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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.

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| 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:

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| 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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