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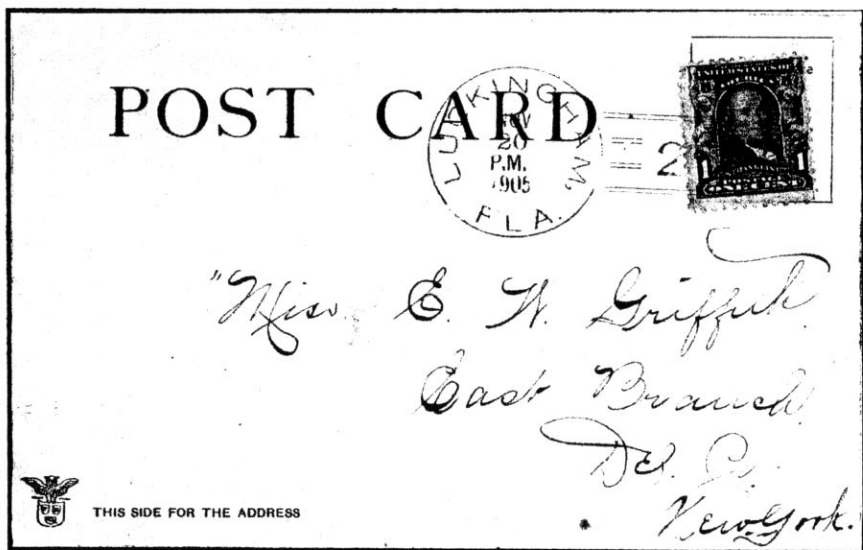
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**Fig. 1. LUCKINGHAM / FLA. NOV 20 1905 type II(2)
Doane postmark on postcard. Note broken "B".**

Many Florida towns have more than one type of Doane postmark, either issued as a replacement or as a result of a change in postal receipts as reflected in the killer bars. I recently wrote an article in *LaPosta* on Fort Barrancas which has three different Doane postmarks known. There are only three other towns in the entire United States with three or more. In addition to the three different Doanes known from Fort Barrancas, the following Florida towns are known with two different Doanes: Archer II(3) and III(7), Bloomingdale II(1) and III(1), Buckingham II(2) and III(2), East Palatka II(2) and III(2), Ellzey II(2) and III(2), Evinston I(2) and III(2), Gardner II(1) and III(5), Greer I(3) and III(3), Johnson II(3) (late composite), and III(3), Millville I(3) and III(?) possible 4-bar, Ponce Park II(2) and III(2), and Rochelle II(3) and III(4). This article will record the two different Doane postmarks known from Buckingham, Florida and record a possible third type. I will try to show one reason why replacement Doanes were issued.

The Buckingham post office was established in the recently formed Lee County on 9-November-1889, with Edward M. Williams as postmaster. It must have been a very small town with limited postal receipts since it was issued a Doane postmarking device as a class 4 office with \$100-200 annual receipts. The earliest known postmark with a type II (2) Doane cancellation is recorded on the Willett-Thompson Collection CD Disc 3 from the Postmark Collectors Club with a 23-October-1905 usage. It clearly shows the type II dial but no killer bars and is a boldly struck example with full "B" in Buckingham. The same disc shows an apparent type I Doane (Fig. 2.) with 28mm.dial only without killer bars dated 15-November-1904. If ever confirmed with killer bars, this would add a fifth known town with three different type Doanes. As the Doane coordinator for Florida, I have this listed as a possible type I Doane.



Fig. 2. BUCKINGHAM / FLA. NOV 10 1904 28mm dial only from probable type I(?) Doane postmark.

The postmark in figure 1. shows that the "B" in Buckingham has been partly broken and results in an "L" or Luckingham. It is my guess that when the postmaster recognized this, a newly issued Doane replacement was requested, and the post office department sent with the then manufactured Doane with type III dial as shown in Fig. 3. This usage is five weeks after the LKU of the type II Doane and is not strongly struck. It, too, shows an incomplete "B" but is felt to be the result of an incomplete strike. It appears that one of the more common reasons for replacement Doanes was the early deterioration of the rubber lettering in the dial. This was an apparent

reason for the changed Buckingham Doanes. The reason for the replacement hand stamps for the other post offices listed in the article is unknown except in the instances where the postal receipts changed.

