

Hellenic Postal Agencies and Their Predecessors -From Regulating to Specialized Postmarks

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The exhibit presents the development and philatelic significance of Greek postal agencies and their predecessors, with particular emphasis on their postmarks and postal usage.

The predecessors of the postal agencies are documented in the Onomatologia (postal directories) of the Hellenic Post as “Ταχ. Τηλεφ.” (post office–telephone) and “Κοινοτικά Ταχ.” (community post offices). These municipally operated facilities combined postal and telephone services. Following a law enacted in 1937, they were gradually transformed into postal agencies operated by private individuals under contract with the postal administration. This transition, completed only in 1977, resulted in a prolonged period of overlapping postal structures.

From a philatelic perspective, postal agencies are of particular interest because of their postmarks and their role in rural postal operations. Initially, they used standard date-stamps identical to those of post offices, making identification difficult. From the mid-1980s onward, however, distinct postmark types bearing the inscriptions “Ταχ. Πρακτορείο” or “Πρακτορείο” were introduced, allowing clear differentiation. These cancellations document the evolving status of individual locations within the postal network.

With the reduction of post offices and rural delivery services, postal agencies increasingly assumed their functions and became central points of postal handling, often serving as bases for rural mail carriers. Their locations—ranging from small villages to tourist sites, museums, hotels, and kiosks—reflect the diversity of postal operations and are frequently identifiable through their postmarks.

Key developments include:

1984: Introduction of postal codes (approx. 1,300 post offices and 322 agencies)

1988-present: Use of special postmarks for postal agencies

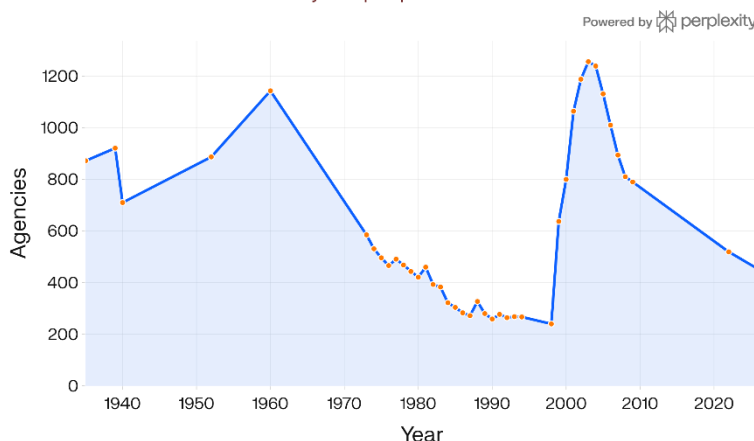
2002–2004: Reduction in the number of post offices and expansion of agencies

2022–2026: Ongoing restructuring of ELTA

The exhibition illustrates postmark types, special agencies, and selected examples of status changes between post offices and postal agencies, highlighting their importance for postal history and classification.

Number of Agencies in Greece (1935-2026)

Selected years | emphasized axis labels



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2. Special postmarks of the Postal Agencies

59Aa-e

Bellas concluded his work on the



nomenclature of Greek handstamps with number 58 and 58A respectively. Krepp continued his nomenclature and assigned **number 59A** to the special stamps introduced in **1988** for postal agencies — with the "A" standing for agency. Stamp type 59 according to Bellas corresponds to stamp type 1988.2 in the nomenclature of Dais for the handstamps of post offices. These are circular stamps with a segment at the bottom, bearing the inscription "postal agency" and the respective agency name in Greek script, the abbreviation ΕΛΤΑ above the date line, and an Arabic date format without any indication of time.

60Aa-f



From **1995**, a cancellation type without a segment was introduced, also featuring varying layouts and differing diameters, but uniformly bearing the Greek inscription ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. (an abbreviation of Ταχυδρομικό Πρακτορείο, i.e. Postal Agency) together with the place name. This type was designated **60A**. An exception is type 60Af of the Katapola postal agency, where the date is inserted by hand and ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ is spelled out in full.

61A

Stamp type **61A** occurs exclusively at the postal agency of Kanalia Volou (Magnesia) as a double-circle postmark in **2004**.



62A



Around **2010**, a bilingual circular datestamp was introduced, showing the place name in Greek script in the upper arc and its Latin transliteration in the lower arc. Above the date the inscription ΕΛΤΑ appears, and below the date ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ. The date figures are in small type, as has become standard on all recent place name and rural carrier stamps of this period. This datestamp is classified as type **62A**.

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59Aa

TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ and Greek place name along the rim clockwise (letter height 1.92 mm). **ΕΛΤΑ** arched at top (letter height 3.0 mm). Date: letter height 3.0 mm. Ø: 24.8 mm.



59Ab

Top along the rim: **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ** (letter height: 1.95 mm). Bottom along the rim Greek place name. **ΕΛΤΑ** arched at top (letter height: 2.9 mm). Date: letter height 3.0 mm. Ø: 24.9 mm.



59Ac

Arc top: **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ.** (letter height: 1.8 mm). Arc bottom: Greek place name. **ΕΛΤΑ** arched at top (letter height: 3.1 mm). Date: letter height 3.0 mm. Ø: 24.6 mm.



59Ad

TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ and Greek place name, along the rim clockwise, starting at top right, thus inverted at the bottom (letter height: 1.9 mm). **ΕΛΤΑ** arched at top (letter height: 2.8 mm). Date: letter height: 2.9 mm. Ø: 25.0 mm.



59Ae

Arc top: **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ** (letter height: 1.5 mm). Arc bottom: Greek place name, inverted, arched at top (letter height: 2,6 mm). **ΕΛΤΑ** arched at top (letter height: 2.2 mm). Date: letter height 3,0 mm. Ø: 25,1 mm.

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60Aa

Arc top and bottom: TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. and Greek place name, starting bottom left (letter height: 2.4 mm). ΕΛΤΑ arched at top (letter height: 3.3 mm). Date: letter height 3.4 mm Ø: 26.5 mm



60Ab

Arc top: TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. / Arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 2.5–2.9 mm). ΕΛΤΑ arched at top (letter height: 2.7 mm). Date: letter height 3.3 mm). Ø: 26.1 mm



60Ac

Arc top: TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. Arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 2.1 mm) ΕΛΤΑ arched top (letter height: 3.2 mm) Date: letter height 3.0 mm Ø: 26.0 mm



60Ad

Arc top: TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ., arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 2.2 mm each). Centre: ΕΛΤΑ slightly curved (3.6 mm). Date: 2.9 mm. Ø 29.2 mm.



60Ae

Arc top: TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. (letter height: 1.9 mm). Arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 1.9 mm). ΕΛΤΑ arched above date (letter height: 2.4 mm). Date: letter height 2.9 mm. Ø 25 mm.

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60Af

Arc top: TAX.
PRAKTOPEIO (letter height: 1.9 mm). Arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 1.5 mm). ΕΛΤΑ, arched above date (letter height: 2.4 mm) Date: empty Ø 26,2 mm.



60Ag

Arc top: TAX. PRAKT. (letter height: 2.0 mm). Arc bottom: Greek place name (letter height: 2.4 mm). ΕΛΤΑ straight (letter height: 3.2 mm). Date: letter height 3.0 mm Ø 26 mm.



62Aa

Arc top: Greek place name (letter height: 2.0 mm). Arc bottom: Latin place name (letter height: 2.0 mm). ΕΛΤΑ straight (letter height: 2.6 mm). Date: letter height 2.9 mm. 3rd line: ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ (letter height: 2.0 mm). Ø 29 mm.



62Ab

Arc top: Greek place name (letter height: 2.4 mm). Arc bottom: Latin place name (letter height: 2.4 mm). ΕΛΤΑ straight (letter height: 2.9 mm). Date: letter height 2.9 mm. 3rd line: ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ (letter height: 2.0 mm) Ø 29 mm.

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3. Special Postal Agencies

3.1 Postal Agencies in museums, archaeological sites (kiosks) and touristic information centres



ΙΕΡΟ ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΟΥ (Postal Agency of Ieron Asklepion, Argolida)

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A postal agency, in operation from at least 1935 until at least 1988, was supervised by the Ligourio post office (postal code 21052). It was served by Rural Post Route 857 (since 7 March 1919), serving the archaeological site of Epidaurus.

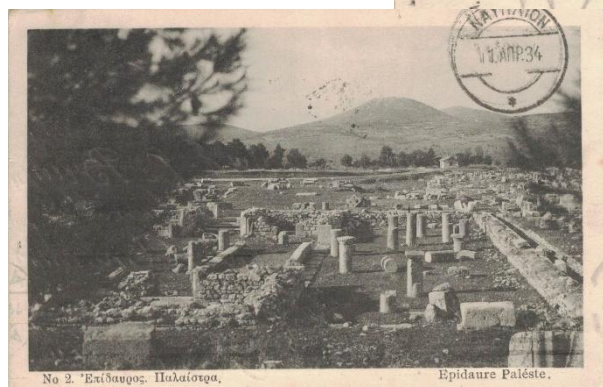


Picture postcard, sender's address Epidavros, cancelled at **ΙΕΡΟΝ ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΟΥ** (21 April 1938), bearing dotted rural postmark "857" and Athens exchange control, addressed to Frankfurt am Main (Germany).



Picture postcard Sender's address Epidavros, from **ΙΕΡΟΝ ΑΣΚΛΗΠΙΟΥ -3 IV 1934** and dotted rural 857, via ΛΥΓΟΥΡΙΟΝ 10 ΑΠΡ 1934 (Lygourio, supervising post office) and ΝΑΥΠΛΙΟΝ (Nafplio), addressed to Antwerpen (Belgium).

The same handstamp was used for more than 50 years.



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Archaeological sites (kiosks) and touristic information centres

In 1939-1940, 18 postmarks of museums, and touristic information centres were introduced.

Archaeological sites (postal kiosks): Delos (Δήλου), Delphi (Δελφών), Mystra (Μυστρά), Epidavros (Επιδαύρου), Knossos (Κνωσός), Olympia (Ολυμπίας), Heraklion Museum (Μουσεία Ηρακλείου) and National Museum (Εθνικόν Μουσείον).

Tourist areas (tourist information centres): Paleokastritsa (Παλιοκαστρίτσα), Sounion (Σούνιον), Lake Marathon (Λίμνης Μαραθώνος), Dafni (Δαφνίον), Parnitha (Πάρνηθος), Plaichani (Πλαιχανή Πεντέλης), Xylokastro (Ξυλόκαστρο), Old Corinth (Παλαιά Κόρινθος) and Phaistos (Φαιστός).

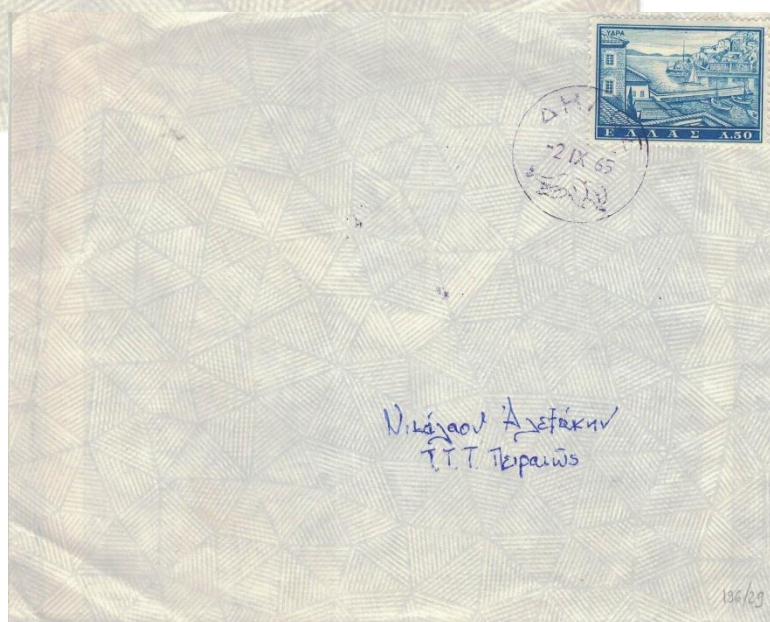
Opened according to P.T. Bulletin 1939, no. 15, pp. 712-715.

ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟΝ ΔΗΛΟΥ (Museum of Delos, Cyclades)

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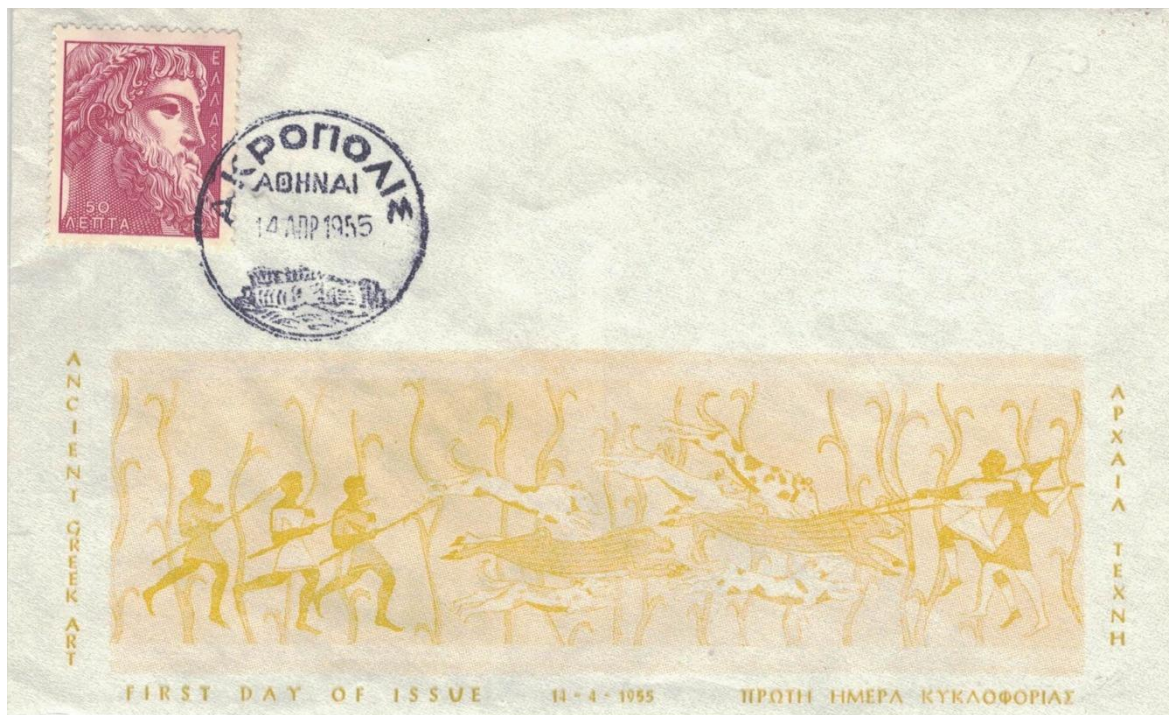
Philatelic cover cancelled to order with picture postmark **ΔΗΛΟΣ 2.ΙΧ.65** (Delos, island in the Cyclades, 2 dolphins) in violet, and **ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟΝ ΔΗΛΟΥ 31 ΑΥΓ 1965** (Delos Museum) in violet; sent to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -3 ΙΧ 65 13 (Piraeus arrival), addressed to Piraeus. Supervising post office: Mykonos.



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ΑΚΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ (Akropolis, Athens)



Unofficial illustrated first day cover with pictorial postmark **ΑΚΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 14 ΑΠΡ 1955** (Acropolis, silhouette of the Acropolis), unaddressed.

ΚΝΩΣΟΣ (Knosos, Heraklion)



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Card Knosos, pictorial postmark, from **ΚΝΩΣΟΣ 13 ΙΙ 61**, arrival postmark **ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 15 ΦΕΒ 61-10** (Heraklion arrival).



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ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟΝ ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΥ (Museum of Heraklion/Candia, Crete)

Unaddressed cover, made to order, with pictorial postmark (double spiral volute motif) ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟΝ ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΥ -8 IX 42 (Museum of Heraklion/Candia, Crete).



ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΟ

ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (Post Museum of Athens)

Registered letter from ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΙΚΟ ΜΟΥΣΕΙΟ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 15 IX 79 (Post Museum of Athens) with pictorial postmark (head of Hermes) and red registration label ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΑΓΚΡΑΤΙ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΠΑΝΓΡΑΤΙ 5870 (Registration number), sent to ΜΕΓΑΡΑ ΜΕΓΑΡΑ 17 IX.79—8, addressed to Megara.



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ΠΑΛΑΙΟΚΑΣΤΡΙΤΣΑ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ (Palaiokastritsa pavilion, Kerkyra)

The supervising post office was Skripero, postal code 49083.



Part of the postmark **ΠΑΛΑΙΟΚΑΣΤΡΙΤΣΑ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ** (Palaiokastritsa pavilion); probably the **only recorded strike!**

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ΣΟΥΝΙΟΝ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ (Sounion pavilion)

The supervising post office was Lavrio, postal code 19500.

