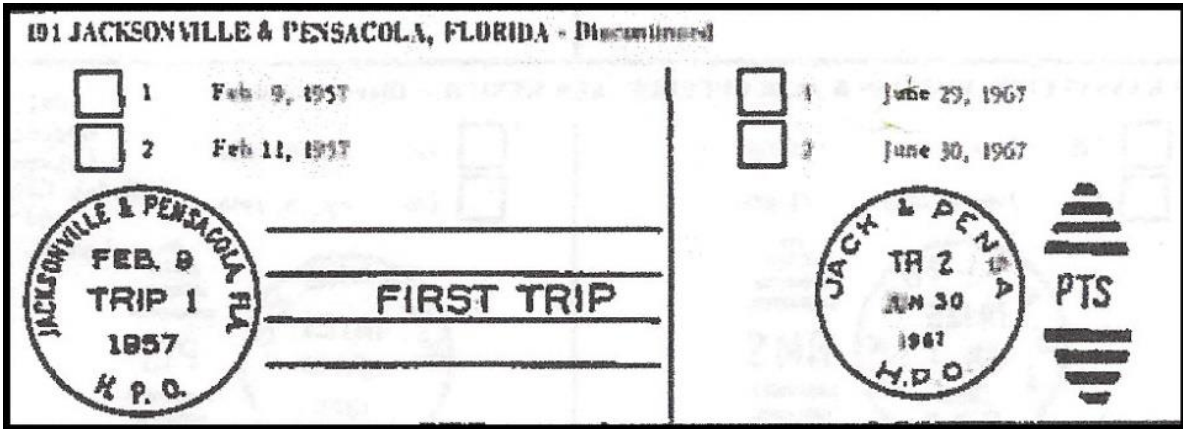


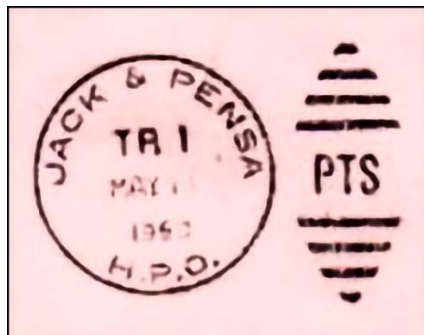
Florida Highway Post Offices

In Florida there were only four highway post offices.

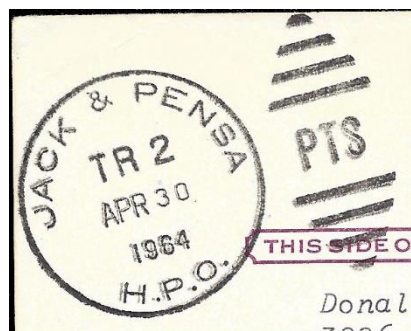
Jacksonville and Pensacola H.P.O. actually operated between Jacksonville and Dothan, Ala. Roundtrip distance was 555.6 miles. It was established February 9, 1957 and discontinued June 30, 1967.



Jacksonville and Pensacola Fla. H.P.O (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