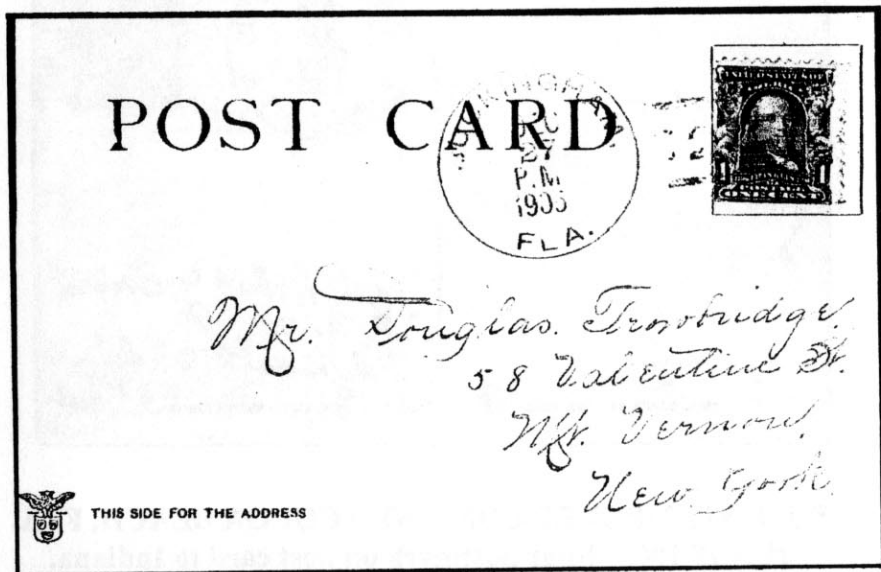


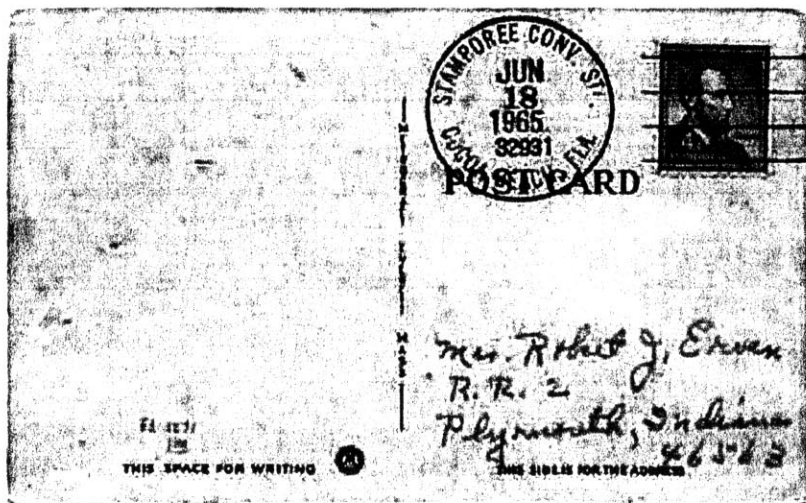
Fig. 3. BUCKINGHAM / FLA. DEC 27 1905 Doane type III(2) postmark on post card, the EKU of type III. (coll. Dick Laird)

FLORIDA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Florida Postal History Society membership dues for the year 2004 will be delinquent April 30, 2004. All members have been sent a dues announcement last month. If you have not remitted \$10 for annual membership or \$20 for contributing membership, please do so. This will be the last journal issue for unpaid members.

MODERN BREVARD COUNTY POSTAL HISTORY

C. Michael Wiedemann



**Fig. 1 STAMPOREE CONV. ST. / COCOA BEACH, FLA.
JUN 18 1965 4-bar postmark on post card to Indiana.**

One area overlooked in most Florida postal history collections is that of special cancels and short term postal stations established for special events. These special cancels are usually available for a short period of time, often a week or less and sometimes as short as a single day. The total quantity of cancels can be very low, and since the examples are produced for patrons of the event who are usually not philatelists or for cancel collectors who are often more interested in the topic of the event or the name of the town as it relates to their interests, finding an example of a cancel after the event is extremely difficult. The other difficulty is determining the existence of cancels that might be of interest to you, the collector of Florida postal history. If you collect a county, the cancels from these short term postal stations are needed to provide completeness, but their existence is hard to establish and they are not listed in any of the standard references. A recent purchase I made contained many of these cancels from all over Florida. I was able to add some fifteen covers to my Brevard County collection ranging from a 1965

Stamporee Station cover cancelled at a Stamporee that was held in Cocoa Beach (Fig. 1) to an April 17, 1999 Daffy Duck commemorative stamp (Scott #3306) second day cover cancelled at Titusville, FL "Wal-Mart Station" (Fig. 2). Other short term stations and cancels were established for Spaceweek from 1989 until 1998, for the 1976 Third Century America exhibit that was at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), and for the yearly Vietnam Veterans Day held at Wickham Park in the southern part of Brevard County. I do not know of a readily available official source of information concerning these short-term cancellations, and the only other source of a listing might be going through old issues of Linn's Stamp News looking for announcements of upcoming events. The material is out there. The problem is finding what to look for. I've compiled a listing of the Special Stations that I've been able to obtain covers from and where and when the station was open. I have not listed special cancels that were used at previously established post offices, mainly the large number of special launch cancellations employed at Kennedy Space Center and at Cape Canaveral post offices. Please contact me at Box 6130A, Titusville, FL 32782 or via e-mail at cmikew@mindspring.com with any additional information on Brevard County short-term stations.

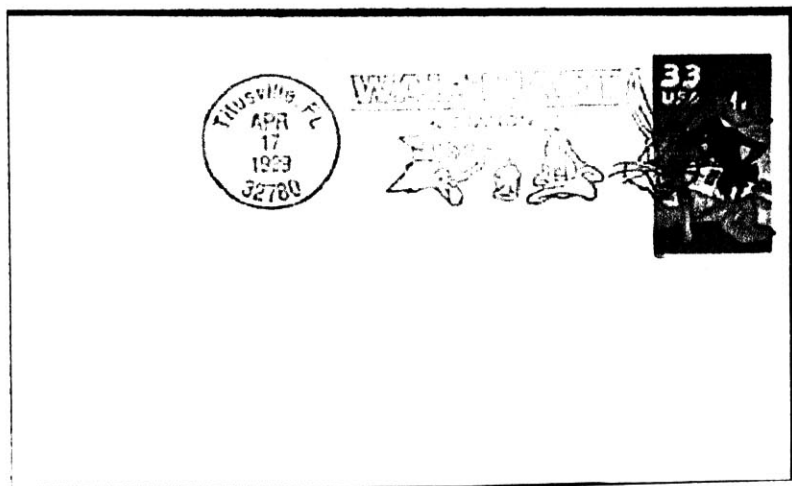
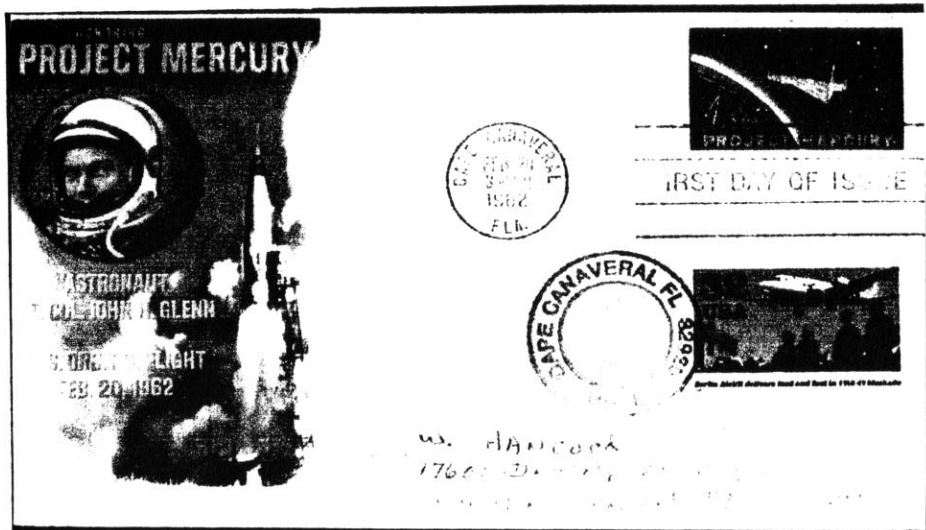


