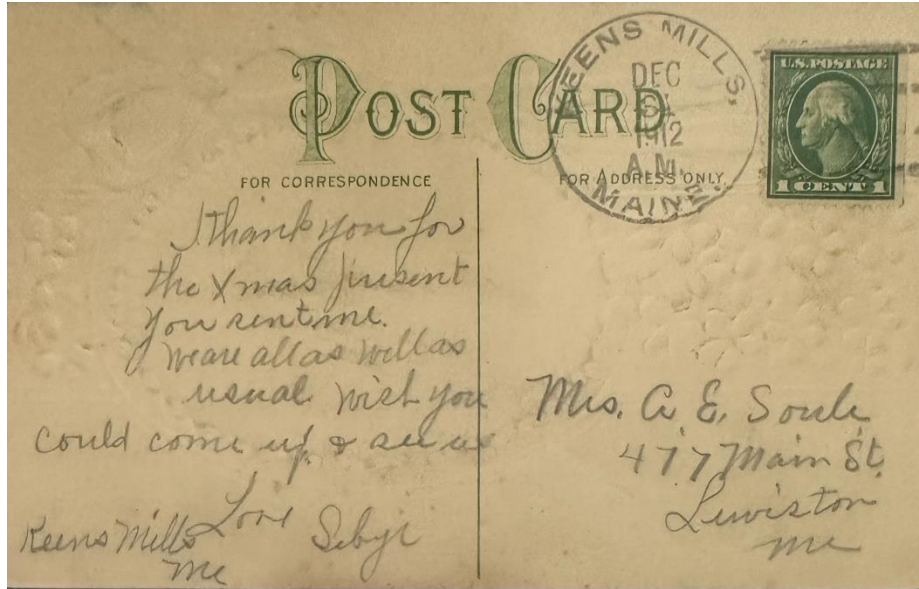
15 May 1903:

William W. Sampson became Postmaster for Keen Mills Post Office.



27 February 1907:

The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a Doane 1/1 killer.



31 December 1912:

The circular postmark is 31 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer. Similar postmarks dated 13 March 1915 and 9 February 1917 are known to exist.

19 December 1916:

Edgar M. White became Postmaster for Keen Mills Post Office.

19 April 1918:

Manter Cummings became Postmaster for Keen Mills Post Office.

31 December 1920:

Keens Mills Post Office closed.

6 May 1922:

Keens Mills Post Office is re-established.

6 May 1922:

Frank E. Durgin became Postmaster for Keen Mills Post Office.

15 December 1927:

Keens Mills Post Office closed.

North Turner

12 December 1825:

North Turner post office opened as part of Oxford County.

12 December 1825:

Timothy Howe became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

14 January 1828:

Cornelius T. Richardson became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

16 November 1836:

William B. Bray became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

28 July 1841:

Samuel B. Holt became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

2 December 1844:

Jesse Drew became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

21 July 1845:

North Turner Post Office closed.

14 April 1846:

North Turner post office re-opened.

14 April 1846:

Isaac Strickland

19 June 1849:

Samuel B. Holt

31 March 1854:

North Turner Post Office becomes part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

21 October 1855:

Deering Farrar became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

7 April 1856:

Lewis A. Farrar became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

7 November 1864:

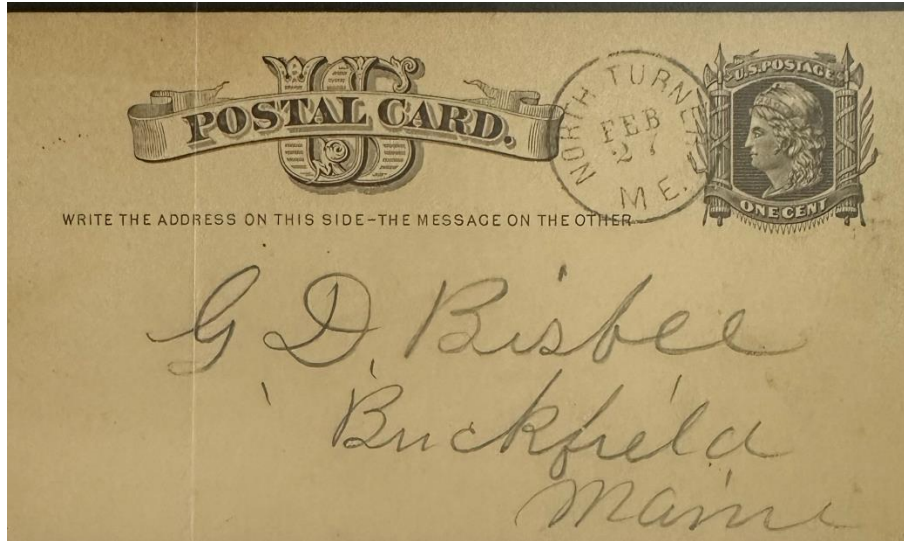
Eland Fuller became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

11 March 1872:

William W. House became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

19 March 1874:

Lewis A. Farrar became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.



