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Earliest Known Johnsonburg cancel - 1831



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To date, the earliest known manuscript postmark from Johnsonburg on January 31, 1831– a town with a much older history, as the 1754 marker shows. To learn what is special about Logg Gaol, see the story of on page 67.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It’s been a little more than two months, as I write this message, that our lives have been impacted in ways that none of us had ever even thought possible. Living here in New Jersey, the home of so many of our Society’s members, we’ve done our best to get through these difficult times. Most important, my sincere wish is that all of you and your families are safe and well. Hopefully, better times are ahead in the not too distant future.

With the disruption of our everyday lives, we are fortunate to have our wonderful hobby to help keep us engaged. I’ve caught up on my reading of a lot of philatelic literature, watched several webinars, worked on revisions to my stampless cover exhibit, and have enjoyed researching and writing a couple of articles for this issue of *NJPH*. Take a look at the Society’s website and review the many outstanding articles published over the years in our journal. With time on your hands, why not break the ice and become a contributor to our journal? All it takes is a scan or two of your favorite New Jersey related covers and a paragraph or two of text. Both Jean and I will work with you to edit and then publish your article in these pages.

This issue of our journal again brings a broad array of postal history. Captain Larry Brennan, U.S. N. Ret., returns with his third and final installment concerning the Battleship *New Jersey*, tracing its postal history from its final commissioning in 1982 to becoming a museum ship on the Delaware River waterfront at Camden. Jean Walton details the story of a rural post office – once the county seat of Sussex County – with an interesting history that begins with the discovery of an 18th Century road marker. Jim Walker returns with a second installment on rural free delivery routes in Hunterdon County. Larry Rausch, author of the recently published *Wheel of Fortune Cancellation*, has graciously contributed his listings for New Jersey. Don Chafetz returns with a review of three 19th century Morris County covers. I have included an article concerning my 40-year quest to find an illustration of the colonial Woodbridge straight line cancel reported to have been used in July 1775 and, a second article on the short-lived New Orange post office.

Finally, I thank all of you for your continued support and the many of you who have generously contributed to the Society. For those handful who have not renewed their membership, I have included a final request for payment. We don’t want to drop you from our rolls. Hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy the upcoming summer months.

ROBERT G. ROSE

ON THE ROAD TO LOGG GAOL..... The History of Johnsonburg

By Jean R. Walton

Along the Johnsonburg-Allamuchy Road (County Route 612) is an historic marker – much like Benjamin Franklin’s post road mileposts – which tells the traveller he is approaching Log Gaol.¹ The sign alongside indicates the stone was erected in 1754.²



Fig. 1: An historic marker on C.R. 612 between Allamuchy & Johnsonburg in Warren County, alerts travelers they are within 2 miles of “Logg Gaol.” The stone dates from 1754, when Log Gaol became the county seat of newly formed Sussex County.

Fig. 2: The stone still shows remnants of its original markings. While much worn across its 266 years, the inscription “2 TO LG” is still visible.

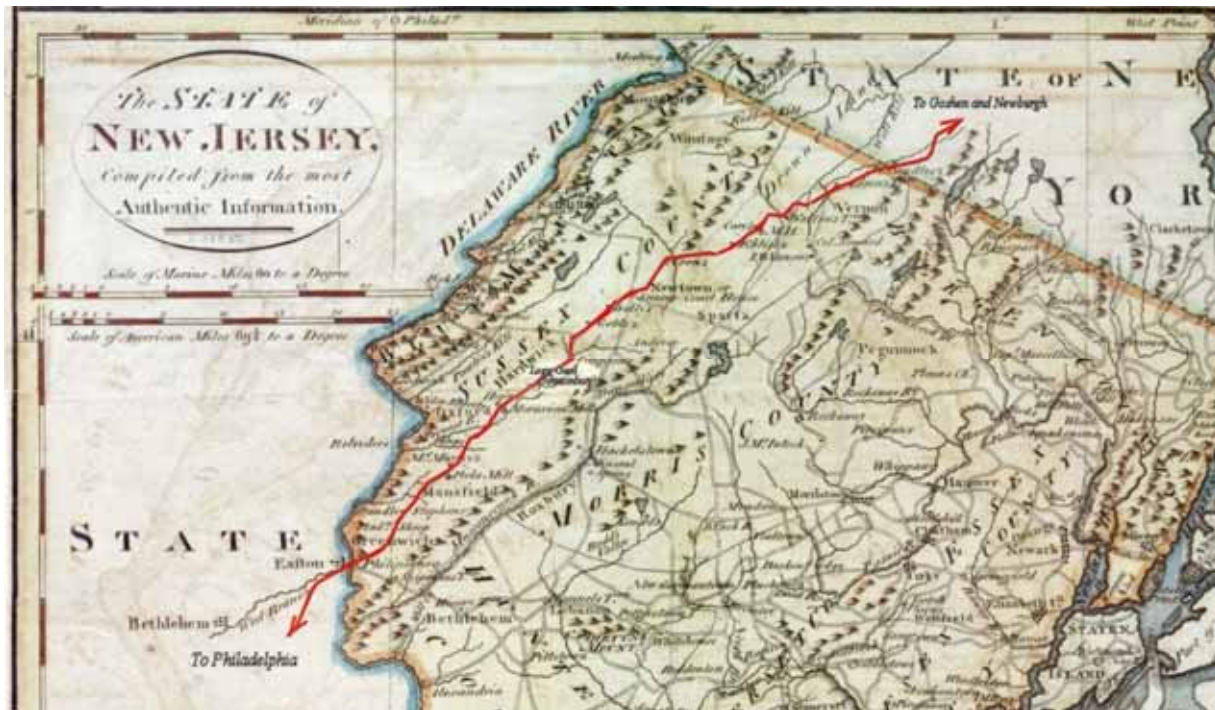
Why would Logg Gaol have warranted such a marker, on what today is a back road? The sign explains that Logg Gaol was the original county seat of Sussex County.