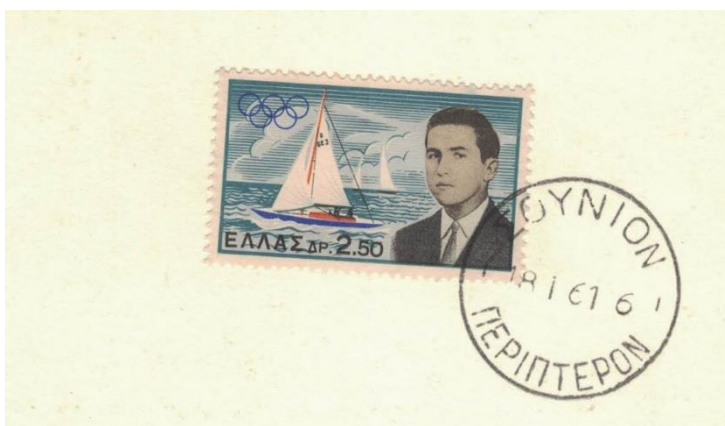


Picture postcard from **ΣΟΥΝΙΟΝ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ - 8 VII 57 11** (Sounion pavilion), sent to Paris. Postcard: 1358-4
ΣΟΥΝΙΟΝ. Ναός Ποσειδώνος Sounion. Temple de Poséidon (Neptune) (Π.Α.Σ. 46-46).

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Fragment of **ΣΟΥΝΙΟΝ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ 18 I 61 6** (Sounion pavilion)



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ΞΥΛΟΚΑΣΤΡΟ ΠΕΡΙΠΤΕΡΟΝ (Xylokastro Pavilion)

Supervising Post was Xylokastro (postal code 20400).

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Picture postcard, sent from Xylokastro Peripteron (Xylokastro Pavilion) with two postmarks **Xylokastro 17 VII 54** and **Xylokastro ? IOYΛ 54** to Paris (Postcard Ξυλόκαστρο. Πευκίας. Περίπτερον Τουρισμού Xylokastro. Pefkias. Pavillon Tourism). One postmark of



Xylokastro was probably used by the postal agency.

ΠΑΡΝΗΣ-ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙΟΝ (Mount Parnes, Refuge)

Opened according to PT Bulletin 1940, no. 4, p. 172. Supervising post office was Acharnes, postal code 13671.



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Piece of paper with a pictorial postmark **ΠΑΡΝΗΣ-**

ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙΟΝ 25 III 40 (Mount Parnes, Refuge) and a handstamp of the **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΣ ΟΡΕΙΒΑΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ - ΤΜΗΜΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ** (Hellenic Mountaineering Association – Athens Section) in violet.

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ΞΕΝΟΔΟΧΕΙΟ ΧΙΛΤΟΝ (Hotel Hilton, Athens)

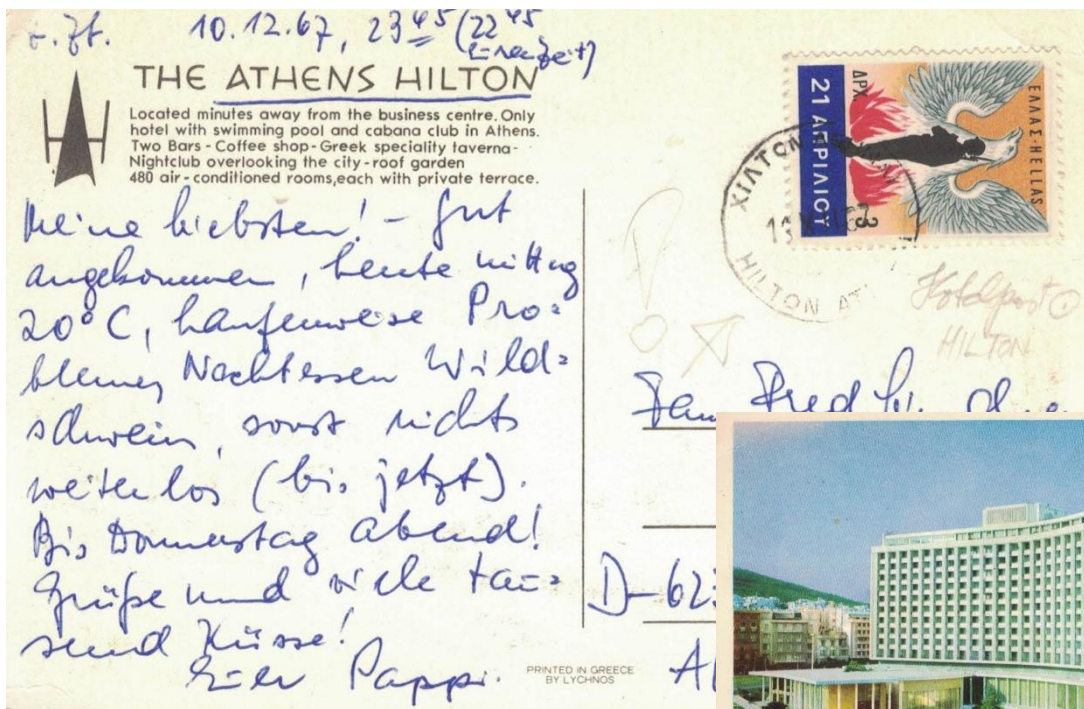
Authorization for the operation of a postal agency counter at the "Hilton" hotel according to Government Gazette (FEK) 176B dated 18 April 1963 (6)

FEK 176B 26.4.1963 (6)

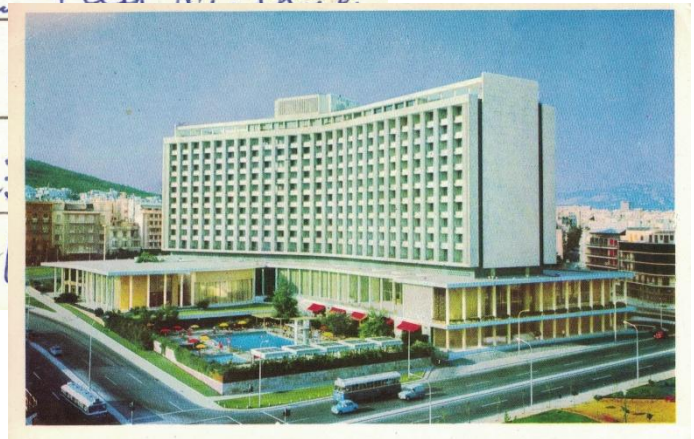
Postal agency operational until at least 1995, supervising post office was Athens, postal code 10300.



Hotel Bristol, Vienna envelope, sent from **XIATON AΘΗΝΑΙ HILTON ATHINAI 18 IX 63**, addressed to Hotel Bayerischer Hof Munich Germany.



Picture postcard from **XIATON AΘΗΝΑΙ HILTON ATHINAI 13 XII 67** (Hilton Athens), addressed to Hofheim Germany.



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ΞΕΝΟΔΟΧΕΙΟ ΧΙΛΤΟΝ (Hotel Hilton, Athens)



Cover with sender's address:
Athens from **ΧΙΛΤΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ**
HILTON ATHINAI 22 XI 76,
addressed within Athens.

Cover made to order from **ATHINAI HILTON 24 X 95**,
addressed to Germany.



Registered cover with sender's address Athens-Pangrati from **ΧΙΛΤΟΝ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ - HILTON ATHINAI 16 III 92**
(Hilton Athens) with registration label R (Registered) 10300 ΑΘΗΝΑ 52 (Postal-code Athens-post office
Number) GR 10300 ATHINA 52-9266 (Registration number), addressed within Athens.

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ΞΕΝΟΔΟΧΕΙΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΗΣ ΒΡΕΤΤΑΝΙΑΣ (Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athen)

A postal agency operated there in 1938 and at least from 1974 to 1988. Its establishment in the Hotel Grande Bretagne was authorized by Royal Decree of 30 September 1938, to be used by the hotel's guests, as published in Government Gazette No. 363A of 8 October 1938, p. 11 (3).

FEK 363A 8.10.1938 (3) p. 11

The supervising post office was Syntagma Square.



Philatelic cover with postmark ΑΘΗΝΑΙ – ΞΕΝ. ΜΕΓ. ΒΡΕΤΤΑΝΙΑΣ 22 ΙΧ 64 (Athens – Hotel Grande Bretagne) and additional commemorative cancellation.

3.3 Hospitals and Rehabilitation Clinics

ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ Athina Sotiria-Nosokomio Nosimatou Thorakos – Sotiria General Hospital of Thoracic Diseases

Postal agency from 1938, according to Government Gazette No. 363A of 8 October 1938 (3) p. 11 and operating until at least 2020; the supervising post office was Syntagma Square.

FEK 363A 8.10.1938 (3) p. 11

Cover from ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 7 ΑΠΡ 50.15 (Sotiria Athinon), sent to ΠΑΝΟΡΜΟΣ 11 ΑΠΡ 957 (Panormos, Rethymno, Crete; erroneous year), via ΡΕΘΥΜΝΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 11 ΑΠΡ 50 (Rethymno arrival), addressed to Panormos.



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Fragments with the cancellations **TAX.**

ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΣ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 22 XI 53 (Tach. Sotirias-Athinon), sent to ΑΓ. ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΚΡΗΤΗ 28 XI 53 10 (Agios Nikolaos Kritis), and **TAX. ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΣ ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6 II 57.**

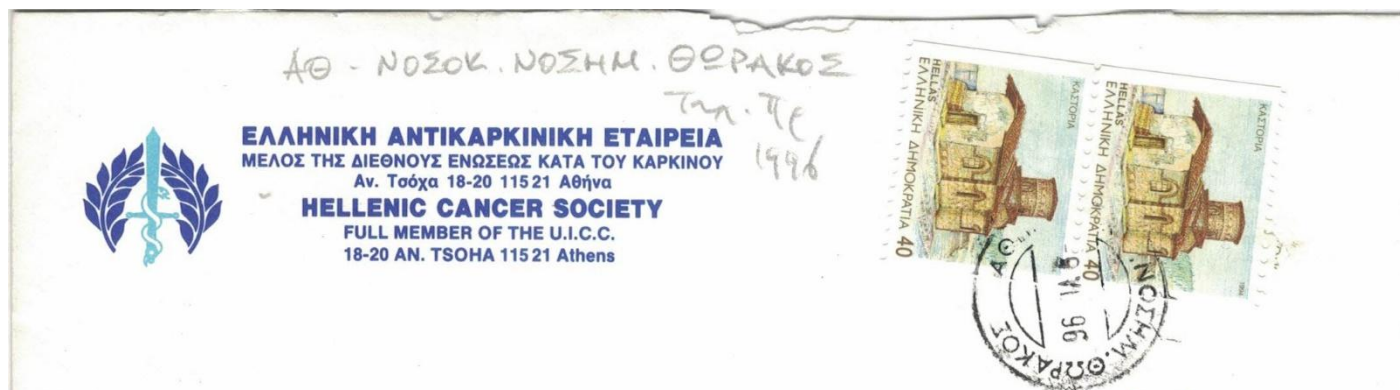


Cover with sender's address: **ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟΝ - ΣΑΝΑΤΟΡΙΟΝ "Η ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ**, from **TAX. ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΣ - ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 6 XI 64** (post of Sotiria Hospital, Athens), sent to **ΑΜΑΡΟΥΣΙΟΝ 8 XI 64** (Amarousion / Marousi).

Letter with **datestamp ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΝΟΣΗΜΑΤΩΝ**

ΘΩΡΑΚΟΣ Η ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ-9 VI 96 (Athens, Hospital for Chest Diseases),

with sender's address **ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΑΝΤΙΚΑΡΚΙΝΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ** (Hellenic Cancer Society Diseases), addressed within Athens.

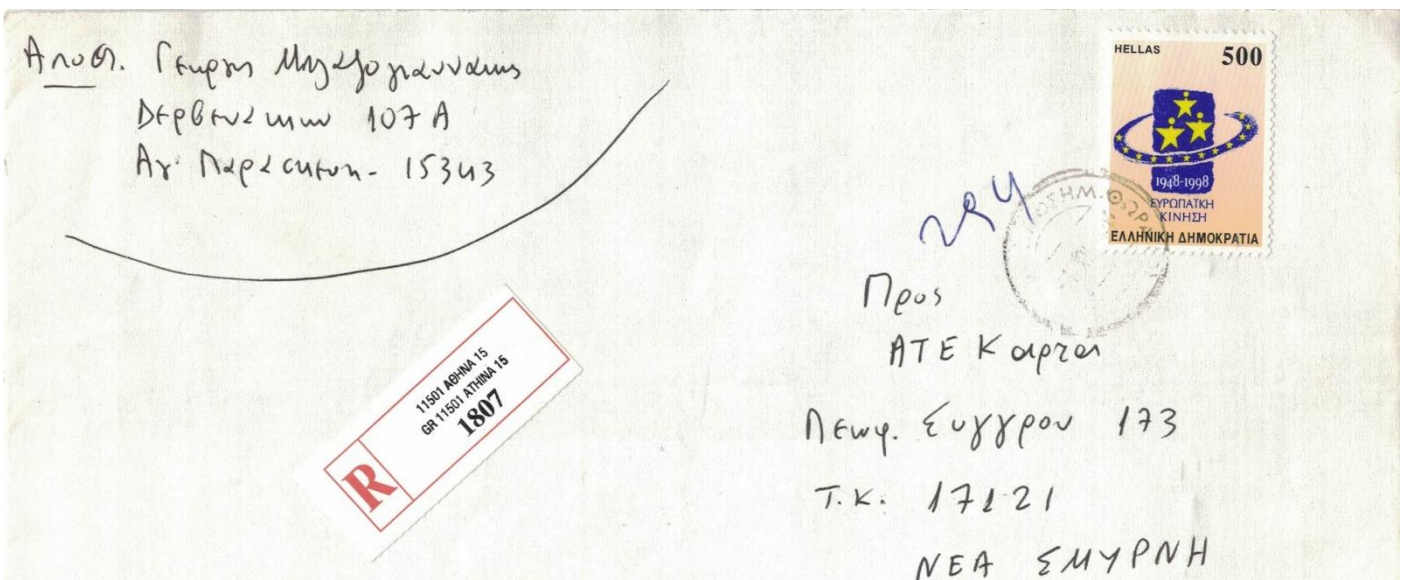


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ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ Athina Sotiria-Nosokomeio Nosimatou Thorakos



Registered letter with sender's address ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ (hospital Director) from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΝΟΣΗΜΑΤΩΝ ΘΩΡΑΚΟΣ Η ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ -5 X 71** (Athens, Hospital for Chest Diseases), in violet, with specific R-marking handstamp R Registered and the initials N.N.Θ. with handwritten 394 (registration number), addressed to Athens.



Registered cover, sender's address Agios Paraskevi, postal Code 15343 from **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΝΟΣΗΜΑΤΩΝ ΘΩΡΑΚΟΣ Η ΣΩΤΗΡΙΑ -1 XII 98** (Athens, Hospital for Chest Diseases) with boxed R-label with R in red (registered), the name of the Base Post Office 11501 ΑΘΗΝΑ 15 – GR-11501 ATHINA 15 (Country code-postal code-delivery district code) and 1807 (Registration number), addressed to Nea Smyrni (Athens).

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Sanatorio Tripoleos-Ther. Psychikon Pathission Tripoleos (Arkadia)

Sanatorium of Tripoli – Psychiatric [Hospital] of Patissia, Tripoli (Arcadia)

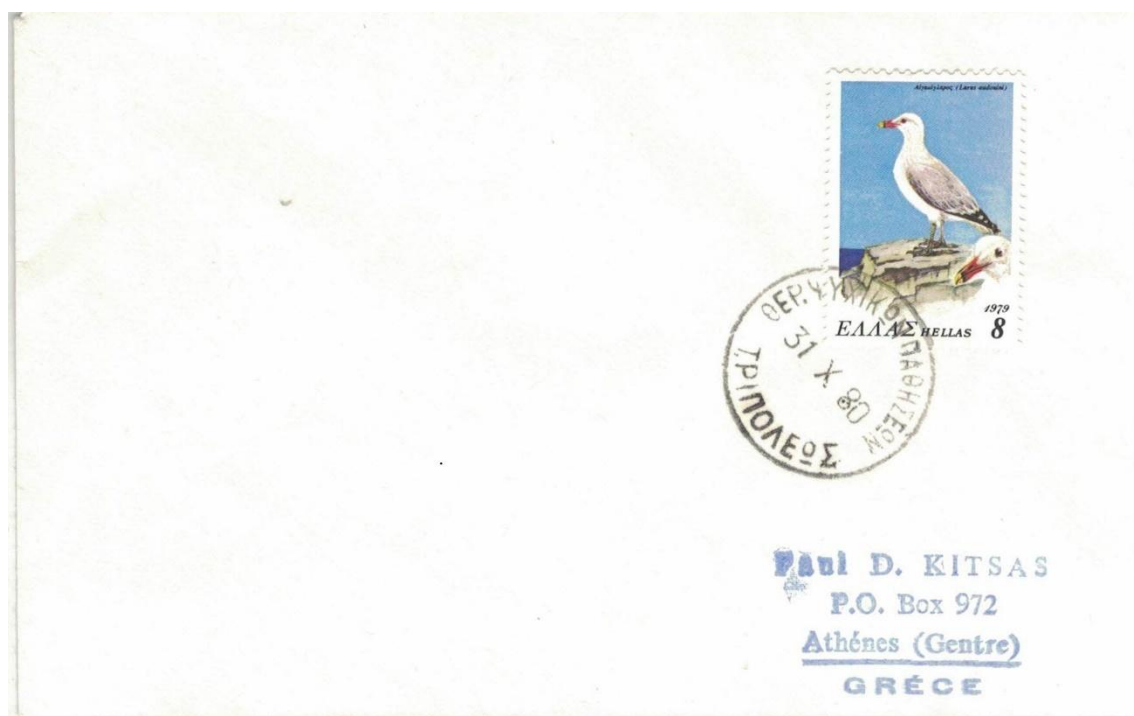


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The sanatorium appears in the 1960 Onomatologon as ‘Sanatorio Tripoleos-Makri’; it no longer had independent postal significance by 1974. From at least 1980 until at least 1997 a Postal Agency operated there under the supervision of the Tripolis Post Office (postal code 22100), as evidenced by dated postal material.