27 February 1877:
The circular postmark is 24.5 mm in diameter.

6 October 1897:

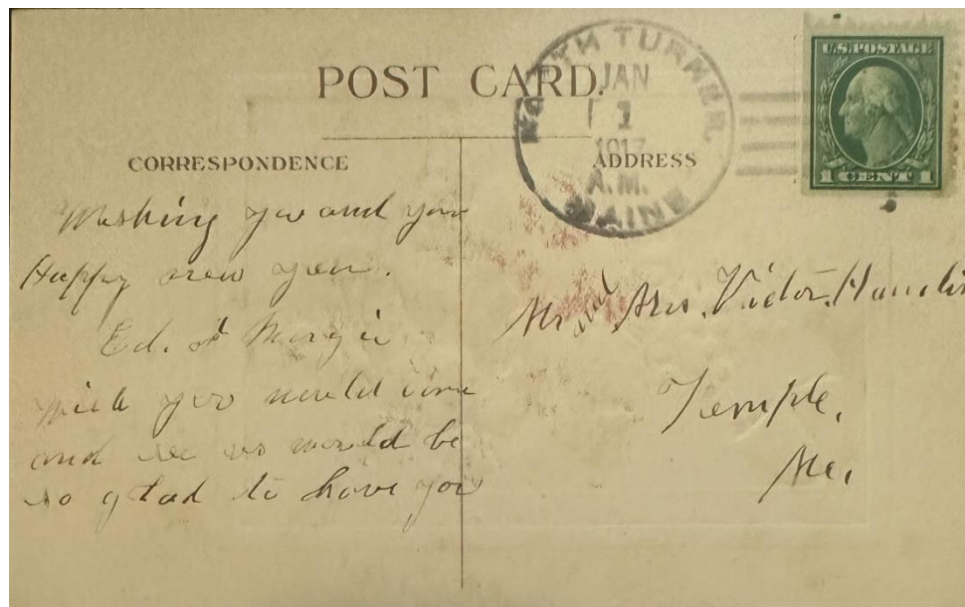
Alice M. Farrar became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

7 November 1906:

Welcome F. Fuller became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

3 March 1911:

Richard G. House



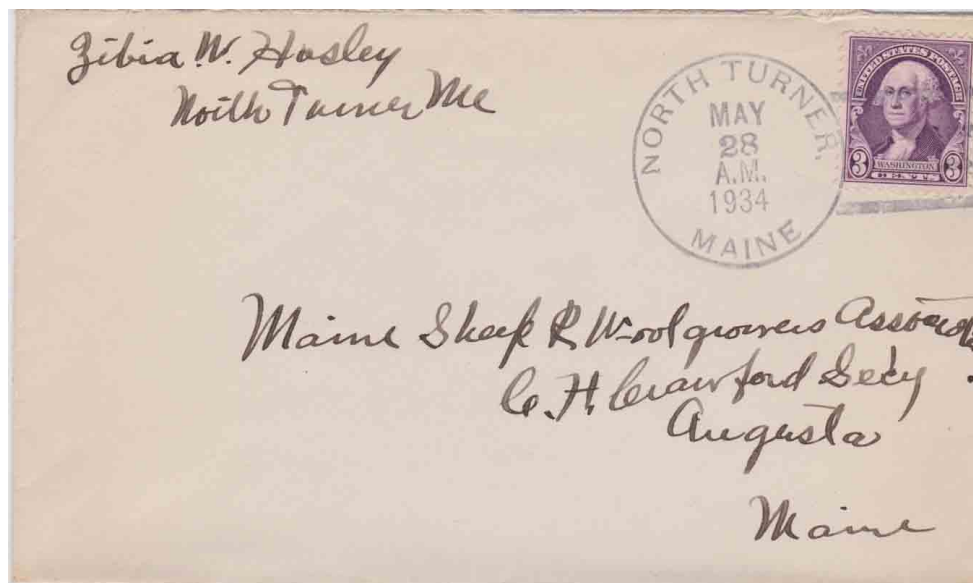
1 January 1917
The circular postmark is 30.5 mm in diameter with a four-bar (A) killer.

25 March 1927:

Mrs. Minnie K. House became Acting Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

22 April 1927:

Mrs. Minnie K. House became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.



