HAVING BEEN BORN, BRED, and BRUNG-UP in the Playcard and Green Sea Communities of Horry County, I consider myself to be a genuine, dyed-in-the-wool, certified 24-karat Horryite. I attended Hickory Hill Grammar School and Green Sea High School. My parents’ final peaceful resting place is in the Pleasant Meadow Baptist Church Cemetery. And just a mile distant in the Old Dorman Cemetery are the graves of my Blanton grandparents.

I pretty well left the area when I joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 during World War II. But, in the ensuing sixty plus years, I have kept close contact with relatives and friends who live there. To me, Horry County in general, and the Green Sea and Playcard Communities in particular, are still home.

I well remember my childhood years during the 1930s while living on our Playcard Community farm, and the country mercantile C.L. Blanton’s Store that my parents, Clarence and Margaret Blanton, operated.

In those days the family’s children found ways to entertain themselves and each other. My three siblings and I did just that. One of the weekday’s highlights was the arrival of the Rural Free Delivery (RFD) mailman.

We Blanton young’uns had an advantage over our neighbors, and we often rubbed it in by bragging about it. Our place was the only one in the Playcard Community on two mail routes; Loris RR #1 and Galivants Ferry RR #2. We also had two mailboxes, one for each rural route. Each box had a different number, long since forgotten.

The mailbox for the Loris mail was across highway U.S. 701, the Sea Level Route, in front of the store. That mailbox was the turn-around point for that Loris route. The mailbox for the Galivants Ferry mail was directly in front of the house at the formal entrance which was a gap in the waist-high hedge that surrounded it. Each side of that opening in the hedge was flanked by a very tall, very slim Lombardy poplar. That mailbox was also the turn-around point for that Galivants Ferry route.

“Mailman’s run!” was the shouted announcement made by the young’un in for Just About Two Hundred Years

By Weldon L. Blanton

 Mailman’s Run!!!
All Over Horry County

For those who might not be familiar with nor understand “Horryese,” the translation of “mailman’s run” into everyday English is “the mailman has run.” The statement made in present day, politically correct terms is probably something like this, “The U.S. Postal Service person has this day been to and passed by our mail receptacle on his or her scheduled delivery activity.”

—Weldon L. Blanton
That particular young’un’s day was made and became an envied celebrity among the siblings for the remainder of the day.

The reason for our excitement was that we usually received something from either or both of the mailmen. Momma subscribed to one or more “ladies” magazines. Arriving once a month at our house, as well as at most others, was The Progressive Farmer. We took the Grit weekly newspaper which came in the mail every Friday, without fail, all the way from Philadelphia, PA where it was published. Its arrival usually caused a squabble between a couple of us to see which one got first dibs on the magazine section to read the current installment of Zane Grey’s Western story. (I wonder whatever became of that magnificent publication.)

Two of our maternal great-aunts who lived on the ancestral farm in far-away Iredell County, NC were prolific writers. Often one of their frequent correspondence pieces was a picture postcard carried all those many miles by the mailman for just a one cent postage stamp. The postcards became cherished keepsakes.

In early springtime, live day-old biddies were delivered by the mailman: downy, little Rhode Island Reds; downy, little Dominerokers (we pronounced it domme-neckers); and, on rare occasions, downy, little White Leghorns. They were packaged at some distant commercial incubator in specially made cardboard boxes with punched air holes on the day they were hatched and delivered chirping and healthy the very next day. We would crowd around the back windows of the mailman’s car to look at the boxes stacked on the back seat. Occasionally, one of the boxes would be for us.

Also during the spring season, exotic flower seeds that Momma ordered from far-away seedsmen came and were sown with great expectations of blooming beauty.

The delivery of a Sears & Roebuck or Montgomery Ward mail-order catalog would be reason for jubilation and thanks giving. “Wish Books” provided every member of the family with pictures and reading, as well as wishing enjoyment. After they had been replaced with new editions, the large publications were reverently relocated from their reserved places of honor in the parlor, to an outside structure where they then fulfilled another daily necessity.

The mailman was a trusted personal friend of the family. If you needed postage, you bought it from him. If you couldn’t meet him at the mailbox, you just left the money in it with a note to him. If you didn’t have the exact change, he would make the change to the penny and leave it in the mailbox.

The mailman often took the time to pass on news of the community. He would even volunteer to carry a message or article to another person or family on his route. Quite often the mailman was the official carrier of unofficial county political news and gossip. Most of the mailmen were notary publics and often performed that service for their patrons. And in those days of widespread illiteracy, the mailman would actually read patrons’ mail to them. The mailman always found a way to do this without causing embarrassment.

Back then, the mailman was held on the same level of esteem as the minister and the school teacher. They were of the most highly regarded professionals in the community.

The mailman is an honored character in many of my childhood memories. The memories of that time in my life are inexhaustible, all pleasant and happy.

While assisting my brother, Hoover C. Blanton, the past several years in the research of our Blanton family lineage, I became very interested in the histories of the communities where I grew up. Present day Green Sea is where my ancestor Joshua Blanton, the first of that name to settle in Horry District, migrated from Duplin County, NC about 1829. Research has shown that over the years this vicinity has been known by at least four different names: Norton’s Mill, Powellville, Green Sea, and Blanton’s X-Roads or Blanton’s Cross Roads. (I have seen it officially written both ways.)

Mrs. Minette Graham Lovett, archivist of Green Sea Baptist Church, historian laureate of Green Sea Community, and childhood best friend and classmate of my younger sister, Juanita (Margaret Juanita Blanton Bosdell [1931-1982]), listed in one of her booklets the three names by which the local post office has been officially called. Reading those booklets and having ongoing exchanges of information with Mrs. Lovett stirred my interest in researching the history of the post offices of Horry County. I was curious to see how that history related to the history of my family, and who, if anyone, of my forebears and/or collateral ancestry might have been directly involved with the U.S. Post Office.

The Horry County Historical Society’s publication, The Independent Republic Quarterly (IRQ), and Web site has had several excellent articles about Horry County post offices. However, a complete chronological listing of all the U.S. and/or C.S.A. Post Offices with the postmasters and/or postmistresses of the entire county was not available.

The United States Postal Service has an interesting condensed history on its Web site. The U.S. National Archives has microfilm of existing U.S Post Office Department records. Archives Publication M1131 is entitled “Record of Appointments of Postmasters 1789-1983,” and Publication M841 is a continuation entitled “Record of Appointments of Postmasters 1832-1971.” Archives Publication M1126 is entitled “Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations 1837-1950.”

File M1131 consists of four rolls of microfilm. The label of the first roll, “Records of Appointments of Postmasters 1789-1818,” is somewhat misleading. The data in this first roll is actually the “Date of First Financial Return” and the postmaster who made the return. It is reasonable to assume that the actual date of a post office’s establishment, as well as the appointment of its first postmaster,
would have been some time prior to the date of the filing of its “First Financial Return.” The second roll of microfilm in file M1131, labeled “Records of Appointments of Postmasters 1815-1818,” is the actual beginning of the recordings of the appointment dates of the first postmaster of a post office. The third and fourth rolls continue recordings through 1832.

The North Carolina Archives, in downtown Raleigh, just a few miles from where I live in Cary, has a copy of the microfilm publication M1131. (The N.C. Archives has copies of microfilms M841 and M1126 for only North Carolina.) There were three post offices in Horry District during the time period covered by file M1131: Conwayboro, Galivants Ferry, and Little River. The quality of the old microfilm records is so poor. I decided to contact the staff of the National Archives to see if they could help, and they did.
I located microfilms M841 and M1126 for the state of South Carolina at the Greenville County Library. The very cooperative staff of that library’s South Carolina Room consented to reproduce the Horry County section of those two microfilms files. The finished product turned out to be a major undertaking.

A compilation of these old records shows that in the roughly one and three-quarters centuries that they cover there were 123 U.S. Post Office sites named in Horry District/County. In several cases the application for a new post office name and location was approved but then rescinded before it actually became operational. Several of the 123 names were merely renaming the same post office.

Not counting the six named post offices that were never operational and the 11 names that were renaming existing post offices, a total of 106 post offices were operational in Horry District/County from April 1807 to September 1971.

In a few cases, the name of a post office was changed only to reflect the name of a new postmaster. And, it also seems that with the change of the postmaster, the actual geographical location of the post office might be changed. This could be explained by the fact that many times the actual location of the post office was the postmaster’s residence. In several cases, the originally requested name was not approved, and the applicant contractor had to accept a second or even a third choice name.

The “Post Office Department Reports of Site Locations” were made to show the exact geographical location of a proposed new post office, and its relation to other existing post offices and major geographical landmarks such as named waterways. The copies furnished by the Greenville County Library had “Site Location” files for 94 of the 123 post office names included in the other file. The “Site Locations” reports range in size from one page to ten pages.

Many of the “Site Location” reports include hand drawn maps--some very elaborate, some quiet primitive. I have tried to find old published maps of Horry County that would show the geographical location of each of the 106 established post offices. My efforts have been somewhat successful. I found maps that show all but just a few of them. As could be expected, some of the marked positions of boundaries, waterways, settlements and roadways in the earlier maps have been proven to be erroneous and are corrected in subsequent publications.

