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## 2009 Calendar of Events:

- The Spring Tour on Saturday, April 25 will be in Georgetown to visit the Kaminski House Museum and the Robert Stewart House. Optional lunch will be at the Rice Paddy Restaurant. More information to follow.
- Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.
- Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m.

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## Mailman's Run!!! All Over Horry County for Just About Two Hundred Years

By Weldon L. Blanton

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 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 Domineckers (we pronounced it dommer-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.)

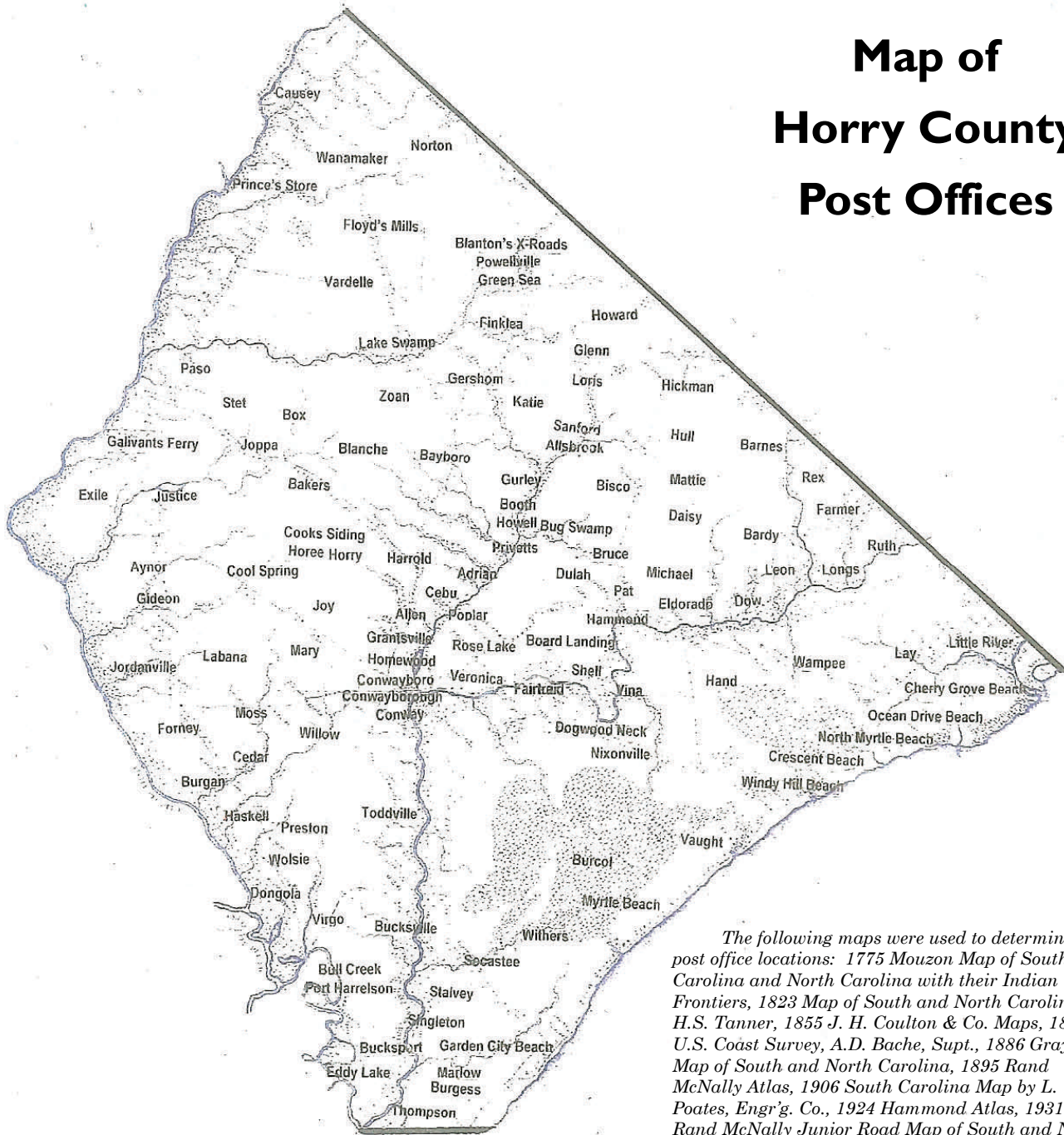
Mrs. Minette Graham Lovett, archivist of Green Sea Baptist Church, historian laureate of Green Sea Community, and childhood best friend and classmate of my younger sister, Juanita (Margaret Juanita Blanton Bosdell [1931-1982]), listed in one of her booklets the three names by which the local post office 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 1789-1832," 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,

