

**Post Offices with Authorization Dates Prior to
September 16, 1913
when precanceling was done “at no expense to the Department”**

Nearly all of the dates in the Lyon list are for devices supplied by the Post Office Department after the “at no expense to the Department” provision was dropped. Lyon chose to include 21 dates prior to September 16, 1913 – the reason is unknown; perhaps just because he had a record of them. Some of these are listed as ‘Special’ by Lyon. In the early versions of the list, he sometimes added a device type: in the 1972 version all had designated device types. All of these, preceding Department issue of devices, if listed in the PSS Town & type catalog , would be L types.

There is another record which establishes the source of earlier dates for the 21 offices. In his compilation of “Post Office Documents Relating to Precanceled Stamps” Lyon states that the list came from the files of the 3rd Assistant Postmaster General in 1940 and 1941 – the same time he was compiling data on government furnished devices for the Lyon list. All of these dates do appear in the Lyon list.

<u>State</u>	<u>Town and date</u>	<u>1943 Lyon list</u> Device type	<u>1972 Lyon list</u> (note) Device type
CO	Longmont - Dec. 2, 1909	Spl. Auth.	(Spec. Auth.) Prtd.
IL	Morton - Jan. 6, 1911	H	H
	Quincy - 1912	E	E
IN	Marion - Jul. 20, 1913		E
	Vincennes - Nov.26, 1912	H	H
IA	Anamosa - Jun. 26, 1912		H
	Waterloo - Dec.22, 1908		(Special) H
KS	Abilene - Jan. 22, 1913		H
MA	Adams - Oct. 27, 1911		E
	Campello Sta.		
	Brockton - Sep. 10, 1910	H	Spec.
	Florence Sta.		
	Northampton - 1899	X	(X) Spec.
	Gloucester - Nov. 7, 1912	E	E
MI	Bay City - Mar. 26,1912	H	H
	Port Huron - Jan 10,1913	H	H
	Saint Joseph - Feb. 1913		E and H
MO	Sedalia - Jan. 8, 1913		H
OH	Ashland - Jan. 26, 1905		Spec1
	Tiffin - Sep. 18, 1908		Spec1
TX	Dallas - Mar. 25, 1912	E	E
VT	St. Johnsbury - Oct. 5, 1912	H	H
WI	Kenosha - Jan. 30, 1913	E	E (local)