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This issue shows how one can combine the hobbies of history, philatelics, numismatics, and emphera, Starting on page 4 the story of Llewellyn Powers and the Farmers National Bank of Houlton shows a variety of items one can collect on a subject. Above is a cover from the bank and a gift box with a 1920 Mine Commemorative Half Dollar.

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Maine Stamp Club Meetings



WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 PM at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call Jake Ward, 872- 5107, xc-ski-nut@msn.com. Non-members are invited to attend.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm St, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$10 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Comer Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

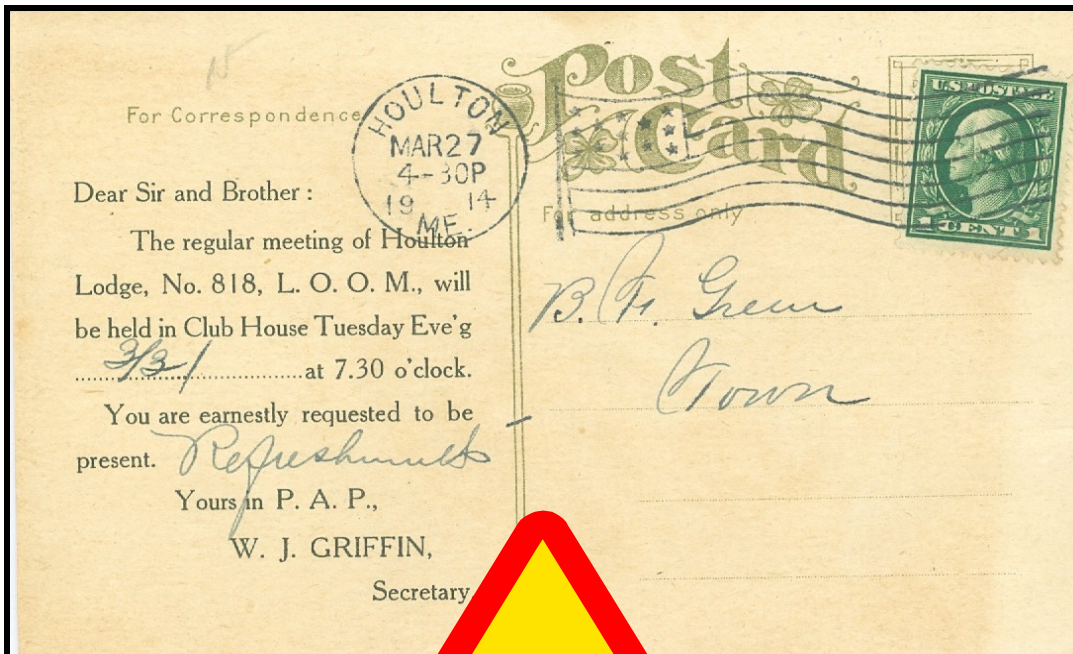
The club meets from April to November on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6:00 PM at the Ellsworth Church of the Nazarene . Typical events include an auction, a raffle, presentations and an opportunity to purchase from a member stamp dealer. Non-members are welcome. For further information on location contact Eric Beal, 827-2686, Eric.Beal@umit.maine.edu

KENNEBEC VALLEY STAMP AND COLLECTOR CLUB

The Kennebec Valley Stamp and Collector Club meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month from September thru June at Central Maine Power Co., 83 Edison Dr., Augusta. The time of the meeting is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Contact Rich Howard, 621-0882 or richhoward@gwi.net

Please send your articles, scans, stories, comments, suggestions or questions to Max Lynds at the address listed on the left.

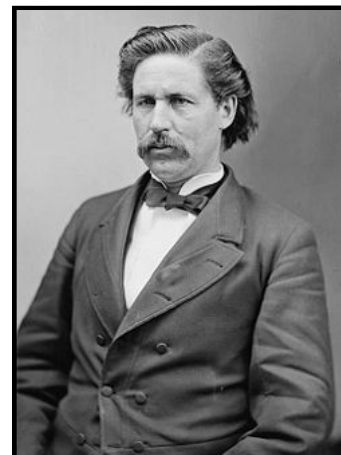
The Loyal Order of the Moose is a fraternal and service organization founded in 1888, with nearly 800,000 members in roughly 1800 lodges. Their website indicates all 50 states, 4 Canadian provinces, Great Britain and Bermuda have current members. The Post Card below shows there were members in Houlton, Maine in 1914.



