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INDEX AND REGISTERS OF SUBSTITUTE MAIL CARRIERS IN FIRST-AND SECOND-CLASS POST OFFICES, 1885-1903

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#### INTRODUCTION

On the single roll of this microfilm publication, M2076, are reproduced an index, 1891-1896, and registers, 1885-1903, of records of appointment of substitute mail carriers in first- and second-class post offices. These records are designated as Entries 87 and 88 in Preliminary Inventory (PI) 168, Records of the Post Office Department, (Washington, DC: National Archives, 1967), and are part of the Records of the Post Office Department, Record Group (RG) 28.

#### **Background**

The position of Postmaster General was created by the Second Continental Congress, July 26, 1775, and continued by the Confederation Congress following ratification of the Articles of Confederation, March 1, 1781. A temporary Office of Postmaster General was established in the Federal Government by the Post Office Act (1 Stat. 70), September 22, 1789; the permanent Post Office Department was established by the Post Office Act (1 Stat. 232), February 20, 1792. The Postmaster General was made a Cabinet member in 1829, but the Post Office Department was not elevated to Cabinet status until the Post Office Act (17 Stat. 283), June 8, 1872. The Post Office Department was abolished, effective July 1, 1971, by the Postal Reorganization Act (84 Stat. 719), August 12, 1970, and functions were transferred to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

As the Department performed more services, some functions of the Postmaster General were delegated to assistant postmasters. The Office of the Assistant Postmaster General was established under the Continental Congress and continued to be an integral part of the postal establishment under the Constitution. Over a long period it was known as the Bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster General, but its name was changed in 1950 to the Bureau of Post Office Operations.

Among the most important functions of the First Assistant Postmaster General and his successors were the following: (1) general management of post offices, including rural-delivery and special-delivery services, and authorization of allowances for the hiring of clerks and city and village carriers; (2) the establishment and discontinuation of post offices, changing names of post offices, and changing sites of fourth-class post offices; (3) bonding and commissioning of postmasters, appointing postmasters at fourth-class post offices, and selecting and nominating postmasters at first-, second-, and third-class post offices; and (4) handling unmailable and undeliverable mail matter.

#### **Records Description**

These records consist of two separate series. The first series (Entry 88) is a single leather-bound index covering the years 1891-96. The entries are arranged

roughly alphabetically by the first two letters of the carrier's surname, and provide the following information for each person: date of appointment, post office (city) number, and remarks. The remarks generally indicate the date of the carrier's promotion, resignation, or removal. This index is incomplete; most of the carriers listed have surnames beginning with the letters A-M, but not all carriers are included. It also does not include carriers for all cities included in Entry 87. A list of the city numbers and their corresponding cities follows the index. If a carrier is listed in this index, additional information can be found in Entry 87.

The second series (Entry 87) consists of two leather-bound registers covering the years 1885-1903, with some overlap in time span between the two volumes. The second volume is labeled "Vol. 4,B" on its spine; the first volume has no numerical designation. It is unknown whether other such volumes ever existed; no other volumes were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration. Entries in the registers are arranged roughly alphabetically by name of post office and thereunder chronologically by date of appointment. Each entry includes the substitute carrier's date of appointment, effective beginning date of service, date the post office received his bond and oath ("B & O"), and the "cause of change, with date," which usually refers to the date of the carrier's resignation or removal from office. The index described in the preceding paragraph is an index to part of this series. Some pages of volume 1 have the notation "transferred to cards" or "cards," but it is unknown to what cards this notation refers. The table of contents that follows lists the cities included in these two volumes.

#### **Related Records**

Some of the carriers included in this microfilm publication may also be included in M1846, *Record Cards of Letter Carriers Separated from the Postal Service*, 1863-1899 (3 rolls).

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Numerical List of Cities

These numbers correspond to the city number used in the preceding index.

