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Spotlight on the Talbot Museum Post Office

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In our multi-structure museum in Colcord, Oklahoma, we have dedicated one building to our antique post office.

We are always so thankful for donations to our museum and it is no different with our post office. Our post office includes post office boxes; a mail window; and old Row, OK mail desk; and a mail bag, among many other interesting postal items.



Below is information on some of the items featured in our museum Post Office. Information on visiting our museum to view these and other items [is found here](#).

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1920s Postal Desk from the Row Post Office

The 1920's Postal Desk (left) is from the Row Post Office. It was determined where this desk came from by the Fishing License that was tucked to the back of it! The license expired in 1928 and has printed on it: "Row, Oklahoma, Delaware County". It was signed by Charles Burbage, who was evidently acting on behalf of the Fish & Game Commission. The writing on it is faint, but readable, in sunlight. The Postal Desk was donated by Joan McBride of Colcord, Oklahoma.

The Post Office boxes and the Postal window (below) were purchased with a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Old postal boxes

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Old wood and glass postal money order/mail window



Charlie Burbage used to hang this mail pouch (left) on his saddle and deliver the U. S. Mail out of Row, Oklahoma, the first town in this area, in the early 1900s. Burbage later bought one of the first automobiles in the area and delivered mail for Row and later Colcord. His first route was 18 miles long and had 85 families. He was a mail carrier for 41 years and during that time he wore out tow buggies and thirty automobiles.

When the Post Office was moved to Colcord in 1930, this mail pouch came with the move.

The mail pouch was donated by William Holcombe of

Colcord, Oklahoma.

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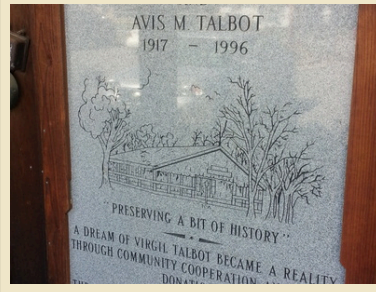
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