Llewellyn Powers-Governor-Representative to Congress-Banker

Llewellyn Powers was a widely known leader in the State and one of the foremost citizens of Houlton, Maine. He was born in Pittsfield, Maine, in 1836, educated in the public schools and Pittsfield Academy, Colby College, and obtained his legal education at Union University, Albany, New York, leaving there in 1860.

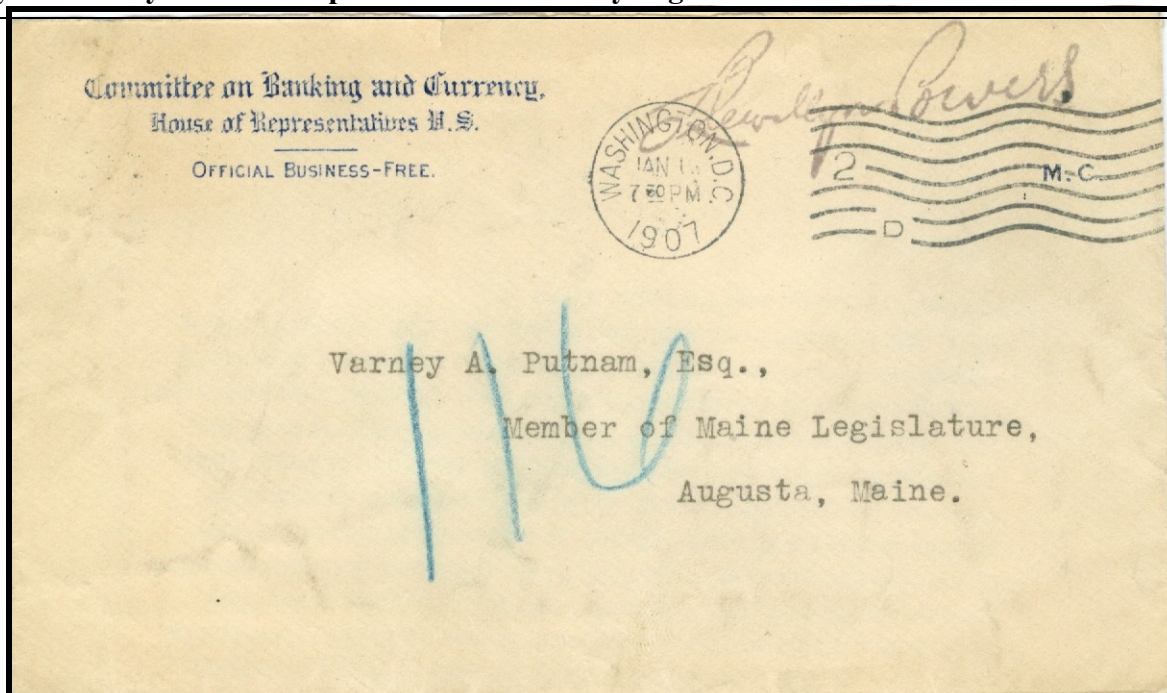
Mr. Powers married first in 1863 Miss Jennie C. Hewes, daughter of Benjamin and Adelaide (Linnell) Hewes of Levant, Maine. He married second in 1886 Martha G. Averill, daughter of Luther and Eliza (Garvin) Averill of Exeter, Maine. To this union were born Walter Averill in 1888; Martha Pauline, born 1890; Doris Virginia, 1892; Ralph Averill, born 1893; Margaret Llewellyn, born 1896.



He was admitted to the bar in 1860, and in January 1861 established his law practice in Houlton under his own name. Soon Mr. Powers became known as an able lawyer; his advancement was steady for he was admitted to practice in the courts of New York, Massachusetts, and the State of Maine. Eight years later he was admitted to practice in the United States District and Circuit Courts. In 1864 he was elected County Attorney, holding this office until 1871.

In 1868 Governor Powers first became interested in Maine timber lands, and a few years before his death was said to be one of the largest wild land owners in the state. He was a vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Houlton, and for several years was a director of the same bank, in addition to holding membership on other boards of directors.