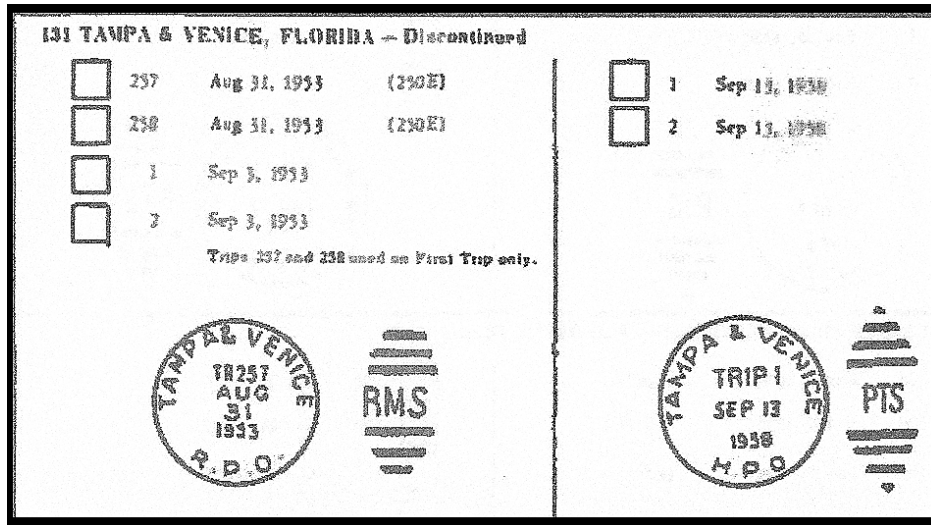


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The Tampa & Venice H.P.O. was established August 31, 1953, discontinued September 13, 1958.

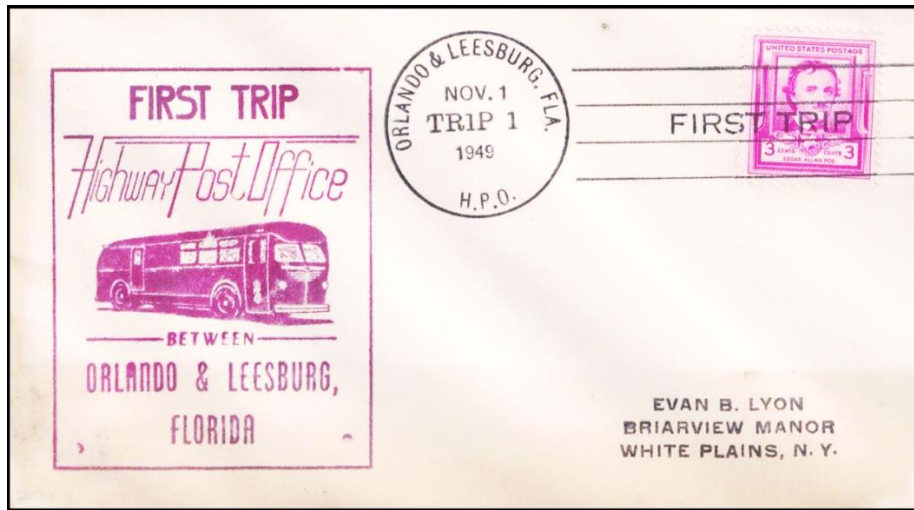


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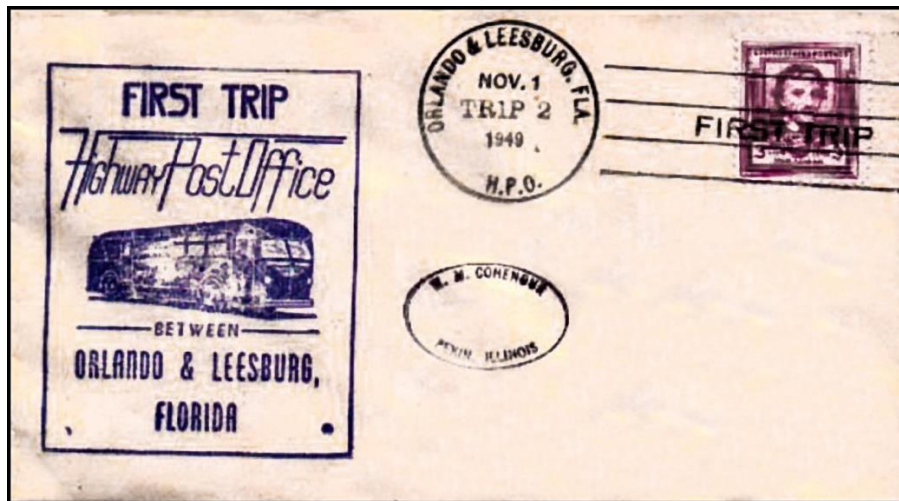


The above Tampa & Venice images are courtesy of Deane Briggs.

Orlando & Leesburg H.P.O. was established November 1, 1949, with a round trip of 124.9 miles. The operator was James V. Courtesy, Tavernes, Florida. It was discontinued July 11, 1958.



