



Post Office Department,
APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, 29 Jan, 1877.

SIR:

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at Spring, County of Grant, State of Montana, at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES W. MARSHALL,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. John D. Porter

Care of the Postmaster of Stewart, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called Gorges *(to change in name)*

[The name of the candidate for postmaster should be applied as the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State; and you should aim to select a name not appropriated to any office in the United States.]

It will be situated in the _____ quarter of Section _____, Township _____

Range _____, in the County of Grant, State of Montana.

It will be on ~~either~~ route No. 20131, being the route from Williamstown

to Stewart, on which the mail is now carried three times per week.

The contractor's name is Malcolm A. McTear

Will it be directly on this route?—Ans.

If not, how far from and on which side of it?—Ans.

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. change not a Post

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. at Stewart

Where intersect the route again?—Ans.

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. Stewart

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Stewart

its distance is six miles, in a south direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Williamstown

its distance is six miles, in a northerly direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is Stewart

distance by the most direct road is only 24 miles, in a West direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is Pinkie River

The name of the nearest creek is Pinkie River

The proposed office will be _____ miles from said river, on the _____

side of it, and will be _____ miles from said nearest creek, on the West side of it.

If near a railroad, state on which side the office will be located, how far from, and the name of the station or depot.—Ans. West side, not 50 p.m. on the upper station near Pine Grove

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. about 200

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. all that are by the old site

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

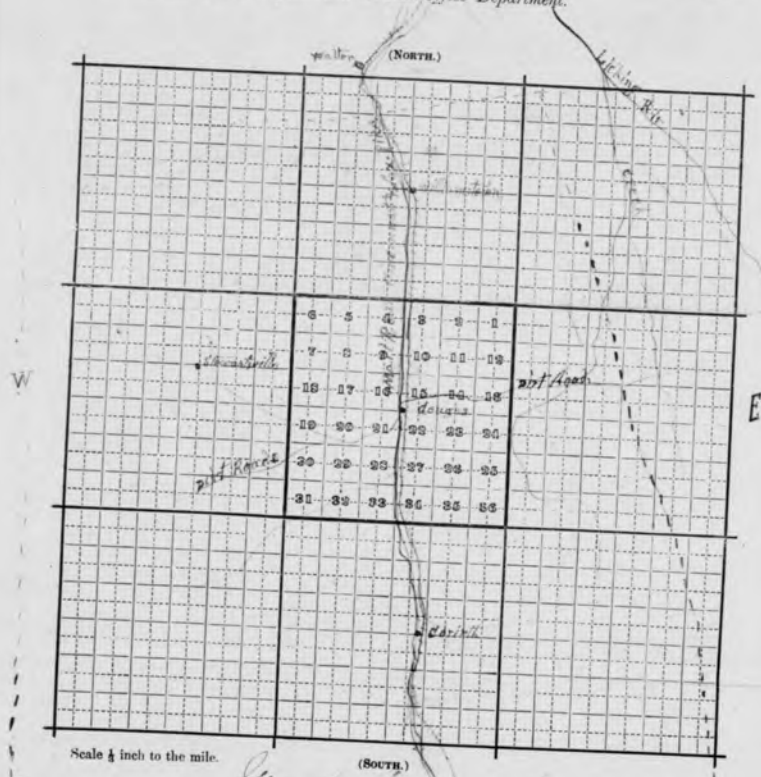
ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this 5 day of February, 1877.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas S. Porter Postmaster of Williamstown
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Diagram showing the site of the Proposed Post Office
in Township 4 Range 1 of Principal
Meridian. County of Grant, State
of Vermont, with the adjacent Townships and Post
Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed, or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department.



The red line is intended to represent the Cin. & N. H. R.. The black line the
circumference of the Seipinton pike, accompanying the R.R. which is the Hail Road.
which is not laid out in townships, so if the Seipinton be wrong the
townships are correct.