

Winterville Postal History

Aroostook County, Maine

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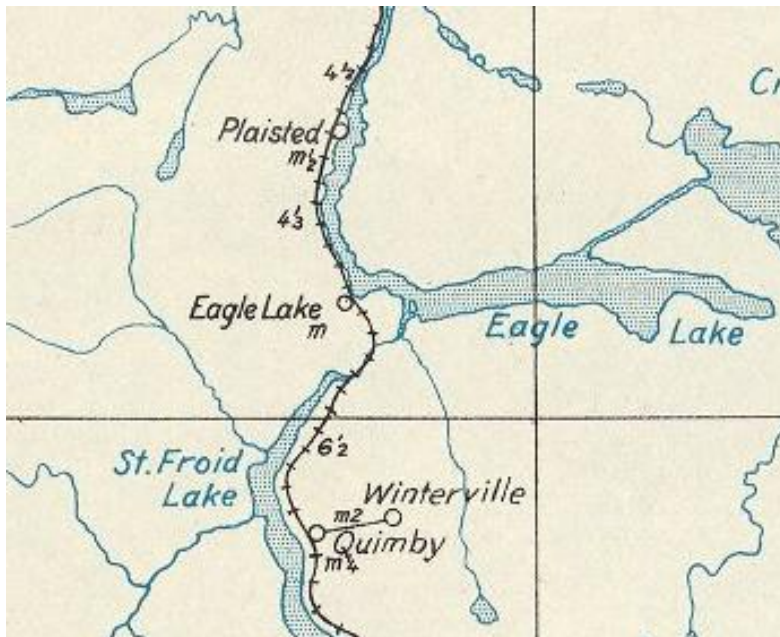
Winterville is a plantation in Aroostook County. It was settled in 1846 and organized on June 6, 1884, from township T15 R7 WELS. The Maine legislature confirmed the organization with the name of Winterville in 1895. In 1903, its name was changed to Hill Plantation, and it was changed back a few years later in 1907. (Note: there is no evidence of any post office named Hill Plantation.)

During the history of the town of Winterville, there have been three post offices. Briefly, the history of these is as follows:

Quimby Post Office opened on 22 June 1907, closed on 31 May 1910, re-opened on 21 October 1912, and closed on 30 December 2000.

Saint Froid Post Office, on the books, opened on 6 March 1903 and closed on 16 May 1903. The opening was rescinded, and the post office was never opened.

Winterville Post Office opened on 19 December 1901 and closed on 23 April 1999.



In 1942, there were two post offices in Winterville: Quimby and Winterville

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

<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/s/193qf0>

Quimby

22 June 1907:

Quimby Post Office opened:

22 June 1907:

Henry G. Higgins became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

6 February 1909:

Thos. R. Winchell became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

31 May 1910:

Quimby Post Office is closed service from Winterville.

21 October 1912:

Quimby Post Office re-opened.

21 October 1912:

Annie E. Brown became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.



5 August 1914:

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

12 January 1922:

Feuvie Markee became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

15 February 1922:

Russell C. Brown became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

7 March 1924:

Adelaide S. Parent became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

18 March 1927:

Feuvie Markee became the Acting Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

19 August 1927:

Feuvie Markee became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

30 April 1954:

Mrs. Antoinette Levesque became the Acting Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

19 October 1954:

Mrs. Antoinette Levesque became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

30 June 1972:

Mrs. Rena Beaulieu became the Officer-In-Charge of the Quimby Post Office.

20 January 1972:

Mrs. Rena Beaulieu became the Postmaster of the Quimby Post Office.

30 December 2000:

Quimby Post Office closed service from Eagle Lake. Zip Code 04739

Winterville

19 December 1900:

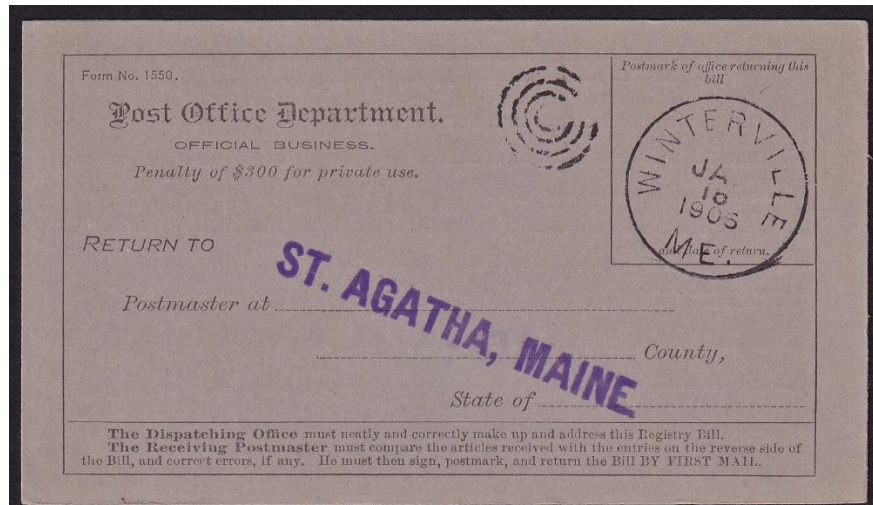
Winterville Post Office opened.

