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# POSTOFFICES IN TALBOT.

### INTERESTING SKETCH OF OUR POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS.

**History of the Service from the Beginning to the Year 1882—Mr. Erskine, of Easton, the First Postmaster.**

THE GAZETTE has made it a special feature for the past three years to publish many historical articles on the institutions of our town and county. With a view of continuing these annals we present this week an article on the Postmasters of Talbot, in which the method of transporting mail in the early days and the establishment of the different postoffices in the county are described. The sketch is one of the many from the gifted pen of the late Dr. Samuel A. Harrison, to whom we are indebted for so many of the historical researches in this county. The list of postmasters does not extend over 1882, as those in office since that time are well within the recollection of our readers:

For the purpose of perpetuating a record, not entitled to be enrolled in our Clerk's office, but one which may be interesting to some persons now, and will be to many more hereafter, the lists which follow, of the Postmasters of this county and of the dates of their appointment, have been printed. These lists may be regarded as strictly authentic and correct, as they have been derived directly from the records at Washington. Besides giving the names of the Postmasters these lists serve to show the dates of the establishment of the several Postoffices of the county, and indirectly to mark our progress in some of the elements of civilization, for probably no better index of the intelligence, refinement and general well being could be employed than the number of these offices in a community, and the amount of matter distributed by them as le ters, newspapers and books. As life is uncertain and ability limited, these lists are published now in advance of that full account of the Postoffices, Postmasters and Postroutes which it is proposed to prepare hereafter. For the present let a few facts connected with this subject be here mentioned. In the year 1661 there was passed by the General Assembly of the Province an act entitled "An Act for conveyance of letters concerning the State and public Affairs" which was to be in force for three years, but it was continued by several reviving Acts, till its expiration in 1762.* In 1695 a "regular post" was established from the Potomac river to Philadelphia, and John Perry was appointed Postrider at a salary of £50 a year, and was required to traverse his route and carry all public messages and to deliver all letters and packages for the inhabitants eight times a year. His route extended from Nurtod's Point on the Potomac river, thence to Allen's Mill, Benedict, Leonardtown, George Lingan's, Mr. Lawkin's, South river, Annapolis, Kent, *Williamstadt*,† Daniel Toass', Adam Peterson's, New Castle and thence to Philadelphia."‡ Parliament in 1710 established a general post for all the colonies.

In 1717 a settled post was established for the conveyance of letters once a month from Williamsburg, Virginia, through Maryland and the northern colonies to Boston. In 1727 a mail was sent once a fortnight in summer and once a month in winter by way of New Castle, &c., to the Eastern Shore, managed by William Bradford of Philadelphia and William Parks of Annapolis."§ This was probably a private post, conducted by these persons for their own advantage. They were both printers. During the interval between 1692 and 1713 there had been several acts of assembly of temporary operation for the conveyance of "public letters and packets."

Many abuses had been perpetrated under these acts by the "pressing of horses" for this purpose by the sheriffs of the counties: and by the opportunity that was offered by reason of there existing no postoffices, for the opening of letters by persons unauthorized to do so. In the year last mentioned an act was passed entitled "An Act for the more speedy conveying Public letters and Packets of this Province and defraying the charge thereof: and to prevent the abuses of breaking open and concealing any letters whatsoever."§ By this act the sheriffs of the several counties were enjoined and commanded to take care of the public letters and packets, and convey them to the sheriff, or his deputy, of the adjoining county. For this duty they were allowed to be paid from the public levy of the Province certain specific sums The Sheriff of Talbot was paid eight hundred pounds of tobacco annually