Cover, sender´s address ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ/ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΥΓΕΙΑΣ ΠΡΟΝΟΙΑΣ/και ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΚΩΝ ΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΕΩΝ/ΨΥΧΙΑΤΡΙΚΟ ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΤΡΙΠΟΛΗΣ/ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΕΙΑ: ΓΡ. ΔΙΕΚΠΕΡΑΙΩΣΗΣ/Αριθ. Πρωτ. 5488/Αριθ. Διεκπ. 1079 (HELLENIC REPUBLIC-MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY-PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL OF TRIPOLIS-SECRETARIAT: DISPATCH OFFICE Reg. No 5488-Dispatch No 1079 from



ΘΕΡ. ΨΥΧΙΚΩΝ ΠΑΘΗΣΕΩΝ ΤΡΙΠΟΛΕΩΣ 13 V 95 (Ther. of Mental Disorders Tripoli), addressed to The General Accounting Office of the State, Division 43, Section A, Kanigos 29, Athens.

Cover from **ΘΕΡ. ΨΥΧΙΚΩΝ ΠΑΘΗΣΕΩΝ ΤΡΙΠΟΛΕΩΣ 31 X 80** (Ther. Of Mental Disorders Tripoli), addressed to Athens (made to order).

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ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΡΙΟΥ (Hospital Rio), now General University Hospital of Patras, Patra

A postal agency operated from 1 April 1999 until at least 2003 under the supervision of the Patras Post Office (postal code 26001 or 26500). It was upgraded to a post office in 2003, with postal code 26004, and it was closed in 2022.



Registered cover with sender's address Patra, from ΠΑΤΡΑ PATRA 19.09.01 (Patra) bearing the boxed specific R-marking of the Postal Agency R: (Registration) and handwritten 4113 (registration number) ΝΟΣΟΚΟΜΕΙΟ ΡΙΟΥ in blue, addressed to Athens.

Registered cover with sender's address Aktaio Riou, from TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΡΙΟΥ ΑΧΑΪΑΣ 31.08.01 (Postal Agency of Rio Achaïas), Type 60Ab, with red R-marking label 26001 ΠΑΤΡΑ GR 26001 PATRA 8981 (registration number), addressed to Athens.

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3.4 Early Postal Agencies in Athens

According to Government Gazette (FEK) 363A of 8 October 1938, the following postal agencies were established:

Filothei and Zografos in Attica; Sepolio in Athens; Athenian Hotel "Megali Brettania"; Vasileos Georgios; Akropoli, and Athenian Hospital Sanatorio Sotiria.

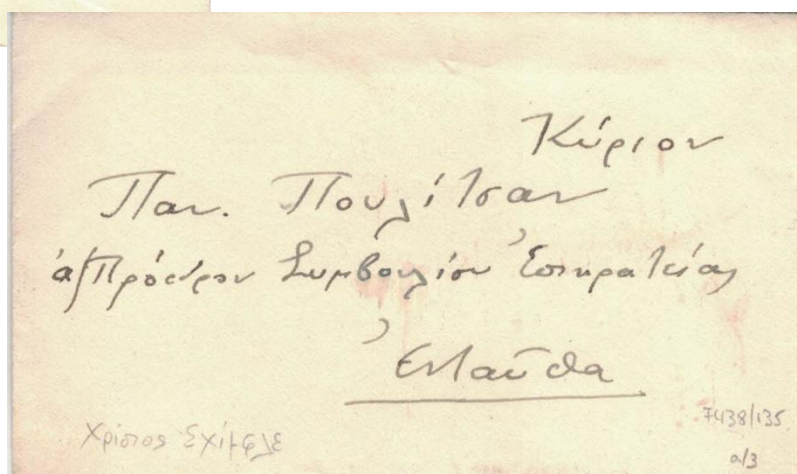
FEK 363A of October 8, 1938

According to Dais, the Sotiria postal agency began operating in August 1939, the Zografos Athinon postal agency in January 1940, and the Sepolia Athinon postal agency in April 1940. It is documented in operation again by at least 11 December 2002 and has remained open to the present day.

ΣΕΠΟΛΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ (Sepolia Athinon)



Small visiting-card cover with sender's address ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΣΧΙΜΦΛΕ, Αρεοπαγίτης (Christos Schimfle, Areopagite), from ΣΕΠΟΛΙΑ (ΑΘΗΝΩΝ) 19 III 41 (Sepolia of Athens), addressed within Athens.



Περὶ ὁριστάσεως Τ.Τ.Τ. Πρακτορείων. (3)

ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β'
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΤΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ

Ἐχόντες ἐπ' ὄψει τὸ ἀρθρον 11 τοῦ ἐπ' ἀριθ. 291)1936 Ἀναγκ. Νόμου περὶ τροποποιήσεως καὶ συμπληρώσεως τῶν περὶ διοικήσεως τῆς Ὑπηρεσίας τῶν ΤΤΤ. Νόμων» ὡς καὶ τὸ ἀπὸ 3-2-1937 Β. Δ. «περὶ Τ.Τ.Τ. Πρακτορείων», προτάσει τοῦ Ὑπετέρου ἐπὶ τῆς Συγκλητικῆς Ὑπουργοῦ συζητούμενη εἰς γνώμην τοῦ Συμβουλίου ΤΤΤ. Ἐπιμεταλλήσεως.

Ἐγκρίνομεν τὴν σύστασιν ΤΤΤ Πρακτορείου εἰς τὰς Κοινοτάτας Φιλοθέης καὶ Ζωγράφου Ἀττικῆς, εἰς τὴν συνοικίαν Σεπολίων Ἀθηνῶν, εἰς τὰ ἐν Ἀθήναις Ξενοδοχεῖα «Μεγάλη Βρετανία», «Παλαιὰς Γεωργίας» καὶ «Ἀκροπόλ» καὶ εἰς τὸ ἐν Ἀθήναις Νοσοκομεῖον -- Σανατόριον «Σωτηρία».

Εἰς τὸν αὐτὸν Ὑπουργὸν ἀνατίθεμεν τὴν δημοσίευσιν καὶ ἐκτέλεσιν τοῦ παρόντος Διατάγματος.

Ἐν Ἀθήναις τῇ 30 Σεπτεμβρίου 1938.

ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ Β'

Οἱ Ὑπουργοὶ

Ἐκ τῶν Οἰκονομικῶν

Α. ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΔΗΣ

Ἐκ τῆς Συγκλητικῆς Ὑφ' ἡδῆς

Κ. ΝΙΚΟΛΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ

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4. Registered letters from Postal Agencies

Overview of the R-markings

Handwritten R-marking	Handwritten with R-handstamp	Mute R-marking of the Supervising P.O.
Specific R-marking of the Supervising P. O.	Specific R-marking of the Postal Agency	R-label with the name of the Supervising P.O.

Handwritten R-marking



Rural postal service 502 was based in Koroni from 9 April 1912 to at least 2014.

On 16 October 1940 the name Charokopion was officially corrected to Charokopeion. It was subsequently renamed back to Charokopion by Government Gazette FEK 18A of 28 February 1986.



KEDE_CHAROKOPEIO.MES

Registered cover with sender's address: Terzakis Κοινοτικός Συνταξιούχος (community pensioner) Charakopion (Messinia) with **handwritten R-marking R 61 ΧΑΡΟΚΟΠΕΙΟΥ**, signature of the postman and rural datestamp 502 **19 XII 91** and ΚΟΡΩΝΗ 19 XII 91 to Athens.

Postal Agency from at least 1935 until at least 2018, supervising Post Office was Koroni, Postal Code 24004, Messinia.

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Handwritten R-marking

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Registered cover with sender's address Agios Petros Paionias (Kilkis) from **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΠΑΙΟΝΙΑΣ 22 ΙΧ 93** bearing a **handwritten R-marking R 438** (registration number) in red and German registration label "Einschreiben aus dem Ausland" (registered letter from abroad), sent to Germany.



57100 AGIOS PETROS KILKIS GRIECHENLAND • TELEFON: 003



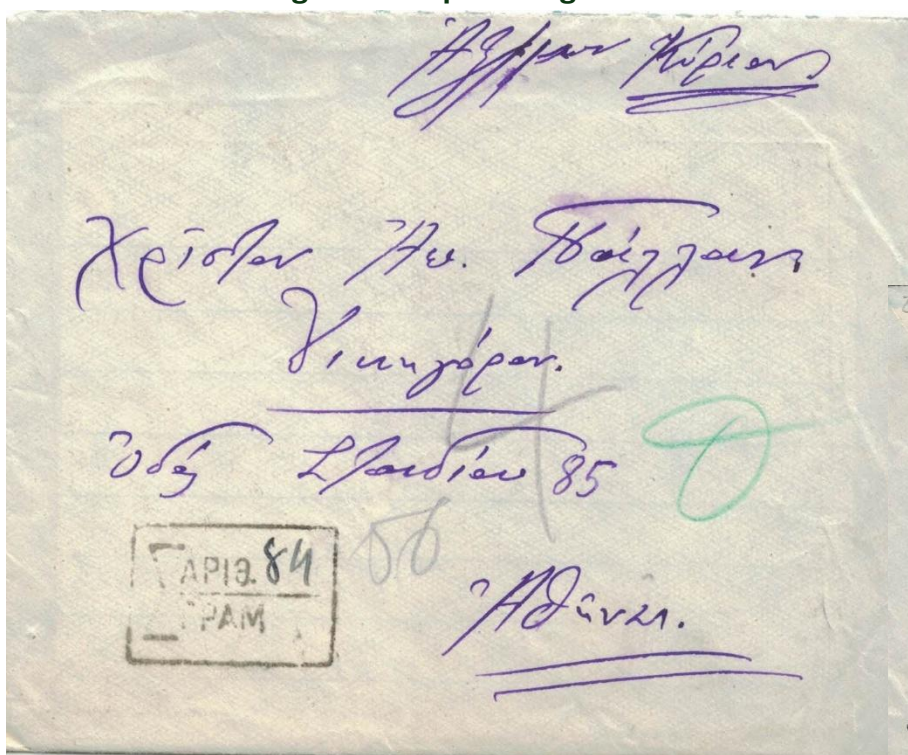
Agios Petros operated as a postal agency from at least 1960 until at least 1995; the supervising post office was Goumenissa (Postal Code 61300).

[KEDE_AGIOS_PETROS_KIL](#)



Mute R-marking of the Supervising Post Office

Registered cover from **ΒΕΛΑΝΙΔΙΑ 19 ΔΕΚ 48** (Velanidia, Laconia Peloponnese) bearing a **mute R-marking**, Σ (Systimenon, registered), ΑΡΙΘ. (Arith.) (Number) 84 (registration number), and ΓΡΑΜ. (gram), via ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ (ΒΟΙΩΝ) 20.ΔΕΚ.1948 (Neapolis Vion), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 22.ΧΙΙ.48 (Athens registered arrival), and addressed to Athens.



Postal Agency from at least 1935 until at least 1988; the supervising Post Office was Neapoli Vion (postal code 23053). In 1920, it operated as a full post office.

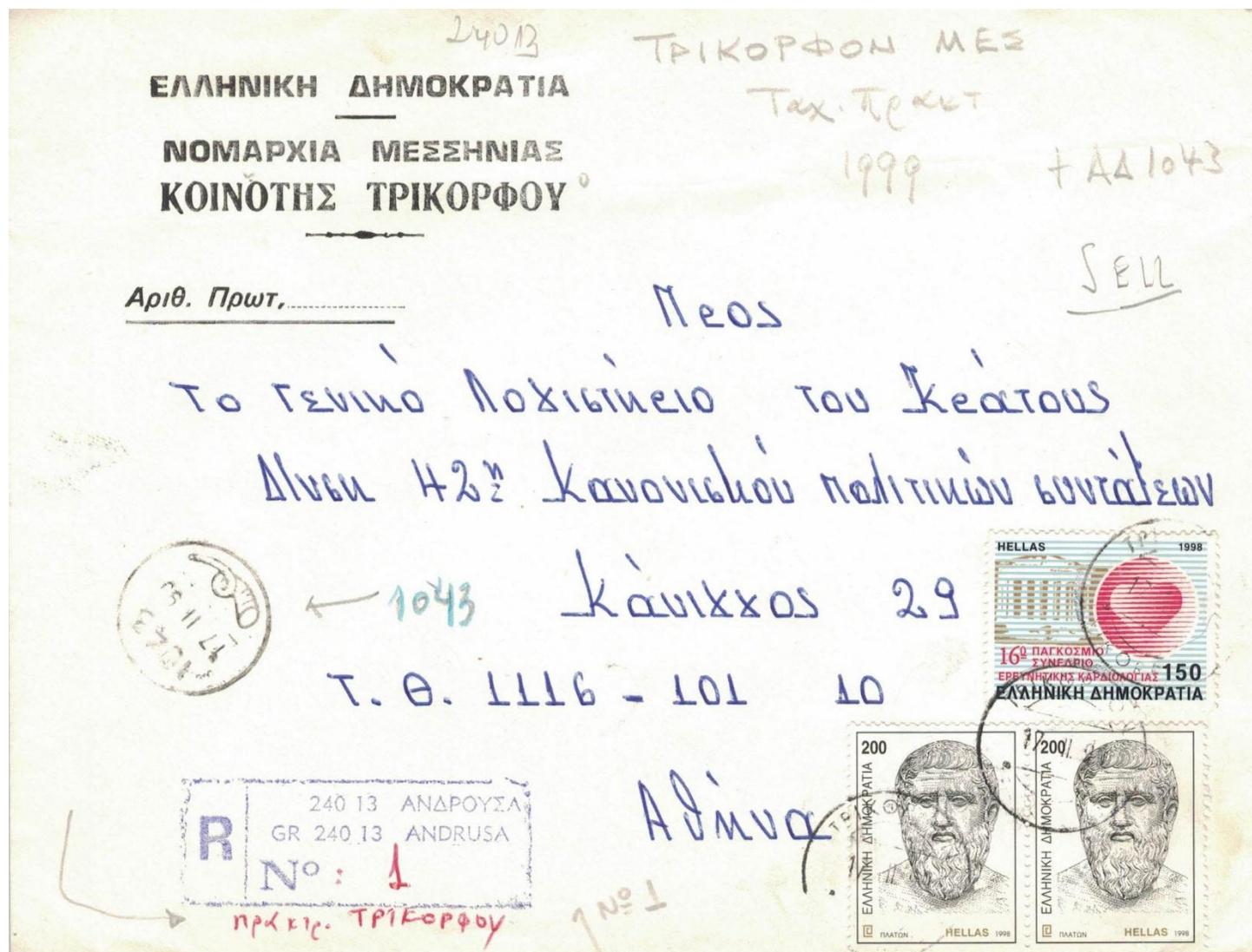
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Specific R-marking of the Supervising Office



Registered cover with sender's address Community of Trikorfo (Messinia) from **ΤΡΙΚΟΡΦΟ TRIKORFO 17 II 99**, rural route datestamp **1043 17 II 99**, and boxed R-marking R Registered 24013 ΑΝΔΡΟΥΣΑ GR 24013 ANDRUSA (postal code and name of the supervising post office) Nº: 1 (Registration number) in red, and additional handwritten Πρακτ. ΤΡΙΚΟΡΦΟΥ (Agency of Trikorfo) in red, addressed to Athens.

Postal Agency from at least 1955 until at least 2015. The supervising post office was Androusa, postal code 24013.

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R-Label with the name of the Supervising Office



Registered letter with sender's address Simantra Chalkidikis from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΣΗΜΑΝΤΡΩΝ 04.11.94** (Postal agency of Simantra), Type 59Ac, with the boxed label 63200 N. ΜΟΥΔΑΝΙΑ GR 63200 N. ΜΟΥΔΑΝΙΑ (Postal Code-Supervising Post Office) 8608 (Registration Number), addressed to Athens.

Postal Agency from at least 1988 until at least 2018, supervising was the Post Office Nea Moudania, Postal Code 63200.



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Postal Agency as Base for a Rural Post-Route with Specific R-marking with the name of the Supervising Post Office ´s and Rural Service



Cover address (made to order) with sender ´s from **ΚΡΑΝΙΑ ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ 29 I 76** and rural post datestamp **675 29 I 76** with boxed R-marking R (Registered) No 3 in blue (registration number) 675 (Number of the rural post) ΑΓΡΟΤ. ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ (Postal Agency of Grevena) in violet, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 31 I 76 11 (Athens arrival registered), sent to ΨΥΧΙΚΟΝ PSYCHIKON 2 II 76 10, addressed to Psychikon.

Rural post 675 with the basic Postal Agency Krania Grevenon from at least 1913-1915 until 12.9.1988, then transferred to Grevena.



The postal agency of Krania (Gevena), operating from at least 1935 until its closure in 1988, was under the supervision of the Grevena post office (postal code 51100).

