

DIXON POST OFFICE ESTABLISHED

January 26, 1869



City Delivery was established in 1959. Pictured above are Postmaster James Kilkenney and the first four city carriers in Dixon. The carrier pictured on the far right is Jim Everett, who later became the 20th Postmaster.

Dixon is located on Interstate 80 between Davis and Vacaville. Exit at Highway 113 south (look for the cow jumping over the moon). Dixon is centrally located between the State Capitol and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dixon, also known as Lambtown USA, is the largest producer of lamb in the country. Our lambtown annual street fair draws 15-20,000 visitors each July. Superior packing of Dixon is the largest lamb slaughter house on the West Coast. Visit us at www.lambtown.com.

The City of Dixon got its beginning with Thomas Dickson's donation of land to the railroad. The railroad put up a sign for the Dixon stop, unfortunately they misspelled it 'DIXON'. The new spelling stuck and the town of Dixon was born. The year was 1868 and stagecoach travel was being replaced by the railroads. The nearby community of Silveyville was the local

stage stop. Wanting to get closer to the railroad. they decided to pack up their town and move it, buildings and all, to Dixon. The Methodist church purchased property on the other side of the tracks and attempted to roll their church building across. They evaluated their dilemma for half the day, then decided to plant the church next to the railroad tracks where **it** sits today

William B. Ferguson and Jasper Kattenburg had a little argument going as to who owned the first building in Dixon. One might suggest that William Ferguson won out as he was appointed Dixon's' first postmaster in 1869. The first post office was set up In his mercantile store. The post office was moved from business to business depending on who was postmaster until 1908 when Dixon got its first official post office on the corner of First and B Streets. The building served the residents of Dixon until the dedication of the current facility in July of 1965. During its 57 years, the First Street Post Office ushered in the beginnings of rural delivery In the 30's and city delivery in the late 50's. Jim Everett, one of the first four city carriers to be hired in Dixon, went on to become its 20^m postmaster.

DIXON POSTMASTERS

William B. Ferguson	1869
Augustus F. Coburn	1873
Cornelia J. Coburn	1876
William B. Ferguson	1877
William Hall	1877
Alfred R. Story	1885
Eli J. McBride	1890
James R. Rockford	1894
Eli J. McBride	1898
Benjamin F. Newby	1906
John R. Snead	1915
Daisy L. D'Artenay	1918
George E. McElroy	1919
Letha Richards	1920
Melissa B. Wilson	1920
Brock Dickie	1921
Mary Dicke	1929
James F. Kilkenny	1933
Vern J. Conner	1967

James M. Everett	1973
Henry Richards	1991
Jon C. Stalnaker Sr.	1996
Angelita Daniels	2006

No history of the Dixon Post Office would be complete without a few words about James Kilkenny. Mr. Kilkenny was the 18th postmaster and was appointed by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Postmaster Kilkenny was the longest serving postmaster of Dixon — serving from 1933 to 1967. James Kilkenny also served as Dixon's Fire Chief, Planning Commissioner, Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of numerous civic events

Postmaster Kilkenny was said to have maintained the fabric of this community during the 30's. 40's and 50's. He was a direct and honest man.

In January of 1966, Postmaster Kilkenny thought it would be amusing to hire a woman to carry mail. Thus Norma Ladene Beck (now Kindelt) became the first female carrier in Dixon. As odd as it seems today, in 1966 there were very few females delivering mail in the Sacramento area. Ladene not only proved she could deliver the mail but went on to master all aspects of postal operations in Dixon and is one of our most respected employees.

Dixon was once considered the radio center of the world. You can still see all the antennas south of town. At one time, Dixon was home of the "Voice of America", American T & T, and the US Naval and Army radio stations.