Fig. 2 Titusville, FL / 32780 APR 17 1999 WAL*MART STATION fancy cancel on cover with Daffy Duck stamp

Date opened	Date closed	Station location	Event	Remarks
6/18/1965*	?	?	Stamporee	Stamporee Convention Station
5/30/1976*	9/6/1976*	KSC, LCC lobby	3 rd Century America EXPO	Both Hand and Machine cancels known
7/20/1989*	7/21/1989*	Miracle City Mall, Titusville, FL (MCM)	Spaceweek	20 th Anniversary Apollo 11 also (Scott #2419 UOFDC's)
7/20/1990*	7/24/1990*	MCM	Spaceweek	15 th Anniversary Apollo/Soyuz
7/19/1991*	7/21/1991*	MCM	Spaceweek	Look to the Heavens and Learn
5/30/1992*	Used for only one day	MCM?	2 nd Day of Issue	Space Accomplishments (Scott # 2631-2634)
7/18/1992*	7/20/1992*	MCM	Spaceweek	International Space Year
7/16/1993*	7/18/1993*	MCM	Spaceweek	Space after the Cold War
7/17/1995*	?	MCM	Spaceweek	20 th Anniversary of Apollo/Soyuz
3/2/1997*	3/3/1997*	MCM	Spaceweek	Space for our Children
3/1/1998*	Used for one day only?	MCM	Spaceweek	Earthday
4/24/1998*	?	Wickham Park	Florida Vietnam Veterans Annual Reunion (FVVAR)	
4/17/1999*	Used for one day only	Wal-Mart	2 nd Day of Issue	Daffy Duck (Scott #3306)
4/7/2000*	?	Wickham Park	FVVAR	
* = Cancellations known to exist ? = no information or not confirmed				

CAPE CANAVERAL PHILATELIC COVER

William Hancock



CAPE CANAVERAL / FLA. FEB 20 1962 first day cover with additional postmark dated OCT 29 1998.

The above cover is an interesting philatelic cover originally commemorating Astronaut John Glenn's first orbital flight of 20 February 1962. A first day cancellation ties the 4 c "Project Mercury" stamp. The cover received a second Cape Canaveral postmark over 38 years later to commemorate then Senator John Glenn's second flight into space on 29 October 1998. What is interesting is to see the postal rate change that occurred during the 36 years between usages. The rate increased from 4 cents to 32 cents. The postmark had also added a Zip Code in the date stamp.

Editor's Note: This makes a nice addition to the article by Michael Wiedemann on Brevard County special cancels.

TARPON SPRINGS POSTAL HISTORY

Millard H. Mack

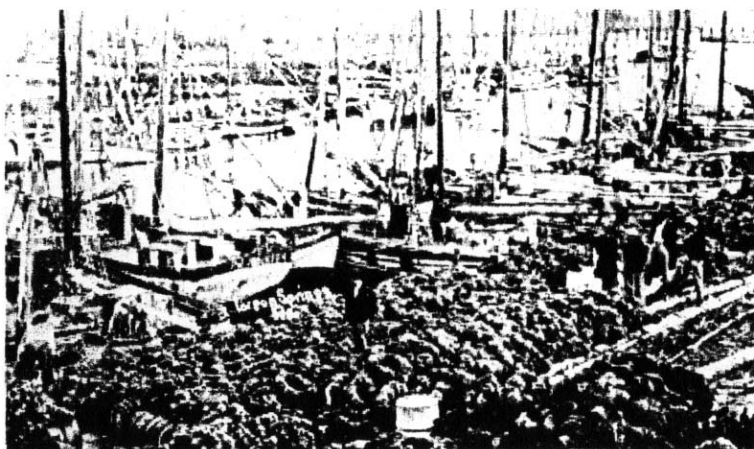


Tarpon Springs, Florida “Spring Bayou” circa 1920

As a collector of Tarpon Springs postal history, I have noted only a limited amount of material from pre-1900. I have requested the assistance of Deane R. Briggs to help write this article in an effort to notify members of my collecting interest and perhaps stimulate correspondence from other members.

The Tarpon Springs post office was established in Hillsborough County on 7 November 1883, with Edward A. Blum as postmaster. When Pinellas County was created from the Western portion of Hillsborough County on 23 May 1911, Tarpon Springs became part of that county and the post office has remained an operating post office in Pinellas County since that time.

Tarpon Springs was settled in the later part of the nineteenth century by families of Greek fishermen and sponge divers. A thriving sponge industry existed for many decades but the desire for natural sponges has declined in the later part of the twentieth century largely



Spongers and Fleet at Dock, Tarpon Springs, Fla. U. S. A.

