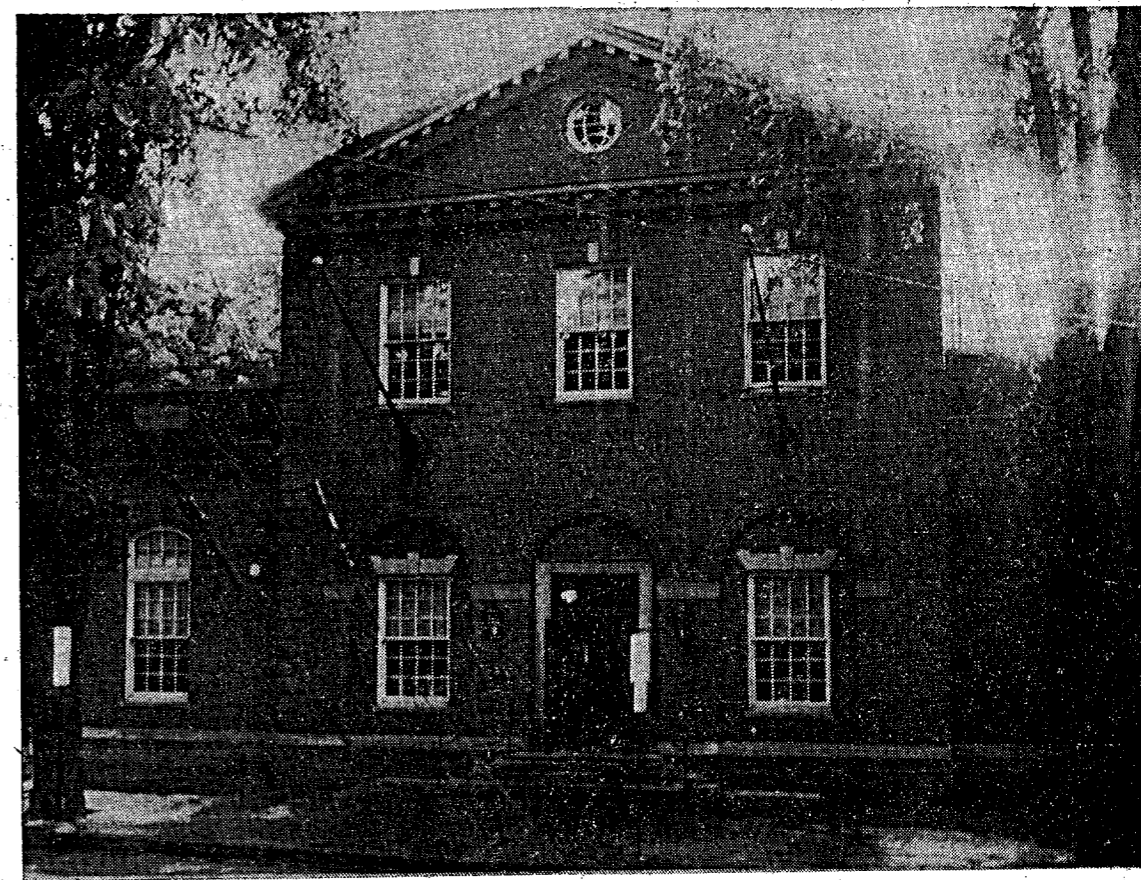
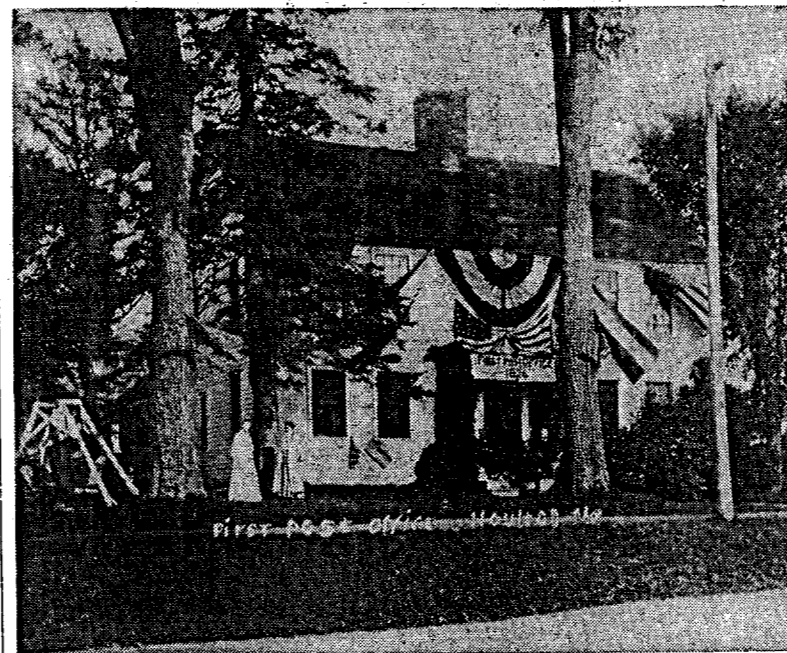
