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Cuddebackville Post Office History

The original petition for a post office to be located in Cuddebackville was made in 1826.

The post office has been located in various places near the junction of Routes 209 and 211. Copies of numerous post office site locations are in the Deerpark Historian Office archives: October 4, 1889; April 30, 1935; June 23, 1943; and June, 1973. No records have been found about the location of the original post office. The 1889 record coincides with the Charles H. Norris postmaster appointment. At the time, the store located on Oakland Valley Road, next to the D & H Canal was called "Norris' Store"

and later was known as "Berman's General Store", "Post's Store" and "The Old D & H Canal Store".



Berman's General Store and P.O.

Henry W. Berman, postmaster, 1922-1925 and Max Berman, postmaster, 1925-1933, were the general store owners until 1933. During that year, the post office moved to the store at the intersection of Routes 211 and 209. Again the names of the postmasters and owners of the store coincide: Winter's Store and Regan's Store. Herb Baker bought the store in the 1950s.



Baker's Store and P.O.

In 1973 a building dedicated solely for postal services was

planned and the current post office building was built on Route 211 and dedicated on June 23, 1976.

History of Postmasters

Postmaster	Date of Appointment
Peter Cuddeback	March 30, 1826
William Norris	May 19, 1868
Alfred Norris	June 2, 1880
Benjamin Cuddeback	February 16, 1886
Charles H. Norris	May 23, 1889
Levi Cuddeback	December 6, 1893
Robert C. Jackson	December 17, 1897
John Darby	July 6, 1899
Anna T. Kiernan	February 11, 1915
Henry W. Berman	April 14, 1922
Max Berman	April 1, 1925
William A. Winter	September 15, 1933
Anne E. Regan	February 1, 1947
Acting Postmaster Anne E. Regan	April 19, 1948
Robina V. Startup	January 17, 1969
Officer-in-Charge Robina V. Startup	March 6, 1971
Susan F. Hattov	February 27, 1987
Officer-in-Charge Bernard E. Lehr	May 13, 1987
Kenneth H. Klaiher	August 29, 1987
Kathleen Cromie	January 8, 2004
Officer-in-Charge Richard E. Dennison	May 15, 2004
Diane Picariello	December 27, 2004
Officer-in-Charge Teresa Vandermark	June 5, 2005
Diane Picariello	July 17, 2006
Officer-in-Charge Kathleen Cromie	November 15, 2006
Officer-in-Charge	

New post office planned for Cuddebackville

Times-Herald Record Jan. 26, 1973
CUDEBACKVILLE—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approved plans to build a new post office in this Town of Deerpark hamlet, Postmaster Robina Startup said Wednesday.

It is believed the new building will mark the first time that the Cuddebackville post office has not operated from a store or a private home.

Mrs. Startup, who took over the office two years ago, said she has been informed by corps offices in Newark, N.J. that bids will be received by March 15.

The corps, which will award the bid, will supervise the design and construction of the building, she said.

A site has not been selected. Prospective bidders will also be responsible for proposing locations, according to Mrs. Startup.

She said the site must be within a general area bounded by Rts. 209 and 211, the Oakland Valley Road and the Pine Grove Trailer Court.

The present office has been located in Baker's General Store at Rts. 209 and 211 since 1933. It had been in homes and stores since the early 1800s.

The corp.'s decision to erect a new office, Mrs. Startup said, came after an official survey of postal volume and the needs of the area last March. In September, a team of postal engineers arrived to tour the area and began preliminary plans for a new office.

The postal engineers, the postmaster said, projected that the present third-class office will be eligible for second class status in five years.



Robina Startup and Jack Scully

Post Office delivers double ceremony

Times Herald Record, June 24, 1976

CUDEBACKVILLE—The Cuddebackville Post Office celebrated its 150th anniversary yesterday by dedicating its new quarters on Rt. 211.

In honor of the move from the left front corner of nearby Baker's General Store, Routes 209 and 211, coffee and cake were served to a number of dignitaries, area post masters and Town of Deerpark residents.

Robina Startup, the 14th post master of the Cuddebackville Post Office, since its founding March 30, 1826, accepted an ARBA (American Revolution Bicentennial Administration) flag from Jack Scully, chairman of the Town of Deerpark Bicentennial Commission.

Startup and clerk Elsie Grebeldinger handed out a mimeographed sheet with the names of former post masters and mistresses, starting with Peter Cuddeback, in 1826. The names were acquired from the National

Archives, Startup said.

Also on display was a copy of the Post Office Department's Topographer's Office report on the Cuddebackville Post Office, dated October 4, 1889, and signed by Postmaster Charles H. Norris.

Startup said the Neversink Valley Museum has the original petition, dating from the 1820s, requesting a post office in Cuddebackville.

On hand to render congratulations at the flag-raising ceremony were Scully; Town Supervisor James Garvey; Vincent Galligan, representing the Town of Forestburgh Supervisor; Kevin Robertson, representing the district postal manager; and Greg McAdams, representing Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-26).



Elsie Grebeldinger, clerk at the Cuddebackville Post Office handed mimeographed souvenir sheets of past post masters over the 150 years of the office's existence to visitors at yesterday's dedication of the new post office, on Rt. 211. Here Carmella Amatucci*, postmistress at White Lake, accepts a specially-delivered copy.

*Jean Amatucci Fox, Huguenot, is the daughter of Carmella Amatucci. Jean was this district's New York State Assemblywoman at the time of the Cuddebackville Post Office dedication.

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First Issue--Fishing Flies Postage Stamps

May 31, 1991

U. S. Postal Service Publication

For centuries fishermen have used fishing flies in their never-ending battle to land the various species of fish that inhabit the world's waters. These miniature pieces of art, carefully crafted from colorful feathers and other material and woven onto a metal fishing hook, lures the catch to the fly fisher's rod by simulating the movement of possible prey in water. Fly tying is considered a skill, with many flies taking weeks, and even months to complete.