## Map of Horry County Post Offices



*The following maps were used to determine post office locations: 1775 Mouzon Map of South Carolina and North Carolina with their Indian Frontiers, 1823 Map of South and North Carolina by H.S. Tanner, 1855 J. H. Coulton & Co. Maps, 1865 U.S. Coast Survey, A.D. Bache, Supt., 1886 Gray's Map of South and North Carolina, 1895 Rand McNally Atlas, 1906 South Carolina Map by L. Poates, Engr'g. Co., 1924 Hammond Atlas, 1931 Rand McNally Junior Road Map of South and North Carolina, 1946 Esso Oil Company Road Map by General Drafting, and 1964 Shell Oil Company Road*

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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, the only post offices 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 Galivants 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 **R**ecords of **S**ite **L**ocation forms.

**FCN** = **F**irst **C**hoice **N**ame as shown on Site Location application.

**PDV** = **P**resent **D**ay **V**icinity 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

George W. Sessions---3/5/1894

Kelly Tompkins---8/10/1910

Kelly Tompkins---2/29/1926

## 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.

Samuel F. Osteen---4/17/1908

Hugh K. Doak---10/14/1910

Russell C. Dellinger---10/19/1917

Glenwood L. Sessions---6/28/1819

Kenneth L. Mishoe---5/22/1920

Miss Charlotte Anderson---3/23/1923

## 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.

Newsome B. Allsbrook---9/14/1918

Grover Tyler---1/10/1923

Grover Tyler---5/16/1924

Newsome B. Allsbrook---1/24/1927

Newsome B. Allsbrook---4/16/1928

Mrs. Brookie A. Allsbrook---11/28/1936

**Aynor** [RSL]

Kenneth L. Mishoe---4/9/1908  
 Jeremiah F. Mishoe---11/8/1909  
 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. Hughes---3/25/1896  
 Discontinued 10/9/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Mary S. White---3/6/1895

**Bayboro** [RSL]

A. H. G. Galbrith---2/15/1870  
 Discontinued 11/3/1870; reestablished 5/8/1876.  
 John C. Stanley---5/8/1876  
 Discontinued 10/9/1876; reestablished 1/21/1879.  
 James R. Gerrald---1/21/1879  
 Alfred Smith---1/14/1886  
 Thomas R. Bryan---1/31/1898  
 William T. Goldfinch---12/26/1901  
 Discontinued 10/31/1928; transferred to Allsbrook P.O.

Daniel E. Moore---12/15/1880  
 Joseph A. Burdage---4/1/1896  
 Archie E. Chandler---9/23/1901  
 Arnold Bell---1/26/1905

**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.

George L. Stevens---8/1/1900  
 George L. Stevens---1/23/1907

**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.  
 Archibald Green---7/18/1857  
 Joseph H. Derham---1/11/1860

John T. Moody---4/5/1855  
 Levi R. Moody---3/2/1859



**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 **15<sup>th</sup>** **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

Thomas W. Booth---2/25/1910

Discontinued 5/31/1910; transferred to Sanford P.O.

**Bucksport** [RSL]

Henry L. Buck---6/21/1888

Robert Laidlaw---3/19/1896

Donald V. Richardson---2/26/1902

Brewster T. Harper---3/1/1941

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---1/11/1900

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 14<sup>th</sup> Comment]

Lawrence T. Daniel---8/2/1854

Soloman Conrit---3/15/1856

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

William H. Privett---C.S.A. P.O.D. confirmation not found  
U.S. P.O.D. discontinued 10/4/1866.