The name “Krania” was officially corrected to “Kranea” on 16 October 1940. [Correction of the name Krania](#)



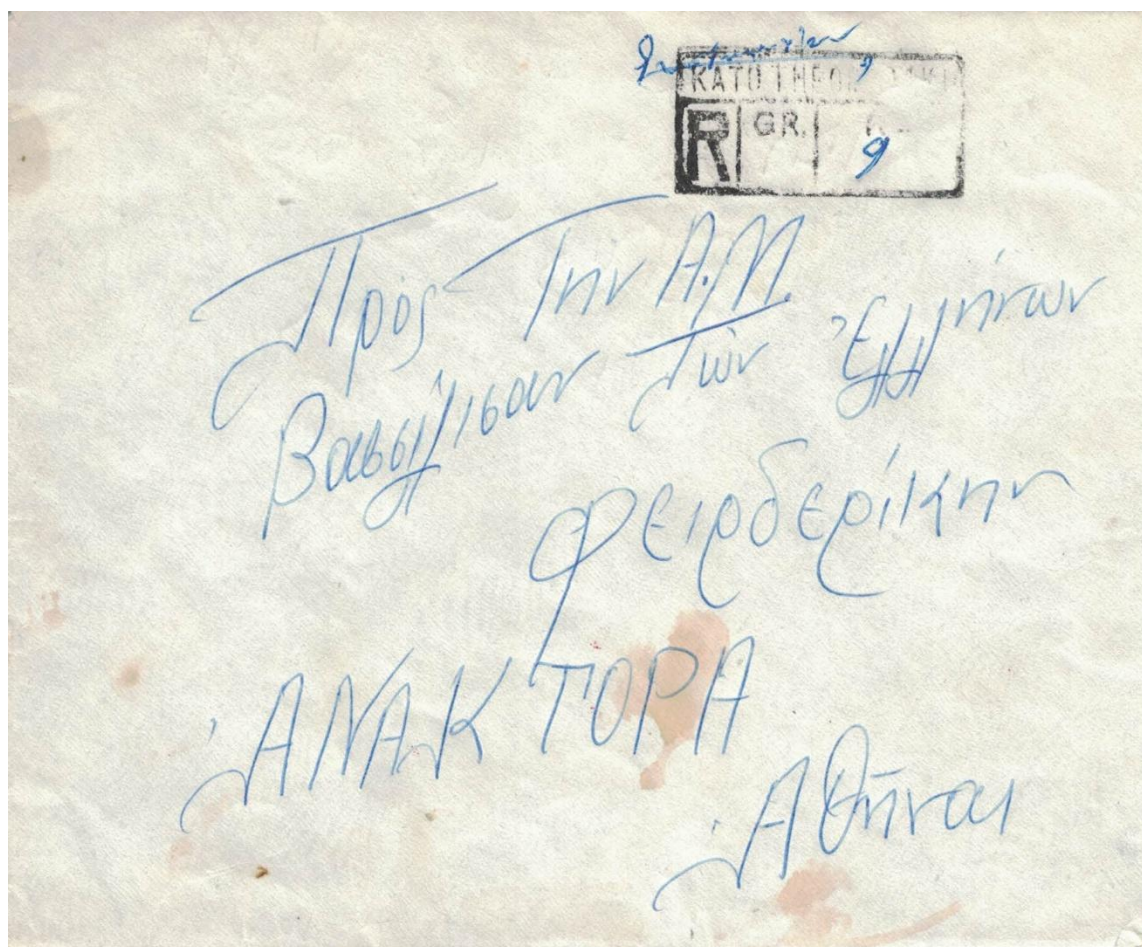
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Postal Agency as Base for a Rural Post-Route with Specific R-marking of the Postal Agency



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Registered letter with sender's address Village of Vathi (Kilkis) from rural post datestamp **348 27 VII 60** and **ΚΑΤΩ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΑΚΗ 28 ΙΟΥΝ. 960** (Kato Theodoraki, wrong month, base post agency), via ΚΙΛΚΙΣ 28 VII 60 12 (Kilkis, supervising Post Office) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29 VII 60 15 (Athens registered arrival), sent to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 30 VII 60 10 (Royal Palace), addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora.

Rural Post Number 348 (base postal agency operating from 2 June 1925–31 August 1972), subsequently transferred to Vathi.

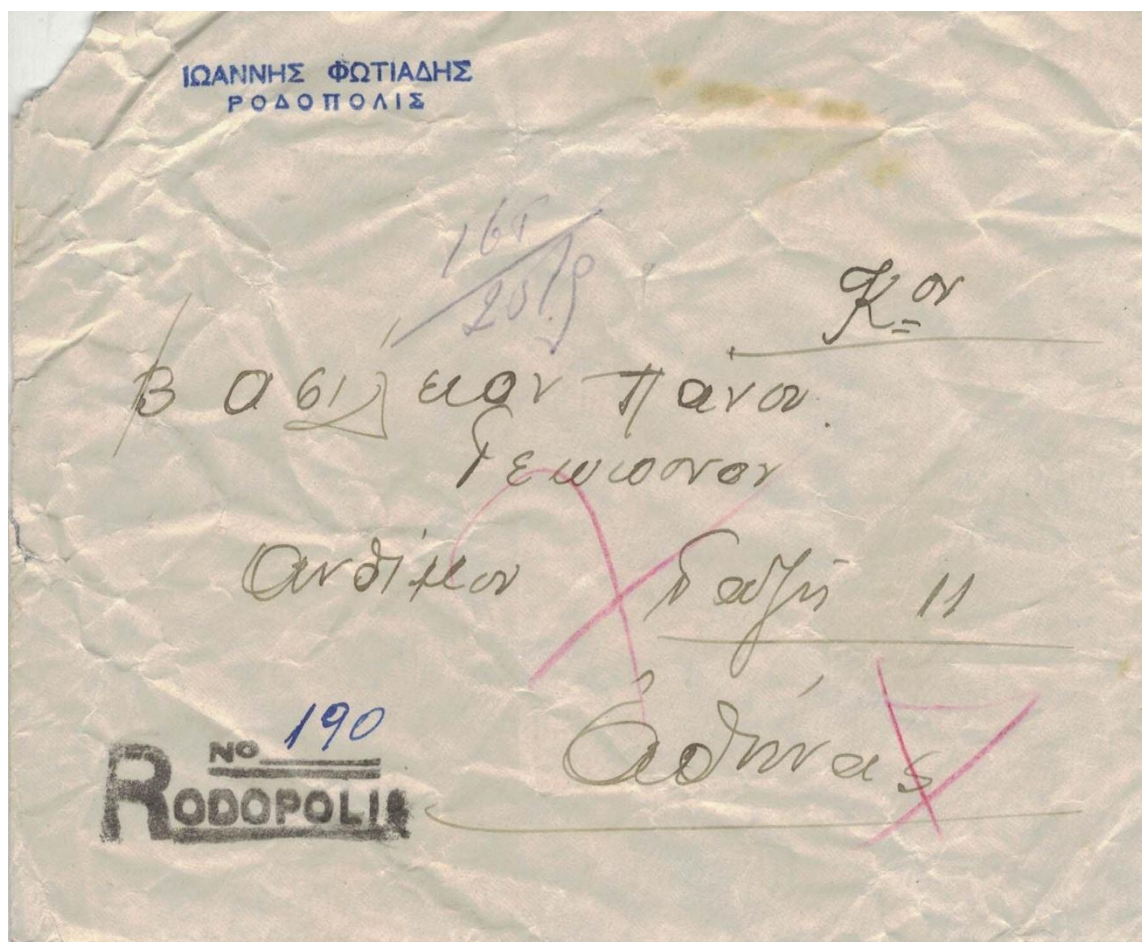
Kato Theodoraki functioned as a postal agency from at least 1935 until at least 1988, under the supervision of Kilkis Post Office (postal code 61100 in 1960, and was later transferred to Vathi, Kilkis (61006).

KEDE KATO THEODORAKI KIL



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Specific R-marking of the Postal Agency



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Registered cover from **ΡΟΔΟΠΟΛΙΣ 24 IX 54 (Rodopolis)**, Serres, Macedonia) with an improvised rubber “R” marking “Rodopolis” and manuscript registration number “190” in blue (two lines) via ΑΛΕΞ/ΠΟΛΙΣ ΘΕΣ/ΝΙΚΗ - ΚΙΝ 1Γ 24.IX.54 (Alexandroupolis-Thessaloniki, Travelling Ambulant 1C, railway postmark), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 25.IX.54 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens.

The office operated as a postal agency from at least 1935 until at least 1960; it was a fourth-class post office (Δ) from at least 1974. It reopened on 1 November 2002 under the supervision of the Kato Porroia Post Office (postal code 62055).

By Decree published in Government Gazette No. 262A of 2 August 1926, the settlement ‘Porroia

Railway Station’ (Sidirodromikos Stathmos Porroïon) was detached from the community of Kato Porroia and established as the seat of the newly recognized community of Rodopoli. [Kato Porroia-Rodopoli](#)

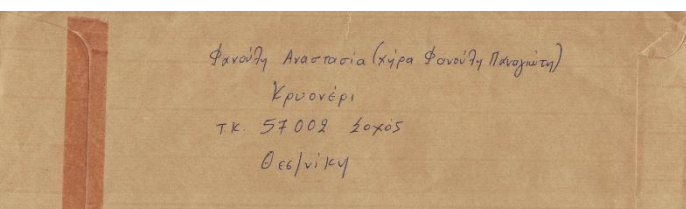


KEDE_RODOPOLI_SER

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Specific R-marking of the Postal Agency

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Athens.

Registered cover with sender's address Kryoneri (Thessaloniki) from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΚΡΥΟΝΕΡΙΟΥ ΘΕΣ 03.03.08**; Type 60Aa. With boxed R-marking R Registered TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ (Postal Agency) ΚΡΥΟΝΕΡΙΟΥ (of Kryoneri) 57002 ΣΟΧΟΣ (postal code Sochos, supervising post Office), and blue handwritten 7 (Registration number), addressed to

The Postal Agency operated from at least 2000 until at least 2013; the supervising post office was Sochos (Postal Code 57002).

[KEDE_KRYONERI_THE](#)



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R-Label with the name of the supervising Post Office and ΤΑΞΗΣ (class)



Registered letter with sender's address Nea Makri (Attiki) from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΑΓ. ΜΑΡΙΝΑΣ Ν. ΜΑΚ. 15.10.01**, Type 60Aa, with R-marking R ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ Γ' ΤΑΞΗΣ and R-label R (Registered) 190 05 N. ΜΑΚΡΗ-Gr 190 05 N. ΜΑΚΡΗ (postal code and supervising post office), registration number 00912.

Nea Makri functioned as a postal agency from at least 1935 until at least 1960, and by 1974 it had been upgraded to a post office (Δ). Agia Marina was a postal agency around 2000, with Nea Makri as the supervising post office (postal code 19005).



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Unspecific R-label

Philatelic registered letter from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΟΜΟΝΟΙΑΣ *1* -9.12.22** (Postal Agency Omonias 1, Athens), Type 60Ae, bearing label ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΑ ΕΛΤΑ (Greek Post) ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟ REGISTERED-RE 262 728 430 GR (tracking number), addressed to Germany.



The postal agency has been in operation since at least 2005.

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5. Express letters from Postal Agencies

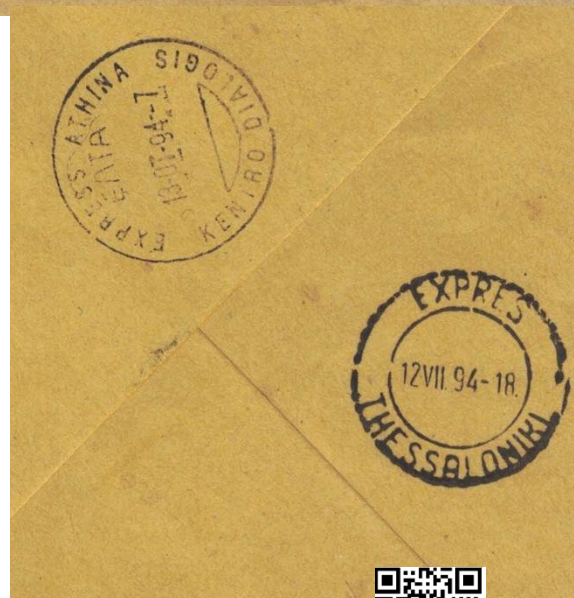
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Registered Express letter with sender's address Simantra (Chalkidiki), from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΣΗΜΑΝΤΡΩΝ 12.07.1994** (Postal Agency of Simantra), Type 59Ac, bearing red Express label **EXPRESS-KATEPEIGON-EXPRES** and R-label **R 632 00 N. ΜΟΥΔΑΝΙΑ-GR 632 00 N. ΜΟΥΔΑΝΙΑ 8551** (postal code and supervising post office), addressed to Athens.

The postal Agency Simantra (Chalkidiki) has been in operation up to at least 1980; the supervising Post Office was Nea Moudania (postal code 63200).

The renaming of Karkara to Simantra was enacted by Government Gazette. [Renaming of Simantra](#)



[KEDE_SIMANTRA_CHL](#)



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6. Printed Matter (ΕΝΤΥΠΑ)

ΠΑΡΑΛΙΑ ΑΚΡΑΤΑΣ (Paralia Akratas, Achaïas)

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Postal Agency from at least 1939 until at least 1960, supervising Post Office was Akrata, Postal Code 25006. Paralia Akratas had only a single postmark. Notably, this postmark featured a date format including the time, which is rather unusual for post agency markings. This can be explained by the fact that a class Γ post office existed there in 1935. By 1974 at the latest, there was no longer any postal facility in this locality.

Renaming of Paralia

Akratas to Krathia,

according to

Government
Gazette (FEK)

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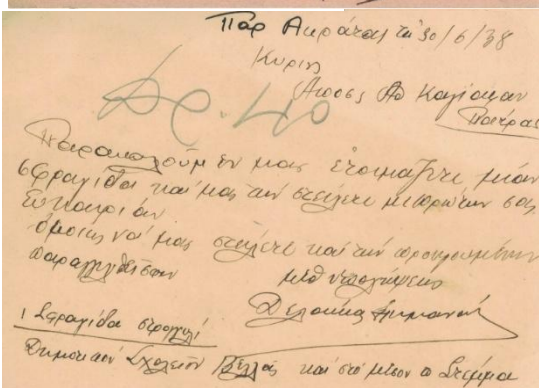
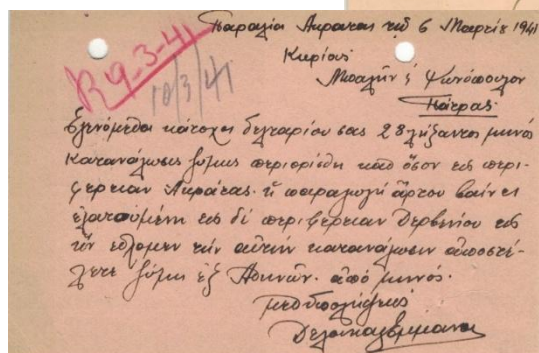
December

1965. Renaming of Paralia

Akratas



Post Card, sent as printed matter, sender 's address Paralia Akratas, from **ΠΑΡΑΛΙΑ ΑΚΡΑΤΑΣ 30 IV 38 7** (Paralia Akratas,



incorrect month), sent to
ΠΑΤΡΑΙ ΕΝΤΥΠΑ 30 ΙΟΥΝ 38
(Patras, printed matter),
addressed to Patras.

Same sender, same postmark

ΠΑΡΑΛΙΑ ΑΚΡΑΤΑΣ 8 ΙΙΙ 41 7

(Paralia Akratas).

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7. Return receipt and Postal Agencies

ΥΠΟΔ. 1008

Ε Λ Τ Α			Θέσις ἐπικολλήσεως γραμματοσήμου
Α Π Ο Δ Ε Ι Ξ Ε Ι Σ			
Π Α Ρ Α Λ Α Β Η Σ		Π Λ Η Ρ Ω Μ Η Σ	
ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΥ	ΛΕΜΑΤΟΣ	ΕΠΙΤΑΓΗΣ	
☐	☐	☐	

Εἰς τὸ ἔναντι πλαίσιον
τίθεται τὸ ὄνοματεπώνυ-
μον καὶ ἡ διεύθυνσις τοῦ
ἀποστολέως τοῦ ἀντικει-
μένου διὰ νὰ λάβῃ τὴν
αἰτουμένην βεβαίωσιν
παραλαβῆς.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΣ ΑΣΦΑΛΕΩΝ
ΠΕΡΙΚΟΝ ΥΠΟΚ/ΜΑ ΒΟΛΟΥ

Return receipt with
sender's address:
Hellenic Republic,
Social Security,
Volos Branch Office.
From Volos
(Magnisia)



παρέλαβον τὸ ἀντικείμενον 10043
γραφείου 24855
ἐν ἐπ' ὀνόματί μου.
Ἐν Παιτρικίᾳ 8-8-1978
ΛΗΠΤΗΣ
Ο ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

Recipient :
ΛΟΥΤΡΑΚΙΟΝ
ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ 8 VIII 78
(Loutrakion of
Skopelos, Sporades
islands, Magnesia),
Postal Code Postal
37004, Postal
Agency 1974-1996

[KEDE LOUTRAKI MAG](#)



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☐ ἐξόφλησα τὴν ἐπιταγὴν
ποῦ ἀναγράφεται στὴν παροῦσα ἀπόδειξη.