Logg Gaol became today’s Johnsonburg in Warren County, one of today’s “forgotten New Jersey towns.” But it once was an important crossroads and a mail center. This article explains its former stature.

Until 1753, this corner of West New Jersey between the Pequest and Paulin’s Kill rivers had been part of Morris County (formed in 1739), and before that in Hunterdon County (formed in 1714), but in 1753 Sussex County was created, reducing the size of Morris County.³ The small settlement on the road between Easton on the Delaware and Newburgh on the Hudson became the county seat. A log jail for the county was built here and the town took that as its name, Logg Gaol,

later reduced to Log Gaol. No other county building, court house or meeting house was ever built at this location. Meetings were held in local public houses or taverns. Only nine years later, the General Assembly of New Jersey ordered that a court house be built in New Town (now Newton) – 14 miles to the northeast. The court house was completed in 1765, and that town was renamed Sussex, often referred to as Sussex Court House, and the county seat was moved there. Log Gaol over time abandoned its name for a friendlier Johnsonburg, named for one of its local merchants. By 1824, the county of Sussex divided into Warren and Sussex, and the original county seat of Sussex County was no longer even in Sussex County.

So why was Log Gaol originally chosen for that honor? It seems that Log Gaol was located on the junction of two early roads – a north-south turnpike between Newburgh on the Hudson and Easton on the Delaware (across from Phillipsburg, NJ), and an east-west route from Dover to Stroudsburg.⁴ The map below is a section of a Samuel Lewis map from 1795,⁵ on which we have traced the north-south route. At Log Gaol, that route is now largely described by NJ state route 519, which wends its way northerly to Newton and on to the New York State border, and southerly through the Moravian community of Hope, seven miles to the southwest, and eventually to Easton on the Delaware.



Credit: Library of Congress map collection.⁵

Fig. 3: A corner of Samuel Lewis's 1795 map of New Jersey, showing roads existing at that time. We have superimposed an approximation of the north-south route from Easton (and Philadelphia) to the New York border (continuing on to Goshen and Newburg on the Hudson).

This route across northwestern New Jersey from Easton to Newburgh was especially useful during the Revolution, when New York was in the hands of the British, and enabled General Washington to communicate and travel between his headquarters on the Hudson and Philadelphia.⁶

George W. Cummins, Warren County historian, writes in 1911 of early post roads in New Jersey, and of the importance of this particular road:

As early as 1777 and until after 1800 the road from Easton and Phillipsburg to Belvidere, Hope, Johnsonburg and Newton, and from there by way of Goshen to Newburg, was acknowledged as the best line of travel between New England and Philadelphia. On this route have travelled General Washington, President Adams, General du Chastellux, and many others.

To [the post road from Boston to Savannah] a few cross routes were established, among them being one from Philadelphia to Bethlehem, another from Bethlehem to Easton and Sussex Court House in 1793, and yet another from Sussex Court House, to Elizabethtown, where it met the post road again. The *Easton and Goshen mail stage* was in operation across Warren county as early as 1803.⁷ [Ed., italics added]

Post offices as such before statehood were few and far between in New Jersey, and the mail was carried by postriders and stage coach, and dropped at local taverns and meeting houses. This method of delivery continued after New Jersey became a state. On a list of the earliest statehood post offices in the state, we find three that are of importance to this story:

- Sussex post office, established in 1792,⁸ (which became Newtown in 1797).
- Johnsonburg post office, in 1796
- and Newtown post office, in 1797 (changed in 1825 to Newton).⁹

So in fact these three pre-1800 post offices are actually two – Sussex/Newtown, and Johnsonburg.

At Johnsonburg, the post office was established next to the tavern, opposite the Allamuchy-Johnsonburg post road on which our marker lies. It began and ended its life on this spot, with some interruptions along the way. Both the tavern and that post office building still stand – with repairs and changes across the years. The tavern is vacant and now boarded up, and the post office building is now a local residence.