During the review and analysis of these old records, an interesting question evolved. What happened to Horry District U.S. Post Offices when South Carolina seceded from the Union in December 1860 and united with other Southern states to form the Confederate States of America on February 4, 1861?

The National Archives’ files are records of the U.S.A. Federal Post Office Department. Nowhere in them is mentioned the fact that the country had divided and the two sections were in armed conflict. Neither are there recordings of any activity that might have taken place at Horry District post offices during the four plus years of the life of the Confederate States of America.

On March 6, 1861, while forming his cabinet, C.S.A. President Jefferson Davis appointed John Reagan Postmaster General of the C.S.A. Under Reagan’s instructions, Southern postmasters continued to render their accounts to the U.S.A. Federal Post Office Department, which, ironically, still furnished mail service in the seceded Southern states until the C.S.A. Post Office Department official assumed those duties on June 1, 1861.

Historians have commented that although Postmaster General Reagan was an able administrator, the mail service of the C.S.A. Post Office Department was continuously interrupted. A critical shortage of postage stamps, and, as time passed, blockades and the invasion of the Northern Army severely hampered the Department’s postal operations.

Old records show that on May 31, 1861 there were six operational U.S. Federal post offices in Horry District: Blanton’s Cross Roads, Bucksville, Bug Swamp, Conwayborough, Dogwood Neck, and Little River.

If there are surviving records other than the original confirmations of appointments of postmasters in Horry District by the C.S.A. Post Office Department, my research has not found them. I have not been able to substantiate that these six post offices continued uninterrupted operations as C.S.A. post offices during the existence of the Confederacy. Nor have I found any records that the operation of either of them was interrupted or ceased during that time.

South Carolina natives Harvey S. Teal and Robert J. Stets have authored two excellent works on early South Carolina post offices. South Carolina Postal History and Illustrated Catalog of Postmarks 1760-1860 was published in 1989. South Carolina Postoffices & Postmasters 1860-1865 was published in 1995. Neither of their exhaustive researches, as shown by their bibliographies, produced any additional information about the appointment of postmasters in Horry District by the C.S.A. Post Office Department. Page 29 of South Carolina Postoffices & Postmasters 1860-1865 has their findings on Horry District. I have used that information in the following alphabetical listing.

However, I personally think that in all probability there would have been one or more changes of postmasters/postmistresses at one or more of the six post offices apparently in operation during the time between July 1861 and April 1866. This is the time span in which there is no recorded clerical activity in the old U.S. Federal Post Office Department records and no known existing records of the old C.S.A. Post Office Department.

I have talked with the officials at the three present day post offices which are believed to have been in operation during the Confederacy: Green Sea (Blanton’s X-Roads), Conway (Conwayborough), and Little River. Unfortunately, neither of them has any archives of old records. As my Aunt Minnie would have said, “What a pity!”
We have information that extends the length of known time that Blanton’s X-Roads C.S.A. Post Office operated. Our family memorabilia contains copies of letters written by and to my great grandfather, David Joseph Blanton, while he served in Company K, 26th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers Infantry, C.S.A. He enlisted at Blanton’s X-Roads on January 1, 1862 and served continuously until his death in the Jackson Hospital at Richmond, VA on February 26, 1865.

The earliest dated letter we have is July 1, 1862. The latest is December 15, 1864. One letter dated October 2, 1862 and addressed to “Dear Brother” from “Sister” has the written return address “Blanton’s X-Roads.” In his letter dated March 10th 1863, David J. asks of his “Deare Wife Selia” “…I want to know how you are off for stamps…” This adds a bit of personal significance to the statement in one of the preceding paragraphs about the critical shortage of stamps being a problem for the C.S.A. Post Office Department.

The last clerical entry in the old U.S. Federal records of one of the C.S.A. post offices, prior to the formation of the C.S.A. and subsequent commencement of armed hostilities, is the appointment of Joseph H. Derham as postmaster of Blanton’s Cross Roads P.O. [from here on out post office will be P.O.] on January 11, 1860. The first entry in those old records after the end of the war was during the Reconstruction Period with the appointment of new postmaster, Thomas C. Dunn, at Little River P.O. on April 17, 1866.

Later on August 23, 1866, Galivants Ferry P.O. was reestablished after having been closed for more than 37 years. During September 1866, Dogwood Neck P.O. was discontinued, never to be reestablished. In October 1866, Bug Swamp P.O. was discontinued, never to be reestablished. Also in October 1866, Blanton’s Cross Roads P.O. and Bucksville P.O. were discontinued.

Bucksville P.O. was reestablished February 14, 1870. Blanton’s Cross Roads, renamed Green Sea P.O., was reestablished February 15, 1870. From October 1866 until February 1870, only one post office operating in Horry District/County were Conwayborough, Galivants Ferry, and Little River.

After the devastating war between the North and South, the division of the country came to an end. The U.S.A. Federal Post Office Department gradually resumed mail service in the Southern states. By November 1866, nearly half of the Southern post offices had been returned to operating under Federal control.

By January 1, 1880, Horry County had 11 post offices operating. On January 1, 1885 there were 19; on January 1, 1890, 37; on January 1, 1895, 45; on January 1, 1900, 55; and on January 1, 1905, 64.

The number of operating post offices in Horry County rose to 70 when Katie P.O. was established on March 9, 1906. This largest number lasted about seven months, until Barnes P.O. was discontinued on October 9, 1906. This was about the time that the RFD system of mail service was being implemented. RFD made the general delivery system of rural mail service obsolete. So, the need for post offices rapidly declined.

On January 1, 1910, the number of post offices was 63. On January 1, 1915, there were 35. On January 1, 1925, 27. On December 7, 1941, “The Day of Infamy” when Pearl Harbor was bombed and America entered World War II, there were 19 post offices operating in Horry County.

In 1888, 11 post offices were established—the most in any one year. In 1910, 11 were discontinued—the most in any one year.

The Archives’ records show the following ten Horry County post offices were operational on September 30, 1971: Aynor, Burgess, Conway, Galivants Ferry, Green Sea, Little River, Longs, Loris, Myrtle Beach, and North Myrtle Beach.

According to the 2009 U.S.P.S. Zip Codes publication, there are nine post offices operating in Horry County: Aynor 29511, Conway 29526, Galivants Ferry 29544, Green Sea 29545, Little River 29566, Longs 29568, Loris 29569, Myrtle Beach 29577, and North Myrtle Beach 29582. Aynor and Galivant’s Ferry Post Offices share the same building. Some of these main post offices might have branch offices.

There are currently two out-of-county post offices serving some Horry County postal patrons–Murrells Inlet 29576 (Georgetown County) and Nichols 29681 (Marion County).

Each of the Horry District/County post offices with its postmaster/postmistress, as it is listed in the copies of the “Record of Appointment of Postmasters” files (as well as in the previously cited writings of Robert J. Stets and Harvey S. Teal), are shown on the following pages in alphabetical order. After the alphabetical listing, a chronological listing based on the dates of establishment and the dates of discontinuance is also included.

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An Alphabetical Listing of Post Offices with Postmasters or Postmistresses in Horry District/County from 1807 to 1971

(For the record, the South Carolina Constitution of 1868 contains the statement: “...the Judicial Districts shall hereafter be designated as Counties....”)

**Keys:**
- RSL = Copies of Post Office Department Records of Site Location forms.
- FCN = First Choice Name as shown on Site Location application.
- PDV = Present Day Vicinity if this post office no longer exists and is not shown on a map.
  - [Comment = Additional information about that post office. This section begins on page 26.]

**NOTE:** The old U. S. post office records are entirely handwritten. Although many are beautifully written and very legible, some are difficult to decipher. Editorial privilege has been exercised wherever considered necessary throughout this compilation.

The establishment date of a post office is considered to be the same as the effective date of the appointment of its first postmaster or postmistress.

Old records indicate that early postmasters were required to post bonds. The records usually include the names of two bondsmen and the amount posted for each new postmaster appointee. This requirement seemed to end with the era of the War Between the States.

### Adrian [RSL] [See 1st Comment]
- Basil R. King---7/31/1889
- George T. Sessions---2/8/1910
- William J. Dorsey---5/21/1914
- Mr. Purley Tompkins---2/26/1940
  - Discontinued 6/30/1953; transferred to Conway P.O.

### Allen [RSL]
- John H. Sizer---8/26/1907
- Hezzie L. Powers---1/15/1910
- Joseph H. Smith---3/30/1911
- Thomas F. Cartrette---5/13/1918
- Paul O. Smith---1/23/1920 (declined)
- William T. Smith---2/17/1921
  - Discontinued 5/14/1927; transferred to Conway P.O.

### Allsbrook
- Successor name to preexisting P.O. Sanford.
- Joseph R. Allsbrook---7/13/1915
- John A. Tyler---11/2/1921
- George P. Carroll---8/27/1923
- John A. Tyler---4/1/1925
- Grover Tyler---9/3/19??
- Albert B. Allsbrook---2/25/1929
  - Discontinued 10/15/1947; transferred to Loris P.O.
**Avnor** [RSL]

Kenneth L. Mishoe---4/9/1908  
Jeremiah F. Mishoe---1/18/1909  
Grover C. Mishoe---[date unknown]  
Louis R. Hagood---4/1/1926  
Leon Floyd---10/5/1932  
Mrs. Marie R. Rabon---4/12/1968  
Daniel M. Mishoe---11/13/1908  
John F. Shelley---9/13/1912  
Mrs. Maida C. Dawsey---1/6/1925  
Alvin D. Lewis---4/11/1932  
Mrs. Grace H. Bagnal---4/1/1943

**Bakers** [RSL]

Ella M. Baker---7/15/1889  
Discontinued 10/20/1892; transferred to Cool Spring P.O.

