

21 March, 1910.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.

Selectmen—Francis Babcock, Geo. W. Thombs, Jas. F. Craft.

Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.

Collector of Taxes—Cyrus Coffin.

Constable—John W. Haskell, Daniel W. Ballentyne.

School Committee—Isaac F. Clark.

Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

20 March, 1911.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.

Selectmen—Chas. A. Brown, Geo. W. Thombs, Samuel H. Kneeland.

Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.

Collector of Taxes—John W. Haskell.

Constable—John W. Haskell, Jos. A. Stevens.

School Committee—W. E. Pinkham (for 3 years), F. V. Buzzell (2 years).

Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

18 March, 1912.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.

Selectmen—Geo. W. Thombs, Samuel H. Kneeland, Chas. A. Brown.

Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.

Collector of Taxes—John W. Haskell.

Constables—Daniel W. Ballentyne, Geo. L. Foss.

School Committee—Byron F. Porter.

Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

17 March, 1913.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs (excused), Chas. A. Brown.

Selectmen—Chas. A. Brown, Geo. W. Thombs, Samuel H. Kneeland.

Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.

Collector of Taxes—Cyrus Coffin.
Constables—Cyrus Coffin, Lester F. Gillis.
School Committee—F. V. Buzzell.
Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

16 March, 1914.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.
Selectmen—Chas. A. Brown, Geo. W. Thombs, Samuel
H. Kneeland.
Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.
Collector of Taxes—Cyrus Coffin.
Constables—Wm. A. Scott, Herman Inman.
School Committee—Kingsley A. Ballentyne.
Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

15 March, 1915.

Moderator—D. W. Ballentyne.
Selectmen—Chas. A. Brown, Geo. W. Thombs, Samuel
H. Kneeland.
Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.
Collector of Taxes—John W. Haskell.
Constables—H. S. Pinkham, Wm. A. Scott.
School Committee—Byron F. Porter.
Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

20 March, 1916.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.
Selectmen—Artemas Weatherbee, W. D. Scanlon, Jas.
A. MacKenzie.
Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.
Collector of Taxes—Edwin A. Lowell.
Constables—Henry S. Pinkham, O. W. Gray.
School Committee—Fred V. Buzzell.
Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

19 March, 1917.

Moderator—D. W. Ballentyne.

Selectmen—A. Weatherbee, J. A. MacKenzie, E. A. Knights.

Treasurer—Cyrus Coffin.

Collector of Taxes—Chas. Knights.

Constable—Lester F. Gillis.

School Committee—A. F. Richardson.

Clerk—Artemas Weatherbee.

18 March, 1918.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.

Selectmen—A. Weatherbee, Jas. A. MacKenzie, Edward A. Knights.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Herbert V. Haskell.

Constables—Geo. F. Smith, W. A. Scott.

School Committee—Byron F. Porter.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

17 March, 1919.

Moderator—Daniel W. Ballentyne.

Selectmen—Chas. A. Brown, Edward A. Lowell, W. A. Hanscom.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Herbert V. Haskell.

Constables—John Sabin, Frank H. Thompson.

School Committee—W. D. Scanlon.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

15 March, 1920.

Moderator—Geo. W. Thombs.

Selectmen—Chas. W. Clay, Robert P. Clark, Nathan C. Ayer.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Herbert V. Haskell.

Constables—John Sabin, Geo. L. Foss.

School Committee—Miss M. P. Mosher.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

21 March, 1921.

Moderator—D. W. Ballentyne.

Selectmen—Chas. W. Clay, Robert P. Clark, Nathan C. Ayer.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Herbert V. Haskell.

Constables—John Sabin, Geo. F. Smith.

School Committee—Byron F. Porter.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

20 March, 1922.

Moderator—George W. Thombs.

Selectmen—George W. Thombs, Nathan C. Ayer, Truman Knights.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—William A. Scott, $1\frac{7}{8}\%$.

Constables—Edward Inman, Hilburn Sproul.

School Committee—W. D. Scanlon.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

19 March, 1923.

Moderator—Harold E. Smith.

Selectmen—Jas. A. MacKenzie, Nathan C. Ayer, Edwin A. Knights.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Wm. A. Scott, $1\frac{1}{4}\%$.

Constable—Sidney Lancaster, Frank Hall.

School Committee—Elmore C. House.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

17 March, 1924.

Moderator—Harold E. Smith.

Selectmen—Jas. A. MacKenzie, Wm. C. Kirk, Edwin A. Knights.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Luther W. Holmes, $1\frac{1}{4}\%$.

Constables—Chas. Farnsworth, Frank Thompson.

