

Overview

1851 to 1861 Presidents and PostMasters General

<i>Year President</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>PMG</i>	<i>Home State</i>	<i>Date of Office</i>	<i>Contracts of Interest</i>	<i>Events of Note</i>
1851 Millard Fillmore	Whig	Nathan Kelsey Hall	New York	Hall took office in 1850	1851 Contract for Postage Stamps	Act of 3/3/51
1852		Samuel Dickinson Hubbard	Connecticut	08/31/1852	1852 Contract for Stamped Envelopes	Act of 8/31/52
1853 Franklin Pierce	Democrat	James Campbell	Pennsylvania	03/07/1853. Campbell became PMG when Fillmore was voted out of office.		
1854		James Campbell				
1855		James Campbell			Modification to 1851 Contract - presorting	3/3/55 Amendment to Act of 3/3/51, mandatory prepayment of letters.
1856		James Campbell				Mandatory prepayment of postage with stamps.
1857 James Buchanan		Aaron Vail Brown	Tennessee	03/06/1857. Brown became PMG when Pierce was voted out of office.	Modification to 1851 Contract - perforation; 1857 Contract for Postage Stamps	Introduction of perforation on stamps.
1858		Aaron Vail Brown				
1859		Horatio King	Maine	03/09/1859. After PMG Brown died in office, Horatio King served as interim PMG to 3/14/59.		
		Joseph Holt	Kentucky	03/14/1859.		
1860		Joseph Holt				Lincoln elected, secession begins.
1861 Abraham Lincoln	Republican	Horatio King	Maine	02/12/1861. Holt resigned as PMG to become Secretary of War.	1861 Contract for Postage Stamps	Civil War