Thomas Sessions---1/4/1855

William H. Privett---7/26/1856

**Bull Creek** [Listed on Map as Port Harrelson]Predecessor name to Port Harrelson.

Henry Buck---1/26/1870

Samuel Narger---3/25/1872

Samuel Narger---7/1/1874

Renamed Port Harrelson 4/12/1875.

Edward Logan---11/8/1870

Punwell F. Outland---11/18/72

**Buoy** [No location information] [See 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Joseph H. Cooper---10/27/1907

H. Stuart Jackson---11/29/1912

Discontinued 12/30/1916; transferred to Myrtle Beach P.O.

Tracy H. Martin---2/7/1906

George A. Dorman---3/30/1911

Jacob D. Zimmerman---3/9/1915

**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. Pearl Hucks---7/21/1936

Mrs. Ollie T. Porter---9/4/1944

Mrs. Pearl V. [Hucks] Heaton---10/26/1965

Mrs. Ruby Lewis---10/4/1934

Mrs. Ollie E. Tharp---4/15/1944

Mrs. Pearl V. Hucks---9/30/1951

**Causey** [RSL]

Macon T. Jordan---5/22/1900

Calvin Strickland---9/29/1903

Discontinued 4/14/1904; reestablished 9/28/1912.

J. F. Hammonds---9/28/1912

David F. Parker---11/15/1926

Discontinued 10/31/1927; transferred to Nichols P.O. (Marion County).

James C. Causey, Jr.---1/20/1902

Arnold M. Anderson---4/2/1923

**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

Forney S. Powell---8/31/1885

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 **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

\*Joshua S. Norman---7/1/1811

Thomas Fearwell---4/17/1821

Joshua S. Norman---12/19/1827

Josias T. Sessions---1/6/1831

Benjamin Benton---11/29/1838

George Fisk---1/10/1842

**Conwayborough** [RSL] [See **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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

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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.

James H. Norman---11/12/1852

John I. Woodward---3/25/1854

Joseph J. Richwood---1/24/1857

John Sanders---12/3/1866

Henry Buck---1/9/1868

Edward L. Jones---2/27/1869

J. W. Norman---12/15/1871

J. W. G. Smithy---1/2/1874

Benjamin F. Nesmith---1/11/1875

James H. Porter---1/7/1881

**Conway** [RSL] [See **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 Frierson---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. Callhoun---1/18/1908  
 Robert T. Booth---5/5/1910  
 Discontinued 3/30/1918; transferred to Allen P.O.

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

**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  
 U.S. P.O.D. discontinued 9/29/1866.

**Dongola** [RSL]

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

Mary M. Cannon---7/26/1899

**Dothan** [No location information] [See 15<sup>th</sup> **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  
George C. Prince---7/1/1891  
Duncan B. Campbell---5/20/189?  
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.

Alva Bullard---5/26/1891  
Holly M. Thompson---12/23/1891  
Enoch M. Bullard---8/11/1898

**Floyd's Mills** [No location information] [See 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> **Comments**]

James Floyd---2/24/1844  
Discontinued 8/2/1854.

P. [Pugh] Floyd---4/10/1852

**Forney** [RSL]

Forney S. Powell---11/2/1889  
Forney S. Powell---2/27/1899  
James T. Todd---6/10/190?  
David W. Jordan---5/14/1915  
Discontinued 4/30/1919; transferred to Jordanville P.O.

Willie E. Causey---3/30/1898  
Wade H. Calhoun---3/5/1900  
Henry P. M. Todd---7/7/1908

**Galivants Ferry** [RSL]

John McNeill---8/23/1817  
Discontinued 4/23/1829; reestablished 8/20/1866.

Mrs. Catharine Floyd---8/20/1866  
Joseph H. Holliday---9/27/1886  
George J. Holliday---10/29/1908

Samuel Floyd---2/11/1824  
George M. Johnson---7/18/1882  
Nettie B. Holliday---7/19/1904  
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 5<sup>th</sup> Comment]

Nathan D. Grainger---6/29/1899 (rescinded)

Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Cornelius B. Todd---3/2/1900

**Gideon** [RSL]

James M. Lewis---3/24/1888

Discontinued 1/15/1907; transferred to Galivants Ferry P.O.