Sponges and Fleet at Tarpon Springs circa 1914

due to new synthetic versions. The present day Tarpon Springs is still represented by a population with over 10% Greek ancestry. The historic section of town is located around the "Spring Bayou" on the Anclote River which is the location of an annual Epiphany Day celebration of a dive to recover a thrown cross.



5 WAITING FOR THE THROWING OF THE CROSS, SPRING BAYOU EPIPHANY DAY, TARPON SPRINGS, FLA.

Epiphany Day celebration with dive to recover the cross, 1925



Spring Boulevard, Tarpon Springs, Florida 1908 postcard

Nineteenth century Tarpon Springs postal history in my collection is limited to duplex cds postmarks with various unusual killers. The postmarks in Fig. 1. are copies from the Postmark Collectors Club research cd disc 3 and have not been seen used on cover by myself. Fig. 2 shows an interesting killer from an 1896 duplex cancelled cover with Tarpon Springs Hotel corner card.

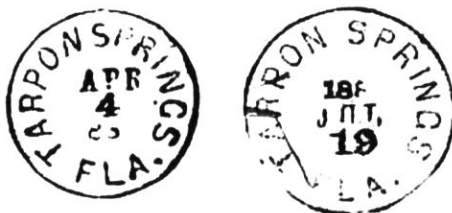


Fig. 1 Early Tarpon Springs post marks from the 1880's

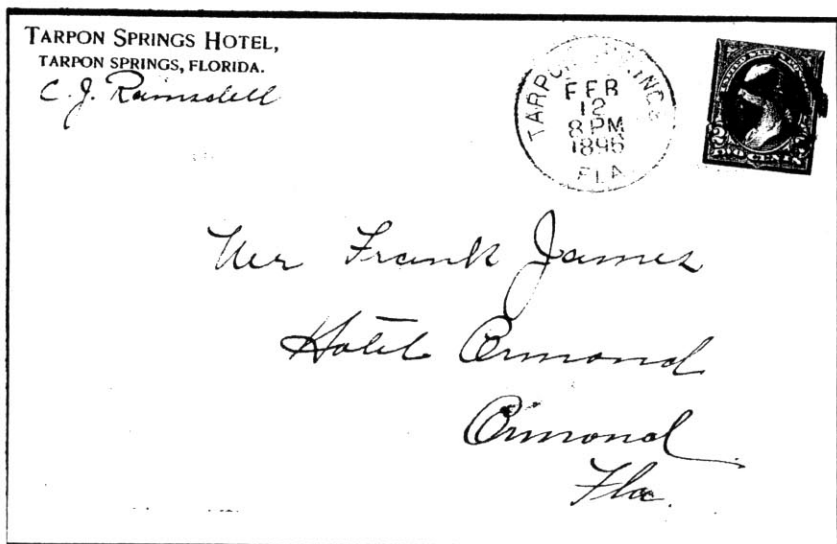


Fig. 2 TARPON SPRINGS / FLA. FEB 12 1896 postmark with fancy killer on Tarpon Springs Hotel cover.



Fig. 3 TARPON SPRINGS / FLA MAR 30 1898 (day and year inverted) with fancy circle of wedges killer.

TARPON ORANGE GROVE ASSOCIATION,
WHITCOMB & OLNEY, Agents,
Tarpon Springs, . . . Florida.



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Fig. 4 Undated “open circular” cover from Tarpon Orange Grove Association with #212 cancelled by cross killer.

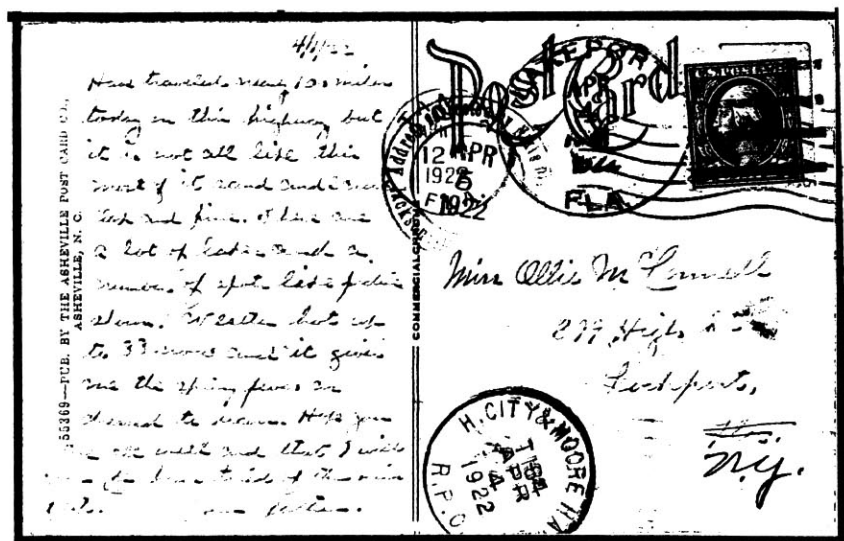
Postal history from early twentieth century Tarpon Springs is represented by many known examples of a duplex postmark used from 1905-1915, followed by another duplex postmark with a “1” in the killer. An American Postal Machines, Co., flag machine cancel is known with period of use from 1922-1927. A single example of a straight line “Tarpon Springs” postmark is known which may represent a “provisional usage”. This article will conclude with examples of postmarks mentioned above. Anyone with additional information on nineteenth century Tarpon Springs postal history is encouraged to contact the author at: 3805 Edwards Road, Rookwood Tower – Suite 200, Cincinnati, OH 45209-1916.



TARPON SPRINGS / FLA. Duplex postmark used c. 1905-1915

LOCKPORT, FLA. ??

