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Collection Information

Abstract : Correspondence and maps relating to rural mail routes in Lincoln during early 20th century, other post office records from 1890s.

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Historical/Biographical Notes

The Post Office was first established in Lincoln in 1825 in the store of David Smith Jones on South Great Road between Lincoln and Concord Roads. He was succeeded by Luke Gates before 1831, who moved the post office across to the south side of South Great Road. The post office was at Charles Tarbell's home until it was moved into a new store near Lincoln Center in 1858. The post office at Lincoln Center has served residents from locations in various stores, and today is located in the Old Town Hall building on Lincoln Road, just south of Lincoln Center. The South Lincoln post office is presently in the Depot Shopping Mall in South Lincoln.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises correspondence relating to the establishment and subsequent alterations of rural routes throughout the southern part of Lincoln from 1902 to 1958 out of the South Lincoln post office, maps of rural routes in and around Lincoln, a ledger of postal money orders issued and cashed from 1893 to 1934, and a postal guide of 1890. The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence. (106 items)

Series 2: Maps. (4 items)

Series 3: Ledgers. (1 item)

Series 4: Postal Guides. (1 item)

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Series 1, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2003.008.1.1	Letter to Hon. Geo. M. Brooks from James L. Chapin, P.M., February 20, 1871, relating to establishment of post office at Lincoln Depot.
1	1	2003.008.1.2	Letter to uncle (Hon. Geo. M. Brooks) from Samuel Hoar, March 4, 1871, relating to establishment of post office to serve Lincoln Depot and nearby locations.
1	1	2003.008.1.3	Letter to "Pete" from Ethel Davis, March 3, 1973, relating to return of 1871 letters to Lincoln Library.
1	2	2003.008.1.4	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Middlesex County, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Delivery, September 16, 1902, relating to establishment of rural route in South Lincoln area. (2 p.)
1	3	2003.008.1.5	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Free Delivery, September 18, 1905, relating to delivery practices.
1	4	2003.008.1.6	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Free Delivery, August 113, 1908, relating to amendments to rural delivery route #1.
1	4	2003.008.1.7	Amended delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective August 17, 1908.
1	5	2003.008.1.8	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Delivery, January 5, 1910, relating to loose coins in mail boxes.

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1	5	2003.008.1.9	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Delivery, March 4, 1910, acknowledging resignation of substitute rural route driver.
1	6	2003.008.1.10	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, July 15, 1911, relating to resignation of substitute rural route driver.
1	6	2003.008.1.11	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, December 23, 1911, relating to amendments to rural delivery route #1.
1	6	2003.008.1.12	Amended delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective January 1, 1912.
1	7	2003.008.1.13	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, March 26, 1912, relating to appointment of substitute rural carrier.
1	7	2003.008.1.14	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, July 29, 1912, relating to salaries.
1	7	2003.008.1.15	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Topography, September 19, 1912, relating to transmission of map of rural service from South Lincoln post Office.
1	8	2003.008.1.16	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, July 24, 1914, relating to carriers' compensation.

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1	8	2003.008.1.17	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, July 31, 1914, relating to amendments to rural delivery route #1.
1	8	2003.008.1.18	Amended rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective August 1, 1914.
1	8	2003.008.1.19	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, August 19, 1914, relating to resignation of substitute rural carrier and appointment of new substitute carrier.
1	8	2003.008.1.20	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Postmaster Appointments, October 9, 1914, relating to authorization to move post office.
1	9	2003.008.1.21	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, September 7, 1917, relating to discontinuance of South Lincoln delivery route #1.
1	9	2003.008.1.22	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Postmaster, Boston, Mass., September 13, 1917, relating to transfer of South Lincoln delivery route #1 to Waltham Branch, delivery route #6.
1	9	2003.008.1.23	Boston (Waltham Branch) rural route #6, established by transfer of South Lincoln rural route #1, effective September 16, 1917.
1	9	2003.008.1.24	Boston (Waltham Branch) rural route #2, in part within Lincoln, effective September 16, 1917.

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1	10	2003.008.1.25	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, August 12, 1920, relating to establishment of rural route #1 from South Lincoln and transfer of Waltham Branch carrier of rural route #6 to South Lincoln.
1	10	2003.008.1.26	Detailed description of South Lincoln rural route #1, effective September 1, 1920.
1	11	2003.008.1.27	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, July 2, 1929, relating to amendments to rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass.
1	11	2003.008.1.28	Amended rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective July 16, 1929.
1	12	2003.008.1.29	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, November 7, 1930, relating to amendments to rural delivery route #1, and carrier salary changes.
1	12	2003.008.1.30	Amended rural deliver route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective December 1, 1930.
1	13	2003.008.1.31	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Equipment and Supplies, February 10, 1931, invoice for double section of 50 pigeon holes.
1	13	2003.008.1.32	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, December 22, 1931, relating to carrier pay.
1	14	2003.008.1.33	Amended rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., nd.