James Morgan Lewis---11/7/1896

**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

Discontinued 2/5/1875.

S. W. Wilson---1/15/1875

**Green Sea** [RSL] [See 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Sarah H. Derham---6/12/1876

Patrick W. Derham---1/23/1878

Discontinued 5/6/1878; reestablished 6/3/1878.

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

Lula J. Derham---6/27/1907

Joe H. Derham---7/1/1940

Richard C. Powell---8/10/1874

James A. Mears---1/14/1878

John P. Derham---5/18/1905

Edgar M. Derham---12/10/1934

Edgar L. McGougan---12/30/1965

**Gurley** [FNC LANE] [RSL]

Arnold H. Anderson---3/24/1888

Edward McD. Todd---1/21/1889

Harmon W. Mishoe---7/25/1891

Edward W. Prince---1/1/1927

Discontinued 11/30/1955; transferred to Loris P.O.

James M. Penny---6/14/1888

Wilson D. Pridgen---3/5/1891

Sims W. Allen---1/6/1917

Edward W. Prince, Jr.---8/31/1950

**Hammond** [FCN RED BLUFF] [RSL] [See 7<sup>th</sup> Comment]

Richard W. Hammond---5/24/1882

Albert C. Grainger---1/13/1891

John H. Williamson---5/17/1897

John E. Prince---2/18/1884

Thomas W. Dorman---9/30/1896

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

Mrs. Ella Todd---3/21/1914

Discontinued 6/30/1942; transferred to Nixonville P.O.

Adoniram J. Todd---1/10/1889

**Harrold** [No location information] [See 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Reding Cannon---7/14/1904

Joseph A. Fleming---10/18/1912

**Hickman** [RSL]

Simon A. Barnes---7/12/1875

William Holt---5/8/1882

Discontinued 10/31/1906; transferred to Loris P.O.

Nathan E. Hardwick---4/13/1882

Nathan E. Hardwick---8/8/1891

**Holly** [No location information] [See 15<sup>th</sup> Comment]

J. M. Kirton---3/22/1901 (rescinded 7/25/1901): Evidently never operational.

**Homewood** [RSL]

Charles M. Lyon---11/22/1899

Discontinued 2/15/1910; transferred to Conway P.O.

John A. Norris---6/1/1908

**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

K. L. Mishoe---1/9/1922 (acting)

Kenneth L. Mishoe---2/9/1922

William T. Smith---4/3/1925

Discontinued 11/30/1926; transferred to Allen P.O.

Alexander Anderson---1/16/1917

F. W. Hucks---2/9/1922 (acting)

Fred W. Hucks---12/16/1922

**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

James L. Evans---1/6/1881

Richard Jordan---2/11/1881

Edward B. Ellerbe, Jr.---12/21/1889

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

J. Hartford Baker---2/9/1911

Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Allen P.O.**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 14<sup>th</sup> **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Leon** [RSL]

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

**Little River** [RSL] [See 8<sup>th</sup> 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

John B. Broward---8/20/1823  
 Joseph Vaught---8/10/1832  
 Thomas Randall---7/17/1849  
 Benjamin N. Ward---2/10/185?  
 Benjamin N. Ward---5/28/1856

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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

George T. Litchfield---10/28/1872  
 John W. Vereen---5/10/1875  
 Joseph S. Brown---10/5/1876  
 Robert R. Stone---10/21/1889  
 George D. Bessent---12/8/1897  
 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/?/188?  
 Asberry Prince---3/10/1894  
 J. C. Bryant---1/11/1900  
 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.

Jasper E. Kennedy---2/7/1881  
 Christopher C. Marlow---12/30/1884

**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.

Hugh R. Todd---1/19/1894

**Moss** [FCN 1<sup>ST</sup>, CEDAR HILL; 2<sup>ND</sup>, 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

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

**Nixonville** [FCN TULIP BAY] [RSL]

Martha J. Nixon---2/23/1874  
 Joseph R. Burdage---6/22/1887  
 Samiel 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

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

Discontinued 5/31/1956; transferred to Conway P.O.