28 May 1934:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (B) killer.
(Click on the image to enlarge)

28 February 1942:

Maynard E. House became Acting Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

8 April 1942:

Maynard E. House became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

4 September 1968:

Mrs. Hilda N. B. Hannon became Acting Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

30 June 1969:

Mrs. Francena S. Maud became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

3 April 1971:

Mrs. Eleanor L. Ring became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

18 March 1983:

Shirley R. Cummings became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

28 May 1983:

Shirley R. Cummings became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

7 July 1999:

M. Richard Cameron became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

21 September 1999:

Darlene M. Green became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

11 July 2001:

Christine H. Murphy became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

8 September 2003:

Edna Hall became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

14 January 2004:

Wendy L. Hanson became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

19 May 2004:

Michelle (Parker) Rubchinuk became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

17 February 2005:

James J. Streeter became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

8 April 2005:

Janice A. Caron became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

26 April 2008:

Janice A. Caron became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

26 January 2011:

James Havlin became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

2 June 2011:

Carol A. Renell became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

30 July 2011:

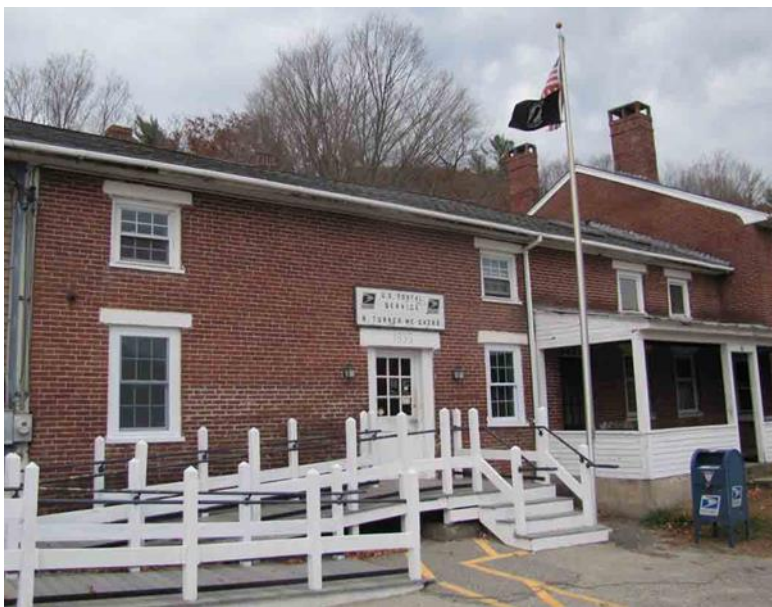
Carol A. Renell became Postmaster for North Turner Post Office.

13 February 2013:

Valerie D. Mitchell became Officer-In-Charge for North Turner Post Office.

16 November 2013:

North Turner Post Office is converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the Postmaster of the Turner Post Office.



6 November 2015:
North Turner Post Office.

15 December 2021:

North Turner Post Office is suspended due to building damage. Expected reopening on 28 June 2023. The zip code for North Turner Post Office is 04266

North Turner Bridge

30 December 1830:

North Turner Bridge Post Office opens as part of Oxford County.

30 December 1830:

Lee Strickland became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

13 July 1833:

Church P. Leavitt became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

15 August 1851:

Lewis J. Pollard became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

9 December 1852:

Jonas E. Greenwood became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Sylvester S. Whitman became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

31 March 1854:

North Turner Bridge Post Office became part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

25 September 1856:

David Morse became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

13 February 1857:

Zenas Lane became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

10 July 1857:

North Turner Bridge Post Office is closed.

10 May 1858:

North Turner Bridge Post Office is re-established.

10 May 1858:

Albert Winship became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.



