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LIST OF EARLY POST OFFICES IN IDAHO

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>POSTMASTER</u>
Lewiston	July 15, 1862	A. L. Downer
Oro Fino	November 20, 1862	Seth L. Slater
Florence	November 25, 1862	Lewis Arnold
Placerville	February 15, 1863	Mahlon B. Moore
Mt. Idaho	March 23, 1863	Loyal P. Brown
Pierce	May 18, 1863	John Jauck
Boise	June 18, 1864	Bolivar B. Bishop
Idaho City	June 22, 1864	John W. McCulley
Centerville	June 22, 1864	Harry M. Ellsworth
Paris	December 13, 1867	
Fort Lemhi	February 2, 1870	
Franklin	May 3, 1873	

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The post office at Placerville was established September 15, 1863, however, this was established long before any provision was made to convey mails into this region, except by private express companies. I think the post office in Placerville actually opened for business on January 4, 1864.

The following offices were all established on the same date, June 22, 1864: Idaho City, Centerville, Pioneerville, Esmeralda, Ruby City.

Payetteville	July 8, 1864
Boise City	June 18, 1864
Mount Idaho	March 23, 1863
Slate Creek	October 21, 1863
Warrinerville	October 6, 1865 (Changed to Horseshoe Bend September 11, 1867)
Lewiston	July 25, 1862
Elk City	November 25, 1862
Florence	November 25, 1862
Oro Fino	November 20, 1862
Pierce City	May 18, 1863

Franklin was not established until March 3, 1873. Soda Springs is the oldest post office in the eastern part of the state, established January 29, 1864.

The following post offices were a part of Idaho in 1863:

Fort Laramie	Established March 13, 1863
Bannock City	Established November 21, 1863
Virginia City	Established January 29, 1864

Also show a Durkeesville, Clark Durkee, postmaster, established March 23, 1863. Discontinued June 22, 1864. (Could this be Durkee, Oregon on the trail from Umatilla and attached to Idaho by the Post office Department?)

I hope this is of value to you.

Sincerely,

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