Credit: Doug D'Avino, Post Offices of NJ, A History told in Post Cards¹⁰

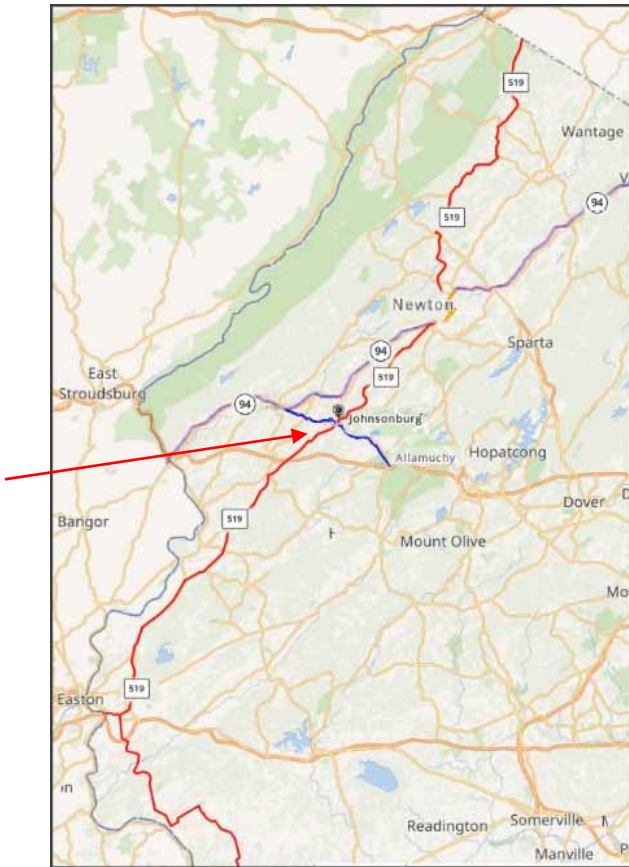
Fig. 4: A post card view of the Johnsonburg post office circa 1910-15.



Credit: Member Evan Kalish, taken for the PMCC¹¹

Fig. 5: A 2010 view of the post office in that same location.

Fig. 6: The current view shows those two buildings, the old tavern and the discontinued post office, as they appear in 2020.



Myra Snook, Fredon historian, in writing of Fredon and its post office in *NJPH* in 2005, notes that “On March 3, 1819 a mail route was established from Newton, Sussex County to Columbia Glass Manufactory, on the Delaware River, passing through Stillwater, Marksboro and Butt’s Bridge (Blairstown)” and points west – that route largely describes today’s Route 94.¹² The Allamuchy post road connected these old roads, (now routes 94 and 519) allowing for an advantageous east-west route. These intersecting roads are shown at left, with Johnsonburg at the crossroads.

Fig. 8: Mapquest map with overlain north-south route (Rte. 519), northeast-southwest route (Rte. 94), and post road to Allamuchy, from which both Hackettstown and Dover could be reached.

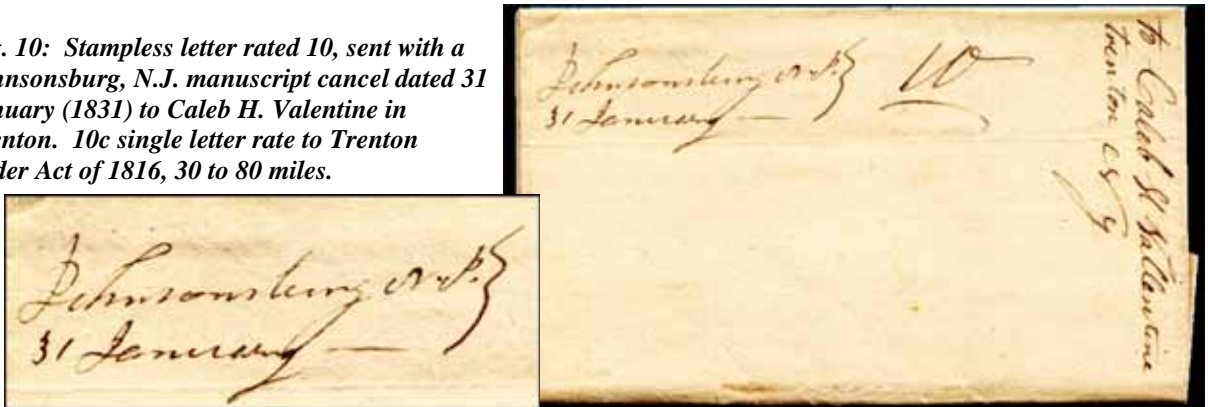
In 1838, Mitchell’s Travellers Guide lists among New Jersey’s principal stage routes, this same western turnpike that seems so often now forgotten by modern historians.

Fig. 9: Mitchells Guide to Travellers¹³ route from Easton to Newburg NY, following today’s CR 519 through Hope and Johnsonburg to New York State.