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1	14	2003.008.1.34	Amended rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective September 16, 1941.
1	15	2003.008.1.35	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, March 28, 1942, relating to adjustment of length of rural delivery route #1.
1	15	2003.008.1.36	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, April 30, 1942, relating to change from rural to city delivery for parts of rural delivery route #1.
1	15	2003.008.1.37	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, May 21, 1942, relating to amendment of rural delivery route #1.
1	15	2003.008.1.38	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, May 23, 1942, corrections to amended change in rural delivery route #1.
1	15	2003.008.1.39	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, May 25, 1942, relating to amendment of rural delivery route #1.
1	15	2003.008.1.40	Amended description of rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., effective May 26, 1942.
1	15	2003.008.1.41	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Post Office Department, Bureau of Accounts, May 26, 1942, relating to retirement deductions.
1	15	2003.008.1.42	Telegram to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Purdon, Second Assistant, May 27, 1942, relating to city carrier service.

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1	15	2003.008.1.43	Letter to Mr. Horne from Postmaster, May 29, 1942, relating to route changes.
1	15	2003.008.1.44	Letter to Miss Webb from O. R. Horne, Post Office Department, Office of Inspector, May 31, 1942, relating to route changes.
1	15	2003.008.1.45	Letter from O. R. Horne, Post Office Department, Office of Inspector, to Inspector in Charge, May 31, 1942, relating to route changes.
1	15	2003.008.1.46	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, June 1, 1942, relating to route changes.
1	15	2003.008.1.47	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, June 11, 1942, relating to delivery on Tower Road.
1	15	2003.008.1.48-.49	Official description of rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective June 16, 1942. (2 items)
1	16	2003.008.1.50	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, May 24, 1943, relating to amendment of rural delivery route #1.
1	17	2003.008.1.51	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, March 15, 1949, relating to amendment of rural delivery route #1.
1	17	2003.008.1.52-.53	Official description of rural delivery route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., as amended. nd., October 1, 1950.
1	17	2003.008.1.54	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails, November 6, 1950, relating to adjustment of length of route #1.

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1	18	2003.008.1.55	Letter to Miss Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, from D. F. McCarthy, Post Office Inspector, August 23, 1951, relating to mail delivery in parts of Sudbury.
1	18	2003.008.1.56	Letter to Miss Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, from D. F. McCarthy, Post Office Inspector, August 24, 1951, correcting route descriptions.
1	18	2003.008.1.57-.58	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., as amended. nd (2 items)
1	18	2003.008.1.59	Letter to D. F. McCarthy, Post Office Inspector, from Miss Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, August 25, 1951, relating to mail delivery in Sudbury.
1	18	2003.008.1.60	Letter to D. F. McCarthy, Post Office Inspector, from Miss Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, August 25, 1951, relating to post office forms.
1	19	2003.008.1.61	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, March 13, 1952, relating to amendment of rural route #1.
1	19	2003.008.1.62	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective April 1, 1952.
1	19	2003.008.1.63	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, May 5, 1952, relating to amendment of rural route #1, and carrier salary change.
1	19	2003.008.1.64	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., as amended, effective May 16, 1952.

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1	19	2003.008.1.65	Letter to Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Mails from Postmaster, South Lincoln, June 3, 1952, concerning proposed delivery changes.
1	19	2003.008.1.66	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, from J. F. Buckley, Inspector, relating proposed route change.
1	19	2003.008.1.67-.68	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, Mass., as amended. nd (2 items)
1	19	2003.008.1.69	Letter to J. F. Buckley, Post Office Inspector, from Postmaster, South Lincoln, June 27, 1952, relating to proposed route changes.
1	19	2003.008.1.70	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, October 22, 1952, relating to amendment of rural route #1, South Lincoln, with salary change of carrier.
1	19	2003.008.1.71	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective November 1, 1952.
1	19	2003.008.1.72	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective date November 16, 1952.
1	19	2003.008.1.73	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, October 23, 1952 relating to amendment of rural route #1, with salary change for carrier.
1	19	2003.008.1.74	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, December 1, 1952, relating to modifications in amendments.
1	20	2003.008.1.75	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural

Service, March 25, 1953, relating to amendment of rural route #1 and carrier salary change.

