

July 21, 1917.

W. Herbert Moore,

Wilson, N. H.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of letter which I sent to Washington on May 19th. Have just returned from the Albany Post Office, having had an interview with the Deputy Postmaster. He informs me that the headquarters of the inspectors who have charge of your district is in New York, Postmaster having nothing to do with the matter. He was also under the impression that the inspector for your district had been moved to some other location which is possibly New York.

Find that the United States Government is very slow in filling orders for maps etc. which is while waiting for the opinion that they have drawn from all departments to say the Treasury and War Departments during those strenuous times. This may possibly account for the delay in establishing the Post Office at your place. I will write to Mr. [Name] of Concord today who may be able to make some suggestion.

Do you contemplate any objections from the former residents as establishing the Post Office at your place? I take it for granted that Lathrop and Mr. Conklin would favor you as postmaster, although I have not heard from them this winter. He expects to arrive in the fall about the 1st of June and hope that the Post Office will be established before this time. I received a letter from Mr. [Name] this morning and am glad to hear that Mr. & Mrs. Stevens are at the lake and hope that Mr. Wilson Harris may be contemplating a gain, spending his summers on the water.

With regards to yourself and family, I remain

Yours truly,

May 19, 1917.

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Post Office Department,
First Assistant Post-General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Regarding Postmaster at Eagle Lake, Essex County, N. Y. to replace Mr. George A. Hotaling who died January last would say that I wish to recommend Mr. Herbert Moore as successor. Mr. Moore informs me that he has made application for Postmastership at Eagle Lake and that the inspector informed him that he, the inspector would call on him in April to investigate but up to May 17th nothing further has been done.

The former Postmaster, Mr. George A. Hotaling was proprietor of a summer hotel in which the Post Office was located. Owing to complications in the settling of his estate I am authoritatively informed that the hotel will probably not be opened for business this summer, eliminating this place as the Eagle Lake Post Office this summer.

Mr. Herbert Moore, Post Office, Chilson, N. Y. is a married man, forty five years of age, always lived in the same farm and I believe enjoys good credit. He conducts a boat livery and runs a small store during the summer months. He has the necessary dock facilities as the majority of the patrons of the Eagle Lake Post Office come and go in motor boats. The store is situated on the main road the next house east of the old Post Office, one-half mile distance. The mail wagon passes his door.

The abandonment of the Eagle Lake Post Office would delay the stage-driver and impair service because it would necessitate the Chilson Office to assort the mail in the several private mail bags which the Eagle Lake patrons would bring into use. The same delay would occur with the out-going mail, the stage-driver waiting for the mail to be cancelled and tied up.

I have been a summer resident at Eagle Lake, known as Chilson Lake on the United States Geological Survey Map, for some thirty years and if I can be of any service in furnishing further information I would be pleased to hear from you. My address for the present is W. S. Lodge, 91 N. Pearl St. Albany, N. Y.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. S. Lodge,

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