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Virginia Postal Map of 1920, Showing Locations of Greene County Post Offices.

GREENE COUNTY POSTMASTERS, 1832-1964* By Nancy H. Morris

The majority of early records of postal service of Greene County have been microfilmed from the original documents by the National Archives. It is from this microfilm that I have transcribed the following list [and miscellaneous notes] of appointments of postmasters in Greene County which I shall endeavor to interpret in this article. The records were compiled by the Archives and I have arranged them in alphabetical order by post office. The records of the appointments of postmasters were then arranged in chronological order. Some of the miscellaneous notes were originally researched by Roger Bristol, University of Virginia, Alderman Library, for a Virginia Placename Society publication; Bristol's name follows his notes.

An asterisk indicates a public or private school was adjacent to the post office building. During the period 1832-1964 two private schools were located in Greene County; 1] Blue Ridge Industrial School [BRIS and later St. George] which had a post office on the campus and 2] The Church of the Brethren Industrial School [CBIS] which did not have a post office on the campus. All other schools were public schools. All the schools were researched by Bristol.

Locations described are present day locations, using the Virginia State Highway system numbers. Brackets are used to indicate additions by author for clarity.

Greene County had, at different times in its history, as many as 42 post offices. Established from Orange County in 1838, Greene County now has had its number of post offices reduced to five: 1] Stanardsville, the county seat, 2] Mission Home, 3] Dyke, 4] Quinque and, 5] Ruckersville. From the start, all the post offices in Greene County were fourth class post offices. Today, of the remaining five post offices, Stanardsville is a third

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class post office but the other four remain as fourth class. First, second, and third class postmasters are appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate but appointments of fourth class post offices are made by the Postmaster General.

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
AMICUS	1887		G-5

Said to be named by Betty [Chapman] Lancaster

William S. Chapman	14 January 1887	
William S. Chapman	May 1895	3
James T. Chapman	16 July 1896	
James T. Chapman	20 December 1900	
James T. Chapman	7 February 1910	
Moved to Roudabush	15 September 1911	

Location: Intersection of present Routes 604 and 633.

BEAZLEY 1886	Unknown
L. B. Carrady	16 June 1886 [not
Lewis Whitmire	commissioned] 4 September 1886
James Beazley, Jr.	4 August 1887
Mail dispatched to Amicu	15 May 1888

Location: May have been on the Swift Run Road 1] between Amicus and Swift Run Baptist Church [Route 633] or 2] between Swift Run Baptist Church and intersection of Routes 633 and 623.

BORNEO	1888		H-7
Edward W.	May	21 September	1889

Edward W. May	21 September 1889
Edmond [Edward] W. May	8 February 1890
Edward W. May	2 April 1900
Edward W. May	11 April 1904
Mail to Burnley	30 September 1906
[in Albemarle County]	1

Location: On Route 629, 4 miles west of intersection of Routes 607 and 629.

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
BRAYTON	1890		Unknown
Was first named	Deane Post C	Office	
William J. Dean William J. Dean Mail to Stanards	e	13 June 1890 30 August 189 22 November	
Location: Unkno	own.		
*BRIS	1929		D-5
Name changed to	St. George S	eptember 1946	
+George P. Mayo Arnette P. Texa		19 December 1 December 1	
Location: 1.7 m	iles northwes	t of Dyke on Ro	oute 627.
+ George P. May Home in 1906.	o was also po	stmaster at Mi	ssion
BURNLEY [in Albe	marle County] Ryggel	1-8
BURTONSVILLE	See note		H-3
Listed as a post History from 180 listing of the mid	8-1829 and 18	333-1845. The	only
Benj. Burton		28 October 18	
Closed, mail to		28 January 19	46
Location: 3.71 mintersection of R			at the
*CEDARMERE	1902		C-5
Nora L. Morris James C. Sulliva James B. Morri Nutie M. Gentry Discontinued; ma	S	1 March 1902 27 February 1 3 May 1906 25 May 1909	1903

Location: Intersection of Routes 628 and 614.

