

U.S. Post Offices in the Town of De Kalb  
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Photo: John Green and Will Sutherland visit at the De Kalb Junction Post Office

There have been seven Post Offices established in the Town of De Kalb. Two of these are still in existence today.

The first post office established was De Kalb (village) on April 1, 1807. It was discontinued November 15, 1902. The first Postmaster was William Cleghorn. The last one was Jared S. Gilson.

The second Post Office established was at Richville, March 5, 1828. They have been in existence 170 years (in 1998.) John Rich was the first Postmaster. The present Post Office was built in 1988. The current Postmaster is Charles A. Cole.

The Blink Bonnie Post Office, located at Kendrew was established December 2, 1850 and discontinued February 7, 1854.

**Postmasters De Kalb Junction (Dec. 1, 1863-)**

<b>POSTMASTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
Israel D. Smith .....	Dec. 1, 1863
Thomas M. Craig .....	March 16, 1865
Israel D. Smith .....	Oct. 20, 1866
Frank Green .....	Sept. 8, 1885

William E. Van Delinder .....	July 15, 1889
Arthur L. Hemenway .....	Oct. 26, 1893
Ira W. Sayer .....	Dec. 31, 1897
Allerton C. Farr .....	Dec. 21, 1904
Charles M. McGruer .....	Jan. 5, 1916
Furloe Gilmour .....	July 27, 1920
Elbridge O. Huribut .....	Mar. 23, 1922
Allerton C. Farr (acting) .....	Oct. 29, 1925
Carrie S. Johnson .....	Aug. 1, 1927
George F. Green .....	Feb. 1, 1936
Leo E. Woodward .....	Nov. 1, 1947
Elizabeth Brice (acting) .....	Dec. 1, 1966
Elizabeth Brice .....	May 1, 1971
Nancy Smith (OIC) .....	January 3, 1989
Elizabeth Chilton .....	May 6, 1989

**De Kalb Village Post Office (April 1, 1807- Nov. 15, 1902)**

<b>POSTMASTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
William Cleghorn .....	April 1, 1807
Thomas B Benedict .....	Oct 1, 1809
Potter Goff .....	March 6, 1813
Thomas B. Benedict .....	May 6, 1819
Gideon Townsley .....	Dec. 26, 1825
Asa Sprague .....	Dec. 28, 1832
Gideon Townsley .....	Oct. 21, 1841
Elias P. Townsley .....	Mar. 10, 1842
Albert Holt .....	Oct. 4, 1844
Nathaniel Holt .....	Aug. 12, 1845
John Rounds .....	June 1, 1849
Stephen Slosson .....	Mar. 3, 1857
Lewis W. Brown .....	Jan. 14, 1861

George D. Hastings .....	Aug. 15, 1861
John D. Kingsbury .....	Feb. 8, 1865
Lloyd D. Townsley .....	June 27, 1870
John D. Kingsbury .....	June 19, 1872
John E. Whipple .....	Sept. 30, 1874
Ara J. Moore .....	Mar. 21, 1881
Roderick D. Ritchie .....	April 3, 1896
Jared S. Gilson .....	Nov. 7, 1900

**East De Kalb Post Office (July 14, 1851 - Dec. 6, 1877)**

<b>POSTMASTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
John H. Bartlett .....	July 14, 1851
William N. Smith .....	May 31, 1852
Andrew J. Westcott .....	May 8, 1856
John Williams .....	Sept. 13, 1858
James M. Smith .....	May 18, 1860
Adam Richards .....	Feb. 4, 1876

**Bigelow Post Office (May 3, 1880 - Nov.30, 1953)**

<b>POSTMASTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
Levi R. Lotman .....	May 3, 1880
Charles E. Van Slyke .....	May 7, 1805
Ettie S. Williams .....	April 24, 1889
Herndon N. Williams .....	1893?
Rella J. Randall .....	June 1, 1895
Homer R. Day .....	Jan. 3, 1905
Annie B. Leonard .....	Aug. 29, 1914
Emma L. Mix .....	June 23, 1920
Alza L. Wood .....	Oct. 27, 1927

**Richville Post Office (Mar. 5, 1828- )**

<b>POSTMASTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
John Rich .....	Mar. 5, 1828
Artimus B. Lynde .....	Dec. 18, 1846
George Lyon .....	Oct. 4, 1852
Harlow Godard .....	Oct. 6, 1854
Artimus B. Lynde .....	Dec. 13, 1855
James S. Lake .....	Dec. 1, 1860
Charles Fox .....	April 6, 1861
Calvin Baker .....	Aug. 8, 1862
Russell Johnson .....	Nov. 26, 1864
Harvey G. Chandler .....	Dec. 11, 1865
Charles R. Walker .....	June 9, 1870
Willis P. Hendricks .....	July 9, 1885
John A. McCoy .....	April 3, 1889
Willis P. Hendricks .....	July 19, 1893
Fred E. Gardner .....	Sept. 10, 1897
Frank B. Beaman .....	June 20, 1901
Lloyd E. Jones .....	June 24, 1915
Frank A. Buck (acting) .....	Feb. 7, 1923
Franklin D. Aller Jr. ....	June 22, 1923
Frank A. Buck .....	Feb. 9, 1925
Harlow G. VanNamee .....	July 28, 1927
Guy D. Nash .....	May 2, 1928
Hazel I. VanNamee .....	Dec. 31, 1928
Jennie M. Reed .....	Oct. 1, 1933
Mabel Bigelow .....	Nov. 5, 1943
Helen Wood (acting) .....	July 1, 1965
Marilyn Rice (acting) .....	Sept. 24, 1965
Dorothy S. Hall .....	Oct. 28, 1967
Charles Cole .....	May 7, 1993

**Osbornville (March 5, 1891-December 31, 1903)**

**POSTMASTER NAME**

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT**

Martin V. Mc Intyre .....