143. From Easton, Pa. to Newburg, N. Y.	
To Harmony, N. J.	6
Belvidere	6 12
Hope	8 20
Johnsonburg	6 26
Newton	10 36
Fayette	5 41
Monroe	4 45
Hamburg	4 49
Vernon	6 55
New Milford, N. Y. . . .	4 59
Warwick	4 63
Florida	5 68
Goshen	6 74
Hamptonburg	8 82
Blooming Grove	3 85
New Windsor	2 87
Newburg	8 95

The earliest mail we have recorded from Johnsonburg (then Johnsonsburgh) is from 1831 – though it is very possible earlier examples may occur:

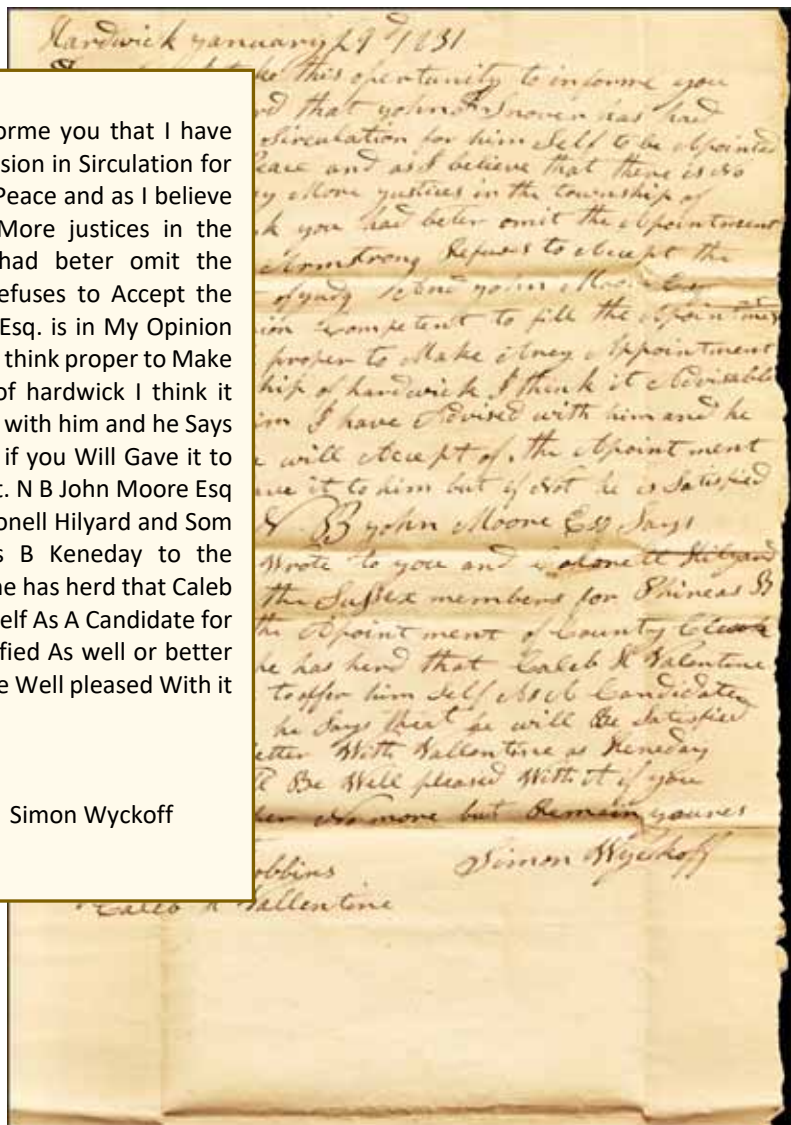
Fig. 10: Stampless letter rated 10, sent with a Johnsonsburg, N.J. manuscript cancel dated 31 January (1831) to Caleb H. Valentine in Trenton. 10c single letter rate to Trenton under Act of 1816, 30 to 80 miles.



Hardwick January 29th 1831
 Dear Sirs I take this opportunity to inform you that I have heard that John F Snover has had A petition in Circulation for him Self to be Apointed Justice of the Peace and as I believe that there is No Occasion of Aney More justices in the township of hardwick I think you had beter omit the Apointment But As John Armstong Refuses to Accept the Apointment of judg And John Moore Esq. is in My Opinion Competent to fill the Apointment if you think proper to Make Aney appointment for the township of hardwick I think it Advisable to Apoint him I have Advised with him and he Says that he will Accept of the Apointment if you Will Gave it to him but if Not he is Satisfied With out it. N B John Moore Esq Says that he has Wrote to you and Colonell Hilyard and Som of the Sussex members for Phineas B Keneday to the Apointment of County Clerk and Sinst he has herd that Caleb H Valentine has A Notion to offer him Self As A Candidate for the office he Says that he will Be Satisfied As well or better With Valentine as Keneday And I Will Be Well pleased With it if you think propper
 No more but Remain youres
 With Respect
 Jonathan Robbins
 Caleb H Vallentine

Simon Wyckoff

Fig. 11: A message datelined from Hardwick – the township where Johnsonburg was then located - with political content - sent from Simon Wyckoff to Caleb Valentine, serving in Trenton as a Member of the NJ Congress, advising him of requests and expectations of local appointments.