24 July circa 1860:
Manuscript No. Turner Bridge

24 April 1865:

Albert Barker became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

20 December 1871:

Samuel B. Wing became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

27 August 1874:

Albert Barker became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

24 April 1883:

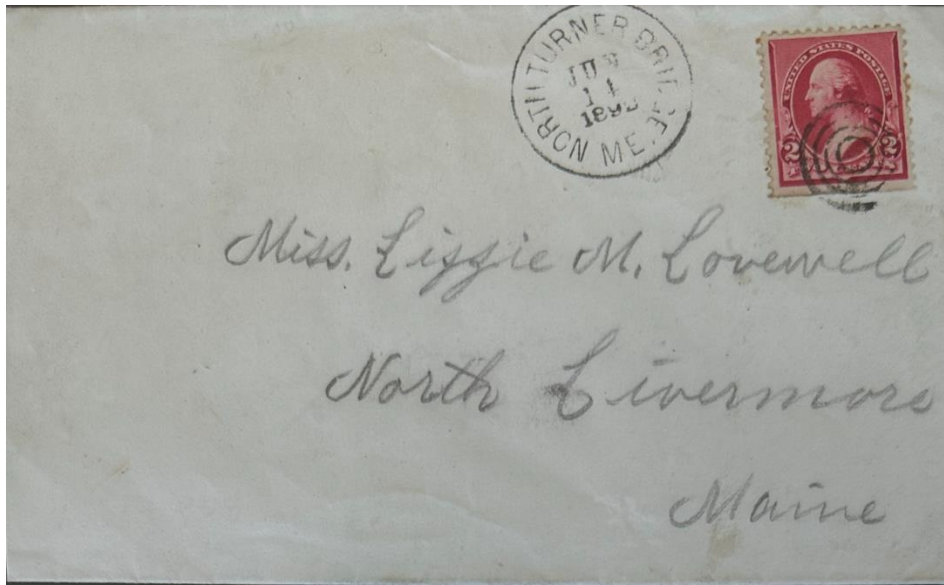
William H. Hobbs became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

25 September 1885:

Goodwin C. Caswell became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

17 January 1889:

Sylvanus Houghton became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.



14 June 1893:

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

29 August 1896:

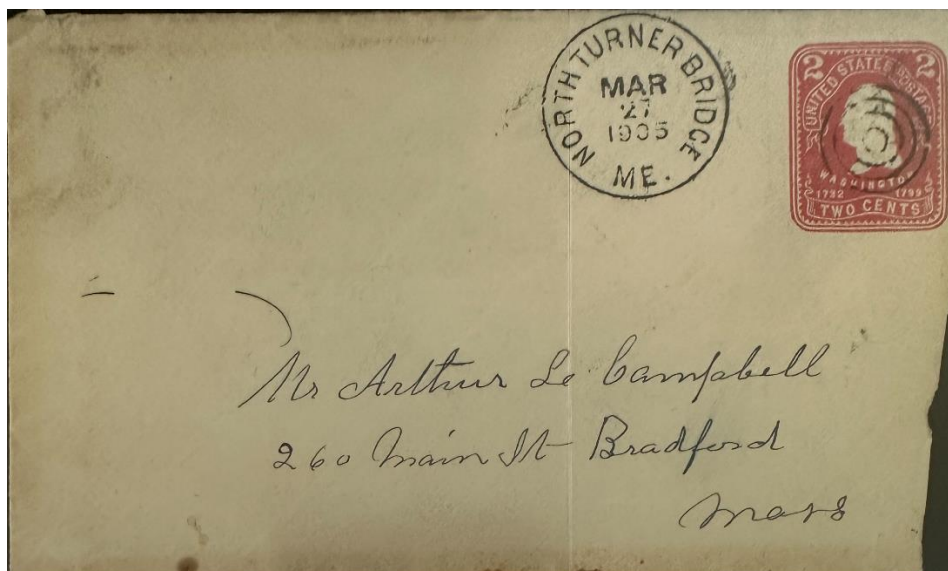
Chandler Dennen became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

7 March 1902:

W. Percy Shurtleff became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

17 January 1903:

Gilman B. Smith became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.



27 March 1905:
The circular postmark is 28 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

8 July 1905:

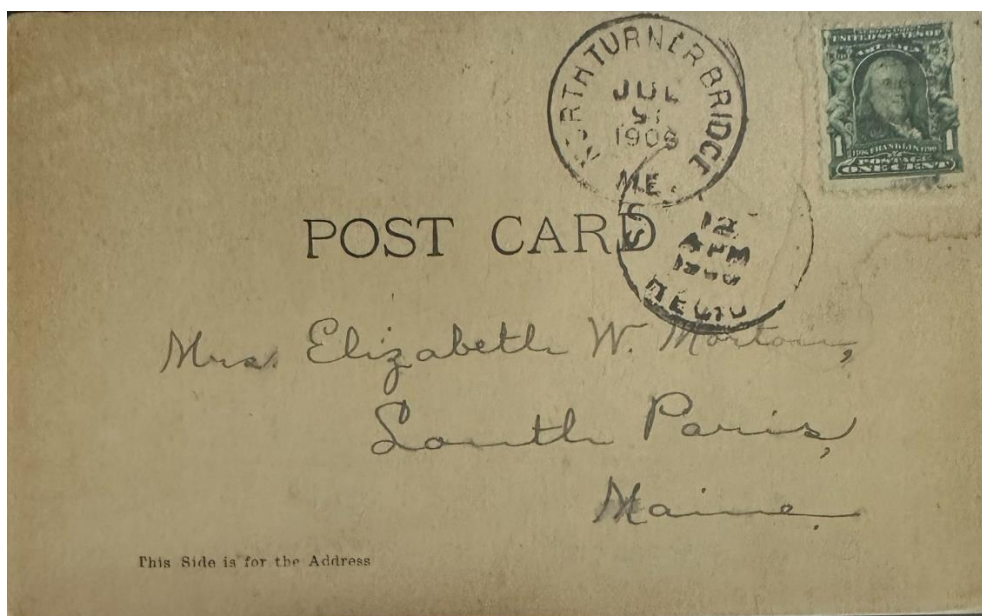
Ulmer P. Francis became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.

