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Since the first post office was established in Muhlenberg County at Greenville on April 1, 1801, 85 other United States Post Offices have been active in the county. But as they came, many also departed quickly, until today, there are only 15 postal facilities in the county, including Greenville, Bremen and South Carrollton, which were among the earliest.

Some of the post offices, such as Gordon, Richmond Mines and Tarma, were short-lived, while others, such as Rumsey, Worthington and Social Hill, became a part of the postal system in McLean County, when that county was formed in 1854.

The location of many of the short-lived and remote offices have not been found. Some are only entries in the postal ledger, with little or nothing to identify them, or their locations. Many came about simply by name changes of existing post offices.

Here is a list of all post offices in Muhlenberg County, as can be documented, with the establishment dates and first postmasters. The location, where known, is given. In others, the writer seeks the help of readers in finding the sites of these post offices. Anyone knowing the location of any post office not geographically pinpointed and listed here, or not mentioned may contact the writer at the address at the end of this article.

In order of their establishment, the dates, first postmaster and location when known, are the post offices of Muhlenberg County, as taken from the official postal ledgers.

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GREENVILLE -- Established in the county seat April 1, 1801; Samuel Russell.

McNARY -- Located on Pond River, near the present community of McNary, organized Feb. 27, 1827; Hugh W. McNary.

WORTHINGTON -- Established Jan. 15, 1829, in the Worthington community between Sacramento and Island in McLean it was then in Muhlenberg County; William Worthington.

MILL PORT (Millport) -- Originated Jan. 27, 1829, between Pond River and Log Creek in northwestern Muhlenberg County; Willis Morgan.

LEWISBURGH -- Now knows as the Kinchloe Bluff area, it was an important river port when the post office was inaugurated on Jan. 4, 1830; John Dozier.

BREMEN -- Started Feb. 9, 1832, the post office was often situated in McLean County, near the community of Bremen; Peter Shaver.

RUMSEY -- Now in McLean, it was a part of Muhlenberg when the post office was inaugurated Nov. 13, 1834; John M. Johnson.

SKILESVILLE -- At the juncture of Green and Mud River, it opened its post office June 18, 1840; John Luce.

HAMBURG -- Opened Aug. 10, 1844, location unknown; Henry Myers.

UNITY -- In the community which still bears the name, the office opened Nov. 27, 1844; John L. Eaves.

HANNIBAL -- Location unknown; started Aug. 9, 1847 with E. H. Glascoke, a Greenville physician, as postmaster.

SOUTH CARROLLTON -- Opened Nov. 14, 1848; James V. Fentress.

ELWOOD -- This office was actually located in Hopkins County on the McNary estate, and was moved from McNary of Elwood May 9, 1850; Hugh McNary.

PARADISE -- Founded March 1, 1852 at Paradise (Stom's Landing); Robert Duncan.

LEAD HILL -- Near Weir, established April 22, 1852; James B.

Hancock.

LAUREL HILL -- Forerunner of Penrod, it was inaugurated May 1, 1852, one mile south of present Penrod; Samuel Turner.

SOCIAL HILL -- Located now in McLean County, it was inaugurated May 5, 1852; Sanders H. Eaves.

DEAD RIVER MILLS -- Believed to have been in Pond River country, it started July 20, 1852; John S. Eaves, Jr.

POND RIVER MILLS -- Located near Clark's Ferry, started July 20, 1852; James T. Eaves.

EARLES -- Founded in that community July 20, 1852; Samuel W. Earle.

ROSEWOOD -- Began on Sept. 5, 1854; Thomas Greenwood.

MODEL MILLS -- Served the Skilesville area starting March 5, 1855; James G. Myers.

SULPHUR SPRINGS -- Now covered by Lake Malone, the area was served beginning May 9, 1855; Absalom Rhoads.

AIRDRIE -- Part of the tug-of-war with Paradise, Airdire became the post office May 21, 1856, but lost it back to Paradise in 1859; Samuel Heath.

WICKLAND -- Perhaps near Nelson, founded by Charles Bryant Wickliffe, it's only postmaster, April 15, 1856.

LURO -- Perhaps in the Mt. Pisgah-Murphy Lake area, it began July 13, 1858 with James W. Rice its only postmaster.

NELSON -- Founded in that community Aug. 14, 1871; David Rhoads.

OWENSBORO JUNCTION -- The first post office at what is now Central City, founded Aug. 7, 1871 at Morehead's Horse Mill; George G. Shaver.

MERCER STATION -- Near Mercer-Hillside, founded June 3, 1873; William Mercer.

RIVERSIDE -- Between Paradise and Rochester, just off Green River, Aug. 27, 1873; John C. Dashiell.

INDIAN ROCK -- Established July 7, 1874, probably in the south part of the county; Burton W. Hall.

GORDON -- Between Graham and Pond River, established July 31, 1874; Charles C. Barclay.

RICHMOND MINES -- A post office at the early Richmond Mine area, established in move from Nelson March 1, 1875; James B. Parkes.

PAINESTOWN -- Two miles east of Nelson, Aug. 28, 1875; George Paine.

McNARY STATION -- Moved from Elwood to railroad site April 3, 1878; Silas Carr.

JILES CREEK -- Location unknown. Founded Nov. 7, 1878; Joseph Lile.

STROUD -- Successor to Owensboro Junction, predecessor to Central City, Feb. 24, 1880; Joseph Alcorn.

HAM -- Might have been near present Martwick area, March 8, 1881; Matthew Ham.