Penalties were affixed to the offence of opening letters without authority. Under the law of 1710, the mails continued to be carried down to the period of the Revolution: but post-riders paid by persons who were served by them were employed in many sections that were not reached by the public carrier. In 1753 Benjamin Franklin was appointed deputy postmaster general for the colonies, but was removed in 1774 for his adherence to the cause of the patriots. It was for his efficient service that, in 1775, he was selected by Congress "to organize a post-office, and thus he came to be known as the first Postmaster General."¶ After the adoption of the Federal Constitution an attempt was made in 1790 to reorganize the postoffice department, which failed for want of agreement between the two houses of Congress; but in 1792 this was effected. It will be observed in the lists that the first appointment to a postoffice in Talbot was that of Mr. Erskine to the office at Easton, Feb. 16th, 1790, he doubtless receiving his commission from Gen'l Washington, and acting under what was known as the continental system, established in 1775. The second appointment at Easton was that of Mr. James Cowan, the editor of the *Maryland Herald*, who was succeeded by Thomas Perrin Smith, the editor of the *Republican Star*. Indeed, for a great number of years the postoffice seems to have been the perquisite of the partisan editor of such paper as sustained the administration. Soon after his appointment Mr. Cowan advertised in his paper, by order of the Postmaster General, the Hon. Timothy Pickering, that proposals would be received by the postoffice department for carrying the mails from Easton through the lower counties of the peninsula; and in July he advertised a list of letters that remained uncalled for in the postoffice at Easton—the first advertisement of the kind ever issued in this county. It is interesting to note that in this list of letters there are those intended for persons in Sussex county, Delaware, in Salisbury, in Dover, Delaware, in Vienna, Princess Anne, Kent Island, Cambridge: Northampton county, Virginia, and Queen Anne's county, Maryland, besides those for persons in distant parts of Talbot. At this date there was but a weekly mail arriving from the North on Tuesday evenings, and leaving for Philadelphia on Monday, or, a little later, Wednesday mornings. This mail came through Wilmington by Christiana Bridge, and Chestertown. Mr. Cowan in Aug., 1793, printed the obituary notice of Mr. John Nesmuth, (a native of North Britain,) who was engaged in the Jacobite troubles of 1745, and obliged to emigrate to this country (*i. e.*, transported for rebellion). He *carried the mail* for many years previous to the Revolution between Easton and Philadelphia, and accumulated a sufficiency to make him comfortable in his old age. He was a Mason, was attended to his grave by members of Lodge No. 6, and buried with Masonic solemnities. By the year 1797 semi-weekly mails to and from Easton, by way of Chestertown and the north, had been established. In 1801 a mail between Annapolis and Easton was established, being brought across the bay to Haddaway's Ferry, and up the bayside road through St. Michaels. At this date, or rather in the next year, a postoffice was settled at this town, and James Dobson appointed postmaster. As late as 1802 private post riders found employment in carrying letters and papers to places that lay off the postroutes. In 1807 there were three mails arriving and leaving Easton semi-weekly, namely, the Northern, the Southern and the Western; and one mail leaving weekly, namely, that to Caroline county. There was no mail to Trappe until the year 1813, and none to Oxford, except the ante revolutionary mail already noted, until the year 1849. The following table comprises the names of all the postoffices of the county and the dates of their establishment, arranged in chronological order, compiled from the lists of the postmasters annexed, and before referred to in this contribution:

POSTOFFICES OF TALBOT COUNTY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Easton | Established 1790 |
| 2. | St. Michaels | " 1802 |
| 3. | Trappe | " 1813 |
| 4. | Wye Mills | " 1814 |
| 5. | Royal Oak | " 1837 |
| 6. | Williamsburg | " 1840 |
| 7. | Oxford | " 1849 |
| 8. | Bay Hundred | " 1850 |
| 9. | Chapel | " 1858 |
| 10. | Broad Creek | " 1862 |
| 11. | Taverner's Woods | " 1866 |
| 12. | Wittman's | " 1869 |
| 13. | Cordova | " 1869 |
| 14. | Skipton | " 1870 |
| 15. | Dundee | " 1871 |
| 16. | Woodland | " 1871 |
| 17. | Longwoods | " 1872 |
| 18. | Hambleton | " 1873 |
| 19. | McDaniel's | " 1876 |
| 20. | Bozman | " 1878 |
| 21. | Tunis Mills | " 1879 |
| 22. | Matthews | " 1880 |
| 23. | Melson | " 1881 |
| 24. | Hughlett | " 1882 |

POSTMASTERS IN TALBOT COUNTY.