**Bardy** [RSL]

Needham J. Cox---10/10/1903  
Discontinued 5/31/1914; transferred to Sanford P.O.

**Barnes** [RSL]

Simon A. Barnes---1/16/1892  
Mary S. White---3/6/1895  
Mary S. Hughes---3/25/1896  
Discontinued 10/9/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

**Bayboro** [RSL]

A. H. G. Galbrith---2/15/1870  
John C. Stanley---5/8/1876  
James R. Gerrald---1/21/1879  
Discontinued 10/9/1876; reestablished 1/21/1879.  
Daniel E. Moore---12/15/1880  
Joseph A. Burdage---4/1/1896  
Archie E. Chandler---9/23/1901  
Arnold Bell---1/26/1905  
Discontinued 10/31/1928; transferred to Allsbrook P.O.

**Bisco** [RSL]

Rebecca B. Floyd---11/29/1898  
Grover C. Skipper---7/6/1906  
Norton M. Hardee---4/25/1907  
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.

**Blanche** [RSL]

William F. Mishoe---6/15/1891  
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.

**Blanton's X-Roads** [PDV = Green Sea]

See Green Sea and Powellville.  
Alfred Jernigan---8/2/1854  
Spelling of name changed to Blanton's Cross Roads 7/18/1857.  
John T. Moody---4/5/1855  
Archibald Green---7/18/1857  
Levi R. Moody---3/2/1859  
Joseph H. Derham---1/11/1860
Blanton’s X-Roads (continued)
*********** A C.S.A. Post Office: June 1, 1861--mid 1865 ***********
Joseph H. Derham---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmed 7/17/1861
U.S. P.O.D. discontinued 10/4/1866; reestablished as renamed Green Sea 2/15/1870.

Board Landing  [RSL]
Isaiah Williams---11/9/1875          Ellen Johnson---4/9/1891
Discontinued 10/25/1895; transferred to Hammond P.O.

Bolles  [No location information]  [See 15th Comment]
J. A. Johnson---8/5/1907 (rescinded 2/1/1908; evidently never operational.

Booth  [RSL]
Predecessor name to Howell.
Mary A. Booth---7/18/1900          Sims M. Allen ---10/30/1901
James T. Thompkins---2/27/1903     Georgie Thompkins---3/28/1903
Georgie Thompkins rescinded; reverted to James T. Thompkins 2/27/1903 appointment.
Renamed Howell 2/10/1904

Box  [FCN REHOBATH]  [RSL]
John A. Johnson---7/23/1900
Discontinued 4/30/1910; transferred to Blanche P.O.

Bruce  [RSL]
Harrison Doyl---3/7/1898
Discontinued 5/31/1910; transferred to Sanford P.O.

Bucksport  [RSL]
Donald V. Richardson---2/26/1902
Discontinued 3/31/1954; transferred to Conway P.O.

Bucksville  [RSL]
Henry Buck---3/11/1837          Henry H. Wright---11/28/1854
*********** A C.S.A. Post Office June 1, 1861 - mid 1865 ***********
Henry H. Wright---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmed 7/6/1861
U.S.P.O.D. discontinued 10/4/1866; reestablished 2/14/1870.
Mrs. Orilla Wright---2/14/1870          Charles F. Buck---5/5/1873
William S. Buck---8/16/1875          James E. Beaty---2/6/1880
Richard J. Cochran---10/6/1890          James S. Higgins---1/16/1895
Mary F. Higgins---1/1/1900          Georgie A. Averill---1/20/1901
Mr. Lasea A. Singleton---8/26/1925          Mrs. Goldie A. Moore---10/1/1935
Discontinued 6/30/1953; transferred to Conway P.O.
Bug Swamp  [No location information]  [See 14th Comment]

Lawrence T. Daniel---8/2/1854  Thomas Sessions---1/4/1855
Soloman Contrit---3/15/1856  William H. Privett---7/26/1856

**********A C.S.A. Post Office June 1, 1861 - mid 1865 **********

William H. Privett---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmation not found

Bull Creek  [Listed on Map as Port Harrelson]

Predecessor name to Port Harrelson.

Henry Buck---1/26/1870  Edward Logan---11/8/1870
Samuel Narger---3/25/1872  Punwell F. Outland---11/18/72
Samuel Narger---7/1/1874
Renamed Port Harrelson 4/12/1875.

Buoy  [No location information]  [See 14th Comment]

Effie V. Graham---11/9/1915 (rescinded 6/14/1917); evidently never operational.

Burcol  [FCN PINE ISLAND]  [RSL]

Thomas T. Elliott---6/18/1901  Tracy H. Martin---2/7/1906
Joseph H. Cooper---10/27/1907  George A. Dorman---3/30/1911
Discontinued 12/30/1916; transferred to Myrtle Beach P.O.

Burgan  [RSL]

David W. Jordan---9/9/1908
Discontinued 12/31/1909; transferred to Forney P.O.

Burgess  [RSL]

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Marlow.

William Burgess---8/15/1906  Mrs. Ruby Lewis---10/4/1934
Mrs. Pearl Hucks---7/21/1936  Mrs. Ollie E. Tharp---4/15/1944
Mrs. Ollie T. Porter---9/4/1944  Mrs. Pearl V. Hucks---9/30/1951
Mrs. Pearl V. [Hucks] Heaton---10/26/1965

Causey  [RSL]

Macon T. Jordan---5/22/1900  James C. Causey, Jr.---1/20/1902
Calvin Strickland---9/29/1903
Discontinued 4/14/1904; reestablished 9/28/1912.
David F. Parker---11/15/1926
Discontinued 10/31/1927; transferred to Nichols P.O. (Marion County).

Cebu  [RSL]

Joseph T. Sessions---7/25/1902
Discontinued 2/15/1910; transferred to Conway P.O.
Cedar [RSL]  [PDV = Cedar Grove]

George C. Brown---3/12/1884
William H. Spivey---9/21/1886
Discontinued 11/18/1887; transferred to Conway P.O.

Cherry Grove Beach

Mrs. Acelia W. Nixon---6/16/1948
Discontinued 6/30/1970; transferred to North Myrtle Beach P.O.

Conwayboro [See 3rd Comment]

Predecessor name to Conwayborough.

*Henry Durant---4/1/1807
*Henry Durant---8/10/1813
Henry Durant---1/22/1825
Lewis F. Sarvis---4/6/1830
James Beaty---3/2/1835
Thomas S. Pickett---9/6/1841

Renamed Conwayborough 5/4/1843.

*The date shown in the records of the “First Financial Return” might not be the actual date of the appointment of that postmaster.

Conwayborough [RSL]  [See 3rd Comment]

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Conwayboro; predecessor name to Conway.

James Potter---5/4/1843
Sylvester B. Turnage---12/17/1853
Thomas W. Beaty---12/29/1854

*********** A.C.S.A. Post Office June 1, 1861 - mid 1865 ***********

Joseph J. Richwood---C.S.A. P.O.D. 7/16/1861
Joseph J. Richwood---U.S.P.O.D. re-appt. 5/10/1866
Marcus Hoffman---8/26/1867
Miss Rachel Graham---3/11/1868
Edgar R. Beaty---1/27/1870
Readman T. Jolly---5/16/1873
Thomas W. Beaty---1/26/1874
E. Tally Lewis---9/15/1875

Renamed Conway 4/17/1882.

Conway [RSL]  [See 3rd Comment]

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Conwayborough.

James H. Porter---4/17/1882
George Singleton rescinded; reverted to James H. Porter 4/17/1882 appointment.

Theodore B. Gordon---8/12/1891
William H. Howell---1/14/1897
Sallie E. King---7/25/1900
Allen T. Collins---10/20/1908
C. Ben Dusenbury---3/4/1918 (acting)
Albert H. Long---4/1/1920 (acting)
Mack C. Holmes---12/20/1921
Bernice H. Frierson---10/30/1928 (acting)
Allen T. Collins---11/10/1930
Harry G. Cushman---6/15/1948

George C. Singleton---11/25/1890
William S. McCaskill, Jr.---6/12/1894
Basil R. King---4/30/1898
Benjamin G. Collins---9/5/1900
A. C. Thompson---11/29/1913
Power W. Bethea---5/25/1918
Charles R. Scarborough---8/5/1920
Benjamin Taylor Friedson---5/19/1924
Benjamin T. Frierson---1/8/1929
Marion A. Anderson---7/7/1933
Hoyt McMillan---3/31/1961
Cooks Siding [PDV = Horry]

Predecessor name to Horee.
Robert C. Anderson---12/29/1911
Renamed Horee 8/30/1812.

