

THE POST OFFICES OF SOULANGES COUNTY

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Soulanges County, established in 1855, is a rather irregular tongue of land situated on the north shore of the St. Lawrence west of the Island of Montreal (or more precisely, of Ile Perrot), and extends from Pointe-des-Cascades to the Ontario border. It is derived from the seigniories of Soulanges and Nouvelle Longueuil; the former was granted to Pierre-Jacques Joybert de Soulanges on October 12, 1702, and the latter to Joseph Lemoyne, the Seigneur of Longueuil, on April 21, 1734. The first inhabitants of Canada, well before the arrival of the French, must certainly have trod the soil of a part of this territory in order to avoid the rapids between Lake St. Louis and Lake St. François - likely between Pointe-des-

Cascades and Coteau Landing.

From the point of view of the mails, the municipal county of Soulanges has had twenty-one post offices. Today only eleven remain, the others having been gradually eliminated because of Rural Mail Delivery. The alphabetical list given here shows the opening date, the closing date of those offices no longer current, as well as other names these offices may have operated under. Note in passing that of the twenty-one offices listed, twelve were open prior to Confederation; there is no question of this being a "new territory". In the case of a name change, the date listed under "Opening Date" or "Closing Date" is the date of the name change. Also listed are the Money Order Office Number (MOON) and the Post Office Computer Organization Number (POCON) of the offices to which these were assigned.



Map showing the seigniories of southwestern Quebec in the 18th century.
The present County of Soulanges is the shaded area.

NAME	FORMER NAME	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	LATER NAME	MOON	POCON
Cascades Point		1893 06 01	1951 02 02	Pointe-des-Cascades		
Cedars		1837 04 06	1923	Les Cèdres		
Cedars Station		1904 08 0ç	1915 12 31			
Coteau-du-Lac		1789	open		0241	271040
Coteau Landing		1847 05 06	open		0243	271039
Coteau-Station		1859 06 01	open		0244	270047
Cote-St-Emmanuel		1897 05 01	1916 07 24			
Dalhousie-Station		1891 03 01	open		0255	271101
De Beaujeu	St-Polycarpe-Junction	1925 09 30	1969 11 10		0350	
Les Cèdres	Cedars	1923	open		0188	270792
Mount Joy		1859 04 01	1879 11 01	St-Télesphore		
Mousseau		1911 11 02	1917 01 31			
Pointe-des-Cascades	Cascades Point	1951 02 02	open		0182	270768
Pont Chateau		1863 05 01	1916 07 24			
River Beaudette		1857 11 01	1939 02 01	Rivière Beaudette		
Rivière Beaudette	River Beaudette	1939 02 01	open		1104	273724
Ste-Claire-d'Assise		1932 07 17	1942 09 30	(summer office)		
St-Clet		1851 08 06	open		1290	274461
St-Dominique-des-Cèdres		1861 10 01	1863 01 08			
		1869 07 01	1897 05 01			
		1907 10 01	1910 03 01			
St-Dominique-Station		1879 10 01	1915 12 31			
St-Polycarpe		1846 03 06	open		1663	275964
St-Polycarpe-Junction		1898 06 01	1925 09 30	De Beaujeu		
St-Télesphore	Mount Joy	1879 11 01	open		1734	276170
St-Thomas-de-Soulanges		1912 10 28	1937 09 04			
St-Zotique		1854 04 01	open		1780	276340
Vallée-des-Erables		1912 11 11	1916 01 24			