	Appointment Map
Post Office Established	DateLocation
* <u>CELT</u> 1905-09	G-6
John I. Baugher Discontinued	21 July 1909 1 February 1934
Location: At the intersection	of Routes 604 and 648.
*DAWSONVILLE 1852+	J-5
John G. Herndon Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stockdell John G. Herndon Reuben B. Dawson John G. Herndon Davis E. May John G. Herndon John G. Herndon John G. Herndon John G. Herndon James B. Parrott Mail to Somerset effective Location: Approximately 2 m	12 August 1852 23 January 1866 26 May 1870 6 July 1882 22 May 1883 4 May 1893 4 June 1897 16 December 1901 26 October 1912 30 September 1937 iles east of Route 29 on
Route 609. + Entries have been found to i established much earlier bu film and have not been check	indicate Dawsonville was it were not on this micro-
DEANE 1885	Unknown
Jeremiah L. Deane Name changed to Brayton	4 November 1885 13 June 1890
Location: Unknown.	
* <u>DYKE</u> 1902	E-5
Alpalonia E. Bickers Mrs. Elsie Bickers Buey G. Snow [retired 3-31-45] Mrs. Eugenia S. Adams Mrs. Eugenia S. Adams	29 January 1902 8 July 1920 5 December 1921 1 April 1945 18 December 1946
[resigned 4-1-47]	

Post Office Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
DYKE - [Continued]		
Vernon A. Snow Vernon A. Snow [deceased 7-23-63]	1 January 1949 1 May 1949	
Buey G. Snow, Jr. Buey G. Snow, Jr.	9 August 1963 20 November 1	964
Location: One of the five exist Greene County. Its physical larea; intersection of Routes 8 west of Stanardsville.	location is in the	same
* <u>ERALD</u> 1897		H-4
Jackson Lafayette Thornton Discontinued	1897 January 1924	
Location: Route 619 [Dundee Haney property].	road near the En	nis
ESTESBURGH 1883		Unknown
Miss Tabitha J. Estes Mail to Stanardsville	13 March 1883 15 October 188	3
Location: Unknown.		
FERNHILL 1924		
Rhoda S. Haney Discontinued	22 September 1 30 November 1	
Location: 20 yards inside of Swift Run Gap.	Rockingham Cour	nty at
FLETCHER 1884		G-1
John E. Fletcher Hiram L. Estes Mail to Hood	28 July 1884 7 December 18 27 December 1	
Reopened:		
Abraham Taylor	24 August 1887	

		Appointment	Map
Post Office	Established	Date	Location
FLETCHER	- [Continued]		
Abraham Ta	aylor	6 May 1895	
Alban P. Ta		1 May 1900	
Alban P. Ta		20 April 1904	
Alban P. Ta	aylor	1 June 1908	
Mrs. Corri	e F. Taylor	22 August 193	32
Mrs. Corri	e F. Taylor	20 February	1933
Mail to Star	ardsville	15 March 194	7
Location: I	ntersection of Rou	ites 675 and 667	e to the latest and t

+* GEER	1903		F-4
Elijah S. Ge	er	15 June 1903	
Samuel T. V	Vhite	29 June 1905	
Bernard L.	Jarrell	22 June 1916	
Loula B. Ga [retired 9-		31 December 1	.926
Charles W.	Garth	30 September 3	1952
Charles W.	Garth	20 January 195	3

Location: 3.75 miles west of Stanardsville on Route 810.

+ Misc. Note: "When the Shenandoah National Park was completed, the Resettlement Administration moved mountain families out of the Park into resettlement projects. The Geer Resettlement consisted of 20 small houses, a school, a community house, and other buildings." Bristol.

<u>HANEY</u> 1906 E-4

+Rhoda A. Haney 13 March 1906 Mail to Swift Run 15 June 1910

Location: 0.42 mile on Route 631 [off of Route 810].