**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 order rescinded 6/?/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.  
Mrs. Mary C. Stanaland---10/1/1941  
Mrs. Ruth L. Griste---10/22/1951  
Clarence O. Hester---8/5/1954

**Paso** [FCN PARKER] [RSL] [See 9<sup>th</sup> 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 rescinded; reverted to Joseph T. Sessions 8/7/1891 appointment.  
Discontinued 2/10/1894; transferred to Adrian P.O.  
Alfred Smith---12/8/1892

**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.  
J. E. Beaty---5/10/1875  
James E. Dusenbury---5/9/1881  
Charles Dusenbury---10/10/1904  
J. Preston Williams---10/18/1912

**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.  
James C. Bryant---5/9/1881  
Duncan McGougan---11/6/1896

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

J. Hartford Richardson---8/31/1900

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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/?/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 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
 Discontinued 1/15/1926; transferred to Nixonville P.O.

Willie H. Reeves---4/20/1920

**Virgo** [FCN LUCIUS BAY] [RSL]

Samuel F. Shelley---7/15/1905  
 Samuel M. Paul---2/14/1908  
 Discontinued 1/1/1914; transferred to Toddville P.O.

William F. Smith---4/5/1907

**Wampee** [FCN *1<sup>st</sup>*, STAR BLUFF; *2<sup>nd</sup>*, WACCAMAW] [RSL]

Frederick A. Higgins---3/3/1880  
 Marcus B. Thompson---6/13/1899  
 Rupert E. Bell---12/1/1947  
 Discontinued 2/12/1957; transferred to Ocean Drive Beach P.O.

William S. Thompson---1/5/1881  
 Katherine M. Ward---5/29/1919  
 Mrs. Ruby R. Bell---12/30/1948

**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  
 Discontinued 4/30/1914; transferred to Conway P.O.

May F. Proctor---10/17/1912

**Windy Hill Beach**

Beaty N. Reynolds, Sr.---10/31/1950  
 Samuel G. Elliott---6/20/1956  
 Discontinued 6/30/1970; transferred to North Myrtle Beach P.O.

Betty R. Witherspoon---2/28/1954

**Windyhill** [No location information] [See 15<sup>th</sup> **Comment**]

Drew H. Patrick---7/11/1892 (rescinded) Evidently never operational.

**Withers** [RSL]

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  
 Asbury B. Bell---1/8/1913  
 Discontinued 6/1/1913; transferred to Sanford P.O.

Bethel Elliott---10/2/1909

# A Chronological Listing of Establishments of Post Offices in Horry District/County, South Carolina from 1807 to 1971

Established					Location
	Year	Date			
(Prior)	1807	April 1	[See 3 <sup>rd</sup> Comment]		Conwayboro
	1817	August 23			Gallivants Ferry [See 16 <sup>th</sup> Comment]
(Prior?)	1820	August 15	[See 8 <sup>th</sup> Comment]		Little River
	1837	March 11			Bucksville
	1843	May 4	(rename)		Conwayborough
	1844	February 24			Floyd's Mills
	1844	February 24			Lake Swamp
	1847	April 5			Dogwood Neck
	1854	August 2			Blanton's X-Roads
	1854	August 2			Bug Swamp
	1854	August 2			Prince's Store
	1866	August 20	(reestablish)		Galivants Ferry [See 16 <sup>th</sup> Comment]
	1870	January 26			Bull Creek
	1870	February 15	(reestablish-rename)		Green Sea
	1870	February 15			Bayboro
	1871	July 12			Cool Spring
	1873	November 10			Grantsville
	1874	February 23			Nixonville
	1875	April 12	(rename)		Port Harrelson
	1875	July 12			Hickman
	1875	November 9			Board Landing
	1880	February 27			Socastee
	1880	March 3			Wampee
	1880	May 6			Marlow
	1880	June 21			Moss
	1880	August 4			Jordanville
	1880	November 8	(rename)		Powellville
	1882	April 17	(rename)		Conway
	1882	May 24			Hammond
	1882	May 24			Haskell
	1883	March 5			Daisy
	1884	March 12			Cedar
	1886	January 8			Ruth
	1886	November 16			Leon
	1886	November 30			Loris
	1888	February 16			Sanford
	1888	February 18			Dongola
	1888	February 29			Preston
	1888	March 21			Privetts
	1888	March 24			Gideon
	1888	March 24			Gurley
	1888	April 30			Vaught
	1888	April 30			Withers
	1888	June 21			Bucksport
	1888	July 31			Stet
	1888	October 2			Hand

