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Hi my name is Jilene Tobin . I am 10 years old. I am in grade 5 at Vavenby Elementary School.

My project is on The Post Offices Of Vavenby. The reason I choose this project was because I'm a stamp collector. The Postmistresses started me on my collection. I was also interested in the history on the post offices of Vavenby.

The process I followed in developing my project was first narrowing it down, from just stamps. I thought just stamps was too open ended. I narrowed it down to post offices of Vavenby because the Postmistresses started me on my stamp collection.

The people I discovered while making my project were the people that worked in the post office. They were: Mr. Pridgeon, Mr. McCovie, Mr. Finley, Mr. Moilliet, Margaret Graffunder, Nana Hunsbedt, Elsie Hunsbedt, Joan Unterschultz and Noel Peacock. The valuable sources I got from Noel Peacock were pictures of Navenby and a letter scale, from Val Moilliet a piece of doweling from Elsie Hunsbedt, a parcel scale and the artifacts from Joan Unterschultz were a stamp licker and receipts.

I collected all of my information from the people I interviewed. They were Joan Unterschultz, Noel Peacock, Elsie Hunsbedt and Val Moilliet. Val gave me all of the pictures of the post offices, post mistresses, masters and the original piece of doweling that Mr. Finley used to make a straight line with ink pen. She also gave me two entries in two different diaries that says they picked up mail from the first Post office.

Joan Unterschultz gave me lots of information. She helped me get all of the post offices in

order along with the post mistresses and masters. Joan Unterschultz gave me receipts from the post offices and a stamp licker which licks the stamps for you. She told me who worked the longest, which was Elsie Hunsbedt. She told me that all of the mail was transported by horse, ferry and train.

Out of all the people I interviewed, Elsie Hunsbedt had the most information. She told me the locations of every post office. Elsie Hunsbedt told stories about how she waited every other day to catch a mail sack from a passing train at the age of five and throwing a different sack up to it. (She said she was sorry that she didn't have any pictures to lend me, which was O.K.) She had this beautiful old parcel scale, it which weigh fifty pounds. She said that from the time she worked to the time she retired, almost every child born in Vavenby was weighed on this scale. The last thing she told me was a funny story about Mr. Pridgeon which went: On a winter day Mr. Pridgeon came in from the snowy outside in a huffy mood. He started looking for his stamps, turning the whole place upside down, to find them stuck to the seat of his pants!

Noel gave me information on how mail is transported today, which is by truck, air and train. The main piece of information the she gave me to use was the artifacts. Noel lent me a letter scale and pictures of Navenby. The last thing she told me was how one day she scared Joan. Noel hide in the stock room and when Joan unlocked the door there Noel stood.

From gathering all of my information I found out lots of things. I found how many moves, how many workers and how important the Post Office really was and still is to the community. To me, the Post Office is like a large parcel moving from place to place, holding surprises as everyone gathers around. Also along with the parcel the workers are the stamps, that hold their own story's of making the Vavenby Post Office today.



Poster Display.



Model of the 4th Post Office.



Artifacts, parcel scales, letter and scales and stamp collection.