DuPONT -- Near Central City, April 11, 1883; Richard J. White.

ALBRITTAIN-- Replaced Laurel Bluff at Home Valley community and later became Penrod; March 6, 1882.

BEVIER -- Mining area named its community for railroad president, and post office on March 29, 1882; Robert Wickliffe.

CENTRAL CITY -- Succeeded Stroud in name July 31, 1882; Joseph Alcorn continued as postmaster.

YOST -- Later to be called Belton, this post office was established March 6, 1883; Thomas J. Leigh.

RICEDALE -- Would later be named Drakesboro. Established Oct. 2, 1883; Frank M. Rice.

LUNAR -- Probably was not in Muhlenberg, but was listed in this county's postal register. Later noted to be in Nelson County; Established March 10, 1884.

DUNMOR -- Post office established in this community May 14, 1884; James W. Clark.

BERTRAM -- Established May 27, 1884 near old Bethel Church on Greenville to Rumsey road; James H. Eades.

PACETON -- Early name for Bancroft area, established June 12, 1889; Robert Pace.

CISNEY -- Another name for Rosewood community,; Nov. 24, 1884; James H. Smith.

CRAIG -- Established in general Belton area Feb. 12, 1885; G. L. Craig.

GISHTON -- Post office established in this community Feb. 19, 1885; Daniel J. Gish.

PENROD -- Albrittain renamed May 19, 1885; Henry Clay Penrod.

MUD RIVER -- Post office at old Mud River Mine established Nov. 16, 1885; Edwin D. Payne.

DEPOY -- The town got its post office Aug. 9, 1887; James T. Spurlin.

POWDERLY -- Established Jan. 14, 1888; William H. Smith.

DRAKESBORO -- Renamed from Ricedale June 27, 1889; William H. Hunter.

GODMAN -- North Muhlenberg, near Moorman, March 4, 1890; James A. Hendricks.

HAZELTON -- Other than near Greenville, location unknown; June 30, 1892; William H. Bard.

OLGIE -- Established Oct. 31, 1893; location unknown; John L. Crick.

WEIR -- The community had a short-lived post office established May 1, 1894; Finis M. Johnson.

WELLS -- Located between Beech Creek and Rosewood, near today's Kirkwood Lake, established April 27, 1900; Laura A. Mohon.

MOORE -- Not far from Earles this office was established Sept. 18, 1900; Alanson L. Moore.

LUZERNE -- Established Dec. 22, 1900; Andrew W. Duncan, named but ineligible to serve; William J. Duncan.

BANCROFT -- This community's post office was established July 16, 1901; Stella W. Shelton.

CLEATON -- Established Aug. 31, 1901; William R. Walls.

ENNIS -- Established April 14, 1903; Isaac P. Sumner.

ODIEN -- Location in Paradise area, established May 20, 1903; William J. Tipton. (Office lasted only 25 days.)

GRAHAM -- Established Jan. 30, 1904; William Williamson.

HILLSIDE -- Established March 5, 1904, when office was moved from Mercer Station; William Tyldesley.

JAGOE -- Established Oct. 5, 1904; location unknown; Andrew T. Phillips.

BROWDER -- June 15, 1905; James R. Reynolds.

BEECH CREEK -- July 12, 1906; Anderson D. Kirkpatrick.

MOORMAN -- March 29, 1907; Mary A. Hendricks.

MERCER -- In old Mercer Community on Illinois Central RR, established Dec. 10, 1907; Joseph C. Brooks.

BRUCKEN -- Established Jan. 25, 1908. Community now known as Stroud; Robert L. Jackson.

KNIGHTSBURG -- Near Skilesville, Jan. 27, 1908; Perry W. Knight.

WHEELER -- Forerunner of Midland, established Feb. 24, 1908; William B. Noffsinger.

MIDLAND -- Moved from Wheeler Dec. 14, 1908, William B.

Noffsinger continuing.

MARTWICK -- The coal mining community received its post office March 15, 1912; Arthur C. Howard.

WEATHERFORD -- Established Oct. 19, 1912; location unknown; A. M. Scott.

JULEON -- Near Ennis, Aug. 12, 1913; Percy E. Hill.

PATHFORK -- Established May 24, 1916; Park L. Taylor.

TARMA -- Near Nonell-Elk Valley, north of Drakesboro on Dec. 8, 1919; James B. Torbert.

MOGG -- In Mogg community Oct. 30, 1920; C. A. Reis.

BELTON -- Yost renamed July 1, 1926; Ethel Forsythe continuing.

DARFORK (or Danfork) -- Dec. 6, 1927, location unknown; Kelly Lee Phillips.

BEECHMONT -- At Beech Creek Junction, Dec. 16, 1949; L. A. Whitaker.

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The 15 post offices now open in Muhlenberg County are (with postmaster listed):

Beech Creek -- Margie M. Bowers.

Beechmont -- Jerry Fades.

Belton -- Veronica Heltsley.

Bremen -- Robert Grossman.

Browder -- Shirley Hill.

Central City -- Martha Howard.

Cleaton -- Sheila Gaston Crist.

Drakesboro -- Roger Hankins.

Dunmor -- Barbara Rives Porter.

Graham -- Marsha Newman.

Greenville -- Olan Revelette.

Moorman -- Patricia Cron.

Penrod -- Sarah Dean Clark Wood.

Powderly -- Gary Albin.

South Carrollton -- Mary Ann Buchanan McDonald.

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