

## Echo Area Post Offices and Post Masters

The first post office in Eastern Oregon was called **Utilla**. It was located across the river from Echo at the Utilla Indian Agency from September 28, 1851 to January 6, 1852. A. Francis Royers (Rogers?) was post master. Some books mistakenly list the Utilla Indian Agency and post office as being located in Umatilla instead of Echo.

**Meadowville** This post office was closed in 1874. It was located north of Echo and east of Stanfield.

**Meadows** was opened May 10, 1880 and closed December 19, 1882, to the Echo Post Office. J.C. Franklin was Post Master.

**Moorhouse** was opened January 5, 1880 and closed in 1883, to the Echo Post Office. Thomas "Major Lee" Moorhouse (1850-1926) was Post Master and the post office was at the Prospect Ranch, which he managed. The University of Oregon has a large collection of his original glass negatives. From 1888 to 1916, he produced over 9,000 images documenting urban, rural, and Native American life in the Columbia Basin and Umatilla County, Oregon. During his lifetime Moorhouse achieved substantial acclaim in the United States and in Europe for his images of tribal people, including his signature image, "The Cayuse Twins". He was also a surveyor and surveyed the original "Echo City" plat for J.H. Koontz and was with Koontz when the name Echo was selected for the town.



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The **Echo Post Office** was opened May 31, 1881 with Moses C. Tribble, Post Master. He farmed west of Echo and part of the land that is now Snow Ranches (originally Joseph Cunha Ranch). Other offices that closed to Echo were **Galloway** (John J. Galloway Post Master) closed Sept. 30, 1915. **Alpine** was established in 1884 and G.H. Parsell was the Post Master. This office was listed as a 'special supply' office and closed to Galloway July 27, 1894.

**Acton**. Was established on July 11, 1879. John Barker was the first postmaster. This office was on Butter Creek and closed June 19, 1888.

Echo post masters following Tribble were: Loren D. Kays (1882) William E. Brownell (1882-1887 & 1889), Clara Manela (1887), Newton Loveridge (1887-88), William Warner (1888-89, 1890), Eben Andrews (1890-96), John Dorn (1896-97 1899-1911), E.R. Ware (1911-13), Arunah Longwell (1913-1921), Roy C. Hale (1921-1935), Ralph B. Stanfield (1935-37), Floyd Mathers (acting 6 mos. 1937-38), John "Steve" Spike (1938-1944 & 1946-1958), Nona McFaul (acting 1944-46 while Steve Spike was overseas during WWII., Eugene E. Berry (1959-1992), Jerrie Fife (officer in charge) 1992-1993), Cathy A. Duncan (1993-1999), Linda J. Bunch 1999-2012, Darcy L. McDonough, (2013).

