

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must be 13 years old or younger and accompanied by an adult to participate.
2. The scavenger hunt can be completed at your own pace from June 12th through August 21st. When you spot Postmaster McDaniel's lost mail at a participating location, get a signature, stamp or sticker from an employee.
3. If you collect at least 10 signatures/stamps/stickers, bring this booklet to the Wilmette Historical Museum (open Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 1 – 4:30 p.m.) to receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone generously donated by Homer's Ice Cream.
4. If you collect 15 or more signatures/stamps/stickers, bring this booklet to the Wilmette Historical Museum to receive a coupon for a free small pizza generously donated by Lou Malnati's and to be entered in a raffle with prizes from Lawrence Deans, Central Station Coffee & Tea, and Wilmette Bicycle & Sports Shop.

WHO IS POSTMASTER MCDANIEL?

Alexander McDaniel came to the North Shore in 1836 from New York state and married Emeline Huntoon of Evanston in 1842. McDaniel had made a fortune in the California Gold Rush and used that money to invest in Wilmette property. He became an early civic leader, playing an important role in the founding of the village in 1872.

In 1869, Alexander McDaniel built a home on the southeast corner of Wilmette and Central Avenues (currently the site of Valley Lodge Tavern restaurant.) In this house, McDaniel ran an informal post office. Since there was no home delivery at the time, residents stopped by McDaniel's home to drop off or pick up their mail. Anyone traveling to and from the nearest post office in Evanston and McDaniel's home would transport the mail. Mr. McDaniel sorted the mail in a wooden cabinet of pigeon-holes.

Alexander McDaniel was appointed Wilmette's first postmaster in 1870. His son-in-law, storekeeper William Henry Kinney, took over the position in 1889. In 1915, McDaniel's home was moved to 1138 Oakwood Avenue where it still stands today.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Your parent's name: _____

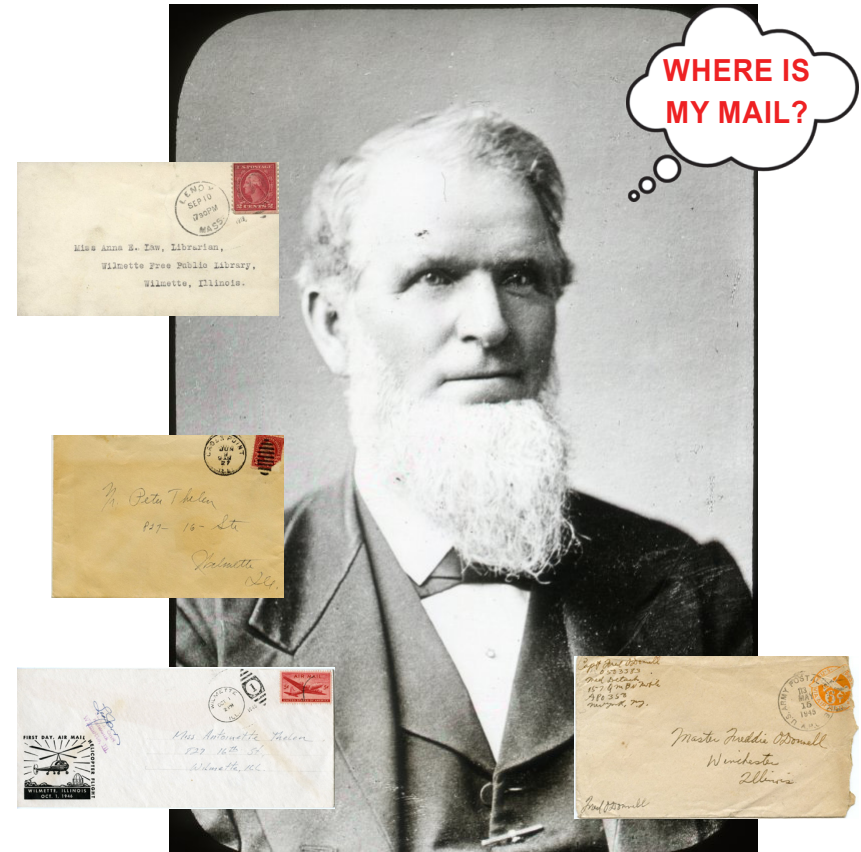
Your parent's email: _____

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS...

What sort of mail do you think Wilmette residents received 150 years ago? How does this compare to what your family receives today? What other ways do folks communicate and share information today?

FIND POSTMASTER MCDANIEL'S LOST MAIL

June 12 – August 21, 2022



Postmaster McDaniel's mail is hidden throughout Wilmette.

Join the scavenger hunt to find it!

Organized by:



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R = Ridge Road

P = Plaza del Lago

4+L = 4th + Linden

DGB = Downtown/Green Bay Road

D = Downtown

<p>West End Florist and Garden Center 3800 Old Glenview Rd, Evanston</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p>	<p>Wilmette Historical Museum 609 Ridge Road</p> <p><i>Find Postmaster McDaniel's mail cabinet</i></p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R</p>	<p>Books of Life 805 Ridge Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R</p>	<p>Zier's Prime Meats 813 Ridge Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R</p>	<p>John Plunkett Interiors 1600 10th Street</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>
<p>Giggles and Giraffes 1515 Sheridan Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>Just Food for Dogs 1515 Sheridan Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>Vibrato Boutique 1515 Sheridan Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>Dental Studio of Wilmette 400 Linden Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4+L</p>	<p>Smilin Dental 411 Linden Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4+L</p>
<p>Secure Futures 413 Linden Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4+L</p>	<p>Wilmette Public Library 1242 Wilmette Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  Wilmette's Sesquicentennial </p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p>Backyard Barbecue Store 535 Green Bay Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p>Mid-Central Printing and Mailing 1211 Wilmette Ave</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>
<p>Wilmette Bicycle & Sports Shop 605 Green Bay Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p>Wilmette Pet Center 625 Green Bay Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p>Lawrence Deans 637 Green Bay Road</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DGB</p>	<p>Hubba-Hubba 1105 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>	<p>Wilmette Theatre 1122 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>
<p>Heroines and Heroes 1129 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>	<p>Lambrecht's Jewelers 1131 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>	<p>Morning Glory Flower Shop 1135 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>	<p>William Harris Lee & Co. 1138 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>	<p>Central Station Coffee & Tea 1150 Central Avenue</p> <p>----- Initial/stamp/sticker</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D</p>