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Free frank of Llewellyn Powers, M.C. on envelope to Varney Putnam

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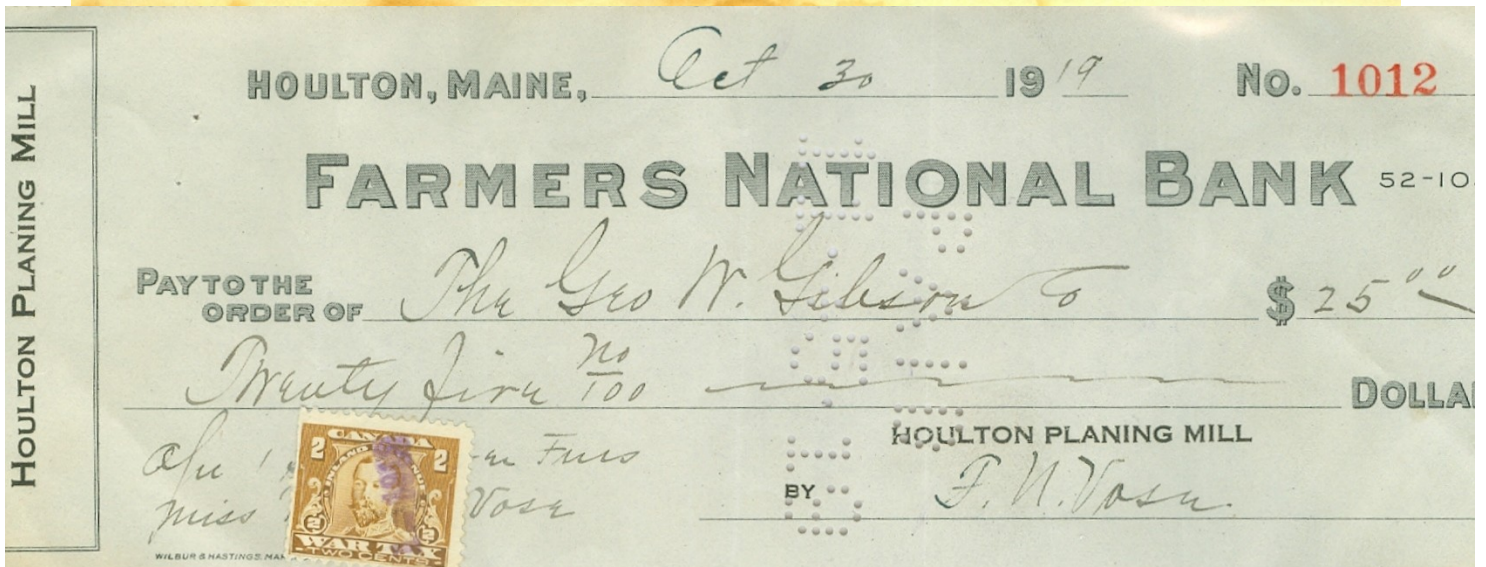
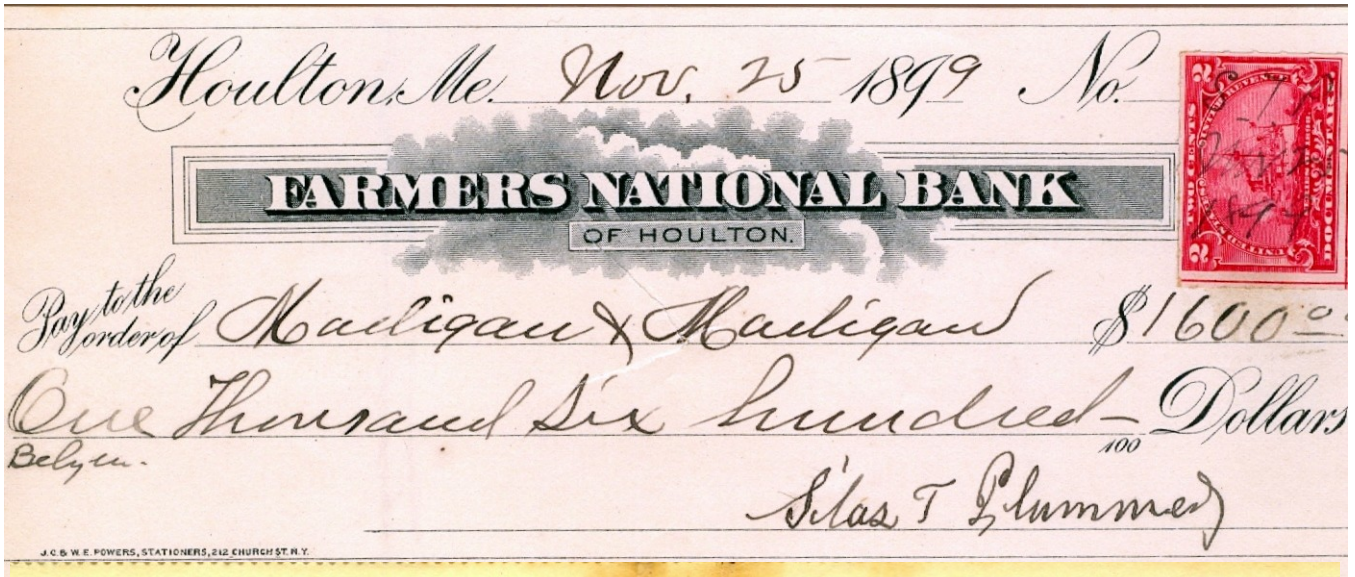
He served as collector of customs 1868-1872 and was elected a member of the Maine Legislature 1873-1876, 1883, 1892, 1895, and was Speaker his last term. In 1876 he was elected to the 45th Congress from the fourth district, serving March 4, 1877 to March 3, 1879. He was an unsuccessful candidate for re-election to the 46th Congress. In 1896, he was elected Governor of the State of Maine by the largest majority given a candidate up to that time, and in 1898 was re-elected. In 1901 he filled the vacancy in the 57th Congress caused by the resignation and death of Congressman Charles A. Boutelle, and his re-election to the 58th, 59th and 60th Congress followed in 1902, 1904, and 1906. He served continuously from April 8, 1901, until his death in Houlton, July 28, 1908.