David C. Lingard



LAKEPORT, FLA. APR 4 1922 forwarding postmark on card to Lockport, Fla (sic) with H.City & Moore Haven RPO.

Here is a fun piece of Florida postal history. I found this card while looking through a postcard dealers stock of Florida items. The postcard is a great view of the "Dixie Highway" between Leesburg and Eustis (a one lane rural road with vegetation growing over both shoulders).

The text was written from a father to his daughter and reads: "April 1, 1922, Have traveled nearly 100 miles today on this highway but it is not all like this. Most of it sand and scrub oak and pine. There are a lot of lakes and a number of spots like picture shown. Weather hot up to 88 now and it gives me the spring fever, as dressed to warm. Hope you are all well and that I will soon be home. Tired of this kind of life. Your Father."

What makes this card so much fun is the journey it took to get to its proper destination. The card was addressed to Lockport, Fla. It

entered the mail in Tampa on April 2, 1922, and was given a machine cancel at 12 P.M. It then took a ride on the Haines City and Moore Haven RPO and was postmarked April 4th. This RPO was part of the Atlantic Coast Line RR and was only in existence from 10 August 1922 until 25 February 1925. This RPO went through Lakeland and down the ridge of Florida through many towns before it ended up in Lakeport, which was located in Glades County. The postal clerk obviously realized the mistake and then applied a 4 bar cancel and forwarded it up north. Lakeport is a DPO and was established on 8 July 1914 and discontinued on 21 January 1942.

The card ended up in the Jacksonville P.O. where the address was corrected by crossing out FLA. And adding NY in red ink. It received an "Address Corrected" handstamp on April 5th and then reentered the mail with a final postmark (a Jacksonville machine cancellation) on the front of the card on April 5th at 4 P.M. and was presumably on its way to NY. I am assuming that this card got to its destination because it was one of many cards that were addressed to the same person in NY.

This postcard was handle at least 5 time in Florida during a 3-day period before it was sent to its final destination, all for a price of 1c

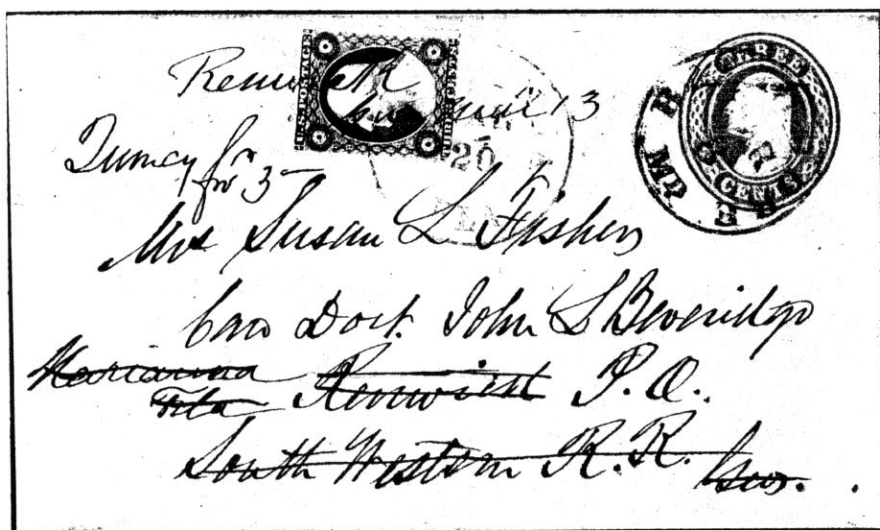


ON THE OLIVE HIGHWAY BETWEEN LEESEBURG, FLORIDA AND EUSTIS, FLORIDA.

Front of post card showing the "Dixie Highway".

CATCHING UP TO MRS. FISHER

Herbert P. McNeal



U10 entire postmarked BALTIMORE / MD. MAR 8 in blue with #26 forwarded with ms Renwick Ga Mar 13 and additional forwarding with MARIANNA / FLA. MAR 20 postmark and ms "for 3" rate to Quincy

The above 3c postal entire (U10), addressed to Mrs. Susan L. Fisher, Care Dr. John L. Beveridge, Renwick P.O., South Western R.R. Geo., entered the U.S. mails at Baltimore and was postmarked Mar. 8 (year unknown). Apparently not finding Mrs. Fisher at Renwick, a 3c 1857 adhesive stamp was added, tied by ms. Renwick, Ga. Mar. 13 forwarding postmark, and addressed to Marianna, Fla. After arriving at Marianna, it was again forwarded with Marianna crossed out and Quincy added with a ms. "ford 3" rate and a handstamped Marianna Mar 20 postmark. Hopefully, this letter found Mrs. Fisher at Quincy, since no further forwarding markings appear. The only other real question is the year date, since it is possible that this is an example of Confederate usage of the U.S. postal rates prior to July 1, 1861. The Marianna postmark is known to have been used during the Confederate period as well as earlier in the 1850's.

KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA EARLY POSTAL HISTORY

Deane R. Briggs, M.D.

