

## Greensboro - Postoffice, Postmasters, Mail Routes, News of Postal Events

### Greensboro - Postoffice



The Augusta Chronicle of April 28th, 1792

"Timothy Pickering, Postmaster General, stated that in Georgia, the mail would go from Augusta to Washington (in Wilkes County) thence to Greensboro and Georgetown, to Augusta, once in two weeks.

The mail to leave Augusta every other Thursday at four o'clock in the morning, and arrive at Washington the same day, and complete the circuit on the evening of Saturday."

"Savannah to Newport Bridge, and Sunbury, and back to Savannah, once every two weeks...

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This was the construction of Georgia's Postal Service in the spring of 1792, and Greensboro was one of the seven Postoffices served by Uncle Sam, in that year, in the youngest of the 13th original states.

In 1825, Young F. Gresham was postmaster, the salary was \$294.71. The salary in 1937 was \$2,400.00.

The post office was established under the name of Greensborough in October, 1792. (Exact date unknown).

Postmaster	Date Appointed
John B. Oliver	April 23, 1793
James B. Oliver	January 1, 1794
Ezekiel E. Park	October 1, 1796
John Houghton	October 1, 1801
William W. Strain	Feb. 20, 1804
Robert Dale	April 1, 1804
Wiley Gresham	June 6, 1813
Young F. Gresham	Oct. 23, 1817
Thomas W. Grimes	July 6, 1825
William L. Strain	January 22, 1839
William H. Morrison	June 20, 1860
James W. Godkin	November 1, 1860
Henry C. Thornton	May 11, 1869
James W. Godkin	March 17, 1870
Green H. Thompson	November 4, 1881
Joel F. Thornton	March 30, 1886
Martha H. Clayton	August 22, 1889
Julia F. Clayton	October 23, 1889

The Post Office was changed from Greensborough to Greensboro on February 2, 1894.

Miss Julia Foster	February 2, 1894
Robert W. Branch	January 25, 1898
Joel F. Thornton	February 7, 1902
William F. Bryant	April 21, 1910
James L. Brown	December 19, 1914
Foster D. Smith (Acting)	January 19, 1918
Foster D. Smith	June 6, 1918
Charles H. Crumbley (Acting)	September 28, 1922
Charles H. Crumbley	September 9, 1923
Orian Moorhead	February 3, 1937

List from Thaddeus Brockett Rice on file at Augusta Library

The Federal Post Office (owned by Federal government) was completed in time to handle the Christmas mail in 1938; and was dedicated by the Honorable Paul Brown, Congressman from the 10th Congressional District of Georgia, in October of 1939, and whose untiring efforts made the Federal Bldg possible. The dedication was enhanced by the barbecue dinner served under the auspices of the Greensboro Chapter of the American Legion of World War Veterans.

The Mural that adorns the North side of the lobby is of the depiction of the burning of Greensboro by the Indians in 1787. View this mural by clicking on the link below:

[http://www.inheritage.org/almanack/images\\_c/c\\_greeneg/01.jpg](http://www.inheritage.org/almanack/images_c/c_greeneg/01.jpg)

The photostat of a letter mailed in Augusta, GA on Oct. 7, 1914 was promptly received by Postmaster James L. Brown. The sketch was drawn by Professor P. P. Carter, a noted artist who lived in Greensboro for many years. The sketch was drawn from memory and is a good likeness of Postmaster James L. Brown.

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The older postmasters furnished the building that housed the office, paid the help, bought the fuel, swept the office ...

Uncle Sam started paying for the Postmaster, 3 clerks, 1 fireman, 1 charman, one mail messenger, one village carrier, and one substitute carrier after the "E" was taken out of Greenesboro.

**The Mail Route:**

The mail route in 1792 was through the Augusta Post Office via: Washington, Georgia and reached Greensboro on Friday of every other week.

**Postage:**

Postage was expensive in those days, usually 12 and 1/2 cents for a single sheet and each additional sheet 12 and 1/2 cents. There were no postage stamps until 1849. In small offices like Greensboro, the postmaster computed the cost wrote the amount collected on the corner of the letter, which was folded and sealed with wax, and then pocketed the amount collected. All cancellations went to the Postmaster, he received no salary from Uncle Sam.

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