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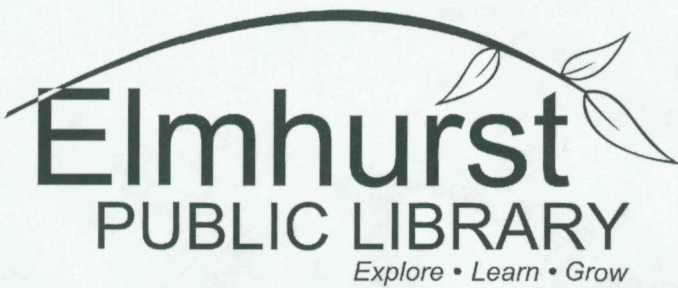
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20 Have Served City As Postmaster

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You wouldn't be wrong if you said the post office has been in Elmhurst longer than Elmhurst has, despite the fact that the city traces its beginning to 1836, nine years before John L. Hovey was appointed the first postmaster on Dec. 9, 1945.

That is because the tiny village that was to become this city was first named Cottage Hill. It wasn't until Nov. 30, 1868, when Augustus Palmer, the sixth postmaster to serve here, was in office, that residents changed the name to Elmhurst. But hold on. Some of the folks didn't like Elmhurst, and they changed it back to Cottage Hill on Feb. 25, 1869.

Although only 20 men have been postmaster, several held the office on more than one occasion, and one who was acting postmaster was never actually appointed to the position.

Postmasters and the dates they were appointed are:
 • John L. Hovey — Dec. 9, 1845 (town called Cottage Hill)

- Edward Bonney — June 29, 1847
- Gerry Bates — June 19, 1849
- Lewis Gray — March 22, 1859
- Diedrick Mung — April 16, 1859
- Gerry Bates — March 29, 1861
- Augustus Palmer — March 2, 1865
- Augustus Palmer — Nov. 20, 1868 (town renamed Elmhurst)
- Gerry Bates — Nov. 20, 1868
- Gerry Bates — Feb. 25, 1869 (town renamed Cottage Hill)
- Gerry Bates — May 26, 1870 (town renamed Elmhurst)
- Frederick H. Bates — Sept. 13, 1878
- Jacob Glos — Oct. 14, 1881
- Christian Blievericht — Oct. 12, 1885
- Frederick H. Bates — Aug. 2, 1886
- Henry L. Glos — July 9, 1890
- Otto H. Stange — Oct. 20, 1890

- 1893
- William Graue — Oct. 22, 1897
- Otto H. Balgemann — Feb. 5, 1906
- Gustave L. Burmeister — March 10, 1914
- Louis A. Luetgert — Jan. 10, 1923
- John M. Tubergen — acting postmaster, Sept. 8, 1933
- James F. Grogan — June 12, 1934
- Joseph J. Holloway — acting postmaster, Feb. 18, 1933

- 1946
- Joseph J. Holloway — March 17, 1949
- Lawrence C. Isrealson — officer-in-charge, Feb. 9, 1966
- Robert J. Clute — April 22, 1966
- Lawrence C. Isrealson — officer-in-charge, March 13, 1970
- Lawrence C. Isrealson — May 29, 1971
- William G. Brian — officer-in-charge, June 29, 1973
- William G. Brian — Dec. 8, 1973.

NOTICE TO ALL SESQUICENTENNIAL GOLFERS

The Elmhurst Sesquicentennial Golf Outing on September 11 was rained out. The event has been rescheduled on Friday, October 3 at Oak Meadows.