(24 April 1907):

Georgie Hayford became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office but declined.

16 July 1907:

Alice M. Faulkner became Postmaster for North Turner Bridge Post Office.



15 June 1908:
The circular postmark is 29 mm in diameter with a weak elliptical duplex killer.

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31 July 1908:
North Turner Bridge Post Office closed.

Skillings

20 June 1899:
Skillings Post Office opened.

20 June 1899:
Charles W. Skillings became Postmaster for Skillings Post Office.

31 January 1908:
Skillings Post Office closed.

South Turner

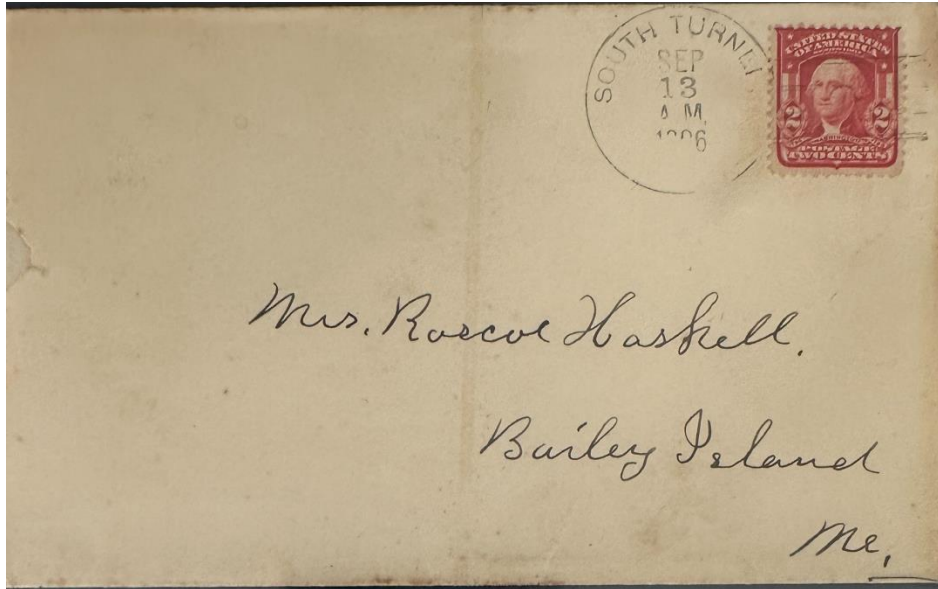
25 January 1875:
South Turner Post Office opened.

25 January 1875:
Charles H. Barrell became Postmaster for South Turner Post Office.

22 March 1887:
Laura C. Barrell became Postmaster for South Turner Post Office.

9 February 1889:
William D. Barrell became Postmaster for South Turner Post Office.

9 May 1893:
Charles E. Tucker became Postmaster for South Turner Post Office.



13 September 1906:

The circular postmark is 29.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/2 killer.

15 March 1909:

South Turner Post Office closed.

Turner (1)

3 October 1800:

Turner (1) post office opened as part of Cumberland County.

(Note: There was another post office in Maine named Turner at a different time and location. 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.)

3 October 1800:

Elijah Keene became Postmaster for Turner (1) Post Office.

1 January 1801:

John Keen became Postmaster for Turner (1) Post Office.

1 April 1804:

Ichabod Bonney became Postmaster for Turner (1) Post Office.

4 March 1805:

Turner (1) became part of Oxford County.

1 July 1807:

Alden Blossom became Postmaster for Turner (1) Post Office.

4 February 1826:

Turner (1) Post Office closed.

4 February 1826:

Turner (1) Post Office is renamed East Turner (1) Post Office.

Turner (2)

4 February 1826:

The formerly Turner Village Post Office is renamed Turner (2) Post Office as part of Oxford County.

(Note: There was another post office in Maine named Turner at a different time and location. 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.)