EASTON.

| | Appointed. |
|---|---|
| John Erskine | Feb. 16, 1790 |
| James Cowan | July 31, 1792 |
| Thomas P. Smith | June 27, 1801 |
| Alexander Graham | Oct. 30, 1825 |
| John D. Green | May 20, 1829 |
| Edward Mullikin | Aug. 7, 1830 |
| Lumbert W. Spencer | Aug. 31 1835 |
| Henry Thomas | Nov. 11, 1836 |
| Wm. Hussey | Aug. 12, 1841 |
| Eliza Hussey | April 13 1842 |
| Henry Thomas | Sept. 10 1845 |
| Geo. C. Graham | July 20, 1849 |
| Wm. T. Rowlenson | May 16, 1853 |
| Charles Robinson | Jan. 11, 1858 |
| William H. Councell | March 4, 1861 |
| William T. Hardesty | May 3, 1861 |
| William H. Councell | April 20 1865 |
| Henry Shreve | Dec. 20, 1881 |

SAINT MICHAELS

| | |
|---|---|
| James Dobson,* | April 1, 1802 |
| Richard Harrington | March 7, 1811 |
| William Roberts | Feb. 1, 1816 |
| James Pursley | April 1, 1817 |
| James Dodson | March 13 1825 |
| Thomas Auld | Sept. 7, 1832 |
| Henry Sengstack | Oct. 31, 1839 |
| Thomas Bruff | July 1, 1841 |
| John B. Jefferson | Dec. 23, 1841 |
| Leonidias Dodson | Oct. 19, 1844 |
| Arthur J. Loveday | Sept. 12, 1845 |
| John S. Skinner | Oct. 28, 1846 |
| Joseph Spencer | June 2, 1852 |
| Will W. Valiant | June 31, 1852 |
| Socrates M. Ridgaway | Dec. 9, 1852 |
| Henry P. Montague | July 29, 1853 |
| John W. Dean | July 5, 1854 |
| Henry F. Byrne | July 24, 1855 |
| Thomas W. Blades | Dec. 29, 1856 |
| Jno. K. Skinner | Feb. 5, 1858 |
| Jno. A. Bruff | May 17, 1861 |
| Henry C. Dodson | Nov. 15, 1862 |
| Robert A. Dodson | Nov. 16, 1878 |

TRAPPE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm. Dickinson | July 1, 1813 |
| Peter S. Dickinson | Oct. 1, 1815 |
| Thomas J. Mackey | April 20, 1824 |
| William B. Willis | July 20, 1829 |
| Thomas Mullikin | Jan. 8, 1830 |
| Peter B. Mullikin | Nov. 4, 1834 |
| David Robinson | Oct. 13, 1836 |
| Hugh M. Berridge | Jan. 8, 1838 |
| Jas. F. Chaplain, (declined) | Dec. 26, 1838 |
| Samuel T. Kemp | Oct. 26, 1839 |
| Edw. P. Mullikin, (declined) | Feb. 4, 1842 |
| Benjamin Holmes | Mar. 15, 1842 |
| John B. Leckie | Nov. 4, 1842 |
| Isaac F. Colgin | Jan. 18, 1845 |
| Josiah Higgins | July 2, 1845 |
| James F. Chaplain | Mar. 16, 1848 |
| Henry P. Montague | Aug. 1, 1849 |
| Philemon Mullikin | Sept. 19, 1851 |
| Jeremiah Mullikin | Sept. 25, 1854 |
| Geo. W. Mullikin | May. 28, 1855 |
| Charles E. Adams | Sept. 23, 1861 |
| John F. Kemp | Sept. 16, 1868 |
| Robert T. Mullikin | Sept. 21, 1869 |

WYE MILLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel Hopkins | July 1, 1814 |
| Robert H. George | Mar 23 1826 |
| Discontinued March 28 1828. | |
| Re Established April 5, 1828 | |
| John Anthony | April 5, 1828 |
| Thomas Hopkins | Jan. 13, 1829 |
| Robert H. Jump | Dec. 17, 1840 |
| Joseph W. George | Feb. 9, 1841 |
| Thomas Hopkins | July 17, 1843 |
| Wm. H. Richardson | July 19, 1845 |
| Louis W. Neal | Nov. 30 1853 |
| Changed into Queen Anne's county. | |
| John R. Hopkins | Jan. 23 1868 |
| Restored to Talbot county. | |
| Charles W. K lly | Mar. 11 1874 |
| Clinton Denny | July 12, 1880 |
| P. C. Golt | Sept. 16 1881 |

ROYAL OAK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles Benson | April 1, 1837 |
| Richard Benson | April 2, 1844 |
| Aaron Dyott | Mar. 26, 1844 |

* This may be a clerical error for Dodson.