School Committee—Howard L. Annis.
Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

16 March, 1925.

Moderator—Kingsley A. Ballentyne.

Selectmen—Jas. A. MacKenzie, Wm. C. Kirk, Edwin
A. Knights.

Treasurer—Frank R. Linton.

Collector of Taxes—Luther W. Holmes, $1\frac{1}{4}\%$.

Constables—Walter Towle, Winfield C. Glidden.

School Committee—Frank W. Brown.

Clerk—Chas. W. Clay.

MAIL AND POST ROUTES

POST ROUTES.

In 1820 the only house between Piscataquis Falls and Mattawamkeag, or in fact between the first-named point and Houlton, a distance of more than one hundred miles, was the house built and occupied by Joseph Snow near the south line of No. 4 (Winn), but within the next six years settlements had been made at several points along the river, Mattanawcook having by this time fifteen or twenty families. The story of the development of the mail route between Bangor and Houlton through Lincoln from the batteau to the locomotive during a period of forty-five years, is an interesting one.

The first step towards supplying mail service to the people of the upper Penobscot was taken by the Government in the establishment on the 3 March, 1825, of the route between Bangor and Houlton. On the same date as the above the following route was established: "From Bangor by Orono, Birch Stream settlement, Kelmarnock, Maxfield, Seboois, Piscataquis, Passamaduco, Sunkhaze and Eddington to Bangor." This seems to have been a belt line, running up on the west side of the river and back to Bangor on the east side, and it may be somewhat curious if not important. It is not known whether the route was ever put into operation or not.

The petition of Alfred Gates and others for a road from Passadumkeag to No. 2 had been favorably acted upon by the Legislature the previous winter, and it is possible that this road had been constructed during the summer of 1824, but no other roads could have been made north of Howland or Passadumkeag. Just when the contract was awarded for carrying the mail over this route to Houlton, cannot be told, but we have the record that a Mr. Moor was the first mail carrier, and that, while engaged in this service in the spring of 1826, he and a Mr. Daggett were coming down the Matta-

wamkeag River when their boat was wrecked on Slugundy Falls four miles above the junction of the Mattawamkeag with the Penobscot. Both were drowned and their bodies, with the mail bag, were found the next day in Babcock's boom at what is now Winn. The mail bag, with its contents, was sent to Alfred Gates, the only Postmaster nearer than Bangor. Among the contents were found sixteen silver dollars. The body of Mr. Moor is said to have been buried in the cemetery at South Winn, but the grave is apparently unmarked. Mr. Daggett was buried at Mattawamkeag.

In the Bangor Register of 6 August, 1826, appears the following announcement:

Mail leaves Bangor every fourth Thursday, commencing 3 August.

Mail leaves Houlton every Thursday following, commencing 24 August.

In this year, 1826, William Foster was appointed Postmaster at Olamon. The office was kept at his house on the west side of the river.

Two years later we find the following announcement:

"The Houlton and Bangor mail stage leaves Bangor every Tuesday morning, arrives at Houlton every Friday. Leaves Houlton every Wednesday morning and arrives at Bangor every Friday.

Lander, Burley and Saunders, 9 June, 1828."

The following is inserted for any interest it may have: Mail route "From Passadumkeag post office by Treat's mills, through No. 1 to Page's mills, and through No. 2, Herd's ridge to No. 4, Mullitt's mills in said county of Penobscot." U. S. Statutes, Post Roads, 15 June, 1832.

From memoranda of George H. Haynes we learn that his father, Alvin Haynes of Winn and Haynesville, was connected with the Bangor and Houlton mail at a very early date, probably as early as 1830, immediately following the short contract of Lander, Burley and Saunders in 1828,

although we find notice of the Bangor and Houlton weekly accommodation stage and batteau 8 August, 1829. We do not know who was the proprietor of this line, nor how long it continued. On the Military Road in 1831 (though this road was, perhaps, passable the previous year), Mr. Haynes was one of the proprietors with Col. James Thomas till 1836. We find, also, an announcement of the mail leaving Bangor every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 A.M. for Passadumkeag and Lincoln, and returning leave every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving at Bangor at 6 P.M. This was 17 February, 1835, and was probably a part of the contract of Haynes and Thomas, but this is uncertain. Mr. Haynes drove the first mail coach to Houlton.

From 1836 to 1840, Reuben Ordway was mail contractor, and from 1 July, 1841, to 30 June, 1845, Joseph Shaw and Caleb Billings. This is given as three times a week to Mattawamkeag, sixty-one miles, and the last-named were also the contractors between Bangor and Mattawamkeag till 1848. From 1844 to 1848, the party holding the contract from Mattawamkeag to Houlton is unknown, and for the Bangor and Houlton line from 1848 to 1868, Eben Woodbury and Ira Bailey were the contractors, then Asa Smith had the line for a year. After that, till the completion of the railroad, the line was run by the Eastern Express Company.