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1	20	2003.008.1.76	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective April 16, 1953.
1	20	2003.008.1.77	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, April 14, 1953, relating to changes in route length and salary changes.
1	20	2003.008.1.78	Letter to Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, from Postmaster, South Lincoln, August 6, 1953, relating to proposed changes in route #1.
1	20	2003.008.1.79	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, August 13, 1953, relating to amendment of rural route #1.
1	20	2003.008.1.80	Official description of rural route #1 as amended, effective date September 1, 1953.
1	21	2003.008.1.81-.82	Official description of rural route #1 as amended, nd (2 items)
1	21	2003.008.1.83	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, November 4, 1954, relating to amendment of rural route #1.
1	21	2003.008.1.84	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective date December 1, 1954.
1	21	2003.008.1.85	Petition to Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D.C., from Lincoln residents requesting extension of rural route #1, December 23, 1954.
1	21	2003.008.1.86	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from

Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Rural Service, December 28, 1954, application form for extension of rural service.

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1	22	2003.008.1.87	Letter to Miss Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, from O. R. Horne, Inspector, January 16, 1955, relating to mail delivery in Wayland.
1	22	2003.008.1.88	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, Mass., from District Manager, Boston, Mass., March 30, 1955, relating to amendment of rural route #1.
1	22	2003.008.1.89	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended, effective May 1, 1955.
1	22	2003.008.1.90	Report to Assistant Postmaster General, Rural Delivery Service, from Postmaster, South Lincoln, October 31, 1955, relating to rural route statistics.
1	22	2002.008.1.91-.92	Official description of rural route #1, South Lincoln, as amended. nd (2 items)
1	23	2002.008.1.93	Memorandum to post offices with rural routes from Regional Controller, Boston, Mass., November 14, 1956, relating to proper recording of payment forms.
1	24	2002.008.1.94	Letter to W. A. Fetzer, Post Office Inspector, Lowell, Mass., from Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, June 17, 1957, relating to changes in rural route #1.
1	24	2002.008.1.95	Memorandum from W. A. Fetzer, Postal Inspector, to Postmaster, South Lincoln, June 20, 1957, relating to rural delivery service.
1	24	2002.008.1.96	Letter to Postmaster, South Lincoln, from W. A. Fetzer, June 6, 1957, relating to proposed changes in rural carrier delivery.
1	24	2002.008.1.97	Official route description, South Lincoln Route #1,

as amended. nd

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1	25	2002.008.1.98	Request for extension of rural delivery from Postmaster, South Lincoln, to Postal Installations Manager, Rural Delivery Service, Boston, May 21, 1958.
1	25	2002.008.1.99	Official rural route description, as amended, South Lincoln route #1, nd [ca May/June 1958]
1	25	2002.008.1.100	Memorandum to Postmaster, South Lincoln, from Delivery Services Officer, Boston, June 10, 1958, relating to change in length of rural route #1.
1	25	2002.008.1.101-102	Official rural route description, as amended, South Lincoln route #1, effective June 14, 1958. (2 copies)
1	25	2002.008.1.103	Rural delivery statistics, submitted by Rosella Webb, Postmaster, South Lincoln, July 2, 1958.
1	25	2002.008.1.104	Memorandum to Postmaster, South Lincoln, from Delivery Services Officer, Boston, September 18, 1958, relating to change in length of rural route #1.
1	25	2002.008.1.105	Memorandum from Postmaster, South Lincoln, to Delivery Services Officer, Boston, requesting extension of rural delivery route, October 1, 1958.
1	25	2002.008.1.106	Official rural route description, as amended, South Lincoln route #1, effective October 4, 1958.

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Series 2, Maps

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	26	2003.008.2.1	Map of South Lincoln, Mass. area, showing rural route #1, nd.
1	26	2003.008.2.2	Map of South Lincoln, Mass. area, showing rural route #1, February 23, 1951.
1	26	2003.008.2.3	Map of South Lincoln, Mass. area, showing rural route #1, April 1, 1952.
1	26	2003.008.2.4	Map of South Lincoln, Mass. area, showing rural route #1, January 5, 1953.

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Series 3, Ledgers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	27	2003.008.3.1	Register of Advices Received of Money Orders drawn upon the Post Office at Lincoln, Mass., 1893-1934 : ledger, unnumbered / 38 cm.

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Series 4, Postal Guide

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	28	2003.008.4.1	United States Official Postal Guide, providing information on rates, classification, post office changes, regulations, etc. : paper, 64 p. / Brodix Publishing, Washington, D.C., July 1890.