



Post Offices INFO

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Argyle Post Office:

- Began in the home of Thomas Guthrie in 1878, 1 ½ miles West of Argyle on NE 11-14-1W. The mail would come up from Stonewall where the Guthries picked it up from the railway there. Later in 1882, the mail came by rail to Marquette then via Woodlands to Argyle. The post master had to travel by foot to the nearest delivery point, in the winter this was hazardous as it was easy to miss your home destination if it was snowing and windy.
- Alex Guthrie (Thomas's son) was next to operate the post office, upon his father's death in 1895. Alex's brother William built a small store next to the post office and carried a good supply of groceries and dry goods. The settlers referred to him as "Timothy Eaton". Alex carried the mail on foot from Stonewall twice a week for \$12.00/week, and received \$50.00/year for being post master. On one of his return trips from Stonewall, carrying the mail, he became lost in a storm, dropped from exhaustion and was fortunately found by a neighbour who helped him back to his home west of town.

Argyle Post Masters:

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| 1. Thomas Guthrie | 1878-1895 (on farm 1 ½ miles West of Argyle) |
| 2. Alex Guthrie | 1895-1913 (on farm 1 ½ miles West of Argyle) |
| 3. Jimmy D. Douglas | 1913-1924 (at his store in Argyle Station) |
| 4. Thomas Henry | 1924-1956 (garage building) |
| 5. Harvey Watson | 1956-1964 (In Mac's Lunch/Tea Shop building) |
| 6. Dick Brindley | 1964-1995 |
| 7. Ben Schindle | 1995/96-Present |

★See page Canada Post Supplements (pdf) for information on Argyle

Argyle was in the:

Lisgar electoral district 1881-1883
Macdonald 1911 (Little Argyle P.O.)
Selkirk electoral district 1883-1947
Norquay electoral district 1947-1953
Selkirk electoral district 1953-present

Name of Office:

Argyle

Federal Electoral District:

Lisgar (Manitoba)

Dates:**Establishment Re-openings Closings**

1880-11-01 1917-08-31

Postmaster Information:

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
Thomas Guthrie	-	-	1880-11-01	1883-08-10	Resignation
Alex Guthrie	-	-	1884-04-01	1917-08-31	Closed

Additional Information:

Sec. 11, Twp. 14, R. 1, W - 1880-11-01

Name of Office:

Argyle

Federal Electoral District:

Selkirk - Intertake (Manitoba)

Dates:**Establishment Re-openingsClosings**

1913-04-01 -

Former Office Information:**Former NameDate of Change**

Argyle Station 1917-10-01

Postmaster Information:

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
J. D. Douglas	-	-	1913-04-01	1924-05-06	Resignation
Thomas A. Henry	OAS	1886-12-01	1924-07-10	1956-06-08	Resignation
Harvey Austin Watson	OAS	*	1956-10-03	Acting	-
Harvey Austin Watson	OAS	*	1956-11-16	1980-07-21	-
Joyce Brindley	-	1901-09-31	1980-07-22	-	

Strathewan Post Office:

The Osbourne Family had the Strathewan Post Office in their home, it was a table and some cubby holes for the mail. Before the railway came, the mail came up from Stonewall to Strathewan then on to Erinview and North. Ben Walton had a livery in Stonewall, and would drive the mail up to Strathewan, before the CNoR came to Argyle. Once the railway came to Argyle, Henry Last brought the mail to Strathewan Post Office, which closed a year or two afterwards (around 1914)

Name of Office:

Strathewen

Federal Electoral District:

Selkirk (Manitoba)

Dates:

Establishment Re-openings Closings

1886-05-01 1918-05-31

Postmaster Information:

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
Dugald McEwen	-	-	1886-05-01	1891-03-31	Resignation
Henry Newmarch	-	-	1891-08-01	1899-03-25	Resignation
William F. Osborne	-	-	1899-07-01	1918-05-31	Closed

Additional Information:

Sec. 25, Twp. 14, R. 1, W - 1886-05-01

Oswald Post Office:

The Stogell family had the post office in Oswald in their house, that closed about 1917. Harry Proctor was the last driver for mail, using a car he had. Bill Campbell Sr. remembers him depositing mail at the family farm as he drove to Oswald, after picking it up in Argyle (from the railway)

Name of Office:

Oswald

Federal Electoral District:

Selkirk (Manitoba)

Dates:

Establishment Re-openings Closings

1895-02-01 1932-08-31

Postmaster Information:

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
Edmond de Laroque	-	-	1895-02-01	1896-10-20	*
George Stodgell	-	1862-09-14	1897-08-01	1932-08-31	Resignation (Closed - Limited usefulness)

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Additional Information:

Sec. 20, Twp. 14, R. 1, WPM

Sec. 30, Twp. 14, R. 1, W1 - 1895-02-01

Drake (later Ekhart) Post Office:

John McKenzie began the post office at the Drake General Store in 1921, which he owned.

Name of Office:

Ekhart

Federal Electoral District:

Selkirk (Manitoba)

Dates:

Establishment Re-openings Closings

1921-04-01 1955-12-31

Postmaster Information:

Name of Postmaster	Military Status	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
John MacKenzie	-	-	1921-04-01	1924-09-30	Resignation
Frank Stanley	-	-	1924-12-15	1927-02-03	Resignation
John MacKenzie	-	-	1927-04-04	1939-06-13	*
Herbert McDougall MacKenzie	-	-	1939-08-15	1940-10-04	Resignation
Berthold Lawrence Irwin	-	1888-06-08	1940-10-10	Acting	-
Berthold Lawrence Irwin	-	1888-06-08	1940-11-06	1948-07-17	Resignation
Mrs. Agnes Irwin	-	1888-07-27	1948-07-27	Acting	-
Mrs. Agnes Irwin	-	1888-07-27	1948-09-27	1955-11-24	Resignation (closed 1955-12-31)

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Additional Information:

Closed 1955-12-31

Sec. 30, Twp. 13, R. 1, EPM

Store