In 1848 the route between Bangor and Mattawamkeag was taken by Wyman B. S. Moor of Waterville, who carried the mail till 1857 or '58, when he sold it, together with the steamboats, to William H. and Joseph L. Smith of Oldtown, who carried it between the points mentioned till the completion of the European and North American Railway. On the 24 April, 1856, the announcement was published that mail to and from Bangor and Mattawamkeag, will leave at 6 A.M. and is due at 7 P.M., six times a week.

The United States, as we have seen, was prompt in establishing post routes for the upper Penobscot and beyond. Offices and postmasters were also provided as rapidly as necessity seemed to require and expediency would allow.

POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.

It may be desirable to mention, as a historical fact, that the first Post Office established at Lincoln, Maine, was that at a Plantation in Hancock County, now Waldo County, 1 Dec., 1815. The Post Office Department, however, says Penobscot County. This Plantation was incorporated 15 February, 1819, as the town of Thorndike.

The first Post Office in this locality was called Mattanawcook and it was located at what is now Lincoln Center. In 1829 the Post Office was moved to Lincoln village, and in 1833 the name was changed to Lincoln, as the town, in the meantime, had been incorporated. Post offices were also later established at Lincoln Center, North Lincoln, South Lincoln and East Lincoln. The bond required in these days was from three hundred to five hundred dollars and it was usually furnished by local residents.

The following lists give the names of the Postmasters of these offices, the dates of their establishment, and the dates of the appointment of Postmasters:

Mattanawcook, estab. 23 March, 1826.

Alfred Gates, P. M., 23 March, 1826.

Ira Fish, P. M., 13 May, 1829.

Lincoln, late Mattanawcook, estab. 25 June, 1833.

Chesley Hayes, P. M., 6 July, 1833.

George W. Towle, P. M., 6 March, 1835.

Timothy Fuller, P. M., 4 June, 1841.

James H. Bowler, P. M., 7 June, 1845.

Timothy Fuller, P. M., 4 April, 1849.

David S. Plumly, P. M., 29 March, 1853.

Wm. R. Ayer, P. M., 13 July, 1855.

David S. Plumly, P. M., 4 April, 1861.

Orrison Ripley, P. M., 20 February, 1867.

Meador B. Pinkham, P. M., 16 Nov., 1871.

Harrison Piper, P. M., 13 October, 1879.

Meador B. Pinkham, P. M., 31 July, 1885.

Harrison Piper, P. M., 27 June, 1889.
 Meader B. Pinkham, P. M., 18 August, 1893.
 Charles F. Plumly, P. M., 19 July, 1897.
 Leon B. Clay, P. M., 29 July, 1913.
 Charles F. Plumly, P. M., 10 October, 1913.
 Herbert L. Pinkham, P. M., 12 January, 1914.
 Albert A. Weatherbee, P. M., 2 October, 1922.

1 October, 1904, Lincoln was advanced to third class,
 and 1 July, 1925, it was advanced to second class.

Lincoln Center, estab. 3 February, 1834.

Jonathan Bemis, P. M., 19 Feb., 1834.
 Richmond Hayward, P. M., 19 Oct., 1841.
 Addison P. Chesley, P. M., 24 July, 1855.
 Abner B. Chase, P. M., 25 July, 1861.
 Wm. R. Hersey, P. M., 26 July, 1865.
 Horatio Gates, P. M., 10 June, 1874.
 Luther H. Averill, P. M., 5 Oct., 1881.
 Alfred Gates, P. M., 2 Sept., 1885.
 Harry Butterfield, P. M., 3 May, 1889.
 Charles E. Drew, P. M., 1900.
 W. E. Walcott, P. M., 18 Mar., 1907.
 Howard L. Annis, P. M., 1920.

North Lincoln, estab. 17 Jan., 1831.

Benjamin Chesley, P. M., 18 April, 1831.
 Ira Varney, P. M., 6 March, 1834.
 Charles Merrill, P. M., 18 May, 1838.
 Ira Varney, P. M., 12 Aug., 1845.
 Cyrus J. Fay, P. M., 1 Sept., 1855.
 W. A. B. Cobb, P. M., 27 May, 1858.

Changed to
 North Winn, 11 Oct., 1858.

W. A. B. Cobb, P. M., 11 Oct., 1858.