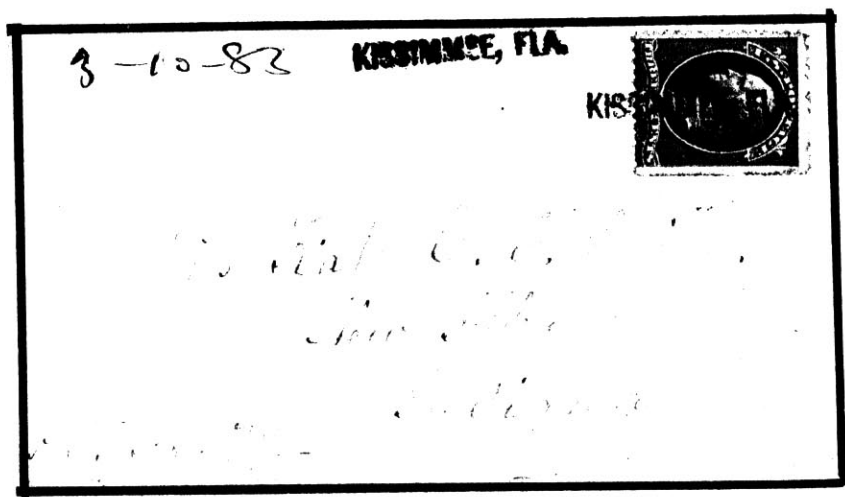


Fig. 1. KISSIMMEE, FLA. Straight-line “printer’s typeset” provisional hand stamp postmark with manuscript 3-10-83 date.

The town of Kissimmee was established in Orange County on the northern edge of Lake Tohopekaliga and during its early years was a location for cattle drovers to unwind after months of moving cattle along the Central Florida “ridge”. It was very much a Wild West town and nothing like the “Disney” town it is today. The post office was established on 22 May 1882 with William A. Patrick as the first postmaster. The county was changed to Osceola County on 12 May 1887. This article will document early postal history usages from Kissimmee during its first 10 years of existence.

The cover in Fig. 1. represents a “provisional” use of a straight-line hand stamp used 10 March 1883 despite a cds hand stamp being available for use as a postmark. This cover has an enclosure that tells of the hotel burning and of the number of buildings being

constructed and a telegraphic office, which was quite convenient. The writer had written her congressman about getting the post office for her husband. I presume this to mean she applied for the postmaster position. The use of this straight-line "provisional" postmark is unusual and is the only example I have seen.

The earliest known postmark from Kissimmee is shown in Fig. 2. It is a double outer circle postmark with 1882 usage reproduced from the CD disc of Florida postmarks from the Willett-Thompson Collection at the Margie Pfund Memorial Postmark Museum and Research Center.



Fig. 2. KISSIMMEE, / FLA. OCT 23 1882 cds postmark.

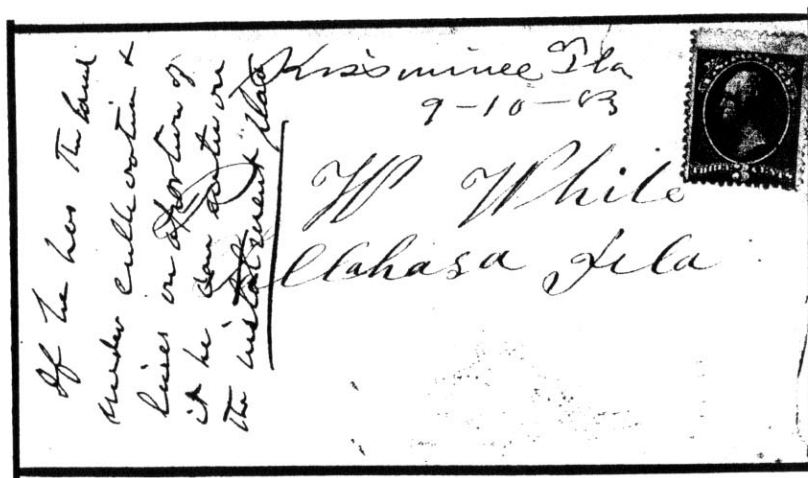


Fig. 3. Kissimmee Fla 9-10-83 manuscript postmark with pen cancelled #207 on cover to Tallahassee.

The cover in Fig. 3 represents an early use of the manuscript postmark, also used during the period when an official hand stamp device was available. This use of a manuscript postmark is quite common in small towns and may also be considered a "provisional" usage.

The cover in Fig. 4 shows another example of the manuscript postmark from Kissimmee but is unique in that it is a first day of use of the 2-cent rate change from the previous 3-cent rate.

The cover in Fig. 5 represents an early example of the second cds hand stamp postmark used in Kissimmee. It appears to be a duplex type device with a concentric circles killer. It is the only Kissimmee postmark with the state of Florida spelled out and was used during the mid 1880's.

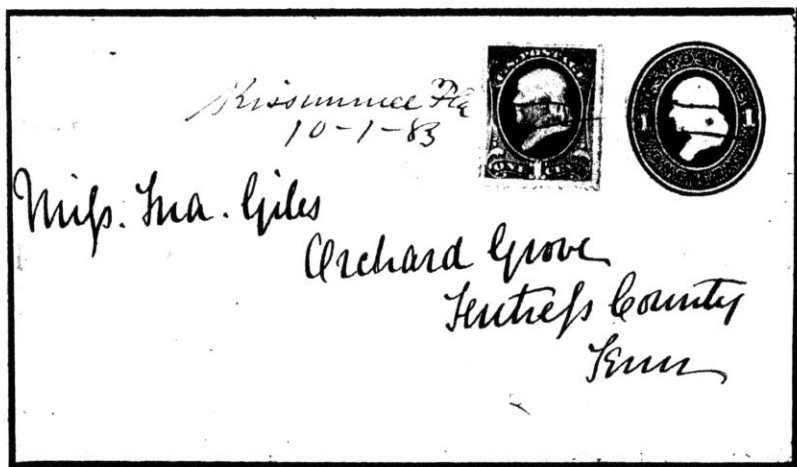


Fig. 4. Kissimmee Fla 10-1-83 manuscript postmark on 1 cent entire with additional #206 on first day of new 2 cent rate cover.

