

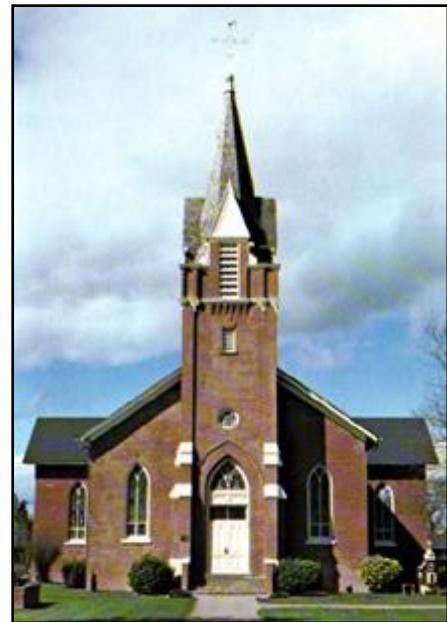
ST PAUL, OREGON: A SURVEY OF ITS POSTAL HISTORY

Type, Purpose, and Scope

This single-frame 16-page exhibit focuses on the postal history of the town of St Paul in Marion County in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The town was first settled around 1830 by French Canadian trappers retired from the Hudson Bay Company in Fort Vancouver, Washington. The town gets its name from the Catholic Church which they built and was dedicated in January 1839. A post office was established in 1874 but there was much correspondence before and of course after that, by horse, stage coach, paddle wheeler, and truck.

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St Paul Catholic Church, after which the town of St Paul is named.

Highlights

Covers and letters from the period before the post office was established in 1874 are difficult to find. The first known surviving letter by the French Canadians requesting a Catholic priest is shown, courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society (outlined in red). This exhibit focuses on covers (envelopes and postal cards) since the founding of the post office in 1874.

Background Information

This exhibit is based on articles by the exhibitor titled “St Paul” and “St Paul Catholic Church” in the online *Oregon Encyclopedia* hosted by the Oregon Historical Society, and the book *St Paul 1830 to 1890* by Harvey McKay.