Cool Spring [RSL]

N. B. Cooper---7/12/1871
William E. P. Cooper---9/17/1873
Noah M. Mishoe---11/22/1878
H. E. Doyle---11/8/1887
Henry H. Burroughs---1/6/1888
James H. Marsh---8/10/1900
John W. Burroughs---6/25/19??
James A. Calhoun---1/18/1908
Robert T. Booth---5/5/1910

Isaac Jenrett---11/7/1872
J. W. G. Smithy---1/25/1876
Henry D. Hemingway---5/26/1879
Mathew M. Skipper---11/29/1887
George R. Sessions---2/13/1894
Thomas M. Gerrald---3/12/1901
Robert T. Booth---10/3/1906
David S. Hucks---3/1/1909
Kenneth L. Mishoe---4/9/1912

Discontinued 3/30/1918; transferred to Allen P.O.

Crescent Beach

Mrs. Della [Stalvey] Beaty---6/1/1947
Discontinued 6/30/1970; transferred to North Myrtle Beach P.O.

Daisy [FCN CARTERSVILLE] [RSL]

William Carter---3/5/1883
Discontinued 10/31/1913; transferred to Loris P.O.

Dogwood Neck

Peter Cox---4/5/1847

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Peter Cox---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmed 7/6/1861

Dongola [RSL]

Dennis Cannon---2/18/1888
Thomas L. Smart---6/5/1900
Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Conway P.O.

Dothan [No location information] [See 15th Comment]

C. G. Butler---4/15/1890;
(no papers 6/12/1890): evidently never operational.

D. E. Cox---5/10/1890

Dow [RSL]

Lucian V. Todd---4/25/1908
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Loris P.O.

Dulah [RSL]

William F. Lee---11/19/1898
Discontinued 5/31/1910; transferred to Sanford P.O.
Eddy Lake  [RSL]
George Officer---1/24/1906
Discontinued 3/31/1914; transferred to Bucksport P.O.

Eldorado  [FCN ORA]  [RSL]
John Boyd---7/31/1900
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.
William D. Stevens---11/26/1904

Exile  [FCN HEATH]  [RSL]
Gaston Page---11/22/1899
Discontinued 1/15/1907; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.

Fairtraid
Gaston F. Murrell---3/6/1916
Discontinued 11/15/1918; transferred to Conway P.O.

Farmer  [FCN CAMP]  [RSL]
Monro Stanley---4/11/1892
Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Finklea  [RSL]
Lewis I. Fowler---7/20/1890
Alva Bullard---5/26/1891
George C. Prince---7/1/1891
Holly M. Thompson---12/23/1891
Duncan B. Campbell---5/20/189?
Enoch M. Bullard---8/11/1898
Memory E. Graham---12/11/1900
Discontinued 6/21/1902; Ps to Powellville; reestablished 7/15/1902.
John Q. Graham---1/20/1903
Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Floyd's Mills  [No location information]  [See 4th and 11th Comments]
James Floyd---2/24/1844
P. [Pugh] Floyd---4/10/1852
Discontinued 8/2/1854.

Forney  [RSL]
Forney S. Powell---11/2/1889
Willie E. Causey---3/30/1898
Forney S. Powell---2/27/1899
Wade H. Calhoun---3/5/1900
James T. Todd---6/10/190?
Henry P. M. Todd---7/7/1908
David W. Jordan---5/14/1915
Discontinued 4/30/1919; transferred to Jordanville P.O.

Galivants Ferry  [RSL]
John McNeill---8/23/1817
Discontinued 4/23/1829; reestablished 8/20/1866.
Samuel Floyd---2/11/1824
Mrs. Catharine Floyd---8/20/1866
George M. Johnson---7/18/1882
Joseph H. Holliday---9/27/1886
Nettie B. Holliday---7/19/1904
George J. Holliday---10/29/1908
Joseph Holliday---2/11/1941
Garden City Beach

Ike R. White---6/6/1949
Discontinued 5/31/1955; transferred to Myrtle Beach P.O.

Gershom [RSL] [See 5th Comment]

Nathan D. Grainger---6/29/1899 (rescinded)              Cornelius B. Todd---3/2/1900
Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Gideon [RSL]

James M. Lewis---3/24/1888       James Morgan Lewis---11/7/1896
Discontinued 1/15/1907; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.

Glenn [RSL] [PDV = Jct. of Hwy. U.S.701 @ Hwy. S.C.9, 2½ miles north of Loris.]

Glenn Stanley--6/18/1907
Discontinued 10/31/1910; transferred to Loris P.O.

Grantsville [RSL] [PDV = Homewood]

Ulric A. Dusenbury---11/10/1873       S. W. Wilson---1/15/1875
Discontinued 2/5/1875.

Green Sea [RSL] [See 6th Comment]

See Blanton's X-Roads and Powellville.
James C. Bryant---2/15/1870
Discontinued 1/4/1872; reestablished 5/29/1873.
Memory E. Fipps---5/29/1873       Richard C. Powell---8/10/1874
Sarah H. Derham---6/12/1876       James A. Mears---1/14/1878
Patrick W. Derham---1/23/1878
Richard C. Powell---6/3/1878
Discontinued 1/8/1879; reestablished 4/1/1879.
James C. Bryant---4/1/1879
Discontinued 5/24/1880; reestablished 11/8/1880 and renamed Powellville.
Operated as such until 6/18/1902 when the name was changed back to Green Sea.
Duncan F. McGougan---6/18/1902   John P. Derham---5/18/1905
Lula J. Derham---6/27/1907       Edgar M. Derham---12/10/1934
Joe H. Derham---7/1/1940       Edgar L. McGougan---12/30/1965

Gurley [FNC LANE] [RSL]

Arnold H. Anderson---3/24/1888       James M. Penny---6/14/1888
Edward W. Prince---1/1/1927       Edward W. Prince, Jr.---8/31/1950
Discontinued 11/30/1955; transferred to Loris P.O.

Hammond [FCN RED BLUFF] [RSL] [See 7th Comment]

Richard W. Hammond---5/24/1882       John E. Prince---2/18/1884
Albert C. Grainger---1/13/1891       Thomas W. Dorman---9/30/1896
John H. Williamson---5/17/1897       John I. Ward---2/10/1899
Hammond (continued)
Chester L. Williamson---11/6/1901
    Martha H. Williamson---12/19/1935
    Discontinued 1/15/1938; transferred to Conway P.O.
    Mrs. Eliza M. Williamson---5/2/1930

Hand [RSL]
Albert C. Grainger---10/2/1888
    Adoniram J. Todd---1/10/1889
    Discontinued 6/30/1942; transferred to Nixonville P.O.
Mrs. Ella Todd---3/21/1914

Harrold [No location information] [See 14th Comment]
Alfred Smith---10/31/1892
    Discontinued 2/14/1903; transferred to Cebu P.O.
    Ella D. Smith---8/6/1898

Haskell [FCN ROUND SWAMP]
John R. Suggs---5/24/1882
    Discontinued 9/13/1886; mail transferred to Daisy P.O. There is no notation in the records that Haskell P.O. was reestablished. However the name reappeared identically spelled and evidently was reestablished 3/6/1895.
    Fannie Martin---3/6/1895
    B. Henry Martin 6/6/1910
    Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Conway P.O.

Hickman [RSL]
Simon A. Barnes---7/12/1875
    Nathan E. Hardwick---4/13/1882
    Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.
William Holt---5/8/1882
    Nathan E. Hardwick---8/8/1891

Holly [No location information] [See 15th Comment]

Homewood [RSL]
Charles M. Lyon---11/22/1899
    John A. Norris---6/1/1908
    Discontinued 2/15/1910; transferred to Conway P.O.

Horee [Listed on map as Horry]
Successor name to preexisting P.O. Cooks Siding; predecessor name to Horry.
Robert C. Anderson---8/30/1912
    Renamed Horry 6/9/1914.

Horry
Successor name to preexisting P.O. Horee.
Robert C. Anderson---6/9/1914
    Alexander Anderson---1/16/1917
K. L. Mishoe---1/9/1922 (acting)
    F. W. Hucks---2/9/1922 (acting)
Kenneth L. Mishoe---2/9/1922
    Fred W. Hucks---12/16/1922
William T. Smith---4/3/1925
    Discontinued 11/30/1926; transferred to Allen P.O.
**Howard** [FCN **BARBER**] [RSL] [Map]

John A. Cameron---12/18/1891
Austin H. Burr---1/19/1894
Discontinued 8/22/1898; transferred to Tabor P.O. (Columbus County, N.C.).
Reestablished 4/15/1899.
William J. Smith---4/15/1899
Discontinued 4/30/1913; transferred to Tabor P.O. (Columbus County, N.C.).

**Howell** [RSL] [Map (Howells)]

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Booth.
James T. Thompkins---2/19/1904
Discontinued 1/31/1910; transferred to Gurley P.O.

**Hull** [RSL] [Map (Hulls Island)]

John A. O'Quinn---2/15/1892
John W. Hardwick---4/16/1894
Discontinued 3/25/1895; transferred to Loris P.O.

**Joppa** [FCN unreadable] [RSL] [Map]

William T. Barnhill---6/24/1898
Isaac L. Cannon---1/27/1902
William T. Barnhill---1/15/1903
Discontinued 4/15/1910; transferred to Justice P.O.

