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History of the U.S. Postal Service

1775-1993

POSTMASTERS GENERAL

A list of Postmasters General, under the names of those who appointed them, and the dates the Postmasters General took office follows. All appointments by the President were made with the advice and consent of the Senate. Italics indicate a carryover from the previous administration.

Continental Congress

- Benjamin Franklin - Jul. 26, 1775
- Richard Bache - Nov. 7, 1776
- Ebenezer Hazard - Jan. 28, 1782

George Washington

- Samuel Osgood - Sep. 26, 1789
- Timothy Pickering - Aug. 12, 1791
- Joseph Habersham - Feb. 25, 1795

John Adams

- *Joseph Habersham*

Thomas Jefferson

- *Joseph Habersham*
- Gideon Granger - Nov.28, 1801

James Madison

- *Gideon Granger*
- Return J. Meigs, Jr. - Mar. 17, 1814

James Monroe

- *Return J. Meigs, Jr.*
- John McLean - Jun. 26, 1823

John Quincy Adams

- *John McLean*

Andrew Jackson

- William T. Barry - Mar. 9, 1829
- Amos Kendall - May 1, 1835

Martin Van Buren

- *Amos Kendall*
- John M. Niles - May 19, 1840

William Henry Harrison

- Francis Granger - Mar. 6, 1841

John Tyler

- *Francis Granger*
- Charles A. Wickliffe - Sep. 13, 1841

James K. Polk

- Cave Johnson - Mar. 6, 1845

Zachary Taylor

- Jacob Collamer - Mar. 8, 1849

Millard Filmore

- Nathan K. Hall - Jul. 23, 1850
- Samuel D. Hubbard - Aug. 31, 1852

Franklin Pierce

- James Campbell - Mar. 7, 1853

James Buchanan

- Aaron V. Brown - Mar. 6, 1857
- Joseph Holt - Mar. 14, 1859
- Horatio King - Feb. 12, 1861

Abraham Lincoln

- Montgomery Blair - Mar. 5, 1861
- William Dennison - Sep. 24, 1864

Andrew Johnson

- *William Dennison*
- Alexander W. Randall - Jul. 25, 1866

Ulysses Grant

- John A. J. Creswell - Mar. 5, 1869
- James W. Marshall - Jul. 3, 1874

- Marshall Jewell - Aug. 24, 1874
- James N. Tyner - Jul. 12, 1876

Rutherford B. Hayes

- David M. Key - Mar. 12, 1877
- Horace Maynard - Jun. 2, 1880

James A. Garfield

- Thomas L. James - Mar. 5, 1881

Chester A. Arthur

- *Thomas L. James*
- Timothy O. Howe - Dec. 20, 1881
- Walter Q. Gresham - Apr. 3, 1883
- Frank Hatton - Oct. 14, 1884

Grover Cleveland

- William F. Vilas - Mar. 6, 1885
- Don M. Dickinson - Jan. 6, 1888

Benjamin Harrison

- John Wanamaker - Mar. 5, 1889

Grover Cleveland

- Wilson S. Bissell - Mar. 6, 1893
- William L. Wilson - Mar. 1, 1895

William McKinley

- James A. Gary - Mar. 5, 1897
- Charles Emory Smith - Apr. 21, 1898

Theodore Roosevelt

- *Charles Emory Smith*
- Henry C. Payne - Jan. 9, 1902
- Robert J. Wynne - Oct. 10, 1904
- George B. Cortelyou - Mar. 6, 1905
- George von L. Meyer - Jan. 15, 1907

William H. Taft

- Frank H. Hitchcock - Mar. 5, 1909

Woodrow Wilson

- Albert S. Burleson - Mar. 5, 1913

Warren G. Harding

- Will H. Hays - Mar. 5, 1921
- Hubert Work - Mar. 4, 1922
- Harry S. New - Feb. 27, 1923

Calvin Coolidge

- *Harry S. New*

Herbert Hoover

- Walter F. Brown - Mar. 5, 1929

Franklin D. Roosevelt

- James A. Farley - Mar. 4, 1933
- Frank C. Walker - Sep. 10, 1940

Harry S. Truman

- *Frank C. Walker*
- Robert E. Hannegan - May 8, 1945
- Jesse M. Donaldson - Dec. 16, 1947

Dwight D. Eisenhower

- Arthur E. Summerfield - Jan. 21, 1953

John F. Kennedy

- J. Edward Day - Jan. 21, 1961
- John A. Gronouski - Sep. 30, 1963

Lyndon B. Johnson

- *John A. Gronouski*
- Lawrence F. O'Brien - Nov. 3, 1965
- W. Marvin Watson - Apr. 26, 1968

Richard M. Nixon

- Winton M. Blount - Jan. 22, 1969

Appointed by the Governors of the United States Postal Service

- Winton M. Blount - Jul. 1, 1971
- E. T. Klassen - Jan. 1, 1972
- Benjamin F. Bailar - Feb. 16, 1975
- William F. Bolger - Mar. 15, 1978
- Paul N. Carlin - Jan. 1, 1985
- Albert V. Casey - Jan. 7, 1986
- Preston R. Tisch - Aug. 16, 1986
- Anthony M. Frank - Mar. 1, 1988
- Marvin T. Runyon - Jul. 6, 1992

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