

Famous Postal Workers

Most people know that Benjamin Franklin worked for the Postal Service, but did you know that Bing Crosby and Walt Disney did too? For most of the people on this list, postal work came before fame. A few — like Fred Lindstrom and Harry Hooper — were famous before their postal careers. Fifteen of these individuals have also been commemorated on U.S. postage stamps. Their names are marked with an asterisk (*).

Name	Fame	Postal Work
John Brown	Abolitionist	Postmaster, Randolph, PA; 1828–1835
Charles Bukowski	Poet, novelist, screenwriter	Clerk, Los Angeles, CA; 1950s–60s
Steve Carell	Actor, comedian	Rural letter carrier, Littleton, MA; 1985
Anthony Comstock	Anti-vice crusader	Special Agent/Postal Inspector; 1873–1915
Bing Crosby*	Singer, actor	Substitute and regular clerk, Spokane, WA; 1921
Walt Disney*	Film producer, theme park creator	Substitute carrier, Chicago, IL, and Christmas temporary, Kansas City, MO; 1918, 1919
William Faulkner*	Novelist	Acting Postmaster and Postmaster, University, MS; 1921–1924
Benjamin Franklin*	Statesman, inventor, printer	Postmaster General, 1775–1776 <i>(Postmaster of Philadelphia under the British from 1737 to 1753 and Deputy Postmaster General from 1753 to 1774)</i>
Dennis Franz	Actor, NYPD Blue	Substitute letter carrier, Illinois; ca. 1970
Ace Frehley	Guitarist for Kiss	Substitute letter carrier, New York, NY; ca. 1970
Sherman Hemsley	Actor, The Jeffersons	Clerk, Philadelphia, PA, and New York, NY; 1960s
Conrad Hilton	Hotel magnate	Postmaster, San Antonio, NM; 1910–1911
Harry Hooper	Baseball Hall-of-Famer	Acting Postmaster and Postmaster, Capitola, CA; 1933–1957
Brittany Howard	Singer, Alabama Shakes	Rural carrier assistant, Athens, AL; 2011
Rock Hudson	Actor	Substitute letter carrier, Winnetka, IL; ca. 1947
Ellsworth Kelley*	Artist	Clerk, New York, NY; 1954–1955
Sidney Lanier*	Poet	Clerk, Macon, GA; ca. 1858
Abraham Lincoln*	16 th U.S. President	Postmaster, New Salem, IL; 1833–1836
Charles Lindbergh*	Aviator	Airmail pilot; 1926–1927
Fred C. Lindstrom	Baseball Hall-of-Famer	Acting Postmaster, Postmaster, and Officer-In-Charge, Evanston, IL; 1961–1972
Charles Mingus*	Jazz musician	Letter carrier, San Francisco, 1946, and Los Angeles, 1949. Clerk, New York, NY; 1952
Samuel F. B. Morse*	Inventor, painter	Superintendent, Telegraph Unit; 1845–1846
John Prine	Singer, songwriter	Letter carrier, Maywood, IL; 1964–1969
Knute Rockne*	Football coach	Substitute and regular clerk, Chicago, IL; 1907–1910
Adlai E. Stevenson	23 rd U.S. Vice President	First Assistant Postmaster General; 1885–1889
Harry S. Truman*	33 rd U.S. President	Postmaster, Grandview, MO; 1914–1915
John Wanamaker	Department store magnate	Postmaster General; 1889–1893
Noah Webster*	Lexicographer	Special agent; 1793
Richie Weeks	Music producer	Clerk, New York, NY; ca. 1967–1997
Hal Williams	Actor	Clerk, Los Angeles, CA; 1968–70s
Richard Wright*	Author	Substitute clerk, Chicago, IL; 1929–1932
N.C. Wyeth*	Painter	Mail carrier, Fort Defiance, AZ, to Crozier, NM; 1904