24481

16/2 1980

Ο ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

24481

16/2 1980

Ο ΥΠΑΛΛΗΛΟΣ

ΣΤΟΙΧΕΙΑ ΤΑΥΤΟΤΗΤΑΣ

*Αριθ. _____ *Ἡμερ. _____

*Αστ. Τμήμα _____

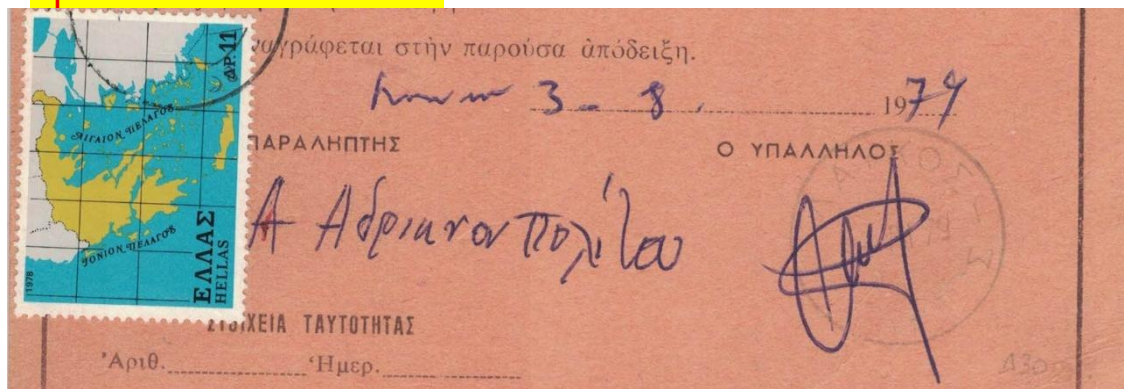
*Υπογραφή—Χρονολογικὸ Σήμαντρο

Recipient:
ΚΛΗΜΑ
ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ 20 II
80 (Klima of
Skopelos, Sporades
islands, Magnesia)
in violet, Postal
Code 37004, Postal
Agency 1952-2000

[KEDE KLIMATOS MAG](#)



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Recipient:

ΛΑΥΚΟΣ

ΜΑΓΝΗΣΙΑΣ 3 VIII 79

(Lafkos of Magnesia),

Postal Code 37006,

Postal Agency 1954-

2018

[KEDE_LAFKOS_MAG](#)



Recipient:

ΝΕΟΧΩΡΙΟΝ

ΜΗΛΕΩΝ 4 X 78

(handwritten

correction

“VI”)(Neochori

Mileon of Magnesia),

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Postal Code

37010.

Postal

Agency 1960-1988

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Recipient:

ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΒΙΚΕΙΟΝ

ΜΑΓΝΗΣΙΑΣ 17 XI 79

(Stefanovikeio

Magnesia), Postal

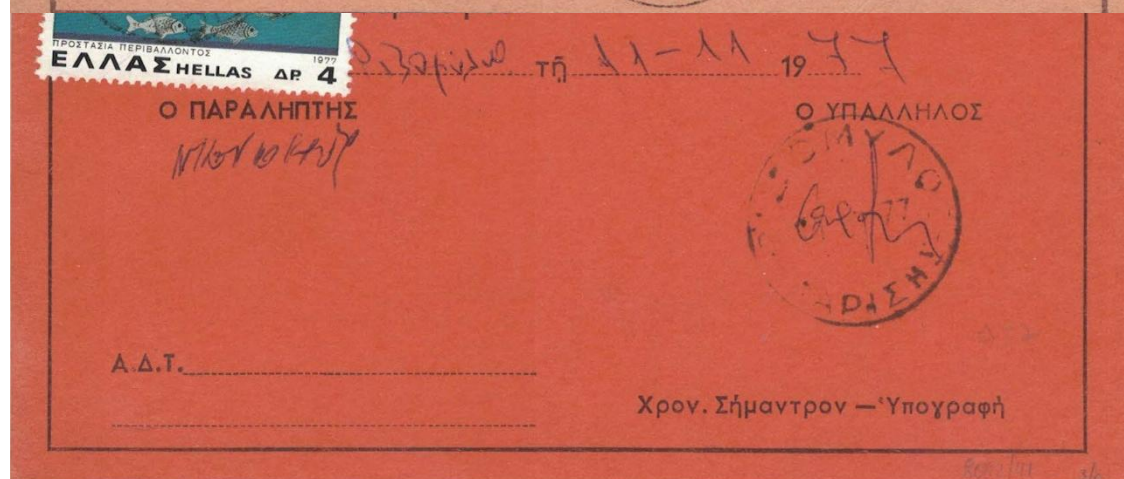
Code 37500, Postal

Agency since 1954

[KEDE_STEFANOVIKEIO_MAG](#)



Recipient:



ΡΙΖΟΜΥΛΟΣ

ΛΑΡΙΣΗΣ 11 XI 77

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(Rizomylos

Larisis,

Magnisia),

Postal Code 37500,

Postal Agency since

1954

[KEDE_RIZOMYLOS_LAR](#)



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8. Domestic Postal Money Order and Postal Agencies

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TACHYDROMIKH EPITAGH
ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ (Domestic Postal
Money Order) issued at the KTA
ΕΠΙΤΑΓΙ ΕΚΔΟΣΙΣ -6 IV 72
(Central Post Office of Athens
(Domestic Postal Money Order),
via ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ ΕΠΙΤΑΓΙ 22 IV 72
(Kerkyra Postal Money Order,
supervising post office for
Epikepsi), and delivered through
the Rural Posthorn service,
datestamp **67 22 IV 72** (base
postal agency **Episkepsis**), with
handstamp and signature of the
rural postman, addressed to
Spartylas (Kerkyra).

The Postal Agency of Episkepsis
operated from at least 1960
until at least 2020. The
supervising post office was Kerkyra (Postal Code 49100). Rural Post Route No. 67 at Episkepsis
existed from 1 June 1957 until sometime between 1985 and 1989, when it was relocated to Kerkyra.



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9. Example of Postal agencies as a base for Rural mail delivery

ΣΑΡΑΚΙΝΑ (Sarakina, Grevena)

Postal agency from at least 1920 until 6 June 1988 (closed); supervising post office: Grevena, postal code 51100. Base for rural mail delivery route 870 from 5 November 1919 until 6 June 1988, thereafter attached to Grevena.

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Cover bearing sender's address Neochori Grevenon from ΣΑΡΑΚΙΝΑ ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ 24 VII 53 (Sarakina of

Grevena, Macedonia) via ΓΡΕΒΕΝΑ 27.VII.53 (Grevena), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 VII 53 (Athens arrival, wave cancel), addressed to Athens.

Einschreibscheidung/Envoi recommandé		Drucksache Imprimé		Einschreibe	
☒ Brief Lettre	☐ Wertsendung/Envoi avec valeur déclarée	☐ Brief Lettre	☐ Kästchen Boîte	☐ Paket Colis	Wertangabe/Valeur déclarée
☐ Postanweisung Mandat de poste	☐ Zahlkarte Mandat de versement	Betrag/Montant			
Einlieferungsamt/Bureau de dépôt			Einlieferungstag/Date de dépôt		
44 Münster			22.12.73		
Name oder Firma des Empfängers oder Postscheckkontoinhabers/Nom ou raison sociale du destinataire ou intitulé du CCP					
Kotta Marianthi					
Straße und Hausnummer/Rue et No			Ort und Land/Localité et Pays		
Panagia Grevena			Griechenland		
Dieser Schein muß vom Empfänger oder von einer nach den Bestimmungen des Bestimmungslandes bevollmächtigten Person oder, wenn diese Bestimmungen es zulassen, vom Beamten des Bestimmungsamts unterzeichnet und mit nächster Post unmittelbar an den Absender zurückgesandt werden.					
Cet avis doit être signé par le destinataire ou par une personne y autorisée en vertu des règlements du Pays de destination, ou, si ces règlements le comportent, par l'agent du bureau de destination, et renvoyé par le premier courrier directement à l'expéditeur.					
Die vorerwähnte Sendung wurde vorschriftsmäßig/L'envoi mentionné ci-dessus a été dûment					
☐ ausgehändigt livré	☐ ausgezahlt payé	☐ dem PSchklo gutgeschrieben inscrit en CCP			
Tag/Date		(Unterschrift des Empfängers Signature du destinataire)			
		(Unterschrift des Bediensteten Signature de l'agent)			
		Sarakina 24 VII 53			

Deutsche Bundespost Administration des Postes d'Allemagne (Rép. féd.)		C 5	
Postsache Service des postes		Stempel des Postamts, das den Schein zurücksendet Timbre du bureau renvoyant l'avis	
		28. DEZ. 1973	
Mitteilung Avis		Rückschein de réception	
		Auszahlungsschein de paiement	
Name oder Firma/Nom ou raison sociale			
Landesversicherungsanstalt Westfalen			
4400 Münster (Westf.)			
Straße und Hausnummer/Rue et no			
Postfach 617			
Ort/Localité			
Land/Pays			
Deutschland			

Advice of receipt for a registered letter, with sender's address: Regional pension insurance institution Westfalen, Münster (Germany); arrival postmark ΣΑΡΑΚΙΝΑ ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ 22 XII 73 (Sarakina of Grevena, Macedonia) and rural posthorn datestamp 870 22 XII 73 in violet, addressed to Panagia Grevena.

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ΣΑΡΑΚΙΝΑ (Sarakina, Grevena)



Cover made to order from **ΣΑΡΑΚΙΝΑ ΓΡΕΒΕΝΩΝ -8-V 88** (Sarakina of Grevena, Macedonia), with rural damaged posthorn datestamp **870 -6 VI 88**, addressed to Thessaloniki; last day of operation of the postal agency before its closure and the transfer of the base of the rural mail delivery to Grevena.



Cover made to order from **ΓΡΕΒΕΝΑ GREVENA -7 VI 88 10** and **ΓΡΕΒΕΝΑ GREVENA 7VI.88-15**, with damaged rural posthorn datestamp **870 -6 VI 88**, addressed to Thessaloniki; first day of the new base of operation of the

new Grevena rural mail delivery base. [KEDE_SARAKINA_GRE_KOZ](#)

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10. Examples of Postal Agencies in the different (prefectures) in Greece

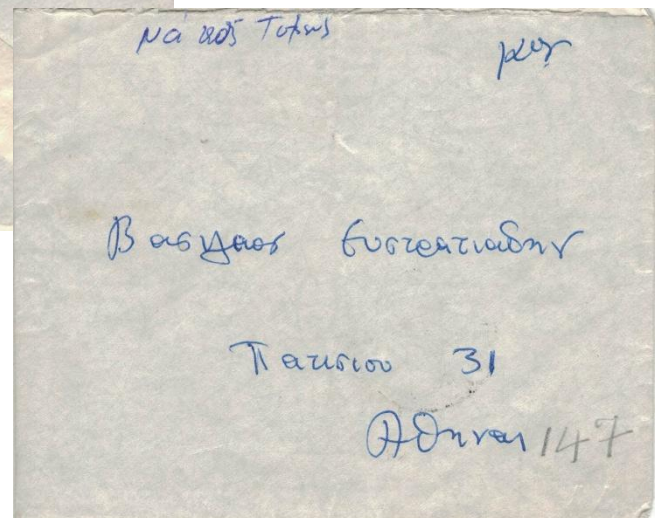
ΜΕΣΙΝΟ (Mesino, Korinthia)

The Postal Agency was **in operation for a brief period** from 16 June 1955 FEK 131A, 24 May 1955, (3) until at least 1960. The supervising post office was Goura, postal code 20014.

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Cover with sender's address Mesino, from **ΜΕΣΙΝΟΝ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ 25.IX.62** (Mesinon, Corinthia, Peloponnese), via ΓΚΟΥΡΑ 26 ΣΕΠ 62 (Goura, Corinthia), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 26.IX.62 (Athens arrival), addressed to Athens.



[KEDE_MESINO_KOR](#)



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ΜΕΛΙΣΣΙ (Melissi, Korinthia)

Post office since at least 1897; later a postal agency from at least 1931 until at least 2021, possibly already operating in 1920. The supervising post office was Kiato (postal code 20200).



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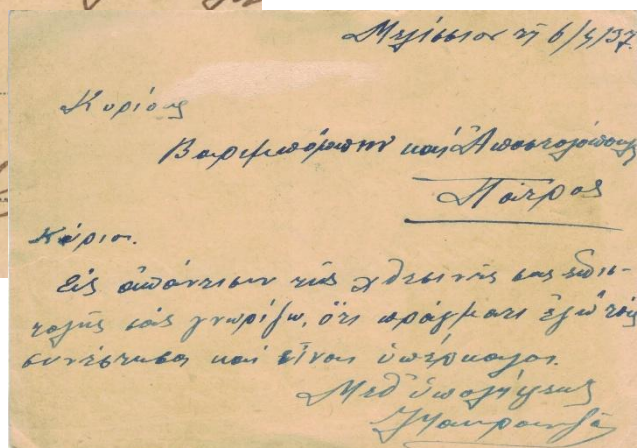


Fragment **ΜΕΛΙΣΣΙ 8.-.12** (Melissi, Korinthia) (Type Va) in blue on 5 lepta engraved definitive.



Post card (1931 issue with paid

reply), sender's address Melissia from **ΜΕΛΙΣΣΙΟΝ (ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ)** 6.4.1937 (Meliseion Korinthias) in violet (Type 1926 Dais), addressed to Patras.



KEDE_MELISSI_KOR



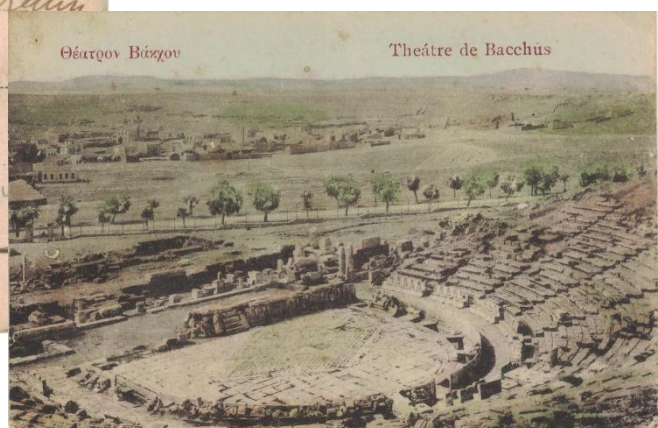
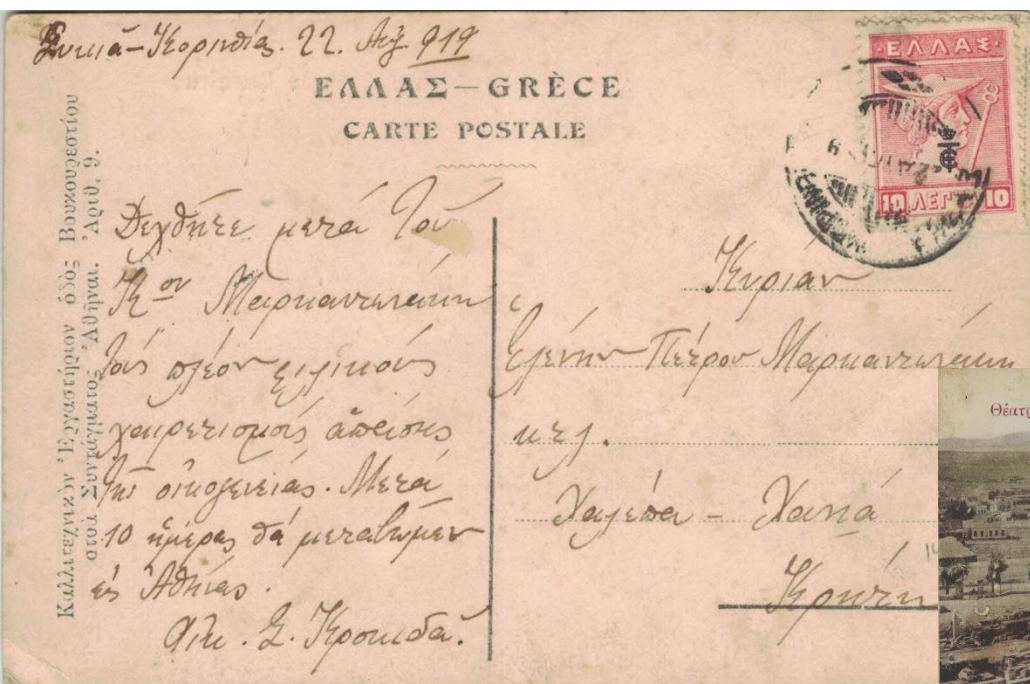
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ΣΥΚΙΑ- ΣΥΚΕΑ (Sykia-Sykea, Korinthias)



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Postal agency from at least 1920 until at least 1988; correction of the name from Sykia to Sykea on 16 October 1940 [Correction from Sykia to Sykea](#), the supervising Post Office was Xylokastro, postal code 20400.

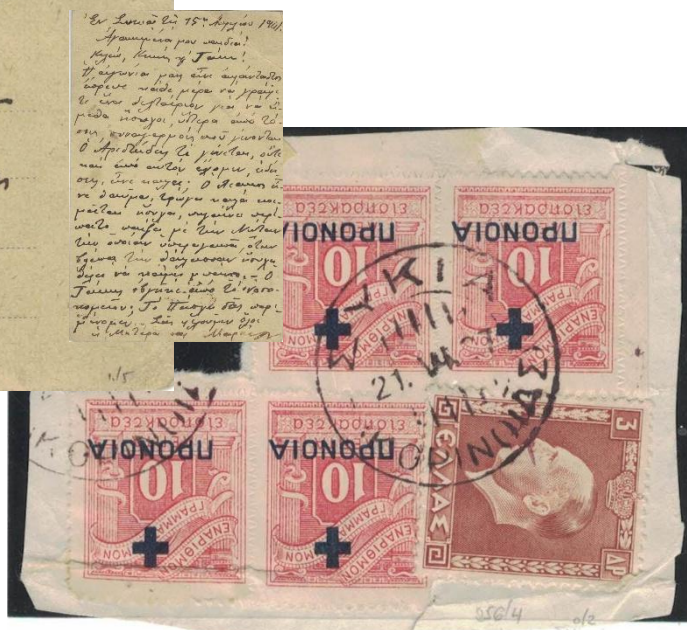


Picture postcard with sender's address: Οικογένεια Σ. Κροκιδά Sykia. Posted from **ΣΥΚΙΑ (ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ) 22 ΑΥΓ 1919** (Sykia, Corinthia, Peloponnese), addressed to Chania, Crete, Picture postcard: ΑΘΗΝΑΙ Θέατρον Βάκχου / ATHÈNES Théâtre de Bacchus (publisher: Καλλιτεχνικόν Εργαστήριον).