**Jordanville** [RSL] [Map]

Gregory T. Rollins---8/4/1880
Richard Jordan---2/11/1881
Sarah M. Ellerbe---7/29/1898
William P. Smith---2/6/1904
John H. Atkinson---4/2/1908
Discontinued 6/30/1937; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.

**Joy** [RSL] [Map]

Enoch S. Baker---2/27/1906
Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Allen P.O.
J. Hartford Baker---2/9/1911

**Justice** [FCN **JONES**] [RSL] [Map]

W. Boyd Jones---11/22/1899
Kelly W. Jones---3/16/1915
Discontinued 1/31/1920; transferred to Aynor P.O.

**Katie** [No location information] [See 14th Comment]

Avery F. Harris---3/9/1906
George L. Stevens---11/8/1907 (declined)
Discontinued 1/31/1908; transferred to Sanford P.O.

**Labana** [RSL] [Map]

John W. Hux---2/19/1891
William L. Richardson---6/4/1900
Discontinued 7/31/1907; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.
Lake Swamp [See 12th Comment]

Gilbert S. Johnson---2/24/1844
John S. Elliot---7/11/1854
Discontinued 5/2/1855/6.

James G. Beaty---12/21/1852

Lay [FCN LOUIS] [RSL]

William L. Bellamy---5/16/1905
Discontinued 7/15/1909; transferred to Wampee P.O.

Lay [RSL]

John E. Richardson---11/16/1886
Discontinued 8/15/1905; transferred to Longs P.O.

Little River [RSL] [See 8th Comment]

Stephen B. Daniell---8/15/1820
William A. Bryan---1/14/1828
Calvin H. Randall---7/22/1847
Daniel W. Jordan---6/9/1852
Thomas W. Gore---1/31/1856

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Benjamin J. Ward---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmed 7/16/1861
Thomas C. Dunn---U.S. P.O.D. 4/17/1866
Daniel W. Hutchinson---12/9/1874
Thomas W. Gore---1/17/1876
William A. Bessent---3/30/1888
William A. Bessent---12/26/1893
Robert Livingston---2/28/1901
John H. Stone---8/29/1904
William H. Stone---6/27/1914
Mrs. Rhoda Mc. Gore---1/22/1927
William Julian Bellamy---6/30/1958

********** A C.S.A. Post Office June 1, 1861 - mid 1865 **********

John B. Broward---8/20/1823
Joseph Vaught---8/10/1832
Thomas Randall---7/17/1849
Benjamin N. Ward---2/10/1855
Benjamin N. Ward---5/28/1856

********** A C.S.A. Post Office June 1, 1861 - mid 1865 **********

Benjamin J. Ward---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmed 7/16/1861
Thomas C. Dunn---U.S. P.O.D. 4/17/1866
Daniel W. Hutchinson---12/9/1874
Thomas W. Gore---1/17/1876
William A. Bessent---3/30/1888
William A. Bessent---12/26/1893
Robert Livingston---2/28/1901
John C. Blum---8/6/1904 (hold)
John C. Blum---2/24/1905
Mrs. B. N. Gore---10/11/1926
Mrs. Rhoda M. Roof---5/27/1946
Ralph H. Ellis---6/4/1959

Longs

Willie L. Long---6/17/1898
Willie L. Long---7/12/1909
William L. Long---5/29/19??
J. Hiram Long---1/9/1929
Mrs. Earline B. Shaw---11/7/1951
Gilbert L. Shaw---11/15/1961
James L. Carter---9/29/1967

John H. Long---8/12/1907
John H. Long---1/10/1917
H. Paul Garrell---1/22/1928 (acting)
Mrs. Ruth G. Bellamy---10/1/1947
Mrs. Ramona B. Whittington---10/16/1956
Hancie R. Watson---5/25/1966

Loris [RSL]

John A. Best---11/30/1886
James G. Patterson, Jr---5/8/1888
Wylie Mishoe---5/19/1896
Yancey Mcqueen---3/20/1902
William J. Hughes---3/7/1916
Thurman W. Boyd---6/12/1939
Fletcher C. Gause---6/26/1967

Name Unreadable---4/7/188?
Asberry Prince---3/10/1894
J. C. Bryant---5/1/1900
William A. Prince---5/1/1915
Edgar J. Stanly---5/31/1938
Carnegie P. Brewer---7/31/1965
Marlow  [FCN  COLLINS SWAMP]  [RSL]

Predecessor name to Burgess.
John W. Marlow---5/6/1880
William H. Page---1/8/1883
William Burgess---4/16/1887
Renamed Burgess 8/15/1906.

Mary  [FCN  KINGS]  [RSL]

Jonah C. King---3/26/1901
Discontinued 1/31/1910; transferred to Conway P.O.

Mattie  [RSL]

Mattie J. Reaves---6/5/1903
Discontinued 1/15/1914; transferred to Loris P.O.

Michael  [RSL]

Robert G. Booth---9/15/1891
Henry W. Boyd---2/21/1894
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.

Moss  [FCN  1st, CEDAR HILL; 2nd, NINE MILE]  [RSL]

Baisley O. Snowden---6/21/1880
Discontinued 10/20/1880: Reestablished 1/11/1881.
Alfred M. Noble---1/11/1881
Discontinued 11/11/1881.

Myrtle Beach  [RSL]

George R. Sessions---5/21/1901
James H. Marsh---5/2/1902
Jerry B. Cox---3/27/1908
John W. Arnold---6/6/1912
George C. Cox---7/21/1915
George C. Cox---11/28/1927
Gordon S. Beard---6/15/1932
Floyd C. Hammond---4/15/1954
Sam L. Sarvis, Jr.---6/11/1965

Nixonville  [FCN  TULIP BAY]  [RSL]

Martha J. Nixon---2/23/1874
Joseph R. Burdage---6/22/1887
Samuel M. Davis---2/18/1896
Archie M. McNeill, Jr.---3/21/1900
William J. Jordan---4/28/1905
William J. Jordan---2/19/1914
Mrs. Annie B. Parker---4/29/1941
Mrs. Hazel W. Parker---7/28/1941
James Vance Parker---11/5/1942
Mrs. Hazel W. Cooper---10/25/1952
Discontinued 5/31/1956; transferred to Conway P.O.

John McNeill---1/13/1902
J. Waterman Cook---4/4/1904
George W. Booth---3/30/1911
James E. Bryan---11/29/1912
Grover C. Graham---3/16/1926
Mrs. Lillian W. Caldwell---2/5/1931
William M. Stackhouse---3/31/1953
Horace K. Sanders---8/1/1955
John H. Atkinson, Jr.---1/7/1966

John R. Cooper---3/13/1882
John I. Ward---10/5/1888
James N. Martin---5/20/1897
James A. Calhoun---7/20/1902
William I. Parker---2/24/1912
Mrs. Hazel W. Parker---2/25/1937
Mrs. Elneta L. Permenter---7/1/1941
Vance Parker---10/9/1942 (acting)
Mrs. Hazel W. Parker---12/10/1946
North Myrtle Beach

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Ocean Drive Beach.
Samuel A. Elliott---6/18/1970

Norton   [RSL]

William H.H. Buffkin---10/18/1899
Matthew Strickland---2/13/1908 (declined)
Matthew Strickland order rescinded 6/7/1908; mail transferred to Green Sea P.O.; reverted to
William H. H. Buffkin 10/18/1899 appointment.
Victoria F. Enzor---7/7/1908
Discontinued 6/15/1917; transferred to Fair Bluff P.O. (Columbus County, N.C.).

Ocean Drive Beach

Predecessor name to North Myrtle Beach.
Willie L. Edge---2/13/1937
Wiley G. Griste, Sr.---3/7/1942
Myrtle E. Case---6/30/1953
Mrs. Myrtle E. Case---5/15/1956
Renamed North Myrtle Beach 6/30/1970.

Paso   [FCN PARKER]   [RSL]   [See 9th Comment]

Samuel B. Gerrald---9/21/1905
Discontinued 12/31/1911; transferred to Zoan P.O.

Pat   [RSL]   [PDV = Hwy. S.C.905 between Hammond and Chestnut Crossroads]

Benjamin E. Patrick---4/20/1905
Discontinued 11/30/1905; transferred to Hammond P.O.

Poplar   [RSL]   [Listed on map as Poplar Forks]

Joseph T. Sessions---8/7/1891
Alfred Smith---12/8/1892
Alfred Smith rescinded; reverted to Joseph T. Sessions 8/7/1891 appointment.
Discontinued 2/10/1894; transferred to Adrian P.O.

Port Harrelson   [RSL]

Successor name to preexisting P.O Bull Creek.
Samuel Narger---4/12/1875
Jessie P. Williams---4/25/1876
Rosa S. Dusenbury---4/13/1894
George B. Skipper---3/30/1911
Discontinued 12/15/1916; transferred to Bucksport P.O.

Powellville   [RSL]

Successor name to preexisting P.O. Green Sea; predecessor name to Green Sea.
Richard C. Powell---11/8/1880
Lula J. Derham---5/28/1894
Name changed back to Green Sea 6/18/1902.
**Preston**  [FCN CANTON]  [RSL]  [PDV = Brownway]

Larkin F. Hughes, Jr.---2/29/1888  
Discontinued 11/25/1891; transferred to Bucksville P.O.