19 July 1824:

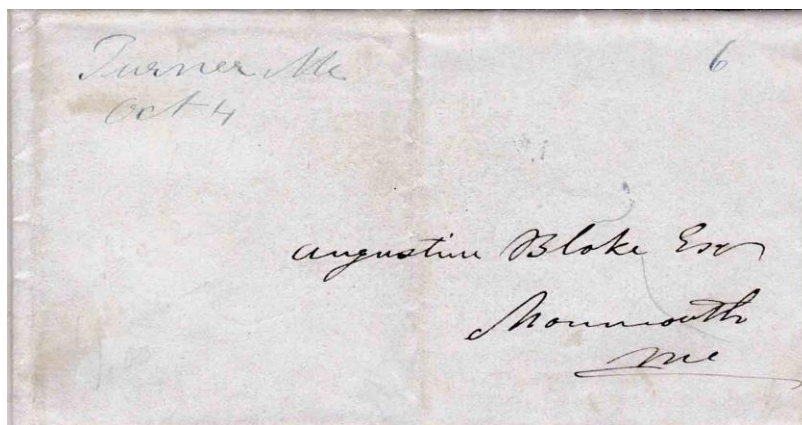
William K. Porter became Postmaster for Turner Village Post Office and remains Postmaster when the name changed to Turner (2) Post Office.

8 October 1834:

Philo Clark became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

10 July 1841:

John Blake became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.



1841 October 4:

Manuscript postmark. ([notation](#); [letter](#))

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2 December 1844: became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

Hiram Clark

10 June 1849:

John Blake became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

9 December 1852:

Hiram Clark became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

31 March 1854:

Turner (2) Post Office became part of the newly formed Androscoggin County.

22 May 1858:

Philo Clark became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

18 September 1861:

Hiram Bradford, Jr. became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

2 April 1869:

Mellen A. Bearce became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

4 February 1881:

William L. Bonney became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

28 September 1885:

Walter B. Irish became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

14 June 1889:

James P. Waterman became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

26 June 1893:

Henry L. Irish became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

12 June 1897:

William B. Bradford became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.



Date Unknown
Turner (2) Post Office
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31 October 1914:

Roswell C. Chase became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

30 January 1922:

Royal Bradford became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

30 October 1926:

Robert J. Dyer became Acting Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

10 December 1926:

Robert J. Dyer: became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

27 January 1933:

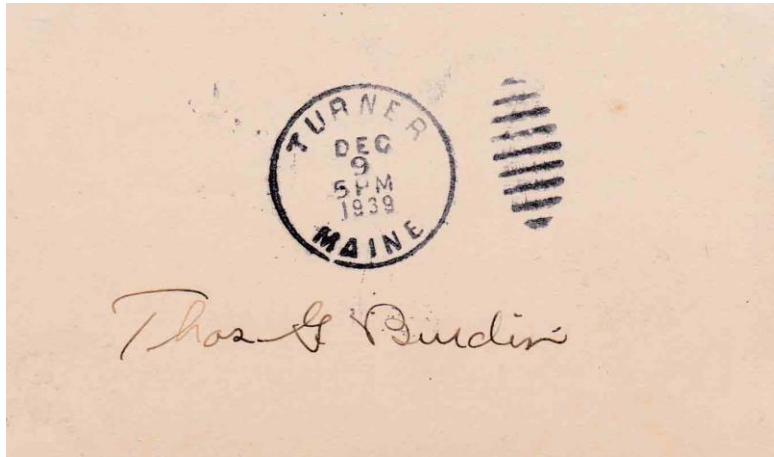
Royal N. Bradford became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

1 April 1933:

Thomas G. Burdin became Acting Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

18 June 1934:

Thomas G. Burdin became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.



9 December 1939:

The circular postmark is 29–30 mm in diameter with an elliptical duplex killer and the Postmaster's signature.

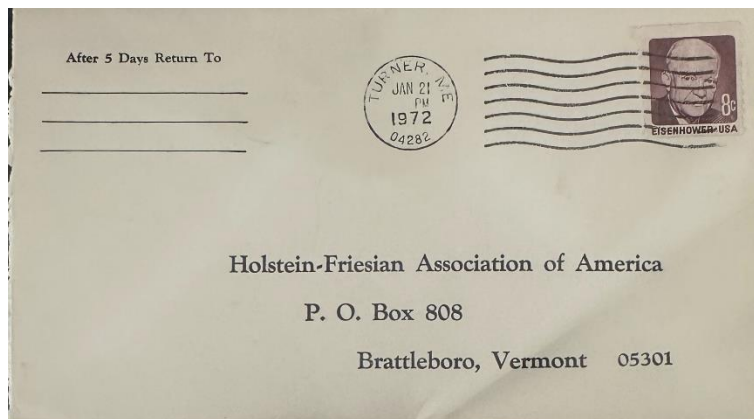
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31 January 1956:

Herbert M. Hinckley became Acting Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

8 April 1957:

Richard Paul Dyer became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.



