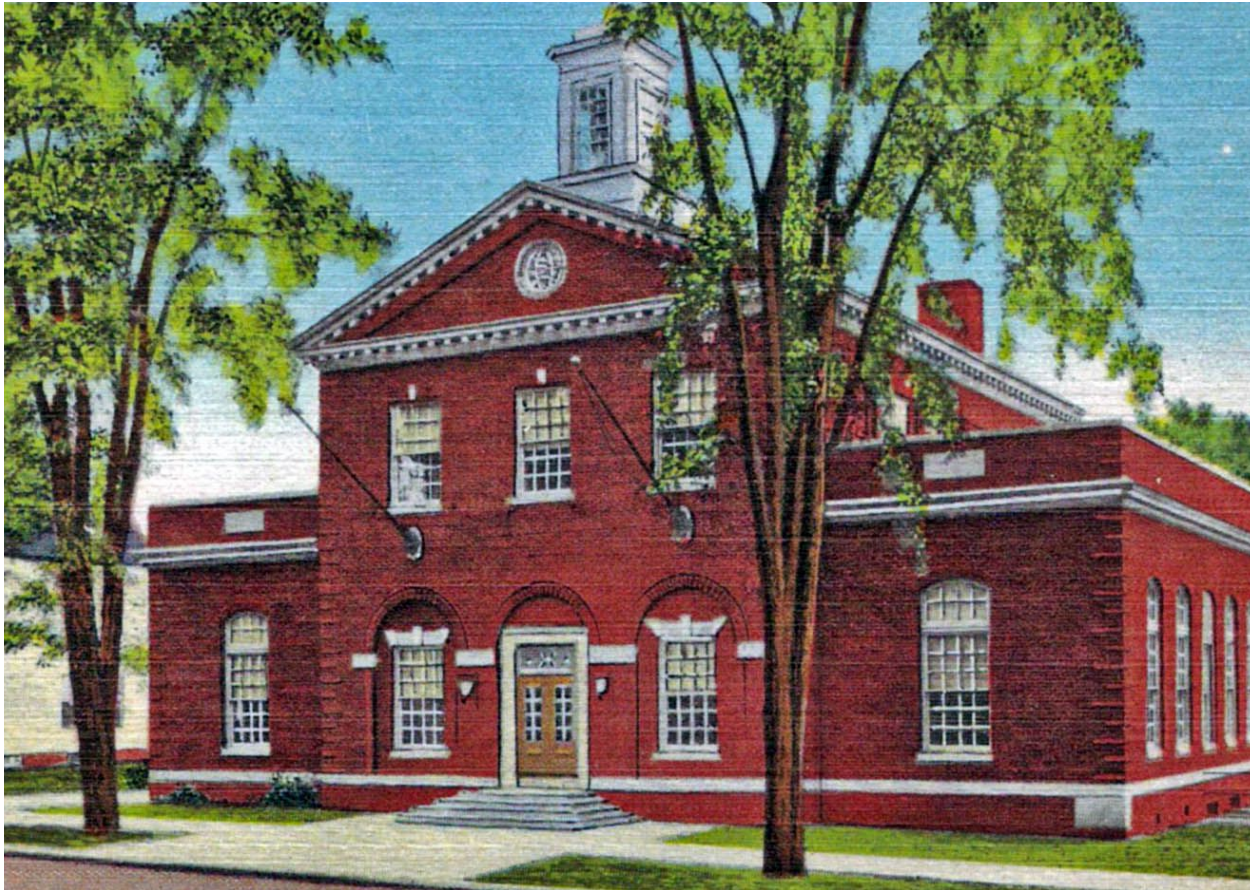


Houlton Post Office

39 Court Street

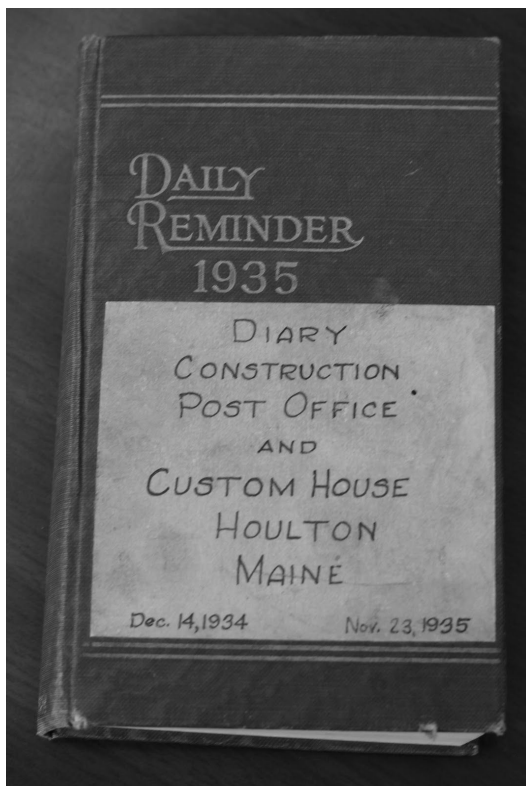


Introduction

A new post office was built on Court Street opposite the Northland Hotel (Bangor Savings) and occupied on November 25, 1935. It was built at a cost of \$104,558.00. The records also indicate that the building completed in 1894, the Water Street post office, was sold by the Federal Government on April 28, 1937 to the Catholic Society for \$15,000.00 this property was known as St. Mary's School for many years.