Governor Powers was the oldest of a family of ten children. Of the eight boys, six attained distinction in the legal profession. His parents were of sturdy stock, several ancestors serving in the Revolutionary War. When the Spanish-American war began he was Governor of Maine. The legislature was not in session and with no public money available the question of equipping the soldiers came up. Mr. Powers promptly equipped the troops out of his personal funds, rather than to call a special session of the legislature. Appreciating his prompt and patriotic act, the legislature promptly endorsed and refunded the outlay of money spent. Mr. Powers gave to his town, state, and nation 37 years of official service.



Farmer's National Bank stock certificate for 10 shares to Llewellyn Powers signed by his brother Frederick Powers

Examples of checks with Revenue Stamps from the Farmers National Bank of Houlton



The Farmers National Bank of Houlton was organized in 1890 with capital of \$50,000. For many years it was known as "Lew Powers Bank" because he owned the majority of the stock. The bank closed during the holiday never to reopen. Depositors did recover ninety-one cents on the dollar. Since closing the bank building, located in downtown Houlton, has been occupied by an insurance agency, a legal office and now is open as "The Vault Restaurant" where one can dine in the original vault. As a frequent patron, I would highly recommend one add this to their bucket list.

Series of 1929 National Currency of the Farmers National Bank of Houlton



Maine Cover of the Quarter



The above radio station contest entry postcard features a scarce usage of the tagged 12 cent Benjamin Harrison stamp from the Liberty Series. These old leftover Liberty Series stamps were apparently available at the Auburn, Maine post office and were put into service to pay the short 12 cent postcard rate (3/22/81-10/31/81), in this case just 3 days after the rate became effective.