21 January 1972:

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

28 December 1982:

Ileen P. Guild became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

5 March 1983:

Eleanor L. Ring became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

Date?:

Sidney Cohen became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

18 January 1986:

Jeannine A. Wilkins became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

11 July 1990:

Carol A. Martin became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

20 October 1990:

Patricia B. Belanger became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

2 August 2004:

Marilee A. Cooper became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

5 February 2005:

James A. Havlin became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.



2015 November 6:
Turner (2) post office.
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23 February 2017:

Coralee Hood became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

11 November 2017:

Lori A. Goddard became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

3 January 2019:

William Eurich became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

29 March 2019:

Rexford Sinclair became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

6 July 2019:

Kathleen Stetson became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

30 July 2020:

Nicole J. Camfferman became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

4 December 2021:

Scott R. Bowie became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

18 March 2022:

Kathleen Bennoch became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

2 July 2022:

Louise A. Cote became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

21 September 2022:

Kathleen Bennoch became Officer-in-Charge for Turner (2) Post Office.

5 November 2022:

Dustin G. Clifford became Postmaster for Turner (2) Post Office.

2023:

Turner (2) post office is currently in operation.

Turner Androscoggin

10 February 1832:

Turner Androscoggin Post Office opened as part of Oxford County.

10 February 1832:

Ezekiel Martin became Postmaster for Turner Androscoggin Post Office.

10 July 1839:

Turner Androscoggin Post Office was renamed East Turner (2) Post Office.

Turner Centre

14 February 1873:

Turner Centre Post Office opens.

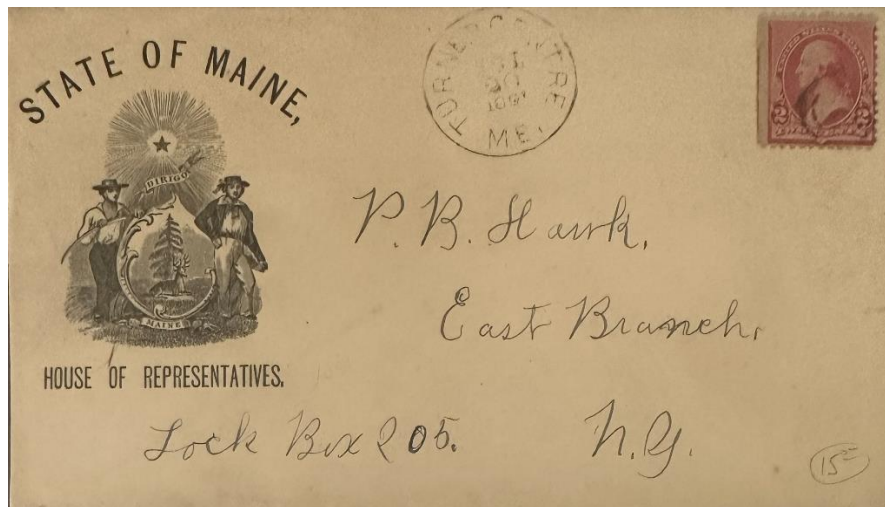
14 February 1873:

Lewis P. Bradford became Turner Centre Post Office.



24 February Circa 1875:
The circular postmark is 24–25 mm in diameter with a four-circle target killer.

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20 July 1891:
The circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with a target killer.

1893:

Turner Centre Post Office's name was changed to Turner Center Post Office.

Turner Center

1893:

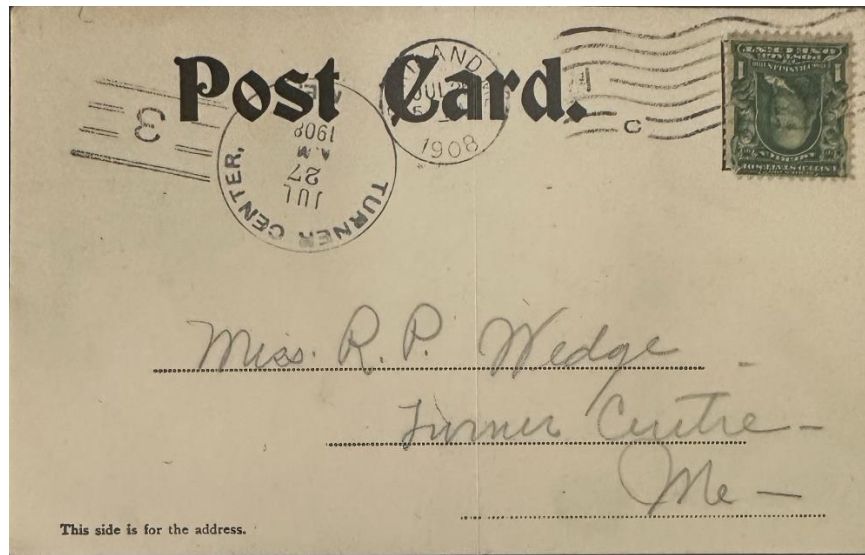
Turner Centre Post Office's name was changed to Turner Center Post Office.