Courtesy of Robert Livingstone, from his collection of the Letters of Caleb Valentine¹⁴

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In my search for other letters with Johnsonburg cancels, I was not disappointed – in fact, rarely have I found such a successful response. I found a number of other members who were helpful – in particular Robert Livingstone, Ed & Jean Siskin and Bob Rose – and Steve Roth contributed the information that the 1831 cover above was the earliest known.

Fig. 12: A June 5, 1840 rose red cds (not previously recorded in red with any date but 1842), with Johnsonsburgh spelling. Coles J10 (red).

Sent to Northfield, Mass. At the 18¾ cent single letter rate to Massachusetts under Act of March 3, 1825, 150 to 400 miles.

Courtesy Robert G. Rose



Courtesy Ed & Jean Siskin
Fig. 13: Dec. 16 (1845) cancel, on a cover datelined Johnsonsburgh, rated 10¢ for ½ ounce to Michigan under Act of March 3, 1845, over 300 miles.

Courtesy Ed & Jean Siskin

Fig. 14: Dec 24 (1845) letter to George Sykes in Washington, DC, rated 10¢ for 1 ounce to Washington, DC under Act of March 3, 1845, under 300 miles.



Courtesy Ed & Jean Siskin

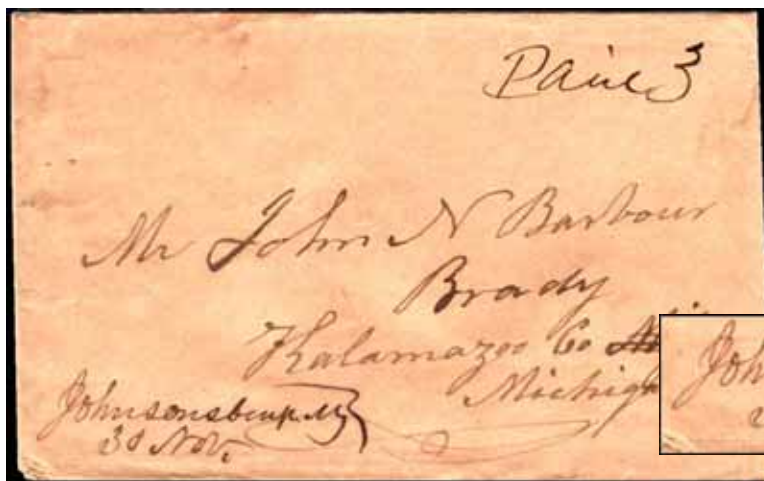
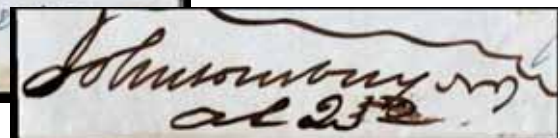
Fig. 15: March 14, 1847 cds, again addressed to Michigan, 10¢ rate for ½ ounce to Michigan under Act of March 3, 1845, over 300 miles; additional 2¢ charge for advertised cover.¹⁵

Johnsonsburch cds (Coles J10) in black.

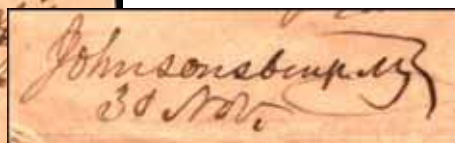


Courtesy Ed & Jean Siskin
Fig. 16: Apl 21, 1849 stampless letter, datelined Marksboro, sent to "Pea Pack", NJ at 5¢ rate for ½ ounce under Act of March 3, 1845, for under 300 miles.

Note there appears to be no H at the end of Johnsonsburch.



Courtesy Ed & Jean Siskin
Fig. 17: Nov. 30 (circa 1853), no contents. Sent at the 3¢ prepaid rate for ½ ounce to Michigan under Act of March 3, 1851, not exceeding 3,000 miles



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One of these letters (March 14, 1847, with cds) contains an interesting note: “I have forgotten one thing – we have a stage running through this place every day from Stroudsburg to Morristown. Making three trips per week. It is expected to carry the mail in a few weeks which will be a convenience we have never enjoyed before in this place.”

It is interesting to note that of these stampless letters with Johnsonburg manuscripts and cds cancels, only two are datelined Johnsonburg. The 1831 letter is datelined Hardwick (using the township name), two others are datelined Marksboro, and one is datelined Hope. It seems reasonably safe to assume that Johnsonburg was the preferred place to mail a letter from surrounding towns, even though Hope had a post office as early as 1802, and Marksborough in 1820.

One other interesting point is the spelling of the town name. A search of the National Archives postmaster appointment files indicates that although originally listed as Johnsonburg, the name continued to change until 1893, when it returned to the original spelling. In the years in Sussex County (i.e. to 1824), it was consistently listed as Johnsonburg, but beginning with the years in Warren County, the first listing shows it with an s inserted between “Johnson” and “burg” (Johnsonsburg), which soon changed in 1827 to Johnsonsburgh (added h at end), which changed again in 1833 to Johnsonburgh (no central s, but h at end) – which it remained until 1893. At that time, the Postmaster General’s directive to simplify town names resulted in the return to simply Johnsonburg.