Post Office at 39 Court Street 1940's



Work began in January of 1934 with a steam shovel clearing way for what is now the Houlton post office. Work went on for several days during what must have been a January thaw at the time after those few days no work was recorded for months. With progress of the work can be followed by the Diary of Construction book found in the basement of the current post office.

Corner Stone Ceremony

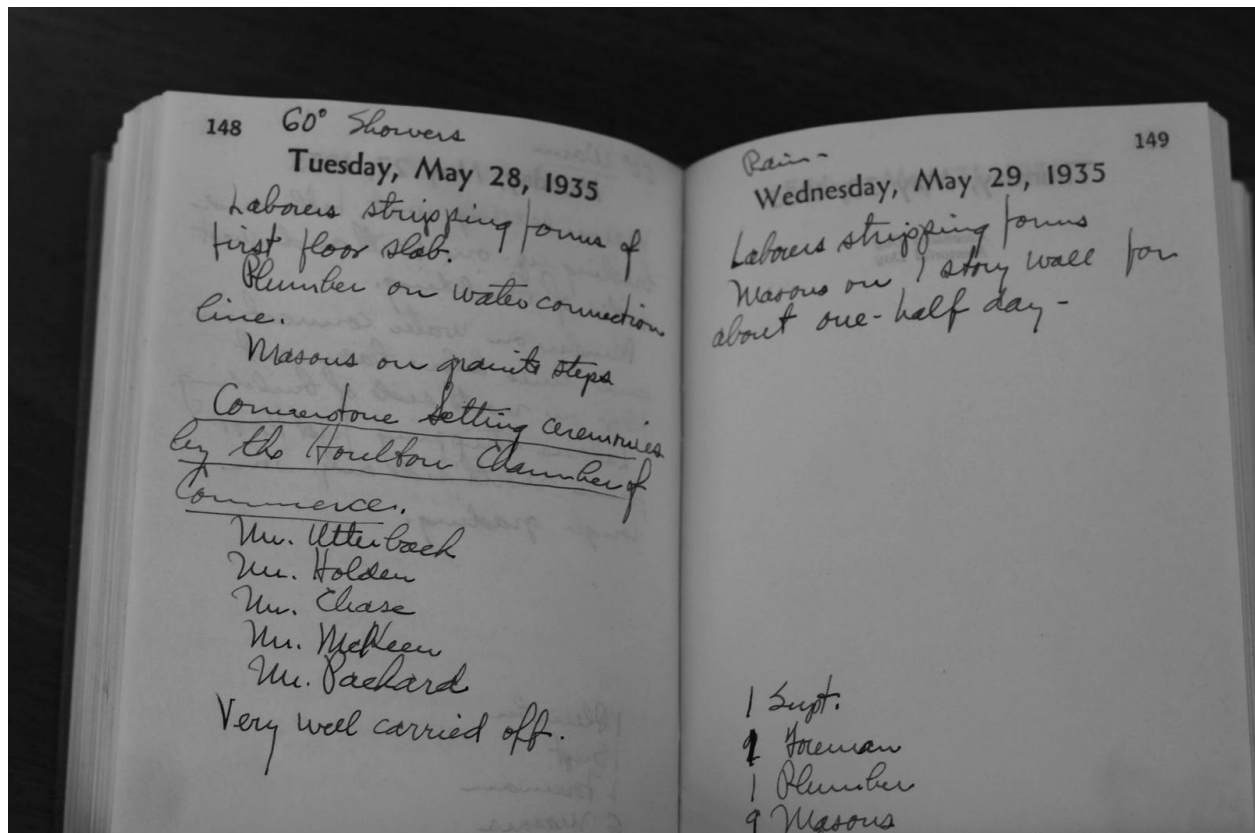
May 28th 1934 the corner stone ceremony was conducted. The ceremony was organized by the Houlton Chamber of Commerce. Former Congressman John G. Utterback officiated the ceremony that day. Other dignitaries present were, Gordon McKeen president of the Houlton Chamber, Thomas Packard first selectmen of Houlton, Harold Chase postal inspector, and William Holden the Bangor postmaster. Also present were the teachers and school children of the Houlton High School, as well as heads of various organizations throughout town. In total it was estimated that 1500 people were present for the exercises that day. Music was supplied by no less than three different bands, The Houlton High school band, The Ricker Drum and Bugle Corps, and the American legion Auxiliary fife and drum corps.



Ricker Drum & Bugle Corps

The corner stone bearing the names of, Henry A. Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; James A. Farley Postmaster general; Louis A. Simon Supervising architect; and George O. Von Nerta supervising engineer as well as the date 1934 when construction was started, was carefully lowered into place as Marshall Utterback handled the trowel.

Following the playing of "America" a benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Arthur G. Christopher. Appreciation was showed for the Chamber of Commerce who sponsored the event, the contractor Ross & Reid, and to the government inspector Mr. Stewart, for a highly successful event.



Notation of the Corner Stone Ceremony in the Construction Diary

Friday, November 22 1935 was open house to the public for the viewing of the new post office at 39 Court Street.

About 1200 people visited the new building during the day, according to the registration book, many being from outside towns.

The first floor of the building is devoted to the post office department. The C O D., Money Order and Registry windows being on the left, the large parcel post window, stamps and general delivery across the back, also the lock boxes and drawers and the postmasters private office on the right.



Dr. Nevers home at 39 Court Street before construction of the current post office.



Special Cancellation
Nov. 25 1935 First Day Cover celebrating the opening day of the Houlton Post Office.