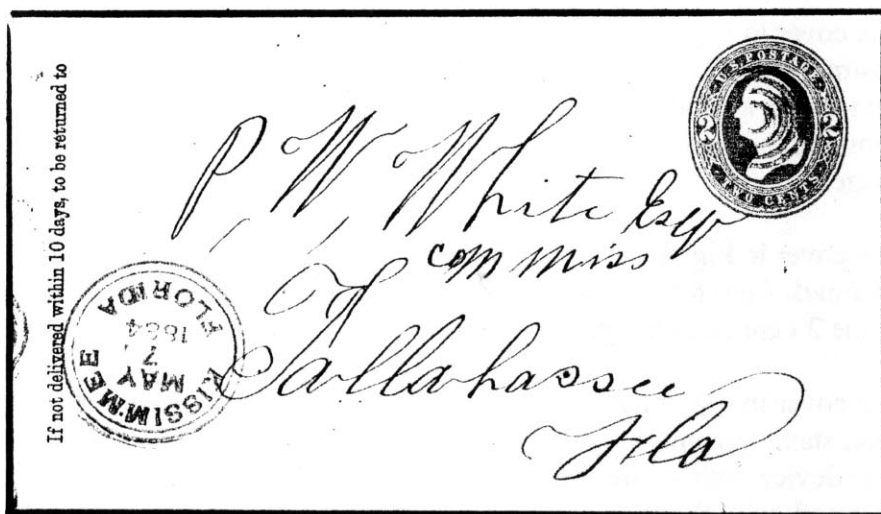


Fig. 5. KISSIMMEE / FLORIDA MAY 7 1884 double circle cds postmark on 2 cent entire, usage to Tallahassee.

The two different Kissimmee double circle cds postmarks were used for many years during the 1880's but were replaced by a different device by 1887. Fig. 6 shows an example of the single outer circle postmark which replaced the prior devices. It is different in the use of "serif" lettering in the name and FLA.



Fig. 6. KISSIMMEE, / FLA. JUN 2 1887 cds postmark with "serif" lettering.

The cover in Fig. 7 shows an example of the single circle cds postmark with duplexed killer. This device was replaced by a larger cds postmarking device shown in Fig. 8 used with a cork "cross" killer with usage to Jersey, via England in 1891. This article will conclude with an example of the well known fancy "K" killer used in the early 1890's. The example shown in Fig. 9 has the same cds hand stamp postmark as the example in Fig. 8 but has a fancy "K" killer to cancel the stamp.

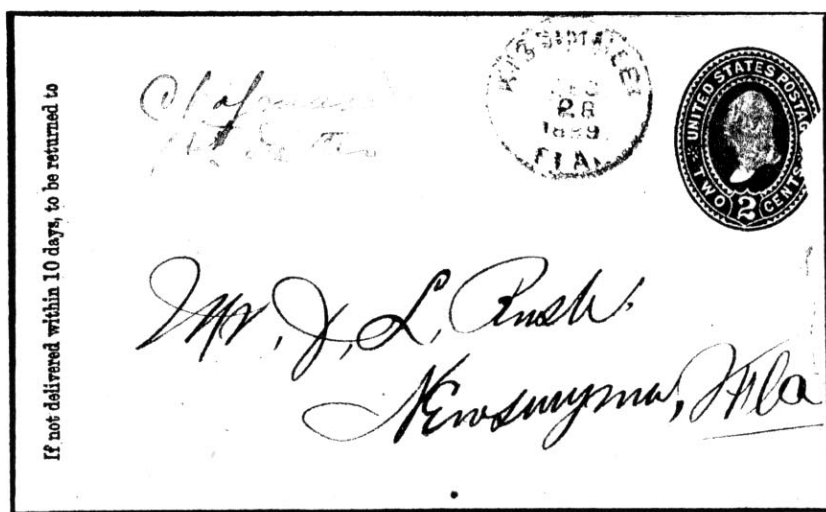


Fig. 7. KISSIMMEE / FLA. DEC 28 1889 cds postmark with cork killer on 2 cent green postal entire.

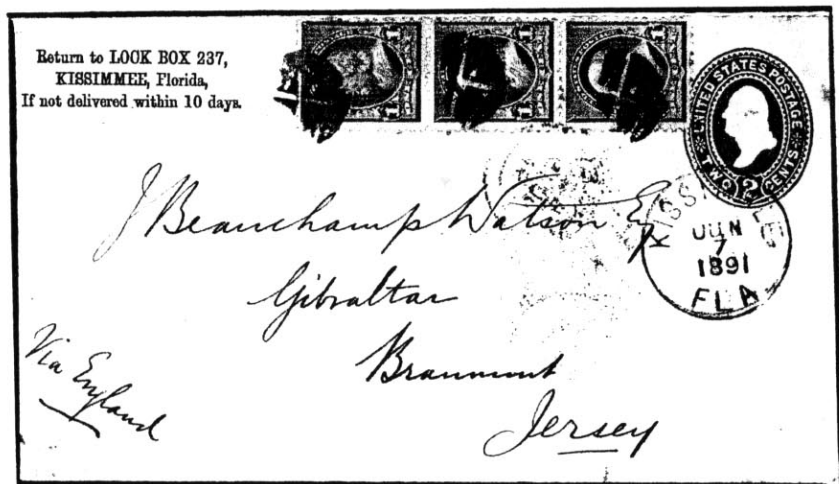


Fig. 8. KISSIMMEE / FLA. JUN 7 1891 cds postmark with “cross” killers on cover to Jersey, via England.