19 December 1900.

Philomise Pelletier became the Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.

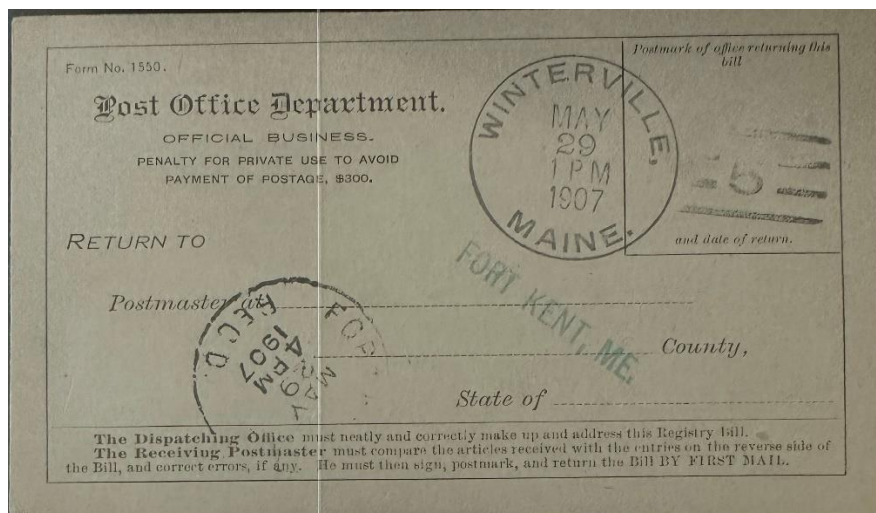
11 September 1903:

Mary Labbie became the Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.



16 January 1906:

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

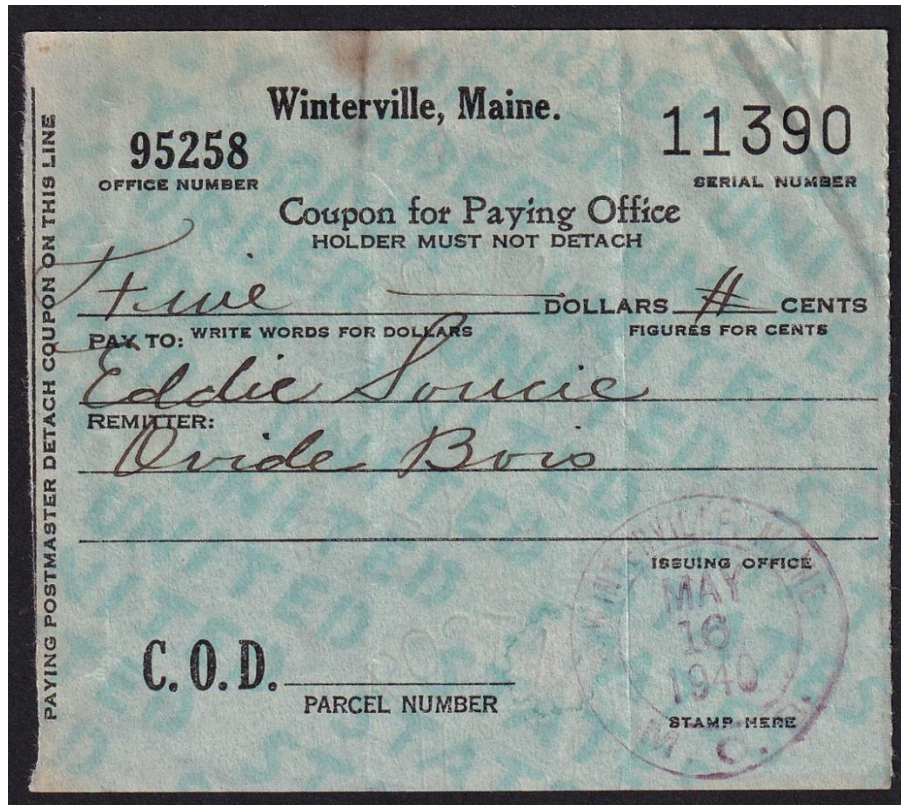


29 May 1907:

The circular postmark is 32 mm in diameter with a Doane 3/5 killer.