1889	July 15	Bakers
1889	July 31	Adrian
1889	August 29	Zoan
1889	September 18	Vardelle
1889	September 18	Wanamaker
1889	November 2	Forney
1890	April 18	Dothan (never operational)
1890	July 20	Finklea
1891	February 19	Labana
1891	February 28	Toddville
1891	June 15	Blanche
1891	August 7	Poplar
1891	September 15	Michael
1891	December 18	Howard
1892	January 16	Barnes
1892	February 15	Hull
1892	April 11	Farmer
1892	July 11	Windyhill (never operational)
1892	July 30	Stanley (never operational)
1892	October 31	Harrold
1898	March 7	Bruce
1898	April 24	Joppa
1898	June 17	Longs
1898	June 17	Stalvey
1898	August 22	Thompson
1898	November 19	Dulah
1898	November 29	Bisco
1899	June 29	Gershom
1899	October 18	Norton
1899	November 22	Exile
1899	November 22	Homewood
1899	November 22	Justice
1900	February 1	Shell
1900	May 22	Causey
1900	July 18	Booth
1900	July 23	Box
1900	July 31	Eldorado
1901	March 22	Holly (never operational)
1901	March 26	Mary
1901	May 21	Myrtle Beach
1901	May 25	Rex
1901	June 18	Burcol
1901	August 12	Singleton
1902	June 18 (rename)	Green Sea
1902	July 25	Cebu
1902	October 14	Veronica
1903	June 5	Mattie
1903	October 10	Bardy
1904	February 19 (rename)	Howell
1905	April 20	Pat
1905	May 16	Lay
1905	July 15	Virgo
1905	August 29	Wolsie
1905	September 21	Paso
1906	January 24	Eddy Lake
1906	February 27	Joy
1906	March 9	Katie
1906	August 15 (rename)	Burgess



1907	March 15	Vina
1907	June 18	Glenn
1907	August 5	Bolles (never operational)
1907	August 26	Allen
1908	April 9	Aynor
1908	April 25	Dow
1908	September 9	Burgan
1910	April 22	Willow
1911	December 29	Cooks Siding
1912	August 30 (rename)	Horee
1914	June 9 (rename)	Horry
1915	July 13 (rename)	Allsbrook
1915	November 9	Buoy (never operational)
1916	March 6	Fairtraid
1921	November 7	Rose Lake
1937	February 13	Ocean Drive Beach
1947	June 1	Crescent Beach
1948	June 16	Cherry Grove Beach
1949	June 6	Garden City Beach
1950	October 31	Windy Hill Beach
1970	June 18	North Myrtle Beach

## A Chronological Listing of Discontinuances of Post Offices in Horry District/County, South Carolina from 1807 to 1971

Discontinued		
Year	Date	Location
1854	August 2	Floyd's Mills
1855	July 31	Prince's Store
1855/6	May 2	Lake Swamp
1866	September 29	Dogwood Neck
1866	October 4	Blanton's Cross Roads
1866	October 4	Bug Swamp
1887	November 18	Cedar
1891	November 25	Preston
1892	October 20	Bakers
1895	March 25	Hull
1895	October 25	Board Landing
1901	September 30	Withers
1902	June 30	Vardelle
1903	February 14	Harrold
1904	April 14	Veronica
1904	October 31	Wanamaker
1905	August 15	Leon
1905	November 30	Pat
1906	October 9	Barnes
1906	October 31	Farmer
1906	October 31	Finklea