One of the longest rural routes in California, delivering mail to customers over 130 miles per day, 20 of which are dirt roads, is located in Dixon. One of the more remote delivery areas on this route is the Liberty Farms area. Liberty Farms once had a post office of its own until it was consolidated into Dixon in the early 80's. The Liberty Farms area was home to a very famous resident later that decade. Humphrey the Humpback whale came to visit for a couple of weeks and did not want to leave. Interestingly, it was the husband of a Dixon postal employee that spotted Humphrey during an aerial search of the area. The Coast Guard tried to keep the story quiet, but word soon got out and, before you knew it. there were so many spectators and camera crews along Levee Road that our rural carrier had to drive through the fields to deliver the mail.

Neither rain. nor sleet, nor a whale of a crowd keeps our carriers from making their appointed rounds.

Dixon Post Office History

With the development of the railroad the delivery of mail was made much easier as well as being much faster. In Dixon's case mail delivery started before the railroad came to be. To the north of Dixon about 3 miles in the township known as Silveyville the first post office was started in June 1854 and known as Putah. This post office was closed in December of 1858 as someone in Congress learned the English word meaning the Spanish word, Putah and that it did not add any dignity to a federal office. In July 1858 the post office reopened as Silveyville. E.J. Silvey was reappointed postmaster. He was the founder of Silveyville as well as operating a hotel, general store and bar. After Silvey, there were several postmasters in this order, next came William Sinclair in 1862, then Phillip Peck 1864, Robert Murphy 1866, John Cunningham 1867, David Musslemann 1868 and finally Mr. A. Kirby was postmaster until 1871 when the office was closed. In the meantime Silveyville moved to Dixon as the railroad was there and a post office opened there in 1869.

Along with the Dixon post office there were also post offices located at Tremont and Batavia also along the railroad tracks. These weren't actual towns but were centers of populations. In Tremont which was never a town but more of a trade center. There was a warehouse where grain was stored and shipped from, and is now occupied by a fertilizer company and a railroad building, a depot and post office. The Tremont post office was established in 1891 and the first postmaster was Henry St. Dick. This office lasted until 1886 when their mail went to Davis or Dixon. Early inhabitants of this area were Stick, Eggert, Runge, Sikes, Holdridge and Foster to name a few. South of Dixon was Batavia another trade center, a warehouse, stock yards a few stores and a hotel along with a post office were located. Some of their early inhabitants were the Tuck, Buckles, Webber, Byrnes and Sweeney to name a few. Then a little further south was Elmira. To the south of Dixon and not along the railroad was Binghamton which established a post office on July 25, 1864 discontinued September 29, 1874, reopened on October 16, 1874 and operated until September 29, 1906. After that rural mail delivery was used to deliver the mail.

In Dixon a post office started on January 26, 1869. The way mail was retrieved from the trains was by a mail catcher. An arm was located along the tracks and was snatched while the train was on the move. The reverse was done

to send out the mail. At one time the arm was north of town but occasionally a bag was ripped apart and mail strewn along the tracks. Later it was moved alongside the train depot. One of the first offices was in the McBride's Drug store. This continued until May 1894 when the mail boxes were removed. Another location was in Kirby's drug store. On October 3, 1908 a new post office was built on the north east corner of First and B Street. This building stands today although some parts were added on to the outside. This would be a great building to restore back to its original being. It would be a shame to tear it down as it's one of the last original buildings. In its earlier days the down stairs was occupied by the post office and the upstairs was divided into three offices. One was occupied by a dentist and another by an attorney.

Dixon's postmasters over the years were William B. Ferguson, 1869, Augustus F. Colburn, 1873, Cornelia J. Colburn, 1876, William B. Ferguson, 1877, William hall, 1877, Alfred R. Story 1885, Eli J McBride, 1890, James R. Rockford, 1894, Eli. J. McBride, 1898, Benjamin F. Newby, 1906, John R. Sneasd, 1915, Daisy D"Artenay, 1918, George E. McElory, 1919, Leatha Richards, 1920, Melissa B. Wilson, 1920, Brock dickie, 1921, Mrs. Mary Dickie, 1929, J.R. Kilkenny, 1933, followed by James Everitt.