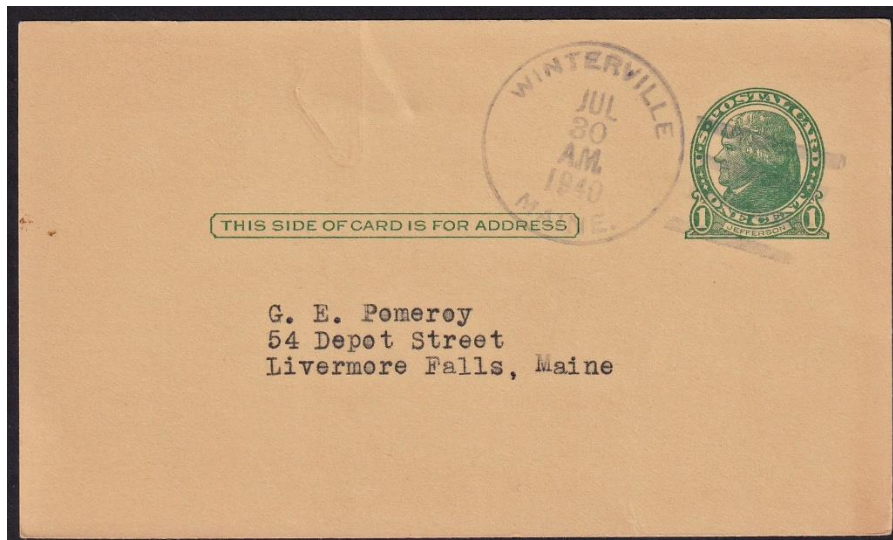
10 December 1927:

Maria Labbe became the Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.



16 May 1940:

The outer circle of the double-ringed circular postmark is 27 mm in diameter with no killer.



30 July 1940:

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

10 October 1962:

Miss June Albert became the Acting Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.

23 November 1962:

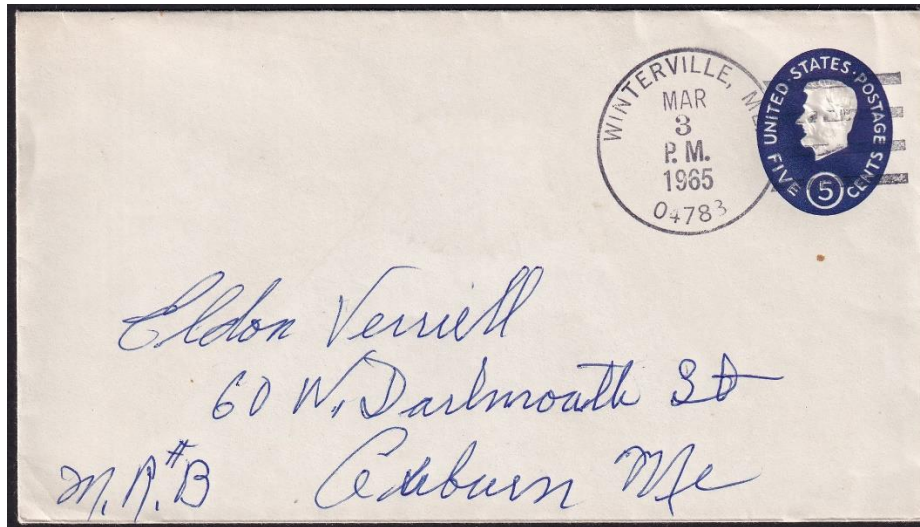
Mrs. Rita Dubay became the Acting Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.

17 February 1963:

Mrs. Rita Dubay became the Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.

27 February 1963:

Miss June Albert became the Postmaster of the Winterville Post Office.



3 March 1965:

The circular postmark is 33 mm in diameter with a four-bar (F/2) killer.

23 April 1999, service was suspended, and on 20 December 2003, it was discontinued.

Winterville Post Office was discontinued with service from Eagle Lake. Zip Code 04739

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Eagle Lake (T16R7) & Westfield Plantations, **T15R7** & Letter 'E' R2

[map] from the 1877 Atlas of Aroostook County, Maine

https://digitalmaine.com/atlas_aroostook_1877/31/

The map above from the 1877 Atlas reveals very little detail regarding the settlements in Winterville Plantation. The topographic maps below, from the 1920s, are more useful.

U. S. Geological Survey Topographic Map, Winterville, Maine 1928

https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/ht-bin/tv_browse.pl?id=26c00982da56a963b65ff77ae20d16be

U. S. Geological Survey Topographic Maps, Eagle Lake, Maine 1928

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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>.