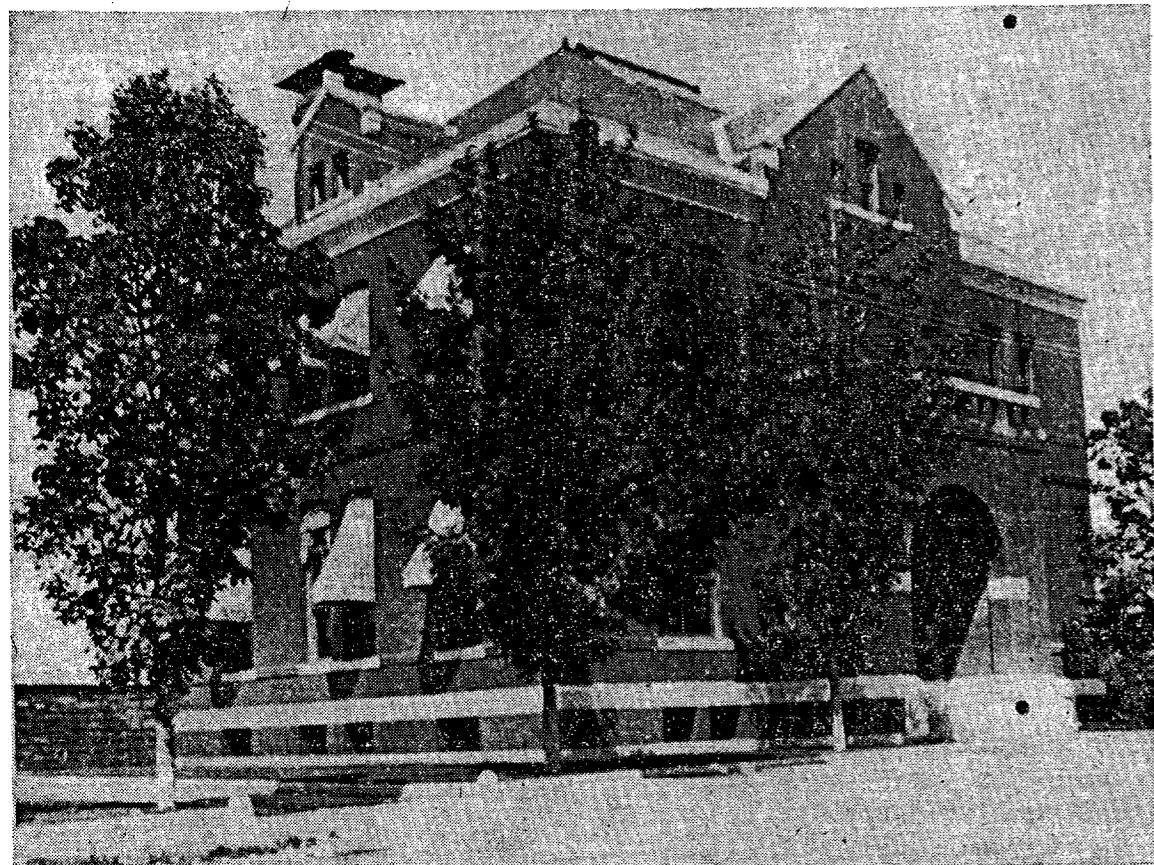