Postal card. Sender's address: Sykia. Posted from **ΣΥΚΙΑ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ 15 ΙV 41** (Sykia Korinthias) Type 1921.2 Dais or Type 32A Bellas, addressed to Athens. Censored on arrival with E25 (Athen's censorship reader).

Fragment **ΣΥΚΙΑ (ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ) 21.VI.37** (Sykia of Corinthia, Peloponnese).



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ΣΥΚΙΑ- ΣΥΚΕΑ (Sykia-Sykea, Korynthias)



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Cover from **ΣΥΚΕΑ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΑΣ - .8.58** (Sykea, Corinthia), addressed to Athens.

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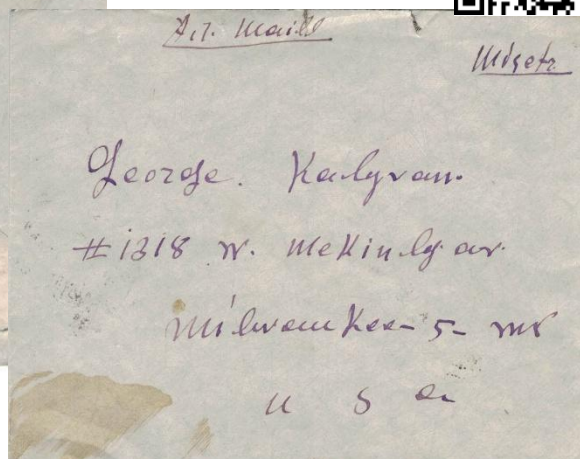
ΒΑΧΛΙΑ (Vachlia Gortynias, Arkadia)

Post office listed in the 1920 post directory. Postal agency in operation from at least 1935 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Kontovazaina (postal code 22015). The post office in Kontovazaina was closed in September 2023.



Cover with sender's address Vachlia Gortynias, from **ΒΑΧΛΙΑ 9 X 54** (Vachlia, Arcadia Peloponnese), via ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ 10 X 54 (Tripolis, wave cancel), addressed to Milwaukee 5, Wisconsin, USA.

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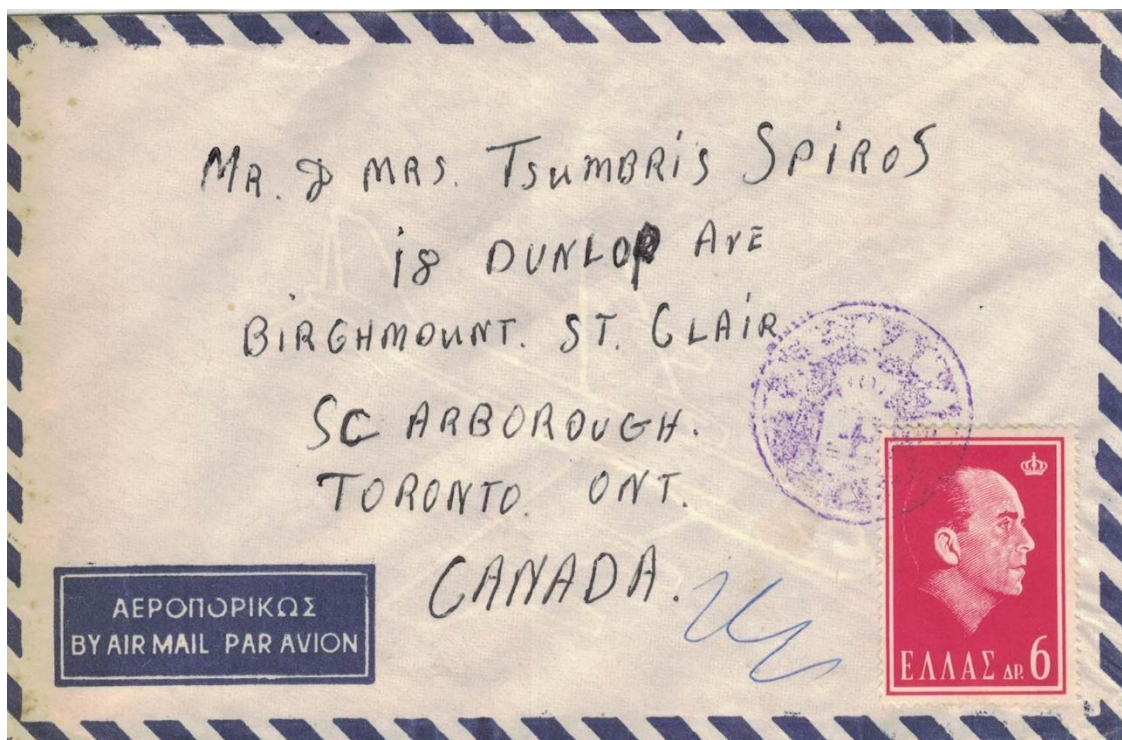


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MANAPI MANTINEIAS (Manari Mantineias, Arkadia)

Postal agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Assea (postal code 22027).



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Cover with sender's address Manari **from TAX.**
MANAPI (Post Office of Manari, Arcadia, Peloponnese)
in violet (negative seal), addressed to Toronto,
Canada.



Not in Dais



Fragment with **MANAPI 16 III 54** (Manari) and ΜΕΓΑΛΟΠΟΛΙΣ 17 MAP 54 (Megalopolis) postmarks.

[KEDE MANARI ARK](#)



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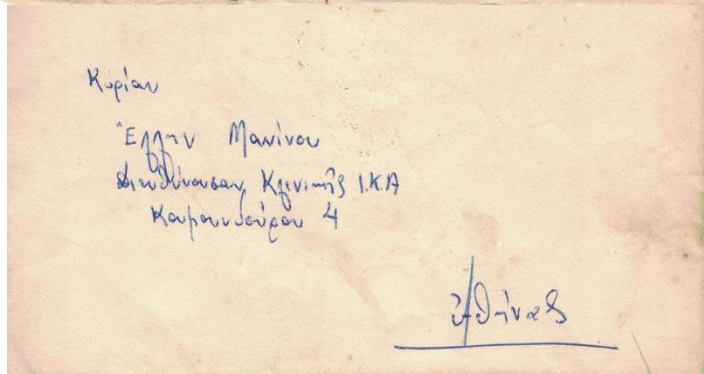
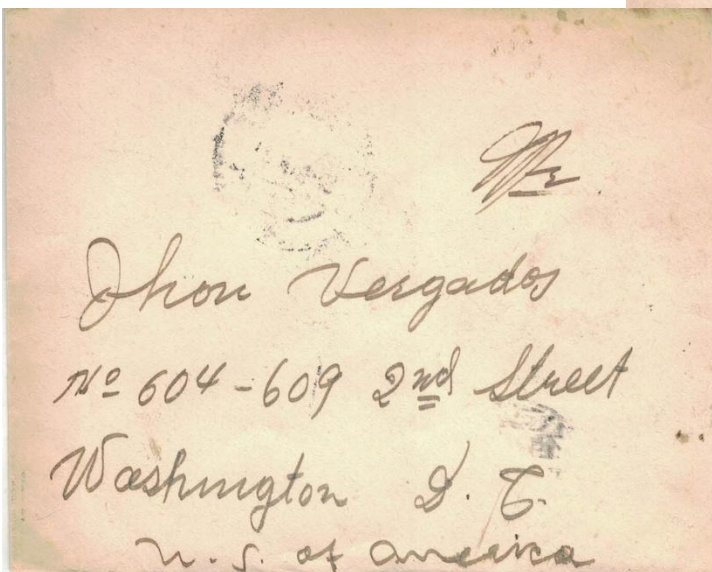
ΑΓΟΡΙΑΝΗ-ΑΓΟΡΙΑΝΝΗ ΠΕΛΛΑΝΗΣ (Agoriani Pellanis, Lakonia)

Postal agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Georgitsi (postal code 23065). Agoriani was a post office in 1920.

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Cover with sender's address Agoriani, from **ΑΓΟΡΙΑΝΗ (ΠΕΛΛΑΝΗΣ)** without date block (Agoriani Pellanis, Laconia, Peloponnese), via ΣΠΑΡΤΗ 7 ΙΑΝ 31 (Sparta) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 8 ΙΑΝ 31 (Athens arrival), addressed to Washington, USA.



Cover with sender's address Agoriani from **ΑΓΟΡΙΑΝΝΗ ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ 25 VII 72 18** (Agoriani Lakonias), via ΣΠΑΡΤΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ (Sparta arrival), addressed to Athens. The datestamp is Type 1927 (Dais) or 41 (Bellis), introduced in 1927.



It is possible that, at the time this postmark was used, Agoriani had post office status, and the postmark shows not only the date but also the time.

[KEDE AGORIANI PELLANIS LAK](#)



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ΣΕΛΙΑΝΙΤΙΚΑ ΑΙΓΙΟΥ (Selianitika Aigiou, Achaïa)

There was a postal agency from at least 1916 until at least 1960; its supervising post office was Aigio (postal code 25100).

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Cover with sender's address Selianitika, from **ΣΕΛΙΑΝΙΤΙΚΑ ?1 ΙΑΝ. 196?** (Selianitika) in violet, addressed to Athens.



Cover with sender's address Selianitika from **ΣΕΛΙΑΝΙΤΙΚΑ ΑΧΑΪΑΣ -3 VIII 67** (Selianitika of Achaïa, Peloponnese), addressed to Antikyra (Boeotia).
Not in Dais



Fragment with **ΣΕΛΙΑΝΙΤΙΚΑ -8 XI 1971**

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Not in Dais

[KEDE SELIANIKA AIGIOU ACH](#)



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ΤΕΜΕΝΗ ΑΙΓΙΑΛΕΙΑΣ (Temeni, Achaïa)

Post Office in 1920; Postal Agency from at least 1935 until at least 1960; the supervising post office was Aigio. Postal code 25100.

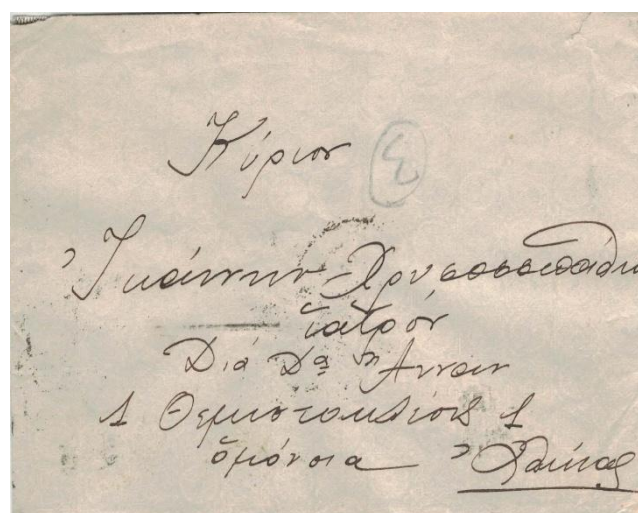
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Cover from **ΤΕΜΕΝΗ (ΑΙΓΙΑΛΕΙΑΣ) 1 ΣΕΠΤ 29** (Temeni of Aegialia, Achaïa, Peloponnese, type V), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 2 ΣΕΠ, 29 IV FOIRE INTERNATIONALE DE THESSALONIKI 15-30 SEPTEMBRE 1929 (Athens, arrival, machine cancellation, slogan only in French), addressed to Athens.



ΤΕΜΕΝΗ 15 ΙΑΝ 1940
(Temeni, Achaïa, Peloponnese)



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ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗ (Salmoni, Elis)

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Postal agency from at least 1931 until at least 2021, possibly already operating in 1920, under the supervision of Pyrgos Post Office, postal code 27100.

Renaming Koukoura to Salmoni according FEK 115A-16.04.1930



Cover from **ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗ** (Salmoni), undated, addressed to Athens.



Fragment of registered letter, sender's address Salmoni, from **ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗ SALMONI** 15.07.88, with handwritten R-marking R 1 (registered, registration number) in red and ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟΝ ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗΣ ΗΛΕΙΑΣ (Postal Agency of Salmoni Ileias) in blue, addressed to Athens.

[KEDE SALMONI_ILI](#)



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ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗ (Salmoni, Elis)



Cover from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗΣ ΕΛΤΑ 08.05.18** (Postal Agency of Salmoni), type 60Aa subtype 1, addressed to Germany (made to order).



Cover from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΣΑΛΜΩΝΗΣ ΕΛΤΑ 08.05.21** (Postal Agency of Salmoni), type 60Aa subtype 2, addressed to Germany (made to order).

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ΔΡΥΜΩΝΑ ΤΡΙΧΩΝΙΔΟΣ (Drymona Trichonidos, Aitolioakarnania)

Postal Agency from at least 1935 until at least 1997, under the supervision of Thermo Post Office, postal code 30008.



Renaming of Berikos to Drymona according to the Government Gazette.

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FEK 81A 14.5.1928



Cover made to order from **TAX.**

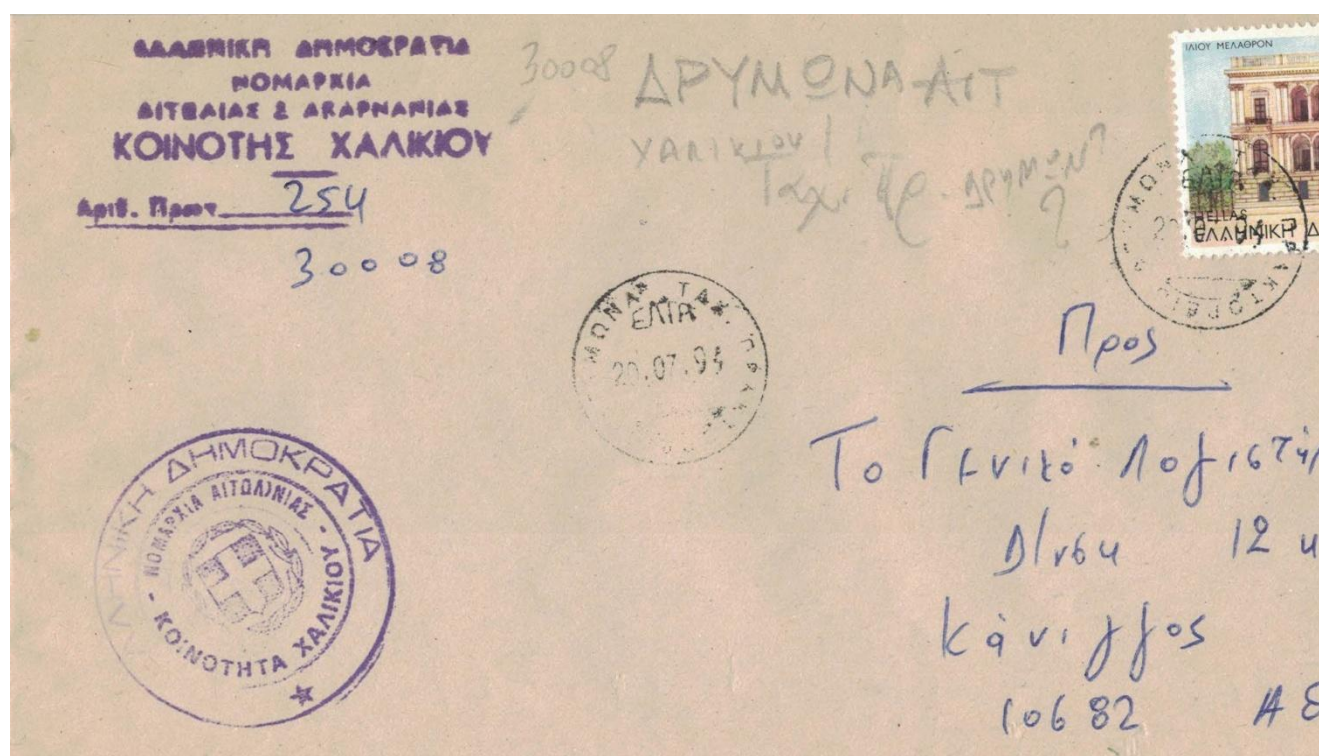
ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ

ΔΡΥΜΩΝΑ 03.02.97

(Postal Agency Drymona), type 59Ad, via ΘΕΡΜΟΝ THERMON 4.11.97, addressed to Germany.