**Prince's Store**  [No location information]  [See 13th Comment]

John L. Prince---8/2/1854  
Discontinued 7/31/1855.

**Privetts**  [RSL]

William H. Privett---3/21/1888  
Discontinued 6/30/1914; transferred to Adrian P.O.

**Rex**  [FCN HULL]  [RSL]

James L. Butler---5/25/1901  
Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

**Rose Lake**  [No location information]  [See 14th Comment]

Francis G. Holliday---11/7/1921  
Discontinued 6/30/1923; transferred to Conway P.O.

**Ruth**  [FCN ALICE]  [RSL]

Isaac J. Cox---1/8/1886  
Discontinued 12/12/1887; transferred to Hammond P.O.: Reestablished 2/16/1888.
Isaac P. Standley---2/16/1888  
Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

**Sanford**  [RSL]

Predecessor name to Allsbrook.  
Joseph R. Allsbrook---2/16/1888  
Renamed Allsbrook 7/13/1915.

**Shell**  [RSL]

Henry L. Smith---2/1/1900  
Discontinued 4/30/1901; mail transferred to Hammond P.O.: Reestablished 2/26/1902.
Alice E. Williams---2/26/1902 (rescinded)  
William I. Parker---4/1/1903
Henry L. Smith---1/3/1905  
Bailey M. Chesnut---11/24/1906
Discontinued 12/15/1915; mail transferred to Conway P.O. There is no notation in the records that Shell P.O. was reestablished. However the name reappeared again identically spelled and evidently was reestablished 10/6/1916.
Samuel W. Vereen---10/6/1916  
Discontinued 2/15/1927; transferred to Conway P.O.

**Singleton**  [RSL]

William J. D. Singleton---8/12/1901  
Discontinued 1/31/1913; transferred to Myrtle Beach P.O.
Socastee [RSL]

Samuel S. Dusenbury---2/27/1880
E. Van Dusenbury---7/25/1890
John G. Cooper---6/23/1908 (declined)
  John G. Cooper rescinded; reverted to Samuel S. Sarvis 7/20/1896 appointment.
Thomas B. Cooper---10/2/1908
  Discontinued 11/30/1910; transferred to Stalvey P.O.

Henry B. Clark---4/17/1880
Samuel S. Sarvis---7/20/1896

Stalvey [RSL]

John M. Stalvey---6/17/1898
  Discontinued 12/31/1914; transferred to Myrtle Beach P.O.

Stanley [No location information]  [See 15th Comment]

William J. Stanley---7/30/1892 (no papers 8/15/1892): Evidently never operational.

Stet [FCN ANTIOCH] [RSL]  [PDV = McQueens Crossroads]

Edward P. Pitman---7/31/1888
  Discontinued 5/7/1889; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.

Thompson [RSL]

Francis A. Thompson---8/22/1898
Irene E. Vereen---11/6/1916
  Discontinued 12/14/1918; transferred to Murrells Inlet P.O. (Georgetown County).

Samuel T. Tharp---11/7/1907

Toddville

Ulrie A. Dusenbury---2/28/1891
Mrs. Josie H. Dusenbury---3/2/1938
  Discontinued 6/30/1953; transferred to Conway P.O.

Joseph F. Harper---12/1/1913
Mrs. Reba H. Singleton---4/16/1943

Vardelle [RSL]  [See 10th Comment]

Francis M. Johnson---9/18/1889
Isaac J. Blanton---4/19/1894
Walter W. Williamson---10/14/1898
  Discontinued 6/30/1902; transferred to Nichols P.O. (Marion County).

Henry R. Martin---12/26/1893
J. D. Anderson---5/18/1897

Vaught [FCN BUCK ISLAND] [RSL]

Peter Vaught, Jr.---4/30/1888
  Discontinued 1/25/1898; reestablished 7/25/1900.
William H. Vaught---7/25/1900
  Discontinued 11/29/1924; transferred to Wampee P.O.

Veronica [RSL]  [PDV = Grissett]

Fannie A. Hardee---10/14/1902
  Discontinued 4/14/1904; transferred to Conway P.O.
Vina  [FCN REAVES]  [RSL]
William C. Reaves---3/15/1907
Willie H. Reeves---4/20/1920
Discontinued 1/15/1926; transferred to Nixonville P.O.

Virgo  [FCN LUCIUS BAY]  [RSL]
Samuel F. Shelley---7/15/1905
Samuel M. Paul---2/14/1908
William F. Smith---4/5/1907
Discontinued 1/1/1914; transferred to Toddville P.O.

Wampee  [FCN 1st, STAR BLUFF; 2nd, WACCAMAW]  [RSL]
Frederick A. Higgins---3/3/1880
Marcus B. Thompson---6/13/1899
Rupert E. Bell---12/1/1947
William S. Thompson---1/5/1881
Katherine M. Ward---5/29/1919
Mrs. Ruby R. Bell---12/30/1948
Discontinued 2/12/1957; transferred to Ocean Drive Beach P.O.

Wanamaker  [RSL]
John M. Conerly---9/18/1889
Discontinued 10/31/1904; transferred to Nichols P.O. (Marion County).

Willow  [RSL]
James W. Edwards---4/22/1910
Leila D. Mason---12/1/1913
May F. Proctor---10/17/1912
Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Conway P.O.

Windy Hill Beach
Beaty N. Reynolds, Sr.---10/31/1950
Samuel G. Elliott---6/20/1956
Betty R. Witherspoon---2/28/1954
Discontinued 6/30/1970; transferred to North Myrtle Beach P.O.

Windyhill  [No location information]  [See 15th Comment]
Drew H Patrick---7/11/1892  (rescinded) Evidently never operational.

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Daniel J. Cox---4/30/1888
Discontinued 9/30/1901; transferred to Stalvey P.O.

Wolsie  [FCN BOND]  [RSL]
William J. McCracken---8/29/1905
Discontinued 1/1/1914; transferred to Toddville P.O.

Zoan  [RSL]
Allen G. Elliott---8/29/1889
Bethel Elliott---10/2/1909
Asbury B. Bell---1/8/1913
Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.
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Comments:

1st. During the mid-1950s my employment required some travel and calling on farm supply merchants. Mr. Kelly Tompkins and his son, Purley, operated what appeared to be a very successful, old-timey lien merchant farm supply business in Adrian. Their store building contained the Adrian P.O. and both eventually served as postmasters. I made seasonal calls on the Tompkins’ business for several years.

2nd. Blanton’s X-Roads or Blanton’s Cross Roads was named for Joshua Blanton, the first of that surname to settle in the area. When he moved to Horry District, South Carolina from North Carolina about 1829, he brought a large, young family with him. Several married children stayed in North Carolina. Joshua died in the autumn of 1841 and is buried in an unmarked grave near Green Sea.

Folklore is that Joshua purchased a large body of land from William Norton at what was then known as Norton’s Mill. In 1854 when Blanton’s X-Roads P.O. was established, several of Joshua’s children had married and were prominent families of the community. Those families included; James Cashwell Blanton and wife, Polly Ann Lewis; Daniel Alderman Blanton and wife, Sarah Rowell; Noah Blanton and wife, Patience Elliott; Christian Blanton and husband, Meady Stroud; Elizabeth Blanton and husband, Josiah Hodges; Mary Lucretia Blanton, widow of deceased Joseph Graham; and daughter-in-law, Mary Goff Blanton, widow of deceased son, Moses Blanton.

The first postmaster of Blanton’s X-Roads P.O. was Alfred Jernigan. He was my great-great-great uncle, a younger brother of my great-great grandmother Susannah Jernigan Williamson (1802-c.1855). During the latter part of the 1860s, Alfred moved with his family to Florida.

3rd. Conwayboro, Conwayborough and Conway are the successor names for Kingston, the original name of the seat of the parish/district/county. Kingston was changed to Conwayboro about 1801. Nowhere in my research did I find that Kingston ever had a post office, either colonial or U.S. Federal government. Correspondence from a National Archives researcher confirms that they did not find any record of a Kingston, South Carolina U.S. Post Office either.

Conwayboro P.O. was established sometime prior to April 1, 1807, the date of its “First Financial Return.” The National Archives researcher makes this statement in her correspondence referring to Conwayboro P.O., “Date of establishment is not given.”

It is usually considered by most historians that Conwayboro P.O. was the first post office in Horry District/County. However, I might have uncovered a recording questioning that opinion. (See 8th Comment about Little River P.O.)

It seems to be generally accepted that the spelling of “Conwayboro” was changed to “Conwayborough” about 1843. However, the old English spelling “Conwayborough” was used in one of the original U.S. Post Office Department records dated January 22, 1825. The next entry in those records, December 19, 1827, reverted to “Conwayboro.” The recordings remained “Conwayboro” until May 4, 1843.

On page 177 of South Carolina Postal History and Illustrated Catalog of Postmarks 1760 - 1860 there is pictured a postmark; “Conwayboro, 27 Augt. /46”. If “/46” translates into 1846, this would indicate that Conwayboro was used (at least once) after 1843. Maybe the spelling of the town’s name was considered to be a personal choice of whoever was writing at that time.