The cancels on the above letters seem not to bear this out – all have the inserted s, although the use of burgh and burg seems to have differed, perhaps by postmaster. Among the Southard letters, however, previously recorded in our journals, there is one from 1834¹⁶ which has no central s – so perhaps Postmaster Isaac Dennis was paying attention, but after that, old patterns prevailed. The two examples of the cds cancel in the 1840s have the central s, although National Archives lists it as Johnsonburgh by that time. The names as listed in National Archives records are outlined in the postmaster list as the end of this article.¹⁷

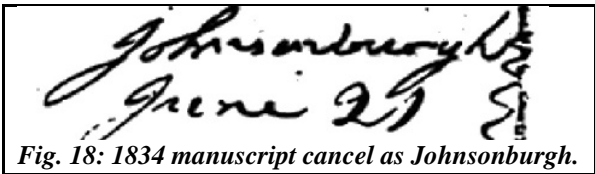
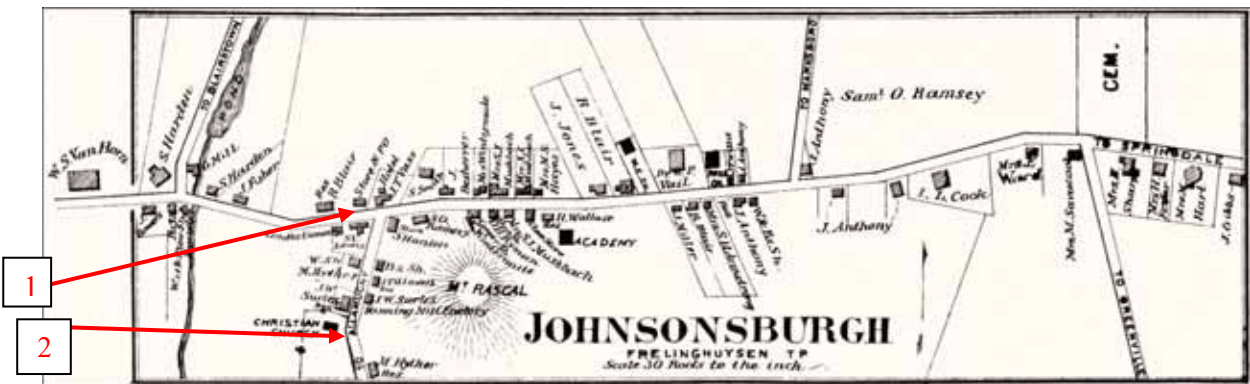


Fig. 18: 1834 manuscript cancel as Johnsonburgh.

Contemporary maps went their own way. Beers *Warren County Atlas of 1874* shows the Johnsonsburgh spelling. Most other contemporary maps used a simple Johnsonburg spelling.



Credit: Beers 1874 Atlas of Warren County¹⁸

Fig. 19: The town of Johnsonsburgh, showing post office location (1) and road to Allamuchy (2).

The twentieth century brought a bevy of cancels, which we show from Bob Rose's New Jersey postal history stock, all consistently using the Johnsonburg spelling.



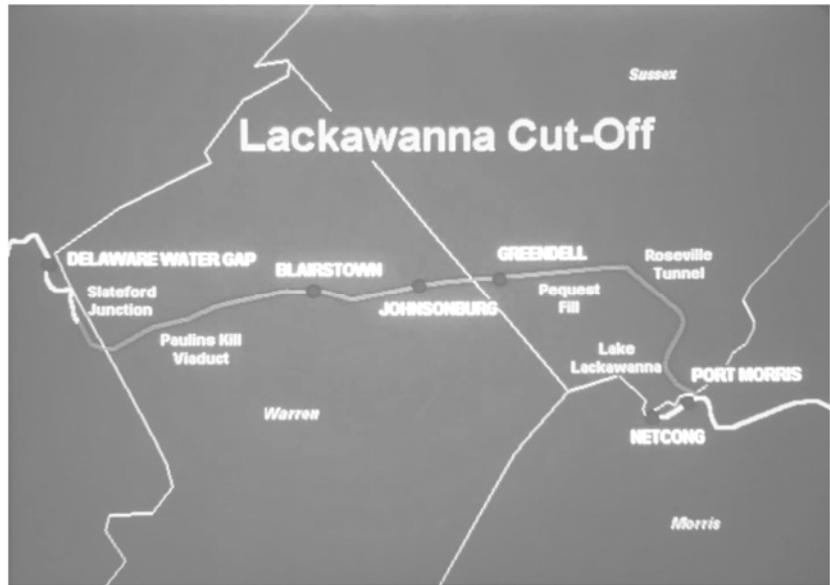
Courtesy of Robert G. Rose.

