

A Brief History of the Early Development of the Venice, Florida Area Post Offices

- 1878 – Sarasota post office established on August 16, 1878
- 1884 – Osprey Post Office established on March 11, 1884 with John Webb appointed as postmaster
- 1885 – Frank Higel establishes a post office called Eyry on February 17, 1885 (closes on November 5, 1885)
- 1888 – Curryton Post office established on May 28, 1888 with Darwin O. Curry as postmaster
- 1888 – Curryton PO changed to Venice on July 3, 1888 with Renton C. Swindel as postmaster
- 1890 – Frank Higel, Jr. named Venice postmaster on February 25, 1890
- 1890 – Jesse J. Knight named Venice postmaster on June 19, 1890
- 1895 – Post office established in Fruitville on June 7, 1895
- 1895 – Post office established in Englewood on July 3 with John S. Gibbons as postmaster
- 1896 – Charles O. Curry named Venice postmaster on November 12, 1896
- 1901 – Claude T. Curry named Venice postmaster on June 24, 1901
- 1901 – Alfred F. Wrede named Venice postmaster on November 21, 1901
- 1903 – Post office established in Laurel on August 7, 1903
- 1907 – Earliest Known Venice postmark is February 11, 1907, with a Doane postmark
- 1909 – Laurel Post Office discontinued on October 30, 1909
- 1912 – William O. Harrison named Venice postmaster on March 2, 1912
- 1912 – Bee Ridge Post Office established on August 29, 1912
- 1912 – Alfred F. Wrede named Venice postmaster on October 21, 1912
- 1915 – Laurel Post Office re-established on July 15, 1915
- 1915 – Siesta Post Office established on July 16, 1915
- 1916 – South Venice Post Office established on April 24, 1916
- 1916 – Walter B. Surls named Venice postmaster on July 3, 1916
- 1917 – Nokomis post Office established on January 5, 1917
- 1915 – Siesta Post Office discontinued on July 18, 1917
- 1919 – Manasota Post Office established on March 3, 1919
- 1921 – Charles H. Kline named Venice postmaster on March 8, 1921
- 1921 – Fruitville Post Office discontinued on April 30, 1921
- 1921 – Sarasota County became official on May 14, 1921 (was part of Manatee County)
- 1922 – Gordon H. Tubeville named Venice postmaster on May 23, 1922
- 1922 – Manasota Post Office changed to Woodmere on October 8, 1922
- 1927 – Ennis Building-El Patio Hotel housed Post Office on January 10, 1927; Kate Welliver, postmaster
- 1927 – James S. Huselton named Venice postmaster on March 5, 1927
- 1928 – Ward M. Parker named Venice postmaster on September 7, 1928
- 1928 – Woodmere Post Office changed to Venice on August 11, 1928
- 1929 – Frank F. Hefner named Venice postmaster on June 1, 1929
- 1930 – George H. Hauser named Venice postmaster on October 1, 1930
- 1937 – D. Egger Franklin Fields named Venice postmaster on March 11, 1937
- 1950 – Louis E. Suter named Venice postmaster on December 14, 1950
- 1951 – Rudolph E. Shallberg named Venice postmaster on September 27, 1951
- 1952 – St. Armands establishes a Post Office as Station Sarasota on January 15, 1952
- 1952 – The rear of the Venice-Nokomis Bank on Nassau Street houses the Post Office on July 1, 1952
- 1953 – Siesta Post Office re-established on November 16, 1953 as Branch Sarasota
- 1956 – Bee Ridge Post Office changed to rural station Sarasota on July 1, 1956
- 1956 – Fruitville Post Office changed to rural station Sarasota on July 1, 1956
- 1957 – South Venice Post Office changed to Rural Station Venice on November 16, 1957
- 1958 – Donald J. Donahue named Venice postmaster on July 1, 1958
- 1959 – Warm Mineral Springs Post Office established as Rural Station Venice on February 1, 1959

1961 – J. Douglas Arnall named Venice postmaster on November 1, 1961
1962 – Rural Station Venice became part of the Venice post office on September 30, 1962
1962 – South Venice Branch post office was established on September 1, 1964 as a branch of the Venice post office
1981 – K.O. William Sanberg named Venice postmaster in January 1981
1985 – Carolyn Thulberry named Venice postmaster on January 6, 1985
1989 – Ronald J. Wozniak named Venice postmaster in September 1989
1998 – Terry Paschal named acting Venice postmaster in 1998
2001 – Gale Childs named Venice postmaster on July 28, 2001

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