Houlton's Post Offices, From the Oldest to the Newest, Have Been Administered by 26 Postmasters.



Between the usage of the first post office in Houlton, center, and the one in use today, right, a period of 134 years has elapsed during which time about 26 different persons have served the town as postmaster for varying terms of years. First postmaster was Amos Pearce who was appointed May 23, 1826 and then conducted the office from his residence on the Calais Road, now the home of the Peabody family. In the intervening years, the postal facilities have been located in several different places in the town and have been destroyed by fire on at least two occasions. Building on the left was erected in 1894 at which time it was described as one of the finest in the state. It is now the property of St. Mary's parish and houses the parochial school, having been replaced by the present modern building in 1934.

ears later as a similar contingent of draftees left for service in World War Two.

The historic significance of this event was still further emphasized by the line of march to the station. Included in the procession were two bands, from Houlton and Hodgdon, the Houlton Fire Company, veterans of the Spanish American wars and the I.A.R., the Elks Lodge, Campfire girls and others.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZED

The whole community was mobilized to do its share. Liberty

Loan campaigns were sponsored, drives were held by the local newspapers for contributions of smokes and tobacco to be sent to military camps and overseas, the pupils at both Ricker and high school contributed generously to the War Children's Relief Fund.

The division of which Co. L. was a part took part in the Aisne and Marne offensive, the Meuse-Argonne offensive and several others on the Chemin-des-Dames sector, the St. Mihiel offensive and the Los Reine and Toule sectors.

The Houlton soldiers distinguished themselves for gallantry

at the front and the following men were recognized and given citation or Award medals: Col. Frank Hume, Pvt. Clement Carroll, Edward E. Ayotte, Pfc. Harold Berrie, Sgt. Ralph L. Albert, Sgt. Charles R. Barton, Anthony J. Simmons, Alva P. White, also Maj. Elson A. Hosford, Maj. Roland E. Clark, Capt. Roland G. Findley, and Lt. Hector J. Carpenter, who served in both World Wars with honors.

FIRST MAN KILLED

The first man killed in action June 16, 1918 was Pvt. Chester L. Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Briggs for whom the Chester L. Briggs Legion Post is named.

The war finally came to an end in November, 1918 and the town's reaction was immediate and enthusiastic. Orders for a demonstration were put into effect by the Board of Selectmen and of it, the Houlton Times noted that, "Houlton broke away from its usual reserve and celebrated the victories of our brave and gallant boys on the battlefronts of France. Whistles blew, bells rang, people yelled themselves hoarse as the pent up patriotism of years was let loose as never before."

The entire day following receipt of the news of Germany's surrender was one of complete pandemonium throughout the town. From 4:45 in the morning when the news was first received, the town echoed with a roar of jubilation. Church bells, whistles, sirens, horns, contributed to the

Report of grammar school, taught by Helen M. Hume, for term ending June 21. Not absent or tardy during the entire term, Arthur Heath, Donnie Kidder, May Smith, Lottie Davenport, Cassius Esters, Ida Record and James Gurrin. The following were not tardy once: Belle Downes, Robert McCready, Robert MacDonald, Howard MacIlroy, Walter Titcomb, Ireton Wallace, Katie Buchanan, Vesta Chadwick, Lulu Heath and Harry Baker.

Mr. Garwood Ferris, the contractor and constructor of the Houlton Water Works system, was here last week and, on Saturday the completed Works was turned over by him to the President and Directors of the Company. The Stand pipe on Spring street is filled and the water is running in the main and service pipes, by which the Snell House and several private residences are now supplied with clear Meduxnekeag water.—Aroostook Times, Oct. 29, 1885.