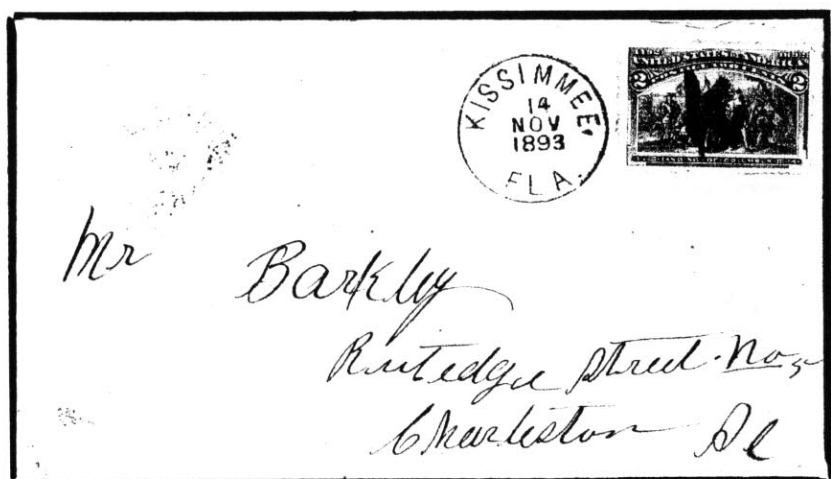
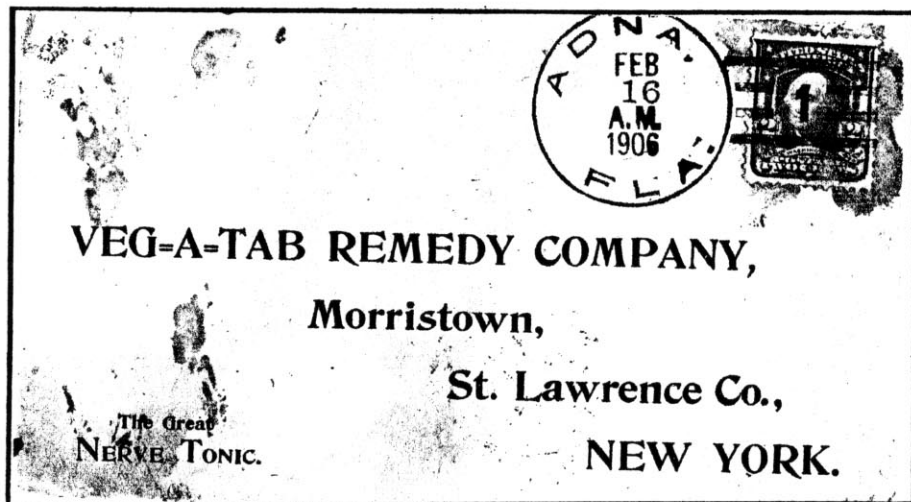


Fig. 9. KISSIMMEE / FLA. 14 NOV 1893 cds postmark with fancy “K” killer cancellation.

ADNA FLORIDA DOANE

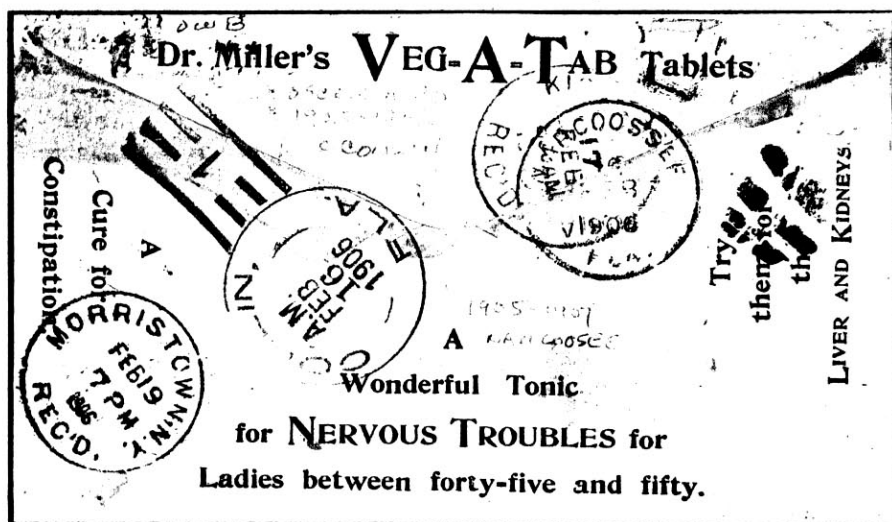
Deane R. Briggs, M.D.



ADNA / FLA. FEB 16 1906 Doane type III(1) postmark

The above cover has a most rare 20th century Florida postmark from a very short lived DPO. The Adna post office was established in Osceola County on 19 June 1905, and discontinued a little over a year later on 30 November 1906, with mail going to the Conlin post office. This is the only known example of any post mark from Adna and probably represents the only handstamp device the post office ever received. Provisional manuscript or printer's typeset straightline postmarks may exist but are yet to be reported. The beauty of this cover is not only from the Adna postmark but also from the many receiving marks on the reverse. The Conlin type III(1) Doane

postmark used as a routing mark is also the only known Doane postmark from this short lived post office. The Conlin post office was established in Osceola County at almost the same time as the Adna office on 07 June 1905, and discontinued two years later on 30 April 1907, with mail handled at nearby Narcossee. There is also a routing Narcossee postmark on the reverse of this cover and a Kissimmee receiving mark for the following day, February 17, 1906. The final receiving mark is from the cover's destination, Morristown, N.Y. two days later, February 19, 1906. It is interesting that this cover went from Adna to the Conlin post office which was to take over the mail when the Adna office closed and also went to Narcossee which took over the mail when the Conlin office closed. These three small towns must have been on the postal route to Kissimmee where all mail from Osceola County eventually was routed to the North.



Reverse of cover with CONLIN / FLA. FEB 16 1906 type III(1)
Doane postmark, NARCOSSEE / FLA. FEB 16 1906 cds
postmark, and KISSIMMEE FLA. / REC'D FEB 17 1906
postmark all used as routing marks

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