If you have an unusual, scarce or interesting Maine cover for the Maine Cover of the quarter, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to:

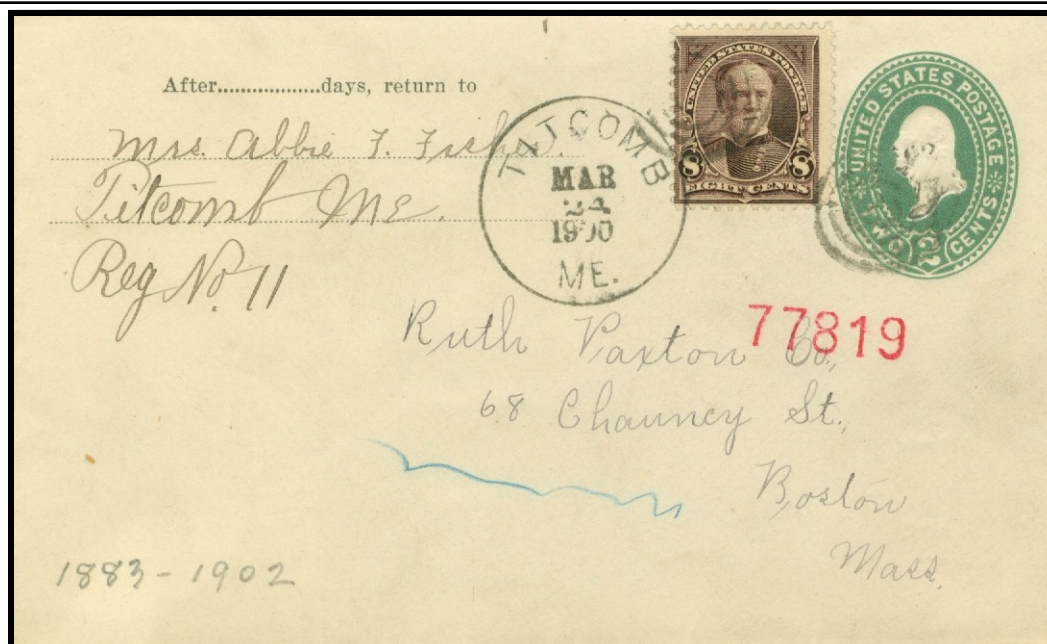
**Rob Washburn,
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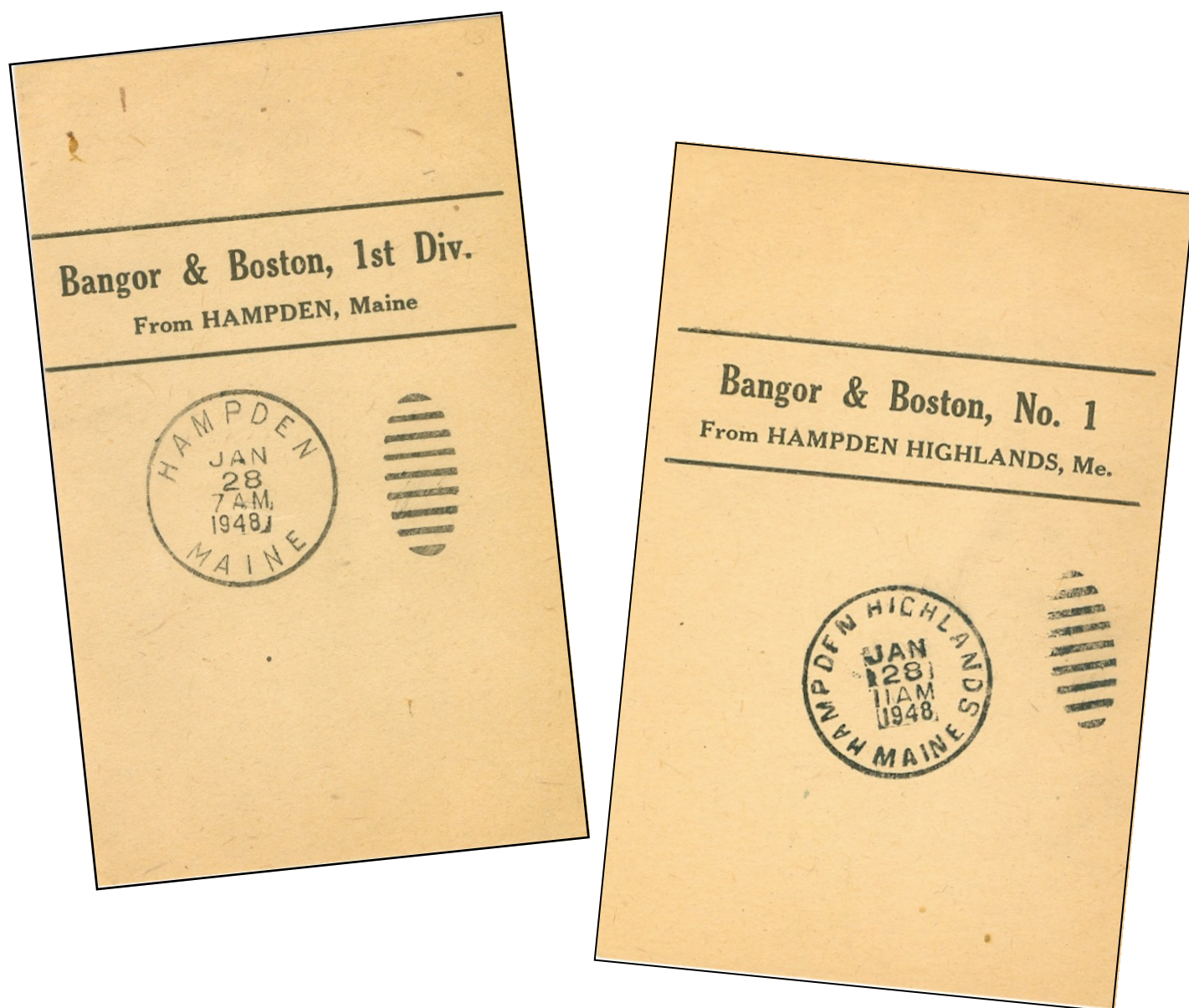
Blackjack used to pay postage from Augusta to Eaton Grant Plantation, Aroostook County. Eaton Grant was open from 15-APR-1852 to 08-JUN-1855. This cover would have been mailed at least 8 years after the office closed. It most likely would have gone to the Fort Fairfield office.



