

## POST MASTERS IN COOPER

Cooper had two post office designations; Cooper, and Grove.

### COOPER POST OFFICE:

John Cooper was appointed on December 24, 1827. The post office was in his home.

Lincon (sic) Foster was appointed on January 12, 1837.

Nathaniel A. Sawyer was appointed on July 13, 1841.

Asaph Sawyer was appointed on February 14, 1842.

Alice Sawyer was appointed on November 23, 1875. The Sawyers had the post office in their hotel at Grange Hall Corner.

Edith Cary was appointed on November 19, 1882. She and her husband Alvin lived on West Ridge.

Mail delivery was transferred to Grove Post Office on July 16, 1904.

Florence M. Howe was appointed on June 5, 1907.

Eva E. Keith was appointed on October 11, 1907. For the next few years the Cooper Post Office was located in Plantation 14.

Vesta L. Sadler was appointed on January 28, 1919. Vesta and her husband Oscar lived at the top of West Ridge.

George A. Fryer was appointed on July 28, 1919. He lived in Plantation 14.

Raymond L. Frost was appointed on July 7, 1923.

Violet Frost was appointed on July 9, 1931. Raymond and Violet ran the post office from a room behind the summer kitchen in their home at the foot of West Ridge.

Melva c. Keen was appointed on October 25, 1943. She ran the post office in her Uncle Raymond's and Aunt Violet's home.

The Cooper Post Office was discontinued on November 20, 1944.

### GROVE POST OFFICE:

David Howe requested that a post office be established in this section of town and be named Grover after Stephen Grover Cleveland, the president.

David Howe was appointed on August 4, 1894. The mail was transferred back to Cooper Post Office on June 5, 1907 after a David's death on March 21 of that year. Florence May Howe was appointed on December 27, 1907. She was the youngest child of David.

Nellie Clark was appointed on December 20, 1913.

Harriet Clark was appointed on February 22, 1916.

Nellie Clark was reappointed on August 24, 1921.

The Grove Post Office was discontinued on November 31, 1926.

Gertrude Cookson was appointed on October 12, 1928.

Edith M. Clark was appointed on December 9, 1930. When Nellie, Harriet, Gertrude, and Edith were post masters, the post office was at Fred Clark's home on the County Road (191) at the corner of the East Ridge Road. Nellie, Harriet "Hattie", and Gertrude were sisters and the daughters of Fred and Kate Clark. Edith is likely a wrong spelling for Ethel who was the wife of Fred Clark, Jr.

The Grove Post Office was discontinued on May 24, 1933.

Florence May Howe was appointed on July 31, 1933.

Mildred M. Howe was appointed on June 16, 1942. Most of us remember the Grove Post Office in that low posted cape and Mildred as post master. Mildred was the daughter-in-law of May.

Janet Ketchen was appointed on July 31, 1966. For the first time, Grove Post Office was moved from Grove or Middle Ridge to Janet's home on Route 191 near the Cooper -Plantation 14 line.