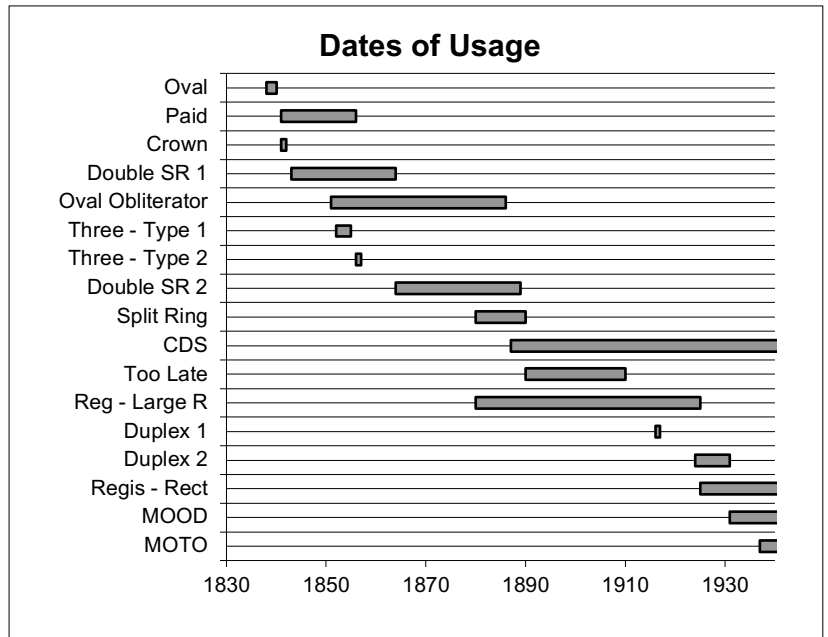


THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF GUYSBOROUGH, N.S. 1838-1937

This exhibit shows the postal markings used in Guysborough from the way office marking introduced in 1837 to the money order transfer office marking in 1937. The markings are arranged by type chronologically. The table below shows how long the postal markings shown in the exhibit were used.

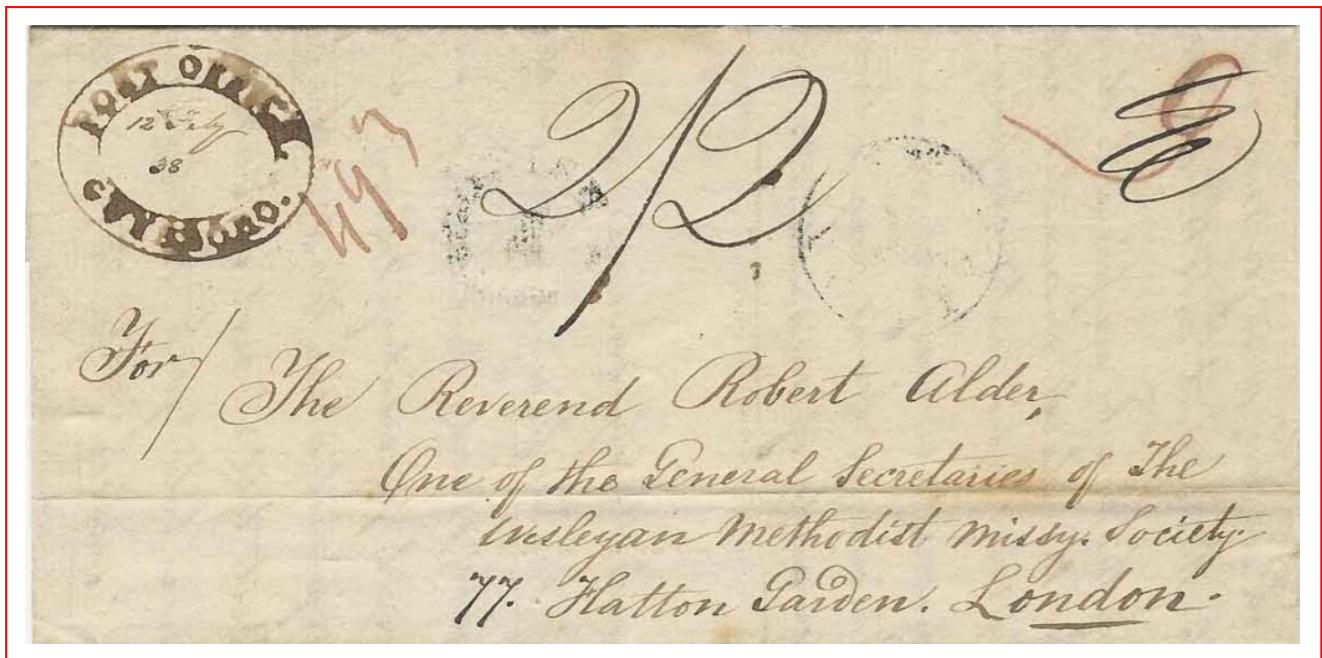
The Guysborough Post Office opened July 6, 1841. E. I. Cunningham, appointed in 1861, established the first packet service. The postmasters were merchant William G. Hadley (1887 – 1911), his widow, Elizabeth, (until 1918), daughter, Daisy Cunningham (until 1922) and Laurier Grant (until 1961). The post office served as a sorting and inspection office for 33 rural post offices in eastern Guysborough County.

Guysborough is in one of the most rural areas of Nova Scotia. It was never served by rail or air and relied on the fishery and farming as a way of living. Despite attempts to industrialize the area, the population of Guysborough village never surpassed 2,000 people.



WAY OFFICE POSTMARK (March 1837 - August 1840)

Appointed way office keeper in 1825, Robert Cutler (1784-1883), was a member of the Legislative Assembly and later the Legislative Council. It is thought that his political connections made Post Office Department officials look the other direction when he created the way office marking.



12 Feb 1838 to London

Fewer than 5 copies in private collections
25 Apr 1838 London arrival marking
9d prepaid rate corrected to 2sh 2d due