

History of Mona Post office

The first post office at Mona was in connection with a general Store owned and operated by William Newton, who became the first postmaster of the Mona Post office on May 6, 1864. The mail was brought in various ways—by pony express, wagon trails, and most any way it could be sent. On August 2, 1872, George W. Johnson became postmaster, as William Newton had so many jobs he could not handle them all. Postmaster Johnson was followed by Emma J. Clark, made postmaster on November 5, 1883. She was followed by Mrs. Mary A Newton, a widow, on August 12, 1886. On February 16, 1891, Mrs. Newton was remarried to Mr. William Kay and continued on, under her new name of Mrs. Mary A Kay, until January 11, 1898. At this time Mr. Jon G. Felton became postmaster and held the position until January 23, 1911. Mr. John Yates became postmaster and had the post office in a room of his home for four years. On March 13, 1915 Ruby Vest was appointed postmaster and the post office was located in the General Merchandise store owned and operated by her father, James Vest. Ruby vest was married to Reuben Edward Carter soon after this time, and her sister Zella Vest was appointed on May 31, 1916. She held the position as Zella Vest until July 8, 1920. She then married and received the appointment as Zella Vest Ellertson. She continued to be postmaster until spring of 1923. At this time, the store, where the post office was located, was purchased by Reuben Edward Carter and he was appointed postmaster on July 24, 1923. He held the position for ten years. February 18, 1934, Mrs. Cora Fowden, a widow, received the appointment as postmaster and moved the office into a room of her home. This was the same home where Mr. John Yates had previously operated the post office. Mrs. Fowden continued to be postmaster for twenty-eight years. On July 19, 1962, she remarried and moved to Provo, leaving a vacancy. On October 19, 1962, Mrs. Fern Kay, Mrs. Fowden's relief postmaster, was appointed acting postmaster pending Civil service tests. Mrs. Kay purchased the home where Mrs. Fowden had the post office and moved the post office to the front of the building. On January 18, 1964, Mrs. Ray (Agnes) Myers was appointed postmaster. Mrs. Meyers rented the present building while having a new building constructed. The post office was moved to the new location on June 6, 1964 where it is presently located. Mrs. Myers incidentally is the granddaughter of the first postmaster of Mona, Mr. William Newton. Two previous postmasters, Zell and Ruby vest, were also granddaughters of Mr. Newton. Mrs. Myers retired as postmaster on January 31, 1983. The newly appointed postmaster is Mr. Carl Marvin of Payson, Utah.