+ Ms. Haney was also postmistress at Fernhill in 1924.

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Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
KENNEDY	1884		F-4
Emma B. Ke Mail to Earl		24 July 1884 15 December	1884
Location: 0.	5 mile from Gee	er.	
+*KINDERHOOK	1908		G-2
William R. S Charlie P. I Mail to Stans	Deane	18 August 190 13 July 1914 29 June 1929	08
Location: A	t the intersection	of Routes 642	and 667.
+ Named by Van Buren	post office for th	e home town of	Martin
LAMB	1894		G-2
James W. L Leonard W. Leonard W. Leonard W.	Breeden Breeden	14 February 27 July 1896 29 December 22 April 1905	1900
Location: A Renamed Ki	t the intersection derhook.	of Routes 642	and 667.
*LYDIA	1896		E-3
Charley R.	Deane M. Haney Blankenbaker Blankenbaker	20 February 5 January 190 8 February 1 28 April 1925 18 November 1 October 193 15 December	00 925 6 1927 37
Location: A	pproximately 4 r e on Route 33.	niles west of	

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
+MC MULLEN	MILL 1854		F-2
Neal McMull Discontinued	en	6 July 1854 18 July 1866	
Location: On Route 230.	n Route 637 abou	t 3.5 miles nor	th of

+ McMullen Mill could have been moved to the next listing, McMullen, but no documentation was found to substantiate this supposition.

MC MULLEN	1886	a mil za second l	F-2
Walter S. Yager		23 June 1886	
Henry W. Moyer		26 November 1887	
Hiram J. Taylor		16 May 1892	
Henry W. Moyer		27 March 1893	
Hiram J. Taylor		19 June 1897	
Hiram J. Taylor		17 December 1901	
Hiram J. Taylor		11 May 1906	
Henry W. Moyers		6 August 1914	
Randolph S. Moye		9 October 1918	
+Leonard W. Bree		7 July 1919	
James V. Meadow	7S	3 May 1920	
Hiram J. Taylor		19 April 1922	
Miss Nellie Taylo	r	2 January 1926	
[name changed b	y marriage		
to Nellie Duff]			
Demarcus L. Har	ney	9 April 1928	
N. Scott Collier		27 October 1928	
Mail to Stanardsv	ille	23 March 1956	
Location: On Rou	ite 637 about	3.5 miles north of	Rout

Location: On Route 637 about 3.5 miles north of Route 230.

⁺ Leonard W. Breeden was also postmaster of another post office in Greene County - Lamb.

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
MARCH	1909		E-4
+ Believed to	orris orris orris -5-391 rdsville 5 miles west of 6 be the same Cha	arles Pirkey wh	1934 1934 939 310.
MISSION HOME	at Pirkey 24 Oc 1906	tober 1906.	B-5
+George P. M Wiley R. Mas Elizabeth C. Emily E. Win Robert W. Le Wiley Roy Ma [retired 12- George Elba William A. S William A. S [deceased 9 Bessie Lee S Eleanor V. I	M. Porter negar ewis ason 1-48] Fisk hiflett hiflett -15-58]	8 February 19 21 April 1910 4 December 1 1 December 1 22 July 1922 23 August 192 1 December 1 27 April 1951 6 August 1951 11 December 9 October 195	918 919 4 948
Line. One of County.	Route 601 near the five existing Mayo was also the	g post offices in	Greene

NIMROD 1914 C-3

Nimrod Shifflett 7 August 1914

Leanna A. Knight 31 May 1919

Clemma Morris 7 January 1925

		Appointment	Map
Post Office	Established	Date	Location
r ost Office	The second secon		

NIMROD - [Continued]

Mary Knight +Mrs. Addie Gibson ++Name was changed to Pirkey Eva L. Knight Discontinued	February 1925 O August 1926 March 1927 August 1927 D January 1931 October 1935
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Location: 6.75 miles northwest of Dyke on Route 627.

