

HISTORY OF TINLEY PARK POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS

In 1844-45 the first building in the village was erected by Mr. Kittle who used it as a store and post office, located at the corner of Ridgeland and North st.

In 1847 one of the first post offices was at Mr. John F. Cague, Jr.'s farmhouse, 2 miles north and 1 mile east of New Bremen. The mail was kept in a little box which sat on the mantle board over a large old fashioned fireplace.

With the building of the railroad in 1852, Dr. Ballard, the first physician, wanted the post office moved to the station in the village, compensated Mr. Cague with \$10.00 for the loss of position as postmaster for the consent of its removal.

Mr. George Schreiber bought Mr. Kittle's building after it had been moved several times and opened the first cobbler shop and shoe store. As a rural route carrier, Mr. Schreiber would carry the mail 3 times a week, walking to Goesselville, 3 miles north of town to C. Goesel, the postmaster there.

The next business store was built on North st. in the middle of the block. Mr. John Thornworth was the 2nd storekeeper and also served as postmaster.

Mr. Christian Andres, Sr. was a merchant in New Bremen from 1865 - 1908 and was postmaster for 10 years around the period Sept. 20, 1880, taking over the Thornworth store. (see map #1)

In January 15, 1883, Mr. George C. Schussler became postmaster. 1880 - 1890?

Mr. Henry Vogt, Sr. was postmaster from 1890 - 1903.
(see map #2)

From 1903 - 1906, Mrs. Minnie Bishop was the postmistress.
(wife ? of Dr. C.W.Bishop, first mayor of Tinley Park)

From 1906 - Dec. 3, 1913, Mr. Vogt served again as postmaster.

From 1913 to 1915, Mr. John G. Reiber was postmaster when the post office was 50 ft. north of railroad tracks and 100 ft. from the depot. (see map #3)

Mr. Henry C. Vogt, Jr. was postmaster during which time of Oct. 15, 1915, the post office was located on the south side of tracks 190 ft. (see map #4)

In 1920 to 1934, Mr. Christian Andres, Jr. was postmaster and rural route carrier when post office was on north side of the railroad tracks 150 ft. (see map #5, Dec. 4, 1920)

In 1934 - 1950, Mr. Paul H. Rauhoff served as postmaster when location was 240 ft. north side of tracks. (see map #6)
In Dec. 16, 1949 new site for postoffice was 6779 W. 174th st.
(see map #7) Completion of this building was Apr. 1, 1950.
Method of mail supply: Railroad via mail messenger.

Oct. 1950 to Aug. 1963, Mr. Harry J. Dean was postmaster.
Aug. 1962 the post office was moved to 6730 W. 175th st.

From 1963 to Apr. 1976, Mr. Roman J. Mazurowski served as postmaster.

In June 1976, Mr. Richard G. Gow became the present postmaster. Three months later the post office was moved to 7230 W. 171st st. and Harlem ave.