A few things took place during the earlier years in 1901 there was a flood in the Maine Prairie area due to the Sacramento River over flowing. Mr. G.W. Hulen was the rural mail carrier for Maine Prairie and delivered it to the closest land above water but no one from Maine Prairie would come and pick it up. John Norton and Charles Daily volunteered to deliver it by boat they got to within a half mile of their destination but got hung up on barbed wire that was part of a submerged fence that swamped them. They were able to wade back to land carrying the mail pouch. Mr. Hulen brought back to Dixon the mail and admitted that for once he was unable to deliver the mail. Another interesting story was in 1916 they were still using horses to deliver the mail. One horse they were using was noticed by Sam Silvey who had an eye for horses. He found out the horse was a son of Jaybird and sired by Aerolite by James Marshall and bought him from John McDermitt. The horse who started out as a mail carrier went on to race and won twenty first places, three second places, one third place, one fourth and one unplaced out of twenty three races. There are other stories that have some interest. In 1913 the parcel post was inaugurated and quite a few parcels were sent through the local office. Carl Schmeiser had the honor of sending the first package and it cost him five cents, under the old system it would have cost fifteen cents.

Now the new post office stands next to the railroad track and still serves Dixon well.

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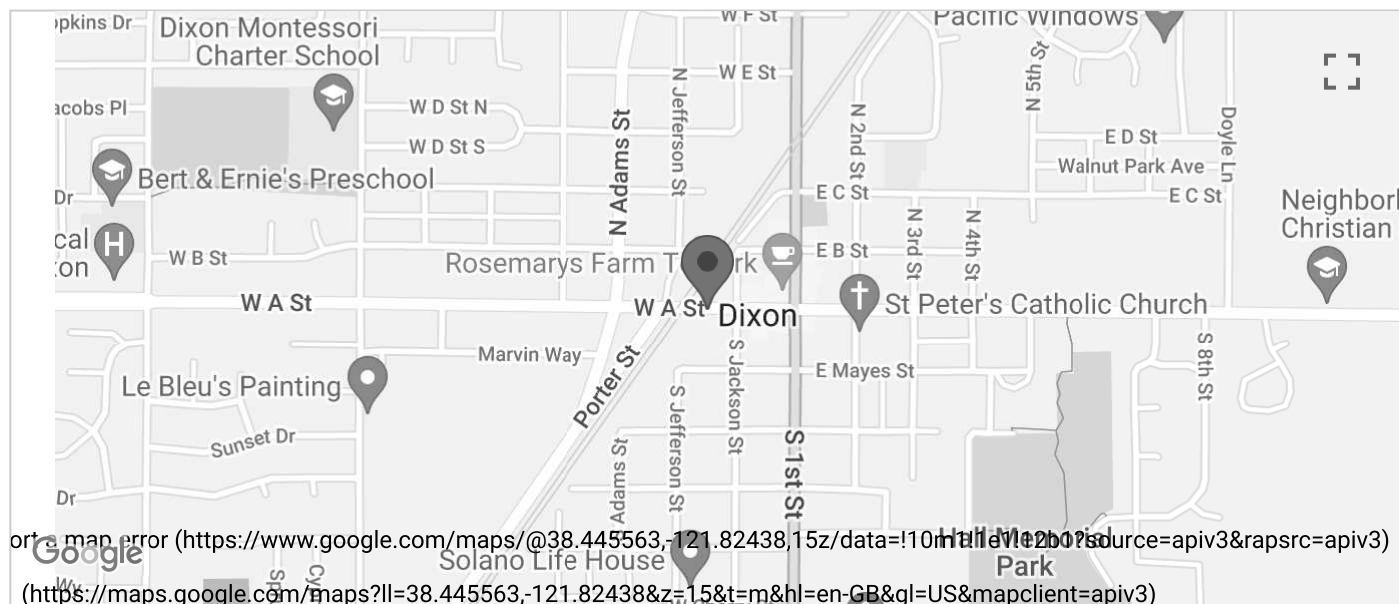
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