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|---|---|
| John D. Sheffer | April 1, 1847 |
| Aaron Dyott | June 3, 1847 |
| Discontinued June 15, 1847. | |
| Re-Established Aug. 19, 1847. | |
| Aaron Dyott | Aug. 19, 1847 |
| Thomas C. Nichols | Oct. 16, 1849 |
| Johnathan S. Willis | Jan. 15, 1852 |
| Richaad C. Lane | Jan. 24, 1853 |
| Edward T. Benson | June 29 1861 |
| Richard C. Lane | Oct. 17, 1866 |
| Mrs. Martha A. Lane | Mar. 11 1868 |
| Edward T. Benson | Aug. 13, 1869 |

WILLIAMSBURGH AT THE OLD CHAPEL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry D. Harwood | July 27, 1840 |
| Discontinued Dec. 17 1840. | |

OXFORD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas Watts | Jan. 27, 1849 |
| William H. Valliant | Jan. 29, 1852 |
| James Stewart | July 16, 1861 |
| John O. Gullup | Nov. 7, 1866 |
| Louis W. Swift | May 14, 1867 |
| Edward S. Harrison | Oct. 10, 1868 |
| James Stewart | Nov. 22 1869 |
| John J. Freedly | April 1, 1874 |
| James Stewart | May 27, 1874 |
| Mary W. Stewart | Mar. 9, 1877 |

BAY HUNDRED.

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel S. Ridgaway | May 11, 1850 |
| Ezekiel Jackson | June 28 1852 |
| Augustas Wittman | Aug 5, 1852 |
| Name changed to Sherwood ville and Robert T. Larrimore appointed P. M. | Sept. 9, 1863 |
| Name of Bay Hundred restored and Robert T. Larrimore re-appointed P. M. | Sept. 15, 1863 |
| Charles Smith | Dec. 5, 1865 |
| Thomas J. Sherwood | June 5, 1867 |
| William Rowlenson | July 31, 1867 |
| Mrs. Emily F. Wittman | Feb. 24, 1869 |
| William Rowlenson | July 15, 1869 |
| Nicholas Valliant | July 1, 1873 |
| Thomas E. Cryer | May 10, 1877 |
| Name changed to *Sherwood* and Wm. T. Rowlenson appointed | May 5, 1880 |

CHAPEL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles H. Rose | Jan. 7, 1858 |
| Discontinued Oct. 4, 1860. | |

BROAD CREEK NECK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry C. Neavitt | March 7, 1862 |
| Name changed to *Neavitt* and H. C. Neavitt re-appointed | May 25, 1880 |

TAVERNER'S WOODS.

| | |
|---|---|
| William H. Collier | Sept. 19, 1866 |
| Discontinued May 13, 1872. | |

WITTMAN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Emily F. Wittman | July 15, 1869 |
| William H. Seth | April 27, 1875 |
| Joseph G. Wrightson | Aug. 21, 1876 |
| William T. Wrightson | Dec. 27, 1882 |

CORDOVA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Alexander W. P. Robinson | Nov. 22, 1869 |
| Aiga Smith | May 13, 1872 |
| Elijah W. West | June 19, 1876 |
| Charles W. Arringdale | Jan. 24, 1877 |
| Albert W. Knapp | May 12, 1879 |
| Robert R. Shull | Dec. 1, 1879 |
| Thomas J. Sisk | Oct. 27, 1882 |

SKIPTON.

| | |
|---|---|
| John A. Catrup | Jan. 19, 1870 |

DUNDEE.

| | |
|---|---|
| John B Todd | Nov. 10, 1871 |
| Discontinued March 27, 1874. | |

WOODLAND.

| | |
|---|---|
| James P. Reese | Jan. 5, 1871 |
| Discontinued July 27, 1877. | |
| Re-established Aug. 15, 1877. | |
| J. Frank Brown | Aug. 15, 1877 |
| Alexander Lednum | Jan. 23, 1882 |

LONGWOODS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Owen A. Boon | July 26, 1872 |
| Thomas J. Rowens | Feb. 27, 1874 |

HAMBLETON.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Magdalena Menck | May 5, 1873 |
| George L. Eaton | Sept. 30, 1873 |
| Edmund W. Norris | Feb. 6, 1874 |