The 8 cent Sherman stamp along with the 2 cent postage stamped envelope paid the registered fee for this 1900 cover from Titcomb, ME. To Boston, Mass. This office was located near New Limerick and was open 06-APR-1883 to 28-FEB-1902



This month's Maine RPO'S



The above were likely used in the RPO car to indicate where mail bags were picked up and what train the bags of mail were to be directed.

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Please indicate your e-mail address so that updates can be sent between newsletters.

SHOW SCHEDULE

Waterville Stamp Club

Show and Auction
 MacCrillis-Rousseau VFW Hall
 175 Veterans Drive
 Winslow, ME
 October 15
 , 2011
 9:00 AM—3:30 PM

Dealers Bourse

Stamps
 Covers
 Postcards
 Supplies
 Auction

MAINEPEX 2011

November 12, 2011
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holiday Inn Portland-West
 Exit 48 - Maine Turnpike
 81 Riverside Street
 Portland, ME

Dealers Bourse

Stamps-Covers
 Postcards-Supplies
 Exhibits

Information: max@pwless.net

Presque Isle Collectors Club

Coin and Stamp Show
October 30, 2011
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center
 116 Main St,
 Presque Isle, ME 04769
 Contact Bim Finemore, 207-425-6606

Brunswick Coin & Stamp Shows

May 1, Jul 10, Oct 02
 9:00am - 2:30pm
 Columbus Drive, Brunswick, Me. 04011
 FMI: Bob Caouette, 207-721-7872
caouette@Earthlink.net

Philatelic Show 2012

Northeast Federation of Stamp Clubs
 May 04-06
 Fri 11 AM– 6 PM
 Sat 10 AM-5 PM
 Sun 10 AM-4 PM
 Holiday Inn
 Boxborough Woods
 I-495 & Rt. 111 (Exit 28)
 Boxborough, Massachusetts

www.philatelicshow.org

Greater Nashua Stamp Show

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM
 Holiday Inn
 Rt 3, Exit 4
 Nashua, NH

Portsmouth Show

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM
 Holiday Inn
 I-95 Traffic Circle
Portsmouth, NH

Information:
Ptstamps@megalink.net
 207-966-2744



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