Figs. 20-24: A variety of Johnsonburg 20th century cancels, on postcards, and one postal stationery envelope. The 1918 post card was sent at the 2¢ war rate.

Between 1905 and 1911, a new period of growth and activity began in Johnsonburg, as crews arrived for the construction of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad Cutoff, which leveled the rail bed and shortened the distance on this major railroad line. Johnsonburg was one of three original stations to be built along this line, and with it came hopes of expansion and a new growth in industry. But this was a pipedream – the line was built for speed, not really to serve the towns along its route. For Johnsonburg it created little freight or passenger service, becoming only a flag stop between 1941 and 1952.¹⁹ It appears, from post office location documents, that the post office was moved for a time to a location closer to the tracks. The station was closed in 1941, and razed in 2007.



Fig. 25: DL&W Cutoff map, showing Johnsonburg in Warren County.²⁰



Reprinted from *The Lackawanna Railroad in Northwest New Jersey*.²¹

Fig. 26: The Johnsonburg station along the line of the DL&W Cutoff. At left is a large creamery.

Johnsonburg, for me, had previously been only a pass-through town on the way to dinner at the Walpack Inn. It has become a great deal more, which I might have never explored but for the stone marker along the road between it and Allamuchy. So many little towns in New Jersey slip into modern oblivion. I am glad to have discovered this one.

My sincere thanks for all those who helped me in this voyage of discovery: members Robert Livingstone, Ed & Jean Siskin, Robert G. Rose, Steve Roth, and Evan Kalish.

A list of Johnsonburg postmasters follows.

Jean R. Walton ~ ON THE ROAD TO LOG GOAL....The History of Johnsonburg

Postmasters Who Served at Johnsonburg 1796 – 2011

(red letters in town name indicate spelling changes shown in National Archives Postmaster Appointments)

IN SUSSEX		
Johnsonburg		
PM	Appointed	Nat'l Archives
Jonathan Johnson	1796-Jan-20	Johnsonburg
Jonathan Johnson	1799-May-14	" "
Johnsonburgh		" "
Henry Johnson	1802-Jan-01	" "
Aaron Kerr	1804-Jan-01	" "
Jacob Stinson	1807-Jul-01	" "
Abraham Shaver	1814-Ma-07	" "
William Gibbs	1817-Jun-28	" "
Joshua Swayze	1819-Mar-01	" "
Morris Sharp	1819-Nov-01	" "
Richard Stillwell	1821-Jul-14	" "
Abraham Shaver	1822-Jun-11	" "
Joseph W. Kerr	1824-Oct-28	Johnsonsburg
IN WARREN	1824-Nov-20	
Abner Bunting	1827-Feb-08	Johnsonsburgh
Isaac Freese	1828-May-07	" "
Isaac Dennis	1833-Mar-22	Johnsonburgh
Isaac J. Durling	1845-Jan-20	" "
Wm. S. Pittenger	1846-Jun-15	" "
Robert Blair	1849-May-02	" "
Lewis Bell	1857-May-11	" "
Martin M. Drake	1858-Mar-17	" "
Lewis Dennis	1861-Aug-10	" "

IN WARREN (Cont'd)		
PM	Appointed	Nat'l Archives
John L. Armstrong	1861-Oct-3	Johnsonburgh
John W. Givens	1866-Aug-21	" "
Austin B. Kelsey	1869-Mar-19	" "
Frederick Rorbach	XXX-Feb-3	" "
Geo. W. Van Horne	1879-Feb-19	" "
Elbridge Harden	1885-Nov-23	" "
Nathan Hazen	1889-May-10	" "
Elbridge Harden	1893-Jul-12	Johnsonburg
Thomas J. Waterfield	1897-Jun-19	" "
Elbridge Harden	1913-Aug-23	" "
Sarah M. Kerr	1916-Apr-1	" "
Geo. Van Horne	1917-Dec-17	" "
Miss Zenia Lolas	1943-Dec-11	" "
Miss Zenia Lolas	1944-Jun-9	" "
Mrs. Zenia Eckel	1950-Sep-30	" "
Richard S. Latteman	1952-Feb-8	" "
Mrs. Emelia C. Zaremba	1955-Sep-23	" "
Mrs. Emelia C. Zaremba	1957-Jan 11	
Note* (see below)		
Mrs. Hazel V. Van Auken	1980-Aug-9	
Maria A. Staples	1992-Sep-29	" "
Mary Ann McKinley	1993-Apr-3	" "
Tanya L. Bailey	2006-Dec-29	" "

Service suspended on March 17, 2011, Discontinued on August 12, 2017; mail to Blairstown.

Sources: Len Peck, [Postmasters of Sussex County](#); Coles & Griffith - [New Jersey Postmasters of the Stampless Era, 1789-1857](#), National Archives Postmaster Appointments, and [USPS Postmasterfinder](#)

* Note: USPS Postmasterfinder begins for Johnsonburg in 1980, and National Archives appointment files go only to 1972 – information may be missing here.