14 February 1873:

Lewis P. Bradford became Turner Centre Post Office and remained as Postmaster when Turner Centre Post Office's name changed to Turner Center Post Office.

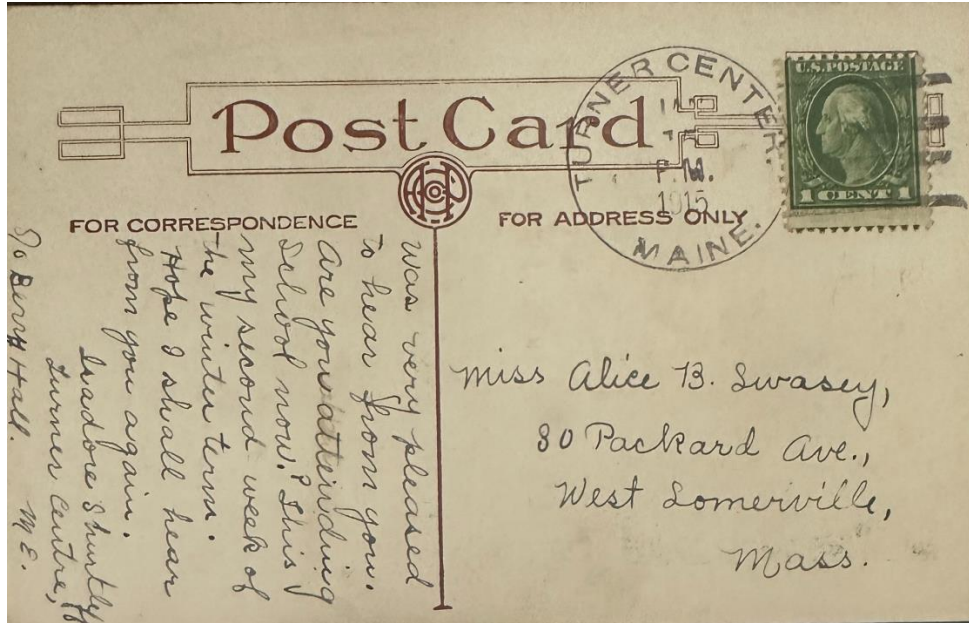
31 March 1906:

Walter Lawrence became Postmaster for Turner Center Post Office.



27 July 1908:

Used as a received postmark this circular postmark is 28.5 mm in diameter with a Doane 2/3 killer. Another similar postmark dated 4 December 1906 is known to exist.



15 January 1915:

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

21 December 1939:

Almon D. Lawrence became Acting Postmaster for Turner Center Post Office.

30 July 1940:

Almon D. Lawrence became Postmaster for Turner Center Post Office.

31 May 1966:

Mrs. Jean M. Kilbreth became Acting Postmaster for Turner Center Post Office.

24 March 1967:

Turner Center Post Office's name changed to Turner Center Rural Station Turner.

Turner Center Rural Station (RS) Turner (also may be seen as Turner Center Community Post Office {CPO}). In 1973, the USPS adopted CPO to replace Rural Station {RS}.

24 March 1967:

Turner Center Post Office's name changed to Turner Center Rural Station (RS) Turner.

31 January 1997:

Turner Center Rural Station (RS) closed.

Turner Village

19 July 1824:

Turner Village Post Office opened as part of Oxford County.

19 July 1824:

William K. Porter became Postmaster for Turner Village Post Office.

4 February 1826:

Turner Village Post Office name was changed to Turner (2) Post Office.

What does it mean when there is a (1) or (2) after the name of a post office?

Sometimes the numbers (1) and (2) appear after the name of a post office. These numbers indicate the (first) and (second) localities of post offices of the same name. For example, if the post office name is used for two separate post offices in two respective villages at different times, they will be identified in this manner. These numbers do not necessarily indicate time periods.

These numbers do not represent numbered stations. Some larger places, like Auburn, have postal stations with numbers. These differ from the post offices we call Auburn (1), Auburn (2), etc.

Also: the numbers do not appear in postmarks or official post office publications. However, they are used by postal historians and collectors to refer to different post offices, as noted above.

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Turner Village https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/38/ and North

Turner https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_androscoggin_1873/40/

Additional material, including links to official records of postmaster appointments, can be found at Sources for Researching Maine Post Offices, Postmasters, and Postal History: <http://www.mainephilatelic.org/books/post-office-sources.pdf>.