Orlando & Leesburg HPO Trip 1 (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)



Orlando & Leesburg HPO Trip 2 (Courtesy of PMCC)



Orlando and Lees HPO Trips 2 & 3 (Courtesy of Deane Briggs)

| 48 ORLANDO & LEESBURG, FLORIDA - Superseded by 48 A | | | |
|---|---|-------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Nov 1, 1949 | (5,046) |
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| Trips 5 & 6 Sunday only | | | |

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| 48A ORLANDO & OCALA, FLORIDA - Discontinued | | | |
|---|---|---------------|--|
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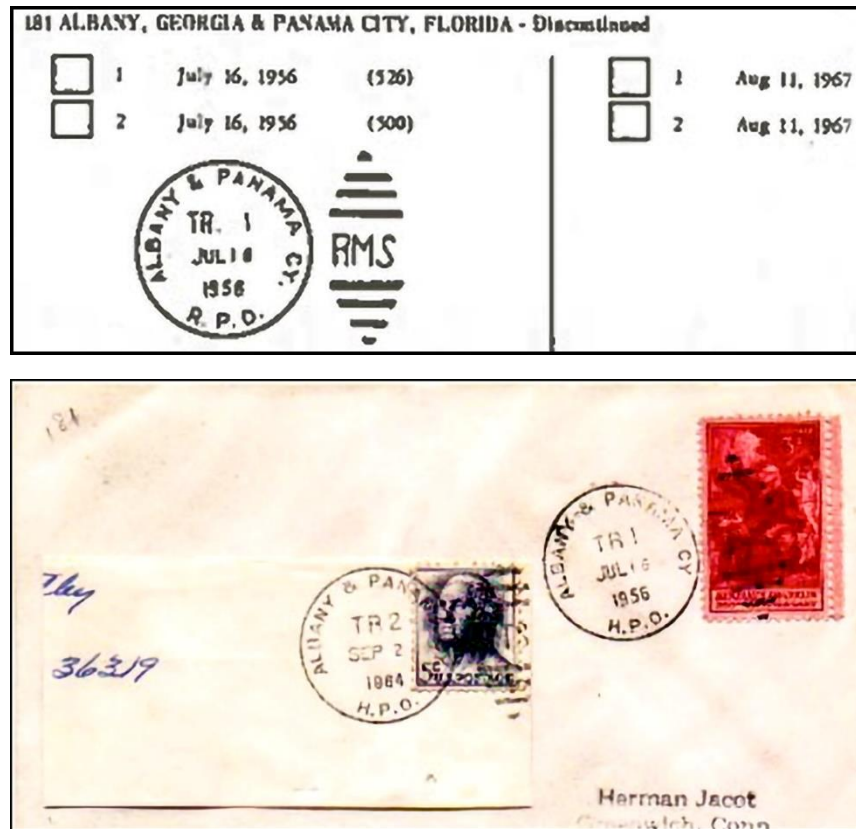
The route was changed to **Orlando & Ocala** on July 12, 1958 and discontinued September 30, 1965.



Orlando & Ocala HPO Trips 1 & 2 (Courtesy of PMCC)

The Albany, Georgia & Panama City, Florida H.P.O. was established on July 16, 1956. Northwest Florida saw its first Highway Post Office after the H.P.O. completed its 177-mile trip from Albany, Ga., to Panama City, Fl. It replaced service provided by the Central of Georgia and the Bay Line railroads from Albany to Panama City.

The bus stopped at Campbellton, Cottondale, Alford, Fountain and Youngstown. The H.P.O. continued to be operated by the Central of Georgia with the railroad furnishing the vehicle and driver and the clerk on the H.P.O. was a postal transportation employee.



Trips 1 & 2 (Courtesy of PMCC)

Sources:

United States Highway Post Office Cover Catalog, Mobile Post Office Society, 1987. It includes an index of all 410 HPO routes; 30 pages of first trip and last trip. HPO details, with cancel illustrations; an HPO cancel type char, 42 pages, loose-leaf. Some images are courtesy of the Postmark Collectors Club Museum (PMCC) (www.postmarks.org).