The U. S. Postal Service is pleased to pay tribute to the sport of fly fishing with the issue of Fishing Flies postage stamps. The stamps were designed by Chuck Ripper of Huntington, West Virginia.

A special program celebrating the First Day of Issue was held at the D & H Canal Park, Hoag Road, Cuddebackville with Ken Klaiher, Cuddebackville Postmaster presiding. The program included: The Presentation of Colors; The National Anthem; an invocation by the Reverend Richard W. Moor, Westbrookville Methodist Church; a Welcome by Graham

Skea, Commissioner Orange

County Parks, Recreation and Conservation; an Introduction of Guests by Mary G. Bordonaro, MSC Manager/Postmaster, Mid-Hudson, New York; remarks by Peter Fiduccia, Host "Woods N/ Water"; an address by the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman, 22nd District, New York, and the Dedication of Stamps by William T. Johnstone, Assistant Postmaster General. Honored guests included Robert Cunningham, Deerpark Town Supervisor, Daniel Lamberti, Forestburgh Town Supervisor and Chuck Ripper, the designer of the new stamp.



Residents, visitors and stamp collectors purchased stamps and had them cancelled by the Cuddebackville Post Office noted with "First Day of Issue". Special brochures, entitled "Fishing Flies" with the five different stamps were available for purchase.

Very respectfully,
JAMES N. TYNER,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

Godeffroy Post Office Closed—

Mail to go through

Cuddebackville Post Office

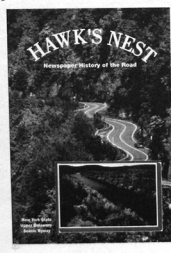
Established July 8, 1880—Suspended February 28, 1990

On February 8, 1990 the Godeffroy Post Office services were suspended. After that date all Godeffroy mail was to be handled by the Cuddebackville Post Office. The Godeffroy Post Office had a long history. On May 31, 1880 an application for a new post office at Port Clinton, County of Orange, State of New York, addressed to William Norris recommending him for postmaster was sent in care of the Port Jervis postmaster. A copy of this application shows that the proposed office name of Port Clinton was crossed out and "Godeffroy" was written instead. The hand writing is totally different from the rest of the writing in the application. No one is sure who wrote it, however, it was known that Adolphus Godeffroy had mentioned that he would like to have a post office named after him. Apparently he got his wish. Not only was the post office named after Godeffroy, but the name Port Clinton, which had been a hamlet along the D & H Canal, was also removed from maps. The entire hamlet of Port Clinton became history in the Town of Deerpark.

History of Godeffroy Postmasters

Postmasters	Dates of Appointments
William Norris	July 8, 1880
George Garrett	January 29, 1892
William Norris	November 24, 1897
William Norris Jr.	August 22, 1908
Augusta G. Myer	June 17, 1918
Louise Berglund	April 20, 1935
Acting Postmaster Louise Berglund	July 5, 1935
William G. McCann	April 1, 1972
Officer in Charge William G. McCann	September 16, 1972
Ricardo D. Saracino	August 7, 1981
Officer in Charge Arthur R. Pallack	December 8, 1981
Officer in Charge Jeanne M. Landon	December 18, 1981
Officer in Charge Thomas E. Murphy	January 9, 1982

The home of Louise Berglund, Route 209 was used as the Godeffroy Post Office from the time she was appointed Acting Postmaster in 1935 until the Post Office was closed in 1990. If anyone has knowledge where the Post Office was located prior to that date, please contact the Deerpark Historian's Office at 845-856-2702 or 845-754-8070. Any information would be greatly appreciated.



Hawk's Nest Book Wins Award

Hawk's Nest: Newspaper History of the Road, is a collection of newspaper articles from 1874 to 2002 published with the assistance of a Community Project State Grant from the Upper Delaware Council and an Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Grant sponsored by Senator John Bonacic.

On April 29, 2007 Norma Schadt, Town of Deerpark Historian, who compiled and edited the book, received the Upper Delaware Council's Creative Achievement Award at the 19th Annual Awards Ceremony, Central House Family Resort, Beach Lake, PA.

Included in the book are old photos never before published.

The Hawk's Nest is the most photographed section of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway. Thousands of visitors stop to enjoy the scenic view throughout the year because each season exhibits its own individual character and beauty.

The *Hawk's Nest: Newspaper History of the Road* is available at the Deerpark Town Hall, Deerpark Museum and the Upper Delaware Council. The cost of the book is \$15.00, a donation to the not-for-profit, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee.

Town of Deerpark Museum Program Schedule 2007

June 9, 2007--7:00

1863 Huguenot Schoolhouse Murder, Mayhem & Other Stories
Tales of local lore and gore presented by members of the Miniskin Valley Historical Society

July 15, 2007--4:00

Drew Methodist Church Port Jervis Tip Harburg Concert
Sponsored by the Deerpark Heritage Fund
Spend an afternoon listening to Harburg's wonderful music: *The Wizard of Oz*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Bother Can You Spare a Dime?* and much more!

August 18, 2007--10:00-4:00

Deerpark Heritage Fair and Antique Show
Harriet Space Park
Fun for everyone
Old Time Games for Kids
Craft Demonstrations
Antique Sales
Music, Art, Food, Contests

September 23, 2007--3:00-5:00

"If these walls could talk..."
1863 Huguenot Schoolhouse
Homecoming for former Schoolhouse Students
Visit with old friends
Bring old pictures
Share memories & Refreshments

December 2, 2007--3:00

Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration
1863 Huguenot Schoolhouse
Carol Sing--Holiday Stories & Goodies with recipes

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