1906	October 31	Gershom
1906	October 31	Hickman
1906	October 31	Rex
1906	October 31	Ruth
1907	January 15	Gideon
1907	January 15	Exile
1907	July 31	Labana
1908	July 15	Lay
1908	July 31	Katie
1909	December 31	Burgan
1910	January 31	Howell (Booth)
1910	January 31	Mary
1910	February 15	Cebu
1910	February 15	Homewood
1910	April 15	Joppa
1910	April 15	Joy
1910	April 30	Box
1910	May 31	Bruce
1910	May 31	Dulah
1910	October 31	Glenn
1910	November 30	Socastee
1911	December 31	Paso
1913	January 1	Singleton
1913	April 30	Howard
1913	June 1	Bisco
1913	June 1	Blanche
1913	June 1	Dow
1913	June 1	Eldorado
1913	June 1	Michael
1913	June 1	Zoan
1913	October 31	Daisy
1914	January 1	Virgo
1914	January 1	Wolsie
1914	January 15	Mattie
1914	March 31	Eddy Lake
1914	April 30	Dongola
1914	April 30	Haskell
1914	April 30	Willow
1914	May 51	Bardy
1914	June 30	Privetts
1914	December 31	Stalvey
1916	December 15	Port Harrelson (Bull Creek)
1916	December 30	Burcol
1917	June 15	Norton
1818	March 30	Cool Spring
1918	November 15	Fairtraid
1918	December 14	Thompson
1919	April 30	Forney
1920	January 31	Justice
1923	June 30	Rose Lake
1924	November 29	Vaught
1926	January 15	Vina
1926	November 30	Horry (Horee and Cooks Siding)
1927	February 15	Shell
1927	May 14	Allen
1927	October 31	Causey
1928	October 31	Bayboro
1937	June 30	Jordanville

1938	January 15	Hammond
1942	June 30	Hand
1947	October 15	Allsbrook (Sanford)
1953	June 30	Adrian
1953	June 30	Bucksville
1953	June 30	Toddville
1954	March 31	Bucksport
1955	May 31	Garden City Beach
1955	November 30	Gurley
1956	May 31	Nixonville
1957	February 12	Wampee
1970	June 30	Cherry Grove Beach
1970	June 30	Crescent Beach
1970	June 30	Windy Hill Beach

## Comments:

**1<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup>.** 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 Susanah Jernigan Williamson (1802-c.1855). During the latter part of the 1860s, Alfred moved with his family to Florida.

**3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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 **8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**5<sup>th</sup>.** 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....."

**6<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**7<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**8<sup>th</sup>.** 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.*

**9<sup>th</sup>.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**10<sup>th</sup>.** 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 **7<sup>th</sup> Comment**])

**11<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**12<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**13<sup>th</sup>.** 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 **11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**14<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**15<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**16<sup>th</sup>.** 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 of-

fices.

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.

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## 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.



**C. L. Blanton Store**

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

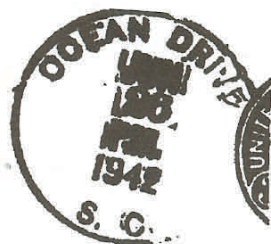
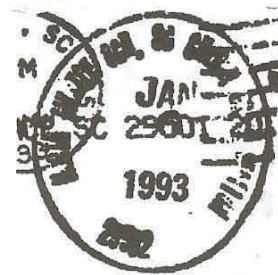
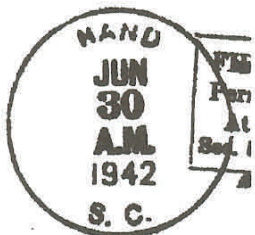
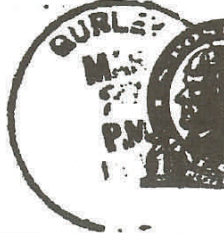
In a letter dated June 1, 1999, from the U.S. Postal Service to Mr. Bud Benoy, it states that John M. Stalvey was the only postmaster to serve at the Stalvey Post Office. During his years of service, postmasters were paid based on a formula that ultimately had to do with the amount of revenue from his 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.

# Dr. Frank A. Sanders' Horry District/County Alphabetized Postal Cancellations






# More of Dr. Sanders' Postal Cancellations



# The Last of Dr. Sanders' Postal Cancellations



*Loris*  
*4/16/88*



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 throwed 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 an 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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**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**