M'DANIELTOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| James H. Caulk | Nov. 6, 1876 |

BOZMAN.

| | |
|---|---|
| William S. Harrison | June 5, 1878 |
| Discontinued Dec. 1, 1878. | |
| Re-established Aug. 21, 1882. | |
| Reuben McQuay | Aug. 21, 1882 |

TUNIS' MILLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| William W. Tunis | Jan. 31, 1879 |

MATTHEWS.

| | |
|---|---|
| John Jump | April 9, 1880 |

MELSON.

| | |
|---|---|
| William T. Marvell | Jan. 20, 1881 |

HUGHLETT.

| | |
|---|---|
| William B. Ewing | Mar. 24, 1882 |
| Mrs. Charlotte Ewing | May 1, 1882 |
| Discontinued Nov. 20, 1882. | |

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OF

## Real Estate

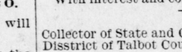
### Near Royal Oak.

In accordance with power contained in a Mortgage from Emory MacKey and wife to Catharine Myers, dated Nov. 21, 1887, and recorded in Liber 107, folio 129, and duly assigned to me, I, assignee of the said Mortgagee, will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House door in the town of Easton on

**TUESDAY,**

**The 23d Day of June, 1896,**

between 2 and 4 o'clock, p. m. the property described in said mortgage, being a lot of land situate near Royal Oak in Talbot county and lying partly on the public road leading from Easton to Royal Oak and partly on the public road leading to Hopkins Neck, adjoining the lands of W. R. Diamond and Pinkney Jillings, and whereon Richard Cook is now residing, containing



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of

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Notice is hereby given to the owner or owners of said property, that I will offer the same at public sale, in front of the Court House door in the town of Easton, on

**Saturday June 27, 1896.**

between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, to pay and satisfy the taxes due, with interest and costs on the same.

The terms of sale are the purchaser shall pay to the collector on the day of sale the entire amount of purchase money, otherwise the collector will resell at the risk and cost of the first purchaser.

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No. 1.

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W. T. H. LEE.

Collector of State and County Taxes for Easton Disstrict of Talbot County.

June 6-4t.



## Mortgagee's Sale

OF

## REAL ESTATE

IN

### Chapel District, Talbot County, Md.

BY virtue of the power of sale contained in in a mortgage from Joseph Bowdle to C. C. Nickerson, dated the 8th day of December, 1891, and duly recorded among the Land Record Books of Talbot County, in Liber T. H., No. 116, folio 78, etc., the undersigned mortgagee will offer at Public sale in front of the Court House door, in the town of Easton,

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**"TIMBER NECK,"**

and containing 350 Acres of Land, more or less, which lies on the public road from Todd's store to Potts's Miles River Neck on a branch of Miles River, about one mile from Longwoods and six miles from Easton; is the farm where Joseph Bowdle resided at the time of his death and adjoins the lands of H. S. Wancha and others. The soil of the farm is of the most excellent quality, and ample out buildings for farm. The farm will be sold subject to Wm. Arringdale's lease of the present year 1896, and subject to a $5000 mortgage.

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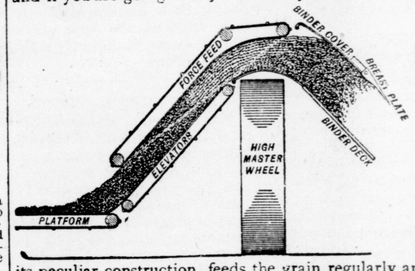
I have sold my business of Well Digging and Pump making to Messrs. Elbin and Ferguson of Easton. These gentlemen are well qualified to wait upon the public in the business of pump and well making and I bespeak for them the patronage of the public. Thanking the public for its patronage of the past, I am truly yours.

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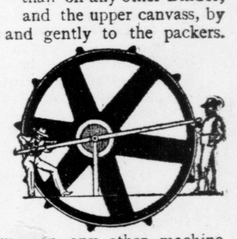


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Suppose you had heavy loads to haul to town, and one road had a long steep hill, another a short, easy slope hill. Which road would you take? The elevator on the new Champion Binder is short, the slope is easy and the canvasses are wide apart; the grain is handled with less friction and more gently than on any other Binder, and the upper canvass, by its peculiar construction, feeds the grain regularly and gently to the packers.



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