- + Mrs. Addie Gibson is also listed as postmistress for Pirkey.
- ++ The National Archives records I searched listed the Nimrod post office as having this name changed as above and reestablished on 22 January 1931 with the appointment of Eva L. Knight. While it is not stated, persons living at that time have recalled the post office as being closed for a period of time.

+NORTONSVILLE 1879 D-6 Ja[me]s L. Dunn 5 March 1879 Ja[me]s L. Dunn 6 February 1886 William L. Eddins 7 February 1887 John R. Madison 14 November 1889 John R. Madison 17 June 1891

Location: 1.5 miles south of Dyke. Believed to be at what is now present day Nortonsville on Route 810, about 0.5 mile north of intersection of Routes 663 and 664.

+ Even though Nortonsville is listed as being in Albemarle the above was listed with the Greene County Post Office Records.

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
PIRKEY	1906		D-4
Charles A. William A. Ida B. Knig Emma S. V +Addie Gibso Discontinue Effective	Crawford ht ernon on	24 October 1908 6 March 1908 4 November 199 August 1913 19 July 1927 21 March 1935 30 April 1935	909

Location: On what is known now as "the Bacon Hollow Road," the intersection of Routes 615 and 627.

+ Mrs. Addie Gibson is listed as postmistress at Nimrod.

QUINQUE 1886	H
Mary E. Stephens	28 July 1886
Mary E. Stephens	3 June 1890
Mary E. Stephens	30 August 1895
Mary E. Stephens	2 April 1900
Lida S. Sims	23 June 1909
Robert N. Stephens	13 March 1914
[retired 1-31-40]	
Alton F. Stephens	1 February 1940
Alton F. Stephens	10 April 1940
[deceased 6-11-46]	
Elizabeth L. Stephens	1 July 1946
Elizabeth L. Stephens	12 December 1946
James H. Hood	16 June 1947
James H. Hood	1 October 1947

There are several stories as to how this post office and settlement was named; one tale researched by Bristol suggested there were five buildings: Stephens wheelwrights shop, blacksmith shop, store and 2 houses; another story is told that it was the fifth stagecoach stop from Richmond.

Location: One of the five post offices still in existence in Greene County and its physical location is in the same area. Route 33.

Post Office	Established	Appointment Date	Map Location
ROSEBROOK	1893		F-4
Rich'd B. Hedrick Willie E. Hedrick Mary G. Hedrick +Mail to Geer effective		11 April 1893 6 August 1895 18 August 1904 11 July 1907	

Location: 3.75 miles west of Stanardsville on Route 810.

+ Conflicting information has made it impossible to identify the exact location of Rosebrook but the microfilm from the National Archives indicate both Geer and Rosebrook were in operation at the same time and Rosebrook was renamed Geer in 1897.

RONDABUSH	1898	F-4
Zachariah Rono	dabush	4 November 1898
Mail to Stanard	lsville	31 December 1915

Location: 2.5 miles south of Stanardsville on present Route 622.

RUCKERSVILLE 1841	Н-6
James G. Douglass	28 September 1841
Elisha W. Williams	21 July 1842
Benjamin Herndon	16 February 1866
Martha E. Herndon	1 March 1866
Benjamin Herndon	22 June 1874
Jason B. Douglass	31 January 1883
Benjamin Herndon	22 May 1885
Lucy J. Mitchell	10 July 1889
Lucy J. Mitchell	19 May 1890
Lucy J. Mitchell	18 May 1890
Thos. B. Jennings	17 November 1894
Benjamin H. Shotwell	6 August 1897
Benjamin H. Shotwell	14 January 1901
Benjamin H. Shotwell	15 March 1905