ENDNOTES:

¹ Once again, Charlie Fineran’s Monday morning picture posts inspired some further research into this particular town. Charlie is the Director Open Space, Warren County, the chairman of the Allamuchy Township Environmental Commission, and the President of the Allamuchy Historical Society – not to mention his skills with a camera which he posts regularly for anyone to visit, usually with expanded thoughts and historical information.

- ² Early history of Johnsonburg is recorded by George W. Cummins, and paraphrased here:
Samuel Green was one of the first white men to visit this part of the country, as a surveyor. In 1715, he was one of a party of surveyors to follow the Indian path leading from Allamucha to Minnisink, after possessory rights were purchased from the Indians. One of the earliest grants to an actual settler in this area was given to George Green, after a survey by Samuel Green in November of 1725, recorded by James Alexander, Surveyor General at Burlington. Samuel Green later lived at what is now Johnsonburg, and gave the land for the old log. jail.
The courts for Sussex County were established by an ordinance from the Governor of New Jersey on November 20, 1753, at what is now Johnsonburg, at the public house of Jonathan Pettit. The jail was ordered to be built in April 1754, on the land donated by Samuel Green. See Cummins, pps. 17-18, pps. 25-26, and 130-2. *Cummins History of Warren County New Jersey* by George Wyckoff Cummins, Ph. D., M. D. New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1911. Available on [Google books](#).
- ³ For the story of New Jersey's Counties, see New Jersey County Formation at <https://njpostalhistory.org/media/pdf/NJCtyformation.pdf>,. The Colony of New Jersey was divided in two parts, East and West Jersey, divided by a line drawn on the map between Little Egg Harbor on the shore and Minnisink on the Delaware, in the northeastern corner of the colony, drawn first by George Keith in 1687 and by Lawrence in 1743 – see http://westjersey.org/wj_line.htm#Keithnote
- ⁴ Wikipedia on Johnsonburg, NJ at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnsonburg,_New_Jersey
- ⁵ Samuel Lewis, compiler, 1795 map published by M. Carey, Philadelphia – border trimmed). See Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3810.ct000066/>.
- ⁶ Gerard J. Neufeld, "Early New Jersey Post Roads," in the Postal History Journal, No. 81, Feb. 1989, p. 21.
- ⁷ *Cummins History of Warren County New Jersey, op cit.*, pps. 58-59.
- ⁸ Sussex refers to Sussex Court House, and should not to be confused with the current New Jersey town called Sussex, formerly called Deckertown.
- ⁹ New Town, or Newtown, was established even before Sussex county was separated from Morris County, in 1751, and before it became the Sussex County seat
- ¹⁰ Doug D'Avino, NJPHS Gallery of The Post Offices of New Jersey, a History Told in Post Cards at <https://www.njpostalhistory.org/post-offices-of-nj.html>.
- ¹¹ Courtesy Evan Kalish, webmaster at The Post Mark Collectors Club web site, a photo taken by him in 2010. Used with permission. For photos of NJ post offices, see <http://www.postmarks.org/photos/us.php?st=NJ>. Contact NJPHS & PMCC member [Evan Kalish](#) for permission to use.
- ¹² Myra Snook, "History of the Fredon, NJ Post Office," NJPH Vol. 33/No. 1 February 2005 [Whole No. 157](#), source: the Sussex Register at <http://www.usgenwebsites.org/NJSussex/pdf-files/Sus-Reg/Sus.Reg-1-45.pdf>
- ¹³ Mitchells Travellers Guide through the United States, Hinton & Dutton, Philadelphia, 1838. Available on [Google Books](#) . This guide includes Stage, Steam-Boat, Canal, and Railroad Routes. Other years are also available, beginning in 1832. An invaluable resource. See Library of Congress link at <https://www.loc.gov/item/05032173/>.
- ¹⁴ Many thanks to member Robert Livingstone, for the use of his letter, and his transcription of the contents. Please see his article in the August 2006 issue of *NJPH* (whole # 163): The Stampless Letters Of Judge Caleb Hazen Valentine at <https://www.njpostalhistory.org/media/archive/163-aug06njph.pdf>.
- ¹⁵ The "A" indicates the cover was advertised, and when it successfully reached its intended addressee, was charged an extra 2¢ for that service – conversation with Ed Siskin (my go-to expert), and his go-to expert, Bernard Biales, and Bob Rose.
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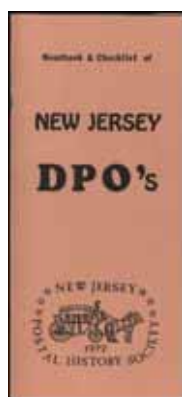
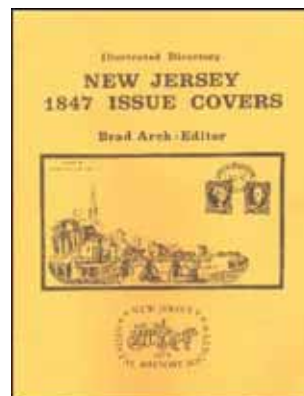
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