The name “Conwayborough” was officially changed to “Conway” on April 17, 1882.
4th. Old records list P. [Pugh] Floyd (1791--1876), as the second of the two postmasters of the early Horry District post office named Floyd’s Mills. He was my great-great-grandfather. Pugh’s younger brother, James L. Floyd (1800-1885), was in all probability the first listed postmaster of Floyd’s Mills P.O. in the File M841 records.

5th. Cornelius Benjamin Todd (1862--1954), the first postmaster for Gershom P.O. whose appointment was confirmed, was the husband of Susan Jane Blanton (1865-1937), sister of my grandfather James Madison Blanton (1859-1910). This post office was on the Todd Family farm which was located on the north side of Playcard Swamp and adjoined by present day Williamson Drive.

I have a copy of a letter dated “Feb. the 10th, 1904” with the return address “Gershom, S.C.” which Great-aunt Susan Jane wrote her cousin Amanda Pricilla Williamson Goodson in Hufsmith, TX. In this letter Great-aunt Susan Jane writes, “I have the post office to tend to…..”

6th. The Green Sea High School building was only a couple of hundred yards from the J.P. Derham & Co. store which was operated by Mr. Joe Derham and wife, Miss Veronica. For many years, the Green Sea P.O. was a small caged-off section inside that store building. The Derhams, with their kith and kin, were continuous postmasters/postmistresses for a long time.

I graduated from Green Sea High School in 1944. Often during my junior and senior years Miss Veronica would ask me to lend a hand dipping ice cream or otherwise waiting on students during the noon recess rush. Occasionally, I might have been told, “Weldon, hand Mr. Somebody his mail. Its on the edge of the counter in the post office.”

During my youth and probably many more years afterwards, the Green Sea P.O. was strictly General Delivery. Interestingly, even though they lived in South Carolina, many of the RFD patrons in central northwestern Horry County lived on rural mail routes that were delivered by North Carolina post offices at Tabor City or Fair Bluff. Today, the Green Sea P.O. serves most of those addresses with its own delivery routes.

7th. John H. Williamson (1827-1899), one of the postmasters of Hammond P.O. was my great-great-uncle. He was a brother of my great-grandmother Celia Alice Williamson Blanton (1824-1907). Born on the James Williamson farm, adjoining the Iron Springs Swamp in the then called Norton’s Mill community, John served as a 1st Lt. in the C.S.A. After the war, he settled in the Red Bluff area where he became a large land owner and lived out his life. His son, my first-cousin-twice-removed, Chester L. Williamson (1865-1939) also was postmaster of Hammond P.O. Chester Lee’s wife, Eliza M. Williamson (1868--1948), later served as postmistress.

8th. The written response I received from the researcher at the National Archives included this information relating to the Little River P.O.:

Post Office: Little River, Horry County
Dates of establishment and discontinuance are not given; Postmaster not listed*; Appointment date October 21, 1776
Reestablished August 15, 1820; postmaster Stephen B. Daniell; appointment Date August 15, 1820

*This information seems to indicate that there was a postmaster (name not known) appointed for a Little River P.O. as early as October 21, 1776, thirty years before Conwayboro P.O. was established. Furthermore, the statement indicates that it was discontinued, probably before the start of the “1789-1818” roll of the M1131 file, and then reestablished on August 15, 1820. This entry needs clarification. More research should be conducted to determine whether or not Little River P.O. was in fact the first post office in Horry County.

9th. Samuel B. Gerrald (1859--1933) was the only postmaster of Paso P.O. His wife was Gerusha Strickland (1861--1916), my great-aunt. She was a sister of my paternal grandmother Martha Strickland Blanton (1865--1921). Grandma Martha and Great-aunt Gerusha were daughters of Averett P. Strickland (1827-1896) and wife, Harriett Louisa Floyd (1836-1910). Great-grandma Harriett was a daughter of Pugh Floyd, postmaster of Floyd’s Mills P.O. (See 4th Comment)

Great-uncle Sam and Great-aunt Gerusha lived and farmed in the Ketchuptown Community all their lives and are buried in the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery.

10th. Descendants of Isaac J. Blanton (1854-1934), one of the postmasters of Vardelle P.O., relates that the post office was a separate building across the road from his dwelling house, which today is still occupied by his great-great-grandson’s family. The house is located on Maplewild Road about a quarter-mile northeast of Highway 19.

File M841 lists the last postmaster of Vardelle P.O. as Walter W. Williamson. Two family histories further affirm that, at least during the time he was postmaster, the Vardelle P.O. was located at the present day northwest corner of the junction of Highway 19 and Long Branch Swamp Road. This crossroads has long been...
and is still referred to by old-timers as Stevens Crossroads. Stevens Crossroads is about one mile south of the Isaac J. Blanton homestead.

Willard W. Williamson's (1872-1936) wife was Lucy Lillian Williams (1875-1962). Lillie Williams was a sister of Daniel Wright Williams (1887-1961), father of my wife, Sophie Elizabeth Williams Blanton. Sophie's parents, Mr. Dan and Miss Bea [Beatrice Caroline Graham (1893-1974)], owned the land that included Stevens Crossroads, as now do their descendants.

Uncle Willard and Aunt Lil are fondly remembered by Sophie and her siblings.

Note: Descendants are positive Willard W. Williamson's first given name was Willard and that is how he was familiarly addressed. Those same descendants and genealogy records are not as sure about his second given name. It has been shown in Family Tree write-ups as “Walter” and as “Warren.” And, as can be seen, this does not agree with the way his name is listed in the old post office records. His grave marker in the Pleasant View Baptist Church Cemetery is inscribed “Willard W. Williamson.” Lillie is buried beside him.)

(A bit of trivia: Willard Williamson and I have mutual ancestors. James Williamson (1794-1864) and wife Susanah Jernigan (1802-c.1855) were my great-great-grandparents. They were Willard Williamson's great-grandparents. Therefore, my second-cousin-once-removed Willard Williamson was also my wife Sophie's uncle-by-marriage.

Willard Williamson was a grandnephew, and I am a great-grandnephew of John H. Williamson, one of the postmasters of the old Hammond P.O. [Reference 7th Comment]

11th. Location of Floyd's Mills P.O.: I have seen a reconstructed map showing Floyd's Mills located on the eastern side of the Lumber River across from Nichols. This same site is shown on some early published maps as "Floyd's Ferry." I disagree with that location for Floyd's Mills P.O. There is current written Floyd Family history placing the still flooded mill pond for the old Floyd's grain mill(s) on the upper reaches of Cedar Creek, on the original Floyd land grant, within "¼ mile of the Floyds School," which is at the intersection known today as Duford. It is reasonable to assume the old Floyd's Mills P.O. would have been located at the homestead of the postmasters for whom it was named. I conclude Floyd's Mills P.O. was located at present day Duford.

12th. Location of Lake Swamp P.O.: Some very old published maps show Lake Swamp located in the far upper northwest section of the county, about where present day Duford is. I question this. My disagreement is based mainly on who the postmasters of the old Lake Swamp P.O. were and their bondsmen and where history records where those people lived. I believe Lake Swamp P.O. was located somewhere in the vicinity of the present day junction of Highway SC 917 and Mount Olive Church Road. For many years this area has been known as Mayberry Johnson's Store, so named for the country merchant that operated there. This is near the area where Pleasant Meadow Swamp converges with Mitchell Swamp/Long Branch Swamp and becomes Lake Swamp, a major tributary of the Little Pee Dee River. It is reasonable to conclude that the post office would have been located somewhere near the landmark waterway from which its name was adopted.

13th. Location of Prince's Store P.O.: This early District post office was short lived. I have never seen its location on a published map, nor do I have any firm information from which to form an opinion on where it might have been. Its location is shown on the reconstructed map referred to in the 11th Comment about Floyd's Mills. In that sketch, the Prince's Store location is shown as being about halfway between present day Duford and Nichols.

14th. Four of the old named post offices were never found on any of the published maps:

- Bug Swamp P.O.: The last postmaster (in 1866) of Bug Swamp P.O. was William H. Privett. The first and only postmaster (in 1888) of Privetts P.O. was the same William H. Privett. Today's Privetts is located in the Bug Swamp watershed, near the stream. Therefore, it is reasonable to believe Bug Swamp P.O. was located at or near Privetts. In fact, I don't believe it would be too farfetched to believe that Privetts P.O. was years later just renaming the original Bug Swamp P.O.

- Harrold P.O.: When the post office at Harrold was discontinued the mail was transferred to Cebu P.O., which indicates Cebu was the nearest operating P.O. Cebu was located near present day Allen. Therefore, Harrold would have also been somewhere near Allen.

- Katie P.O.: When the post office at Katie was discontinued, the mail was transferred to Sanford P.O. This indicates that Sanford, which became present day Allsbrook, was the nearest operating post office to Katie. So, Katie could have been located somewhere near present day Sarvis Crossroads, a community near Allsbrook.

- Rose Lake P.O.: I am grateful to Ben Burroughs who furnished the information that Rose Lake P.O. was located north of Conway, probably on Highway S.C. 905 somewhere to the south of Hickory Grove.
Six of the named post office locations were never operational. Applications of Bolles, Buoy, Holly, and Windyhill were approved but rescinded before operations began. Paperwork for Dothan and Stanley was never completed. Evidently, the applications were not approved. Since none of these six applications included a “Record of Site Location,” there is no way to determine where the operation was intended to be located.

