



Embers in Time: Neither snow nor rain...

Local history depicts shared experiences. Its study makes deeper connections between the past and present. These preserved histories and images serve as first-hand accounts of the people and places who called Lake County their home. Unearthed today is a gem from Concord's storied past, both lost to time but not forgotten by all locals.

In the age of the Internet, same day delivery and recent Postal Service worries, the essential historic importance of the local postmaster and post office locations may be hard to appreciate. Mail service was a key lifeline that connected communities locally and with the nation, particularly in the era before telephone service.



Concord Township's Post Offices

Collected from Smithsonian Postal Museum accounts, Ohio philatelists (*specialists in the collection and study of postage stamps*) along with local atlases and books, here is an incomplete history of the township post offices. **Range 8, Township 10 of the Connecticut Western Reserve** was first referred to as **Wilson's Corners**. **Zenas Wilson** and his wife Roxy Benedict Wilson came from Winstead, Connecticut, via Fabins, New York, settling on purchased land near the junction of Rt. 608 and Old Rt. 44 in 1817. Wilson's Corners would become Concord just five years later. In 1824, Zenas became the first postmaster in Concord. Local lore indicates he buried 53 cents in the cement at the Town Hall property site where the office first opened. Records indicate postal history thru the Civil War.

Another post office was mentioned in a cluster of buildings at Little Mountain. Records from May 1879 indicate a mail route was established from Mentor to Little Mountain Road. **A.G. Reynolds** was postmaster, and the post office was still in use thru 1898. Geauga and Lake County Atlas records from 1857, 1874, 1893 and 1894 all show a post office at Ravenna near Rt. 608, the last of which was across from the Stone Schoolhouse. This postal substation was in a grocery store owned by **Maynard Collister**. The Lake County History Center online collections show Concord Post Offices in continuous operation from 1834 thru 1901. Farm history documents from the **Adams-Walker** Families mention a postal substation in the 1920s on their property. Finally, an October 5, 1977 article titled '**Mail Pride**' from the Painesville Telegraph features Concord's last official Postal Branch located in the **Helen Hutchley's Ice Cream Store** in Concord Plaza (currently Spat's Cafe). The 1974 substation closed in 1979 when Hutchley's left.

Sources: Accounts from Jean Lohisher, Chuck Murch, Doris Morrison, Rose Moore

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Below is the list of Appointments of U. S. Postmasters for Lake County, OH 1843-1857

Lake Co., O.

Dis. Fairport	Addison Hills	24 Apr. 1841	Deater Knight	15 Jan. '44.	
Kirtland	Continued	18 Jan. 1842	Lymon Cowdery	27 Dec. '44.	
		George Frank	17 May, 1854.		
Mentor		21 July 1841	Amos Birchard	23 Sept. '45.	
Painesville (ch.)	Continued	Daniel Holmes.	22 Jan. 1855.		
		Joseph Card	26 Mar. 1841	George C. H. Day	23 Mar. '44.
Dis. Richmond City		London Smith	6 Apr. '53	Re-appointed (1853)	
		George Everett	29 Mar. 1842	John M. Potter	11 Aug. '43.
South Kirtland		16 Apr. 1840	Mrs. C. Peck		
Milloughby		9 June 1841	Daniel Christy	1 Apr. '43.	
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Dis. North Perry		11 June 1832	Joseph Cook	Benja Adams & S. M. Eddy N.D. 29 Jan. 1842 & 300.	
Dis. Arcole	Continued	6 Jan. 1846	Nancy Cook	Joseph W. Butterfield	21 Oct. '52
		3 Feb. 1827	Charles H. Swan	James B. McInness	2 Dec. '46.
Concord		24 Aug. 1836	Zenas Wilson	Roswell Burr	30 Dec. '45.
Madison	Continued	2 June '55	Roswell Burr		
		3 May 1826	Charles Burr	John Kellogg	31 July '49
Millhouse		7 May 1836	John House Jr.	Moses C. Wilcox	23 May '44
Unionville	Continued	12 Oct. 1839	Lorenzo Russell	Isa. A. Torrey	7 June '43.
		8 Aug. '53	Spencer Shears		
Wickliffe		3 July 1823	Silas A. Vorce	Thomas Lloyd	6 Aug. '45.
Dis. South Milloughby		7 Jan. 1847	Jacob Bailey	Jotham C. Judd	11 Feb. '47
		11 May '52	Samuel Johnson	Discontinued	21 Oct. '52