

MISS F. M. TOWLE, Postmaster

Miss F. M. Towle, Gaylord's efficient and popular postmaster, enjoys the novel distinction of holding a presidential post office longer than any other lady incumbent in the history of the United States. Miss Towle came with her parents to Gaylord in May, 1887, at which time the town was only a hamlet of thirteen houses.

Wm. H. Smith was Gaylord's first postmaster, being succeeded by C. F. Doore in 1877. Miss Towle was appointed assistant under Mr. Doore and upon his death in 1879 commissioned postmaster, serving continuously until January, 1897, when she was succeeded by Mrs. Rhoda Strunk, who held office until July, 1889, when Geo. A. Badcon was appointed and Miss Towle became assistant under him. He died in the latter part of 1891 and Miss Towle was again commissioned postmaster January 14, 1892, serving continuously up to the present time with several years more in prospect. The office was raised to the third class in 1893, just before President Cleveland took office, and Miss Towle served a full term under him without molestation.

The present post office building was erected in 1898. Two R. R. D. routes were established in April, 1904, Clarence Murner being carrier on No. 1, covering 25 miles, and Dell Shetler on No. 2, covering 23 miles. Mrs. J. P. Hamilton, assistant postmaster, has held the position for ten years. Robert White and Harry Badcon are the efficient clerks.