not in Dais

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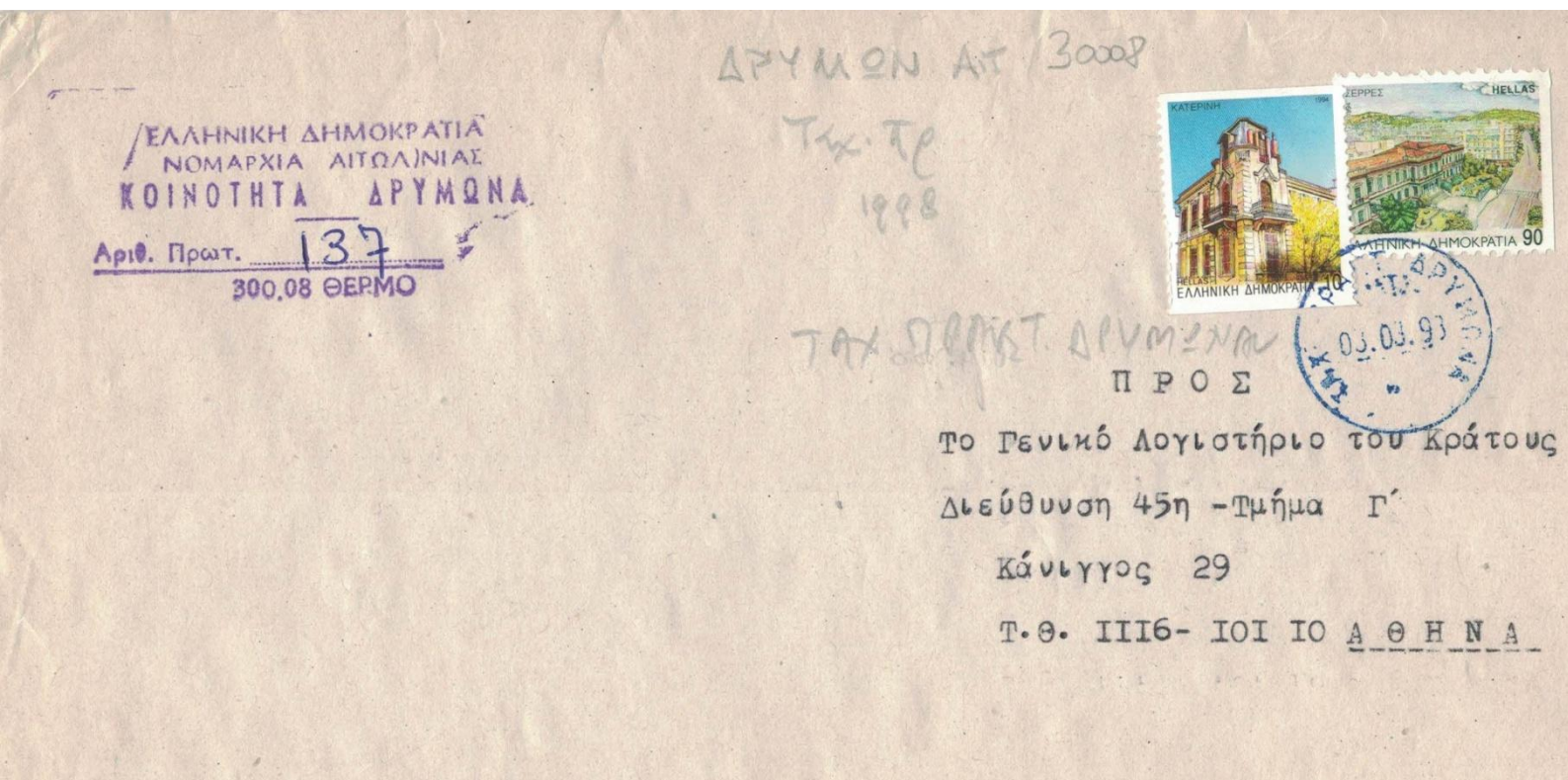


Covers with sender's address in different villages (Chaliki, Nerochori, Ameraki, Drymona) from **TAX.**

ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ ΔΡΥΜΩΝΑ, various dates, types 60Aa and 59Ad, addressed to Athens. (this and the next page).

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ΔΡΥΜΩΝΑ ΤΡΙΧΩΝΙΔΟΣ (Drymona Trichonidos, Aitolokarnania)



Cover with sender's address: Community of Drymona from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΔΡΥΜΩΝΑ 03.03.98** (Postal Agency of Drymona) in blue, type 60Aa, addressed to Athens.

not in Dais

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ΧΑΛΚΙΟΠΟΥΛΟ ΒΑΛΤΟΥ (Chalkiopoulos Valtou, Aitolokarnania)

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Postal agency operating from at least 1920 until at least 1988. The supervising post office was Amfilochia (postal code 30500 in 1960), and later Empesos (postal code 30017).

Chalkiopoulos served as the seat of rural post services 189 and 190 from 5 September 1911 until 30 April 1972, when it was moved to Empesos.

Registered letter from sender's address, Community of Petronas, Province of Valtos bearing the rural post datestamp **189 26 II 60** and the **ΧΑΛΚΙΟΠΟΥΛΟΝ ΒΑΛΤΟΥ 26 II 60** (Chalkiopoulos Valtou, base postal agency), with the handwritten *Επι αποδειξει* (against receipt), R-marking R 2 (registered and registration number) *αγρ.* Χαλ/λον (rural post Chal/lou), via



ΑΜΦΙΛΟΧΙΑ 26 II 60 (Amfilochia) and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 27 II 60 (Athens, registered arrival), sent to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28 II 60 10 in violet, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora.

Cover with sender's address Petrona, Valtos, bearing rural post datestamp **189**



30 I 65 and **ΧΑΛΚΙΟΠΟΥΛΟΝ ΒΑΛΤΟΥ 2 II 65** (Chalkiopoulos Valtou, base postal agency), via ΑΜΦΙΛΟΧΙΑ -5 II 65 18 (Amfilochia), addressed to Athens.
KEDE_CHALKIOPOULO_AIT



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ΛΙΜΝΙΤΣΑ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ (Limnitsa Nafpaktias, Aitolokarnania)

Postal Agency from at least 1960 until at least 2000; the supervising Post Office was Ano Chora (postal code 30023) in 1960 and subsequently Terpsithea (postal code 30024).

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Cover with sender's address
Limnitsa Nafpaktou from
ΛΙΜΝΙΣΤΑ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ 13 IV 61
(Limnitsa Nafpaktias), via
ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΟΣ 13 IV 6, sent to
ΜΑΚΡΥΓΙΑΝΝΗ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 15 III
61.07 (Makrygianni Athens, wave
cancel), addressed to Athens.

All official sources use the place name Limnitsa, rather than Liminista as it appears on the postmark.



Two covers made to order from **ΛΙΜΝΙΤΣΑ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ 26 IV 94** and **25 X 95**
(Limnitsa Nafpaktias), via ΤΕΡΨΙΘΕΑ
ΤΕΡΨΙΘΕΑ 23 X 95, addressed to
Germany and Athens.



KEDE_LIMNISTA_AIT

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ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙ ΑΜΩΡΑΝΗ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΟΥ (Katafygi, formerly Amorani, Nafpaktia, Aetolia-Acarnania)

Postal agency in operation from at least 1920 until at least 1991; the supervising post office was Nafpaktos (postal code 30300). Katafygi was served as the head office of Rural Post Service route 182 from 3 November 1946 until 31 March 1985, when the seat was transferred to Nafpaktos. [View map](#)



ΑΜΩΡΑΝΗ 25 ΑΠΡ 1920? and 13 ΙΟΥΝ 1928 (Amorani)

Renaming of Amorani to Katafygi on 28 September 1927, according to Government Gazette FEK 206/28.9.1927



ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙΟΝ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ 13 V 1933 7 (Katafygion Nafpaktias) in violet



Cover with sender's address Anavryti from **ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙΟΝ**

ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ 10 VII 1959 19 (Katafygion Nafpaktias) with rural post datestamp **182 10 VII 59**, via **ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΟΣ 11 ΙΟΥΛ.59 (Nafpaktos)**, and sent to **ΑΜΠΕΛΟΚΗΠΟΙ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 12 VII 59 12 (Ampelokipi Athens, wave cancel)**, addressed to Athens.

Cover made to order from **ΚΑΤΑΦΥΓΙΟΝ ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΙΑΣ 17 III 1978 7 (Katafygion Nafpaktias)** and rural post datestamp **182 17 III 78**, addressed to Athens.

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ΒΛΥΧΟ (Vlycho, Lefkada)

Postal agency from at least 1935 until at least 1988, the supervising Post Office was Lefkada (Postal Code 31100), and from March 4, 2002 until unspecified date, the supervising Post Office was Nydri (Postal Code 31084). Seat of Rural Post Route No. 78 from at least 1931 until October 15, 1972, when it was transferred to Lefkada.

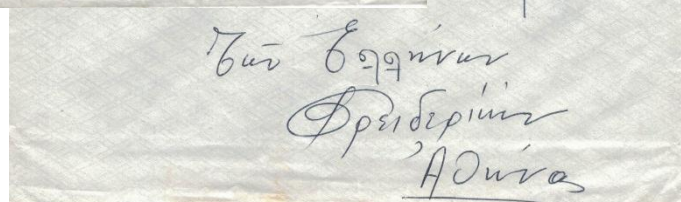
			
Type 1913.2 Dais = 26C Bellas	Type 1941 Dais = 52A Bellas	Type 1942 Dais = 53 Bellas Not in Dais	Type 60Ad (self-assigned) Not in Dais



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Cover with sender's address village of Alatro, from **ΒΛΥΧΟΝ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ 1 X 63** (Vlychon Lefkadados) and Rural posthorn datestamp **78 30 IX 63**, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΘΙΣ -2 X 63 23-ΕΝΙΣΧΥΣΑΤΕ ΤΟΝ ΕΠΑΝΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΕΡΥΘΡΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ (Athens arrival-Support the fund-raising campaign of the Hellenic Red Cross), and ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 3 X 63 9 (Athens dispatch), sent to ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 3 X 63 11, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora.



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ΒΛΥΧΟ (Vlycho, Lefkada)



Cover with sender's address in Vlychon, from **ΒΛΥΧΟΝ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ 18 ΙV 68** (Vlychon Lefkas), via ΛΕΥΚΑΣ - LEFKAS 27.ΙV.68 21η ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ 1967, ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΕΘΝΟΥΣ (21st April 1967, the nation's victory), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 30.ΙV.68 - ΕΛΛΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΩΝ (Athens, arrival, Greece (of the) Greeks (who are) Christians), addressed to Athens.

Small visiting-card cover with a "damaged" rural posthorn datestamp **78 17 V 70** in violet, from **ΒΛΥΧΟΝ ΛΕΥΚΑΔΟΣ** in violet, sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 20 V 70 23 - ΕΛΛΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΩΝ ΧΡΙΣΤΙΑΝΩΝ (Athens arrival, Greece (of the) Greeks (who are) Christians), addressed to Athens.



Not in Dais



Cover from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΒΛΥΧΟΥ ΛΕΥΚ. ΕΛΤΑ 08.10.02** (Postal Agency of Vlychos Lefk.) in blue, sent to Lefkada (made to order).

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ΝΥΔΡΙ (Nydri, island Lefkada)

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Postal agency operating from at least 1939 until at least 1988, supervised by the Lefkada Post Office (Postal Code 31100).

Registered letter from **ΝΥΔΡΙΟΝ 18 VIII 81** with a handwritten boxed register marking R (registered) in red and ΝΥΔΡΙ ΝΥΔΡΙ 45 (registration number) in blue, via ΛΕΥΚΑΣ LEVKAS 18 VIII 81 12, addressed to Athens.



Registered letter with sender's address Nydri from **NYDRION LEUCADOS -8 IX 89** bearing a boxed label R Registered 311 00 ΛΕΥΚΑΔΑ GR 311 00



LEFKADA

4662 (registration number) and handwritten ΝΥΔΡΙ in blue, addressed to Athens.

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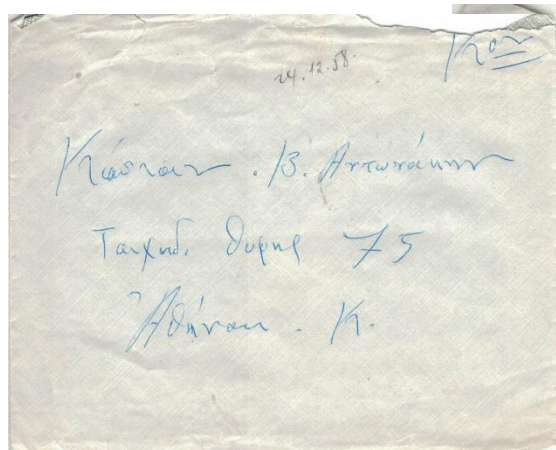


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ΛΙΝΑΡΙΑ (Linaria Karystias, Skyros island, Euboea)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1988, supervised by the Skyros post office (postal code 34007). The village had previously functioned as a post office in 1920. **Linaria is a small settlement with 132 residents. The same postmark remained in use for over 50 years.**



Cover sender's address in Linaria from **ΛΙΝΑΡΙΑ 20 XII 1958** (Linaria), via KYMH 22 ΔΕΚ.58. (Kymi), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 24 XII 58 09 (Athens arrival, slogan cancel: Postal savings bank-All savings bank-Morning afternoon-and Sunday morning), addressed to Athens.



[KEDE LINARIA SKYROS EVV](#)



ΠΑΛΙΟΥΡΑΣ (Paliouras, Euboea)

Postal Agency from at least 1974 until at least 1988, the supervising Post Office was Kathenoi, Postal Code 34018.

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Registered letter made to order from **ΠΑΛΙΟΥΡΑΣ ΕΥΒΟΙΑΣ -8 X 78** in violet, with boxed label R-marking R (Registered) ΚΑΘΕΝΟΙ ΚΑΘΕΝΙ 0062 (registration number), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 11 X 78 09 (Athens, arrival registered), addressed to Athens.

Not in Dais

[KEDE PALIOURA EVV](#)



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ΑΓΙΟΣ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΛΟΚΡΙΔΟΣ (Agios Konstantinos Lokridos, Fthiotida)

Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1952, under the supervision of the Atalanti post office (postal code 35200). It was upgraded to a post office in 1960, assigned postal code 35006, and remained operational until its closure in September 2023.

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Cover with sender's address Agios Konstantinos Lokridos from **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΚΩΝ/ΤΙΝΟΣ ΛΟΚΡ 11 II 60** (Agios Konstantinos Lokridos), and via **ΑΤΑΛΑΝΤΗ 11**

ΦΕΒ 60, (Atalanti), addressed to Athens.
[KEDE_AGIOS_KONSTANTINOS_LOKRIDOS_FTH](#)

ΠΑΠΠΑΣ-ΜΕΣΟΧΩΡΙ ΚΑΡΔΙΤΣΗΣ (Pappas, formerly Mesochori, Fthiotida)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1995, supervised by the Makrakomi post office (postal code 35011). According to Government Gazette (FEK) 261A of 31 August 1912, Pappa was corrected to Papas. According to Government Gazette (FEK) 261A of 31 August 1912, Pappa was corrected to Papas. According to FEK 1991A of 3 July 1957, it was renamed Mesochori Makrakomis, and according to FEK 100A of 23 June 1987, it was renamed Pappas again. [ΕΕΤΑΑ Pappas](#).

Located on the border between the prefectures of Karditsa and Fthiotida, it now belongs to the prefecture of Fthiotida.

The village has 64 residents.

Aerogramme made to order **ΠΑΠΠΑ ΦΘΙΩΤΙΔΟΣ 10.01.96** (Pappas Fthiotidos), via **ΜΑΚΡΑΚΩΜΗ ΜΑΚΡΑΚΟΜΙ 10 I 96**.

Not in Dais



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ΛΟΥΤΡΑ ΥΠΑΤΗΣ (Loutra Ypatis, Fthiotida)

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In the Onomatologia (postal directories) of 1935, 1939, 1940, 1952, and 1960, it is noted that a third-class (Class Γ) post office in Loutra Ypatis operated only during the summer. In 1954, a postal agency with winter service was established [FEK 43A/13.3.1954](#). Otherwise, Loutra Ypatis is listed as a communal post office in Dais. In 1974, the postal agency may have been closed. In 1984, 2002, and 2011, it was no longer in operation as a post office. The supervising post office was Ypatis, postal code 35016.



Cover with sender's address Loutra Ypatis from **ΛΟΥΤΡΑ ΥΠΑΤΗΣ 6VIII52.9** (Loutra Ypatis), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ -7 VIII 52 (Athens arrival, wave cancel), addressed to Athens.



Cover poste restante from **ΛΟΥΤΡΑ ΥΠΑΤΗΣ 6VIII52.9** (Loutra Ypatis), via ΛΑΜΙΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 27 VI 55 14 (Lamia arrival), sent to ΠΑΤΗΣΙΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 28ΙΟΥΝ1955 9

(Patisia arrival). Poste restante fee of 200 Drs cancelled with ΠΑΤΗΣΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ 28 VI 55 18 (Patisia of Athens, addressed to Athens).



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ΛΟΥΤΡΑ ΥΠΑΤΗΣ (Loutra Ypatis, Fthiotida)



Cover made to order from **ΛΟΥΤΡΑ ΥΠΑΤΗΣ LOUTRA YPATIS 22 VIII 78**, via ΛΑΜΙΑ LAMIA 22VII.78-20 (date discrepancy), addressed to Athens.



[KEDE_LOUTRA_YPATIS](#)

Official cover with “ΧΩΡΙΣ ΤΕΛΟΣ” (“postage paid”), with sender’s address: Post Office

of Loutra Ypatis from **Λ. ΥΠΑΤΗΣ L. YPATIS 28-09-95**, addressed to Germany.



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ΠΑΛΑΙΟΚΑΣΤΡΟ (Palaiokastros, Fthiotida)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1920 until at least 1988; supervised by the Agios Georgios post office (postal code 35017); **74 residents**



ΠΑΛΑΙΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ ΦΘΙΩΤΙΔΟΣ 1. ΔΕΚ.33 (Palaiokastros of Fthiotida) in violet newer type, cancelling three pairs of 80-lepta lithographic definitives.