Archives’ File M1131 (1789-1832) spells Gallivants with a double ‘l’. The Archives’ File M841 (1832-1971) spells Galivants with a single ‘l’ which is now the accepted correct spelling. With the one exception in the “Chronological Listing” the single ‘l’ spelling has been used throughout this write-up.

Afterword

To everyone who helped me with this, especially my sweetheart, Sophie, and my granddaughter, Beth, and my brother, Hoover, thankee! thankee! thankee!

I rightfully lay claim to any and all mistakes. They are mine.

In my opinion the recording of history is, or at least should be, a continuing work in progress. So should be this research on Horry District/County post offices.

There are probably many history buffs out there who have interesting facts that would add a whole lot to such a compilation as this “Mailman’s Run!!!”

Somewhere out there, there is probably a documented answer to the question about the actual date of the establishment of Conwayboro P.O.

Somewhere out there, there is probably a documented answer to the question about the original establishment of Little River P.O. and the name(s) of its postmaster(s).

Someone out there, it is hoped, has uncommon knowledge about the Southern Confederacy that would include information about the District’s C.S.A. post offices.

Someone out there has the correct answer to the exact locations of the old post offices for which I have guessed.

Someone out there has in their family a keepsake of photograph of an old discontinued district/county post office.

Someone out there has a photograph of an ancestor that was made while he/she was serving as postmaster/postmistress of one of the old district/county post offices.

Someone out there has an old “postmark hand stamp” of an early district/county post office or maybe just an envelop showing an old postmark or maybe an older hand-written postmark and date, or other postal memorabilia collectibles.

The Horry County Museum is an excellent repository for such invaluable treasures, should the possessor want them to be preserved and displayed for future generations.

I would be glad to hear from anyone. My e-mail is weldon503@cs.com. My mailing address is 405 Farmington Woods Drive, Cary, NC 27511-5642.

Mailman’s Run!!! was written in 2007 and revised in 2009.

C. L. Blanton’s Store

The country store depicted in the painting on the next page was located beside the house on the southwestern side of the original crossing of the Green Sea-Bayboro Road and the Zoan-Allsbrook Road. That old original Playcard Crossroads was a couple of hundred yards south of the present-day intersection of SC 410 and Highway 19. At that time SC 410 was US 701, sign-posted “Sea Level Route.” The original crossroads was just across the run of Playcard Swamp from where the Environmental Educational Center now stands.

The store was built about 1924 by Gaston Bryant after acquiring the property in 1923 from Furney Fowler. In 1928, Bryant sold the property to Arthur M. Mills. In the fall of 1931, Mills employed his brother-in-law, Clarence L. Blanton, to operate the store and farm. About twelve months later, Blanton bought the property from Mills. In 1939, the property was sold to Mrs. E. L. Sarvis, and the Blanton family moved back to Green Seal. Furney Fowler reopened the store in 1940 and operated it until 1945 when it was permanently closed. None of the structures on the property during that time still exists.

The store and house were unique for that time and area because they were electrified. The Rural Electric Administration (REA) was still several years in the future. A Delco plant furnished energy for lights and a Delco radio.

The store was the southern end of the line for Grier Todd’s Loris Telephone Exchange. That party line was a community service for those who needed to call the doctor or for other emergencies.
About 1936 a couple of itinerate artists under contract to the Bottling Company repainted the store building. They hand lettered the Coca-Cola trademark sign in color on both sides of the store. Above this, they painted “C. L. Blanton’s Store” and that name remained there as long as the building existed.

Hoover C. Blanton with wife, Cecilia Maria Lopez, and Weldon L. Blanton with wife, Sophie Elizabeth Williams, commissioned a painting of the old store. No photograph has been found, so the artist had to rely on verbal images recalled from memory by Hoover and Weldon. The painting was presented to the Horry County Conservation Foundation to be displayed in the Playcard Environmental Education Center as a lasting tribute to the memory of their beloved sister, Gynland Resh Blanton Prince. Other purposes of the painting are to record the history of an integral era of the Playcard Community and to publicly feature an example of the artistic talent of Horry County native, Verma Rae Harrelson Blanton, who also was Gynland’s classmate in the Green Sea schools.

Weldon Leo Blanton was reared in the northwestern section of the county known as Playcard and Green Sea. After serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he worked 26 years for FCX, Inc., a Carolinas farm supply company where he became a vice president. He then served as president and CEO of Agra Land, a Michigan farmers cooperative. His career finished with an agriculture trade association in Washington D.C. He and wife, Sophie Williams Blanton, live in Cary, NC. We are so pleased that he has shared his research and historical records of Horry County.

Just a Tidbit regarding Postmaster’s Pay

By V. Chyrel Stalvey

In a letter dated June 1, 1999, from the U.S. Postal Service to Mr. Bud Benoy, it states that John M. Stalvey was the only postmaster to serve at the Stalvey Post Office. During his years of service, postmasters were paid based on a formula that ultimately had to do with the amount of revenue from his office. Mr. Stalvey earned $34.63 for his work as postmaster in 1899, $47.70 in 1901, $47.55 in 1903, $62.21 in 1905, $77.00 in 1907, $86.00 in 1909, and $110.00 in 1911.
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More of Dr. Sanders’ Postal Cancellations
The Last of Dr. Sanders’ Postal Cancellations

Please note: Loris Post Office hand-written postmark dated 4/16/1888
Andrew Stanley, Star Route Mail Carrier

By V. Chyrel Stalvey

The National Postal Museum history states that legislation was passed in 1845 establishing star route service calling for private contractors to provide a carrier and to oversee the route to carry the mail with “celerity, certainty, and security.”

To identify these routes on the Post Office Department records, postal clerks substituted three asterisks (***) Consequently, they became known as “star routes.” The mail was carried on horseback, wagons, or, mule and cart before trucks and automobiles. These routes pre-dated RFD.

African-American Andrew J. Stanley (1903-1998) saved his pay as a star route mail carrier to buy a farm at 2404 Old Chesterfield Road in Wampee on Highway 90.

The following is a excerpt from Old Times in Horry County: A Narrative History by Randall A. Wells, page 128:

[Andrew explains that his father, Henry Stanley, had the contract for mail carrying and hired his son to take letters between the Wampee and Conway post offices—an example of a “star route.”]

Chillen was chillen till they were twenty-one, and I was thirteen or fourteen years old and I drove the mail. Mule and an old cart about wide as this chair. The mailman to the post office put the mail in a little bag and locked the sack, and I threwed it on my shoulder and carried it to the next postmaster, he unlocked it and got the mail out there, and everybody got the mail to the post office. There wasn’t no mailbox in the road no place.

I carried the mail three years and three days. Carry it for a dollar and he’d collect the money and give me fifty cent of it. And I bought my five acres of land there with the fifty cents a day. And I bought that over there for a dollar. I bought ten acres of land. The magistrate couldn’t make me a deed for it; my daddy and mother [Helen Livingston Stanley] had the deed made in their name. When I come twenty-one, they went back to the magistrate and changed it in my name. Then I went to paying the taxes on it.

Thomas B. Cooper Store and Post Office

By V. Chyrel Stalvey

The Thomas B. Cooper general store and post office is located on SC SR 544 in the Socastee Historic District, west of the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge. Built in 1905, it is a excellent example of a shotgun style commercial building. The store was the location of the Socastee Post Office while Cooper served as postmaster from 1908-1910. The post office in the back of the store was sectioned off by a heavy wire grille with a window and a section of pigeon-hole boxes for sorting the mail. The wire screen and counter remains intact today.

Resource Room Needs $3,000 in Renovations

The Resource Room in the Bryan House is the only room which has not been renovated. About $3,000 is required to make the much needed repairs.

The room was once a sleeping porch and the floor slants downward. It should be leveled. There is no lighting. Because the roof leaks, we need to repair that before we can wire it. We may have an asbestos issue. Additional furnishings are also necessary.

Sharyn Holliday and Rebecca Ludlam have spent many hours going through the historical information and organizing them. There have been numerous requests to view the historical and genealogical materials. However, we need to make improvements in the room before we can proceed.

Please send your contributions to the Horry County Historical Society at the address on the front page of this issue. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
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Bryan House Available for Special Occasions

The Rebecca Bryan House, ca. 1912, is available for weddings, events, and meetings. For rental fees and availability, contact Toni Montondo at Ray Realty, phone (843) 248-6363 or fax (843) 248-6721. The guidelines, pictures, and rental rates are also on the Web site at http://www.hchsonline.org.

Did You Know? Montgomery Ward, the first mail-order house, started with a one-page catalog in 1872. After parcel post began, the mail order catalog became the most important book in the farmhouse next to the Bible; it was, in fact, often called - “The Homesteader’s Bible” or “The Wish Book.” Sears, Roebuck and Company followed Montgomery Ward in 1893. In 1897, after one year of rural delivery, Sears boasted it was selling four suits and a watch every minute, a revolver every two minutes, and a buggy every 10 minutes. After five years of parcel post delivery, Sears had tripled its revenues.

—From History of the U.S. Postal System