



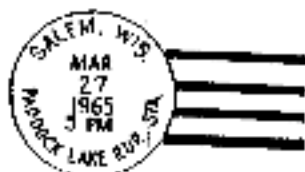
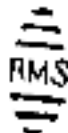
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Rural Free Delivery Postmark - Used to facilitate accurate records of mail handled on routes. Seventeen different cancels were used in Wisconsin.



Highway Post Office - These replaced the RPO mail trains. The buses sorted mail as they moved from office to office.



RPO Cancels - These cancels were used by the mail clerks on railroad mail trains as they sorted mail between stops.

Rural Branches, Rural Stations - Were postal sub-units without postmasters located outside the corporate limits of the city serving that particular office.

POSTAL

HISTORY

SOCIETY

Affiliated with -

- The Wisconsin State Historical Society
- The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
- The American Philatelic Society

The following list of informational bulletins are available from the Wisconsin Postal History Society. Most of the information from bulletins 1 through 11 are included in the bulletins below.

#12	Railway Mail Postmarks of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan, 1978.	\$5.25
#13	1902 Wisconsin Railway Scheme, 1984.	\$2.75
#14	Straight Line Postmarks of Wisconsin - Enlarged Edition, 1984.	\$2.00
#15	County & Postmaster Postmarks of Wisconsin - Enlarged Edition, 1985.	\$1.75
#16	Rural Free Delivery Postmarks of Wisconsin, 1985.	\$1.50
#17	Flag and Doane Postmarks of Wisconsin, 1986.	\$2.00
#18	19th Century Fancy Cancellations of Wisconsin, 1987.	\$3.25
#19	The Precanceled Stamps of Wisconsin, 1987.	\$2.25
#20	Wisconsin Post Office Handbook - Enlarged Edition, 1988.	\$5.25
#21	Rural Branches of Wisconsin Post Offices - Enlarged Edition, 1989.	\$4.25
#22	Territorial & Early Statehood Covers Owned by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1990.	\$5.25

Prices listed above are postpaid. Copies may be ordered from Gregg Schmidt, 1978 Fox Burrow Court, Neenah, WI 54956

Wisconsin Postal History Society

At the 1942 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, some twelve collectors gathered at a breakfast meeting in the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, and inaugurated what was then called the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Postal History Project.

The name of the organization was changed, in 1949, to the Wisconsin Postal History Society, and after it was incorporated became affiliated with the Wisconsin State Historical Society and later with the American Philatelic Society.

The purpose of WPHS is to collect and disseminate information on the postal history of Wisconsin for educational and historical uses. All postal activities are covered - locations and dates of operation of post offices, types of postmarks used, mail transportation routes and methods, post office personnel, etc. Most of our members collect covers and other postal information from a single county or a small group of counties. Some specialize in covers from the territorial period, from discontinued post offices or in fancy cancels. Members are encouraged to compile data on new systems as they are phased in by the U. S. Postal system serving Wisconsin post offices. This data can be used as subjects for future bulletins.

We publish a quarterly journal, "Badger Postal History", which contains news about membership activities, and other items of general interest to the Wisconsin postal historian.

WPHS continues to publish informational bulletins which can be obtained from our Executive Secretary. (see last page)

The Society's library contains micro-films of postmaster commission dates, a number of maps, and numerous books on postal service data.

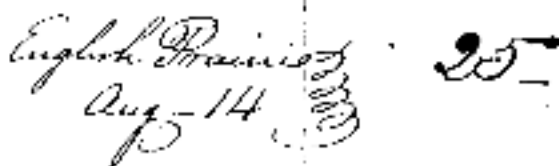
The WPHS conducts its annual meeting in conjunction with the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs show each year. We also have available for that show an award for the best state or best county exhibit.

Our dues are \$12.00 per year. We welcome collectors from all branches of philately and all other persons, clubs or societies with an interest in Wisconsin postal history. Why not join us!

Membership applications may be requested from -

William B. Robinson, Secretary
1641 Bruce Lane
Green Bay, WI 54313

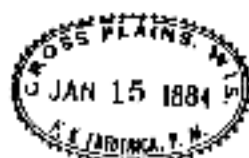
Examples of some of the various cancels used over the years.



Pen Cancellations - Until the middle 1850s this was the usual way to cancel letters.



County Postmark - These markings served to better identify the location of obscure post offices.



Postmaster Postmark - Never required by the postal regulations it was probably done to please the postmaster's fancy.



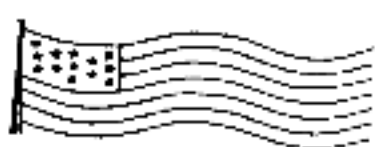
Fancy Cancellations - During the pre 1880 period, many postmasters purchased a town mark and then used their artistic ability to carve a killer from a cork, apple wood, pear wood, a rubber eraser, or even a potato.



Hand Cancels - Usually used in smaller offices and have a large circle with four or five horizontal bars to the right as the killer.

Hingham, Wis
Aug 15

Straight Line Postmarks - Used by small post offices that were without a permanent canceling device, especially in the late 1800s.



Flag Cancels - Are machine cancels that were used primarily during the period 1896 to 1937. Fifteen types of flag cancels are known. At least 106 offices used these cancels.