Post Office	Established	Appointment	Map Location
RUCKERSVILLE	E - [Continued]	OF MALINES	
Jesse Ewell Helen Ewell Lottie Herndon Lottie Herndon Lottie Herndon [retired 2-28 Mrs. Ellie F. Lucinda S. Sin	n n -54] Oliver	13 March 1914 11 June 1921 3 October 1921 1 January 1945 28 August 1947 28 February 19 26 May 1955	And a
		offices in Green the intersection of	
SEVILLE	1846		I-4
William Simms [in Madison (28 January 184	6
	ewhere on Rapi y, near Burtons	dan River, actua	ally in
*ST. GEORGE	1946		D-5
Arnette P. Ter Arnette P. Ter [deceased 8-2	kada	1 December 19 19 February 19	
Jean B. Lohma Jean B. Lohma [retired 7-7- Mail to Dyke	an di	1 September 19 31 December 1 7 July 1961	
Location: On t Route 627.	the campus of B	lue Ridge School	, off of
*SIMMONS GAP	1930		D-2
George R. Her Mail to Swift R		14 January 193 3 March 1934	0
Location: Just Skyline Drive.	inside Rocking	ham County line	on the

Appointment

Map

P	ost Office Established	Date	Location
*:	STANARDSVILLE 1815		F-4
	George W. Price	3 July 1815	
	George W. Price	27 October 18	51
	Jos. W. Ham	29 September	1865
	James G. Saunders	23 September	1871
	Annie Saunders	29 September	1880
	James G. Stephens	30 January 18	82
	James G. Stephens	21 April 1887	
	William B. Cole	18 July 1889	
	William B. Cole	18 May 1892	
	James I. Eddins	16 November	1893
	Helen Bray	16 October 18	97
	Helen Bray	15 November	1901
	Helen Bray	4 December 1	905
	Ella Bray [declined]	3 March 1906	
	Benjamin T. Bickers	9 April 1906	
	John O. Morris	5 July 1911	
	Eugene M. Gibson	13 March 1914	
	Eugene M. Gibson	1 January 192	1
	Myron B. Bickers	27 March 1922	DELDREN
	Lindsay L. Bickers	3 April 1929	
	Linwood G. Mitchell	30 September	1929
	Eddie L. Southard	2 May 1934	
	Eddie L. Southard	1 July 1938	
	Eddie L. Southard [retired 12-31-58]	1 October 1942	
	Herbert E. Taylor	9 January 1959	e ane
	Raymond W. Jarrell	30 September	1961
	Larry S. Powell	17 August 1962	2 de la constante de la consta
	Larry S. Powell	28 September	1962

Location: One of the five post offices in existence in Greene County. Located in the center of Stanardsville, 6 miles west of Ruckersville on Route 33.

Post Office Established	Appointment	Map Location
SULLIVAN 1908		C-4
James C. Sullivan Mary A. Sullivan Mail to Mission Home	22 May 1908 1 July 1913 30 June 1931	
Location: Present Route 628, Mission Home.	1.5 miles north	of
SWIFT RUN 1855		D-2
St. Clair T. Deane Mary C. Deane Discontinued	23 February 185 11 May 1859 4 October 1866	55
Location: In Rockingham Cou of Stanardsville on Route 33.	nty, about 9 miles	s west
TOWLES 1909		F-2
Florence E. Towles Florence T. Meadows Mail to McMullen	16 Januar \$\frac{1}{9} 1909 16 August 1912 4 October 1922	
Location: Thought to have been Mission and the intersection of	en near old Pocas of Routes 642 and	in 637.
WETSELS 1885		H-7
John H. Wetsel Louisa C. Wetsel Louisa C. Wetsel Louisa C. Wetsel Louisa C. Wetsel Mail to Burnley	19 August 1885 20 December 188 16 December 188 22 May 1902 4 April 1906 25 August 1908	
Location: 0.7 mile east from south and 607.	intersection of Ro	outes 29
WILHOIT 1924		E-7
Artemis E. Shifflett Mail to Earlysville Location: Wilhoit was actually	11 October 1924 15 April 1925 Located in Albem	arle
County possibly on Route 603.		

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