### **NUMERICAL LIST OF CITIES**

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<u>Number</u>	<u>City</u>	
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8	Washingt	
10	Louisville	
12	Jersey Ci	
13	Albany, N	
18	Rochester	
19	Chicago,	
21	Detroit, N	
23	San Franc	
27	Saint Pau	
30	Lowell, N	
33	New Hav	
34	Reading,	
35	Salem, M	
36	Trenton,	
37	Troy, NY	
38	Utica, NY	
40	Worcester	
44	Syracuse,	
45	Toledo, C	
50	Richmond	
67	Savannah	
70	Springfiel	
76	Springfiel	
81	Saint Jose	
90	Denver, C	
91	Springfiel	
92	Portland,	
93	Sacramen	
94	Terre Hau	
95	Topeka, K	
109	Richmond	
114	Taunton,	
121	Racine, W	
122	San Antor	nio, TX

City	
<u>Number</u>	City
123	Youngstown, OH
126	Saginaw, MI
131	Rockford, IL
132	Williamsport, PA
135	South Bend, IN
137	Sandusky, OH
138	York, PA
141	
	Wilkes-Barre, PA
147	Watertown, NY
150	Wilmington, NC
154	Yonkers, NY
167	Raleigh, NC
168	San Jose, CA
169	Sedalia, MO
170	Sioux City, IA
171	Waterbury, CT
173	Saratoga Springs, NY
177	Salt Lake City, UT
186	Rutland, VT
187	Winona, MN
188	Wichita, KS
189	Rock Island, IL
190	Stockton, CA
197	Stamford, CT
198	Sioux Falls, SD
205	Tampa, FL
214	Vincennes, IN
218	Waterloo, IA
222	Winfield, KS
234	Waltham, MA
238	West Saginaw, MI
240	
	Scranton, PA
241	Vicksburgh, MS
255	Rome, NY
262	Steubenville, OH
263	Tiffin, OH
264	Wooster, OH
265	Xenia, OH
266	Salem, OR
273	Warren, PA
274	West Chester, PA
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City	
Number	City
278	Sherman, TX
281	Staunton, VA
289	Streator, IL
290	Sterling, IL
293	Shreveport, LA
298	Stillwater, MN
307	Sheboygan, WI
309	Seattle, WA
310	Selma, AL
311	San Diego, CA
315	Rochester, MN
323	Schenectady, NY
329	Tacoma, WA
330	Springfield, MO
348	Rome, GA
350	Salina, KS
351	Salem, OH
358	Titusville, PA
363	Waco, TX
369	West Troy, NY
375	Woburn, MA
391	Red Wing, MN
392	Rockland, ME
393	Roanoke, VA
394	Spokane, WA
395	Saint Albans, VA
396	Walla Walla, WA
397	Warren, OH
407	Sing Sing, NY
408	Urbana, OH
409	Ypsilanti, MI
411	South Omaha, NE
412	South Norwalk, CT
413	Trinidad, CO
430	Saint Cloud, MN
431	Saint Johnsbury, VT
432	Wausaw, WI
433	Westfield, MA
445	Santa Rosa, CA
446	Washington, PA
454	Shenandoah, PA
470	Santa Barbara, CA
471	Santa Cruz, CA
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Number	City
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494	South Bethlehem, PA
495	Sharon, PA
496	Shamokin, PA
497	Vineland, NJ
498	West Superior, WI
499	West Bay City, MI
500	Waverly, NY
516	Towanda, PA
517	Washington Court House, OH
525	Uniontown, PA
526	Willimantic, CT
527	Winston-Salem, NC
540 ·	Riverside, CA
541	Valparaiso, IN
548	Sidney, OH
549	South Framingham, MA
550	Waukegan, IL
551	Waukesha, WI
559	Tyler, TX
593	Shelbyville, IN
594	Stevens Point, WI
595	
597	Troy, OH Waterville, ME
598	Yanktown, SD
611	Tyrone, PA
613	Urbana, IL
615	Amherst, MA
616	Belvidere, IL
617	Benton Harbor, MI
618	
619	Bloomington, IN
620	Burlington, NJ Calumet, MI
621	Dubois, PA
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623	Englewood, NJ
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626	Jamaica, NY
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