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**FISHERS LANDING POSTMASTER POSTMARK**

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Fishers Landing is a post office in Jefferson County on the St. Lawrence River between Clayton and Alexandria Bay. In Hamilton Child's *Geographical Gazetteer of Jefferson County, N.Y. 1884–1890*, he writes:

*FISHER'S LANDING (p. o.) is situated on the south bank of St. Lawrence River, six miles below Clayton, and contains one hotel, one general store, a grocery, blacksmith shop, several boat builders, a few summer cottages, and about 150 inhabitants.*

According to Kay and Smith's *New York Postal History: The Post Offices and First Postmaster from 1775 to 1980*, George S. Newton was the first postmaster when Fishers Landing was established on March 3, 1874. I was not sure how long Newton continued as postmaster since the USPS's website, Postmaster Finder, only lists postmasters since October 1968.

However, a little bit of searching found a webpage which has appointment dates for Jefferson County postmasters. The site, [HTTP://JEFFERSON.NYGENWEB.NET](http://JEFFERSON.NYGENWEB.NET), says that a new postmaster, Linus J. Pierce, took office on January 11, 1881. Thus, I assume that Newton was postmaster from 1874–1881.

When I reported this new discovery of an October 27, 1877, postmaster's cancel on the Frajola Board for Philatelists, one person replied "Nice: looks like it may have been a self-inking ribbon handstamp, similar to those used as revenue cancels during and after the Civil War and frequently seen used by railroad agents, but not very often in regular postal use."

Fisher's Landing has had no postmaster since May 2008. At the present time, there is a notation on the USPS Postmaster Finder site that Fishers Landing was "Converted to a Remotely Managed Post Office under the direction of the postmaster of the Clayton Post Office on June 1, 2013." ■



Fishers Landing in 1915, Gferald Wiley collection