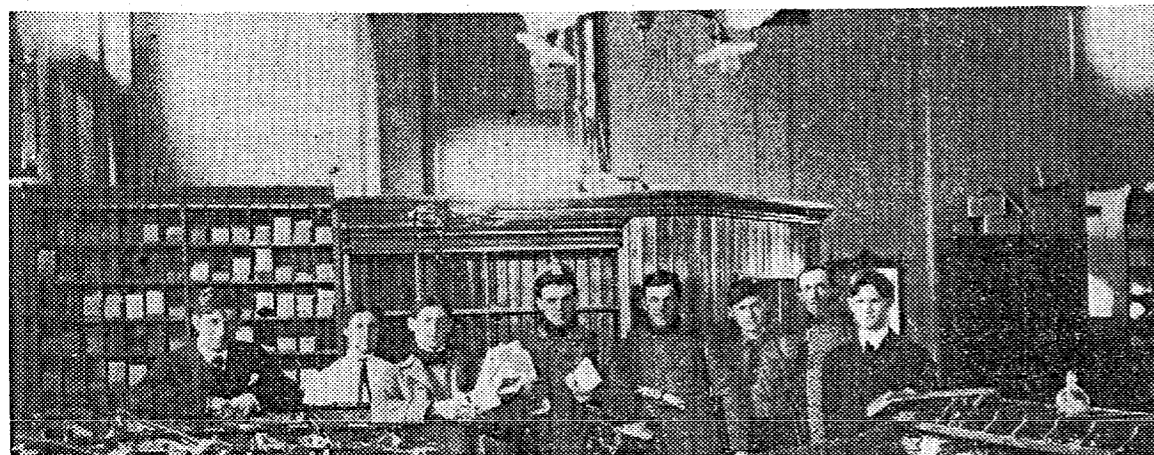
A good work is being done by the town authorities in leveling the hill on Main street, in front of the priest's residence. The elevation has been reduced some five feet, so that the roadway is now nearly on a level. It will facilitate travel and teaming to and from the depot very materially.—Aroostook Times, Oct. 8, 1885.

A chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union has been organized in this town. The officers of the charter group are, President, Mrs. N. T. Dutton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. B. Page; treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Wentworth.—Aroostook Pioneer, Jan. 13, 1885.

Houlton Postmasters Since 1826

Obtained from the Post-Office Department Records, Wash. D. C.

Name	Date of Appointment
Pearce, Amos	May 23, 1826
Pearce, Abraham	Aug. 4, 1827
Fresbie, Timothy	July 23, 1835
Hall, J. F. H.	June 5, 1841
Pierce, Leonard	July 1, 1843
Putnam, J. V.	Oct. 6, 1848
Hussey, H. O.	March 26, 1849
Packard, T. P.	April 26, 1853
Putnam, L. O.	Nov. 14, 1861
Bradbury, Thos. M.	Aug. 24, 1866
Putnam, L. O.	March 26, 1867
Woodbury, Ebenezer	June 8, 1868
Packard, T. P.	May 22, 1873
Woodbury, Ebenezer	Dec. 17, 1874
Packard, T. P.	Feb. 3, 1875
Boyd, Wm. L.	Jan. 19, 1876
Woodbury, Ebenezer	May 5, 1881
Page, A. B.	May 18, 1885
Woodbury, Ebenezer	Sept. 28, 1889
Gillin, James Jr.	Dec. 20, 1893
Hume, Frank M.	Nov. 19, 1897
Sheehan, Dennis	July 1, 1914
Burleigh, Preston	Dec. 14, 1922
Peabody, Marita E.	April 26, 1936
Spain, Leo T.	Aug. 24, 1954



the town echoed with a roar of jubilation. Church bells, whistles, sirens, horns, contributed to the din which rocked the community.

ALL STORES CLOSED

Business took a holiday. All stores were ordered closed and those who failed to heed the order were promptly shuttered by the Houlton Fire department.

A sleepy populace was soon aroused. The citizen's committee that had long been awaiting this opportunity, was under the chairmanship of Percy L. Rideout and the sun had hardly topped the horizon before the full vent of patriotic ardor was under way. The weather was fair, which brought out the citizens in force, both old and young.

The day was the climax to impatient waiting by the late Vic Holdaway who had, for weeks, been fattening up a "peace ox" to be barbecued as the principle article on the day's menu. Just at sun up Vic was at his work and soon a large spit in Market Square was revolving with the carcass of the ox being roasted for the enjoyment of the people.

A committee on "stunts" had also been named in advance composed of Dr. F. W. Mitchell, B. B. McIntyre and Charles Osgood. The effigies of the Kaiser and the Crown Prince were suspended from a wire between the Rice block and the Mansur block and were later burned to the wire amid the plaudits of the people.

PATRIOTIC SONGS

The big event of the day took place in the evening following the barbecue. Vic Holdaway had as his assistants, Charles W. Starkey, Harry Hallett, Dr. E. P. Henderson and Amos Putnam. After the meat of the ox had disappeared, a chorus appeared on the Snell House piazza to sing patriotic selections under the direction of E. L. Cleveland. This was followed by a torchlight procession, marshalled by Raymond Cumming garbed as Uncle Sam. This was formed on the high school grounds and it was estimated there were 500 in the line of march.

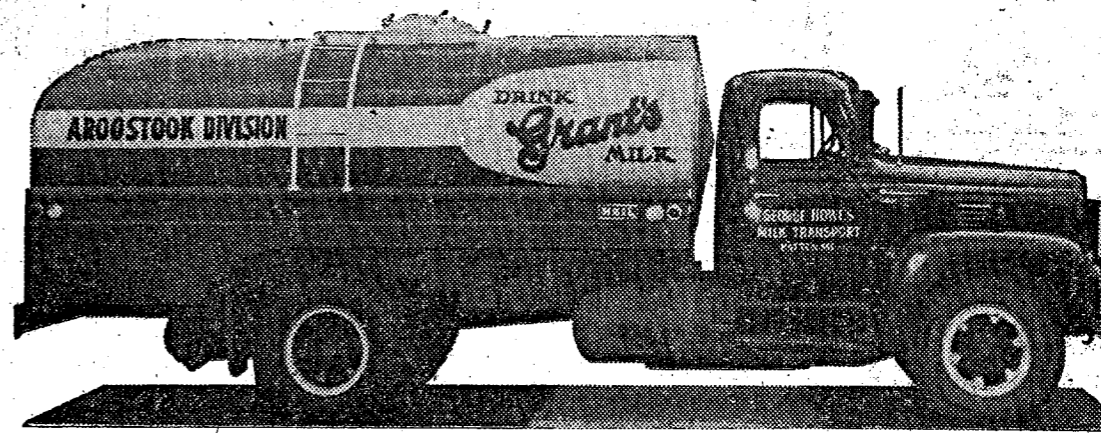
While the parade was halted in Market Square for the ceremony of burning the Hohenzollerns, father and son, moving pictures were shown against the Fox block by the manager of the Dream Theatre. Two bonfires were sending flames skyward at each end of the square.

Houlton's final blow-off of the first world war came on Independence Day in 1919 in the form of a welcome home to her soldier, sailor and nurse sons and daugh-

Katie Buchanan, Vesta Chadwick, worth. — Aroostook Pioneer, Jan. 13, 1885.
Lulu Heath and Harry Baker.

Peabody, Marita E.
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GRANT'S DAIRY extends Greetings to Houlton on Its 150th Anniversary



While we are comparative newcomers to Houlton and Aroostook we do want to add our good wishes to the Town of Houlton on the important occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

We like doing business in Aroostook County. We like Aroostook people — they're good people to do business with. We try to be nice people to do business with, too — we want Aroostook people to like us.

Besides selling dairy products, wholesale and retail, in Aroostook we also buy milk from Aroostook dairy farmers. By establishing bulk pick up of milk in Aroostook, Grant's Dairy has opened an entirely new market for the products of Aroostook and has broadened the base of the entire dairy industry of Aroostook County.

Once again, best wishes, Houlton, on your 150th Anniversary.

GRANT'S DAIRY



Only four carriers delivered mail to the residential section of the town when this picture was taken about 1906 inside the old Post Office in Water Street. Left to right are, Murdoch B. McKay, clerk; Miss Lily Perrigo, now Mrs. Charles W. Harmon, clerk; Ernest Donnelly, carrier; Harry Little, carrier, later clerk; Howard MacIlroy, carrier; Burns McIntire, clerk; Blinn Hunter, carrier and Frank O'Brien, clerk. Postmaster Frank M. Hume was not present for this picture.



Back in the Days of the Blacksmith

... back in the days of the old "blacksmith" ... auto body and fender work was not heard of ... but the "blacksmith" was a man of all trades. He did all types of repair work. We at Barlock's Auto Body Shop, are equipped to do most any type of auto body work and fender repairs.

CONGRATULATIONS HOULTON
on this your 150th BIRTHDAY ...
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PIONEER TIMES ON YOUR
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