Fragment with **ΠΑΛΑΙΟΚΑΣΤΡΟΝ ΦΘΙΩΤΙΔΟΣ 1.ΝΟΕ.33** (Palaiokastros of Fthiotidos) in violet, newer type, cancelling a pair of 80 lepta

lithographic definitive, and tying 80λ lepta lithographic definitive with 3 x 10λ lepta and 40 lepta Landscapes.

Not in Dais

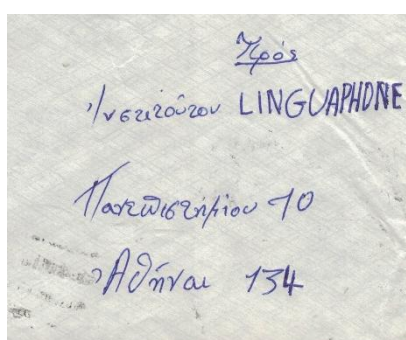
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ΛΕΙΑΝΟΚΛΑΔΙ-ΛΙΑΝΟΚΛΑΔΙ (Leianokladi formerly Lianokladi, Fthiotida)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1988, supervised by the Lamia Post Office (postal code 35100). Lianokladi functioned as a post office in 1920 and earlier. The name was officially corrected on 16 October 1940 from Lianokladi to Leinaokladi [Correction of Lianokladi](#)



KEDE_LEIANOKLADI_FYLIADONOS_FTH

Cover with sender's address Lianokladi from **ΛΙΑΝΟΚΛΑΔΙ ΦΘΙΩΤΙΔΟΣ 18 ΧΙ 69** (Lianokladi Fthiotidos), via ΛΑΜΙΑ 16 ΧΙ 68. 11 (Lamia, wave cancel), addressed to Athens.



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ΣΤΙΡΦΑΚΑ-ΣΤΥΡΦΑΚΑ (Stirfaka, formerly Styrfaka, Fthiotida)

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Postal Agency in 1971, Stirfaka is not mentioned as a postal agency in any Onomatologion (postal directory register). The supervising post office was Lamia (postal code 35100). The spelling Styrfakia was corrected to Stirfaka on 16 October 1940. [Correction of spelling](#),

Small cover made to order from
ΣΤΙΡΦΑΚΑ ΦΘΙΩΤΙΔΙΣ -4 III 71
(Stirfaka Fthiotidos), via ΛΑΜΙΑ -4 III
71 (Lamia), addressed to Athens.



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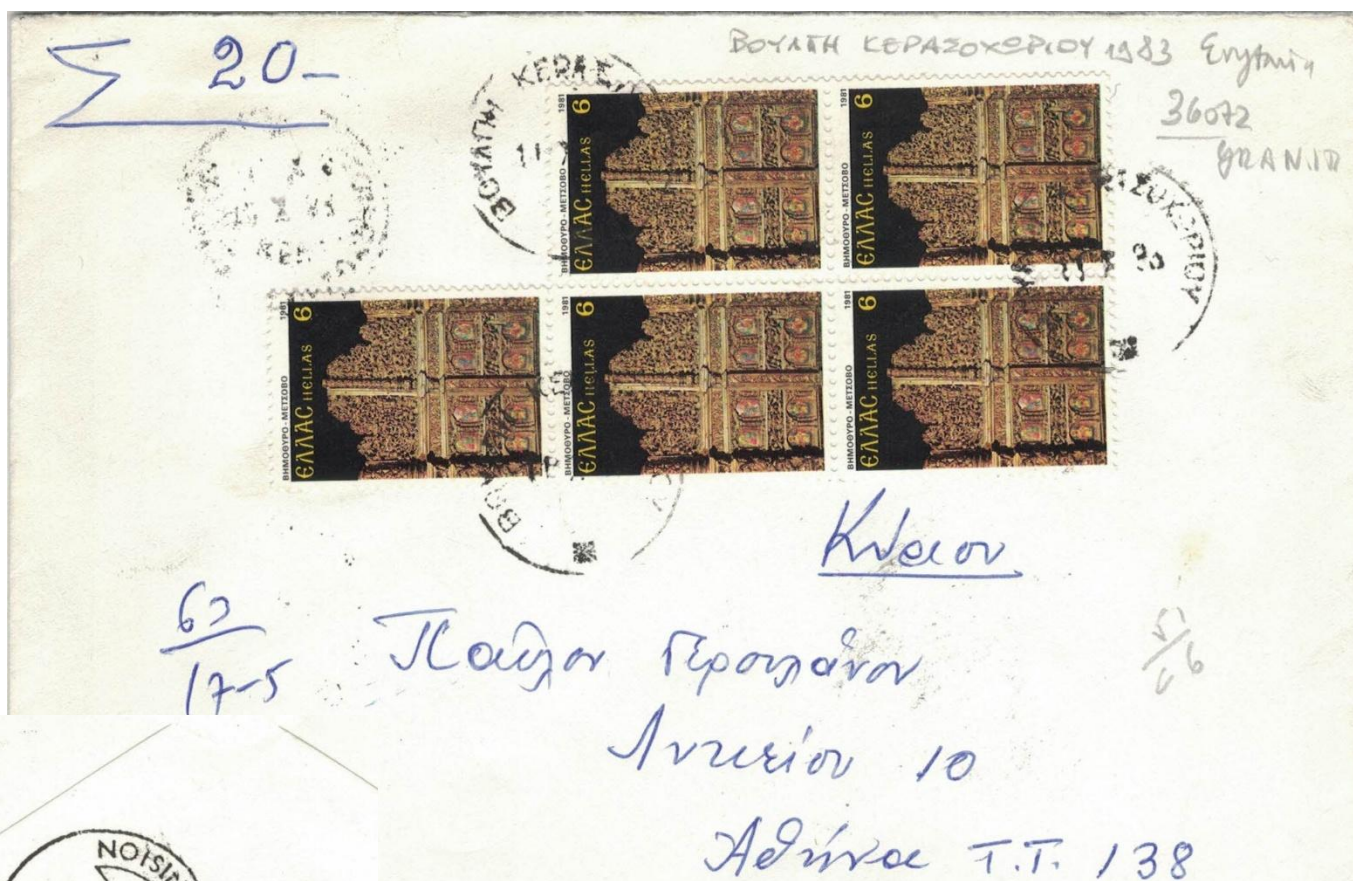


ΒΟΥΛΠΗ ΚΕΡΑΣΟΧΩΡΙΟΥ (Voulpi Kerasochoriou, Evrytania)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1940 until at least 1988. The supervising post office was Kerasochori (postal code 36071) until at least 1960, and later Granitsa (postal code 36072).



Registered letter from **ΒΟΥΛΠΗ ΚΕΡΑΣΟΧΩΡΙΟΥ 11 X 86** (Voulpi Kerasochoriou) bearing a handwritten R-marking Σ 20 (Systemeni and registration number), via ΚΑΡΠΕΝΙΣΙΟΝ KARPENISION 12 V 86-12, addressed to Athens.

[KEDE VOULPI EVR](#)

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ΑΡΚΙΤΣΑ (Arkitsa, Fthiotida)

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Postal Agency operating from 1952 until at least 1998; the supervising post office was Atalanti (postal code 35200).



Registered letter sender's address Arkitsa Lokridas from **ΑΡΚΙΤΣΑ -6 ΜΑΙ 71** (Arkitsa), bearing boxed R-marking label R (registered) 352 00 ΑΤΑΛΑΝΤΗ GR 352 00 ΑΤΑΛΑΝΤΙ and handwritten Αρκίτσας in blue, addressed to Athens.



Cover made to order from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΑΡΚΙΤΣΑΣ 27.09.94** (Postal Agency of Arkitsa), type 59Ac, addressed to Athens.

Cover made to order from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΑΡΚΙΤΣΑΣ 25.04.93** (Postal Agency of Arkitsa), type 59Ac, addressed to Germany.



[KEDE_ARKITSA_FTH](#)

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ΚΛΗΜΑ ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ (Klima of Skopelos Sporades islands, Magnisia)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1952 until at least 2000; its supervising post office was Glossa (postal Code 37004).



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ΥΠΟΔ. 4008

Υπογραφή—Χρονολογικὸ Σήμαντρο

Return receipt,
sender's address:
Hellenic Republic,
Social Security,
Volos Branch Office.
From Volos
Recipient:
ΚΛΗΜΑ ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ
20 II 80 (Klima of
Skopelos).
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Cover
made to order from
ΚΛΗΜΗ ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ
23 X 95 (Klima of
Skopelos), addressed
to Germany.

Not in Dais



ΓΛΟΣΣΑ ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΥ (Glossa of Skopelos Sporades islands, Magnisia)

The post office of Glossa, which supervised the postal agencies of Klima and Loutraki, was closed and on 1 August 2002 replaced by a postal agency. This was discontinued in May 2012.

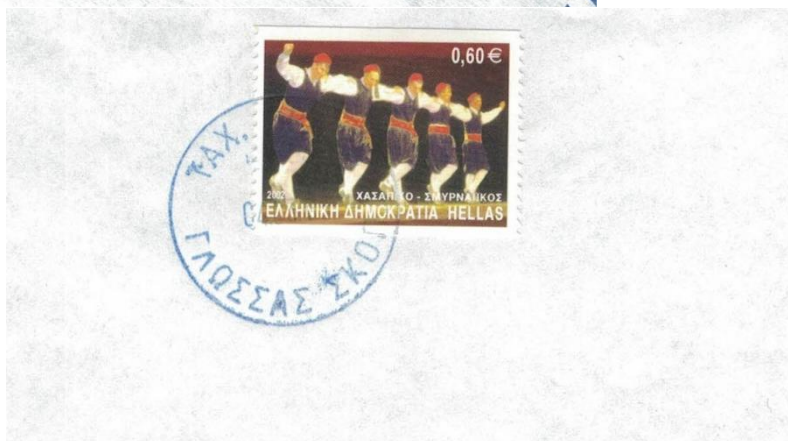
Glossa then came under the supervision of the Skopelos post office, with the postal code 35003.

Cover made to order from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΓΛΟΣΣΑΣ**



ΣΚΟΠ. 01.08.02 (Postal Agency of
Glossa Skop.) in blue, addressed to
Germany. **Not in Dais**

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ΓΑΥΡΙΑΝΗ-ΠΤΕΛΟΣ (Gavriani of Ptelos, Magnisia)

Postal agency from 13 March 1954 (established by Government Gazette 43A of 13 May 1954 (2) [FEK 43A-13.3.1954](#) until 2023; supervising post office: Sourpi, postal Code 37008.

Philatelic cover from **ΓΑΥΡΙΑΝΗ-ΠΤΕΛΕΟΥ ΜΑΓΝΗΣΙΑΣ 22 XII 71** (Gavriani of Pteleos, Magnesia, Thessaly), sent to ΘΕΣ-ΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 26 XII 71 (Thessaloniki arrival), addressed to Athens.

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ΒΑΛΑΝΙΔΑ (Valanida, Larisa)

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Postal agency from 13 March 1954 (established by Government Gazette 43A of 13 May 1954 (2) [FEK 43A-13.3.1954](#) until unknown; the supervising Post Office was officially Elassona (postal code 40200), but on two covers there was a Kranea cancellation, postal code 40001.



Cover with sender's address Valanida of Ellassona, postal code 40200, from **ΒΑΛΑΝΙΔΑ ΛΑΡΙΣΗΣ 12 X 90** (Valanida, Larisa), via ΚΡΑΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΑΣ. 14 XI 90 (Kranea Elas. Different date!), addressed to Athens.

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ΚΕΦΑΛΟΒΡΥΣΟ ΕΛΑΣΣΟΝΟΣ (Kefalovryso of Elassona, Larisa)

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Postal Agency from at least 1960 until at least 2001. The supervising post office was initially Elassona (postal code 40200) and later Kranea Elassonos (postal code 40001). In 1939 and 1952, Kefalovryso had no postal significance.



Cover made to order from **ΚΕΦΑΛΟΒΡΥΣΟΝ ΕΛΑΣΣΟΝΟΣ 30 Χ 95** (Kefalovryso of Elassona) in blue and rural postal datestamp **1068 -1 XI 95**, via **ΚΡΑΝΕΑ ΕΛΑΣΣΟΝΟΣ -1 XI 95** (Kranea of Elassona), addressed to Germany.

[KEDE KEFALOVRYSI LAR](#)

ΚΡΑΝΕΑ-ΚΡΑΝΙΑ ΔΕΣΚΑΤΗΣ (Kranea-Krania Deskatis, Larisa)

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Kranea is recorded as a post office in 1920. In 1935 and 1939, it held no postal significance. By 1952 at the latest, it operated as a postal agency situated on the border between the prefectures of Larisa and Grevena, under the supervision of Deskati (Prefecture of Grevena, postal code 51200). In 1960, it came under the jurisdiction of Elassona (Prefecture of Larisa), with postal code 40200. In the Onomatologon of 1974, Kranea is listed as a fourth-class (Δ) post office. From 25 July 2003 until 31 January 2010, it again functioned as a postal agency. It has been in operation once more since 23 January 2013. Kranea was the seat of rural postman service 1068, which was transferred on 24 February 1953 from Deskati (Prefecture of Grevena) to Krania (Prefecture of Larisa). The rural postman service 1068 was discontinued sometime between 2005 and 2014. On 16 October 1940, the name "Krania" was officially corrected to "Kranea." [Correction of Krania](#)

Cover with sender's address Krania Elassonos from **ΚΡΑΝΙΑ**

Elassonos from **ΚΡΑΝΙΑ**



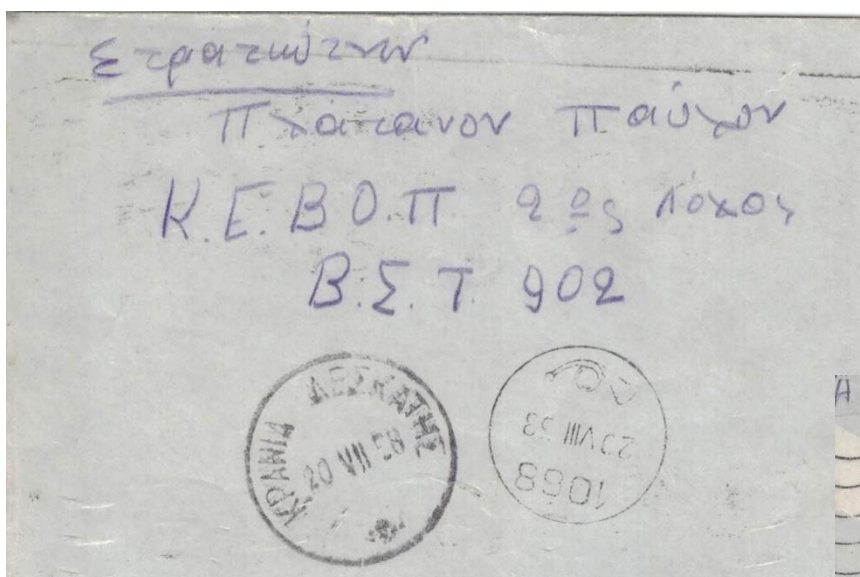
(Vasilika Anaktora arrival) in blue, addressed to Queen Frederike, Anaktora (royal palace).



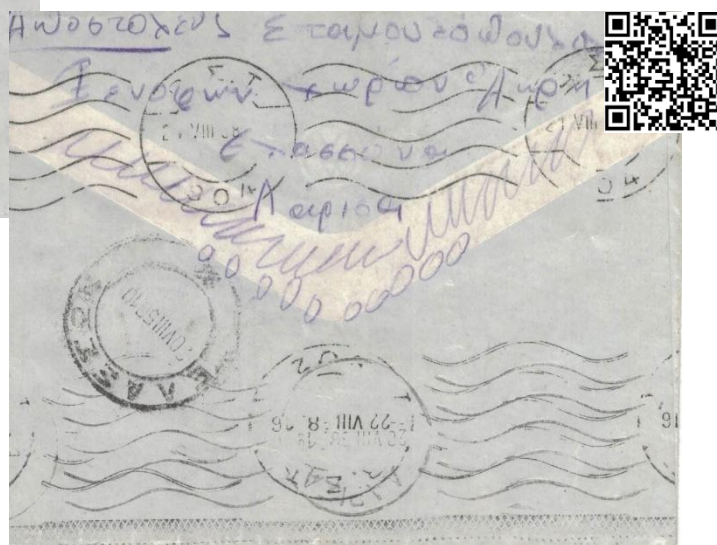
ΔΕΣΚΑΤΗΣ 15 VI 54 (Krania Deskatis) in violet, with rural post datestamp **1068 15 VI 56** in violet, via **ΕΛΑΣΣΩΝ 15 VI 54 12** (Elassona), sent to **ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΑ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 16 V 54 13**

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ΚΡΑΝΕΑ-ΚΡΑΝΙΑ ΔΕΣΚΑΤΗΣ (Kranea-Krania Deskatis, Larisa)



Cover with sender's address Akri from **ΚΡΑΝΙΑ ΔΕΣΚΑΤΗΣ 20 VII 58** (Krania Deskatis) and rural datestamp **1068 20 VIII 58**, via **ΕΛΣΣΩΝ 20 VIII 58 10** (Elassona), and **ΛΑΡΙΣΑ 20 VIII 58 18** (Larisa, wave cancel), via **Β.Σ.Τ. 904 21 VIII 58 08** (V.S.T. 904), addressed to **Β.Σ.Τ. 902** (Σύστημα Υποβολής Αίτησης Κατάταξης ΣεΣτρατιωτικές Σχολές- Application Submission System for Admission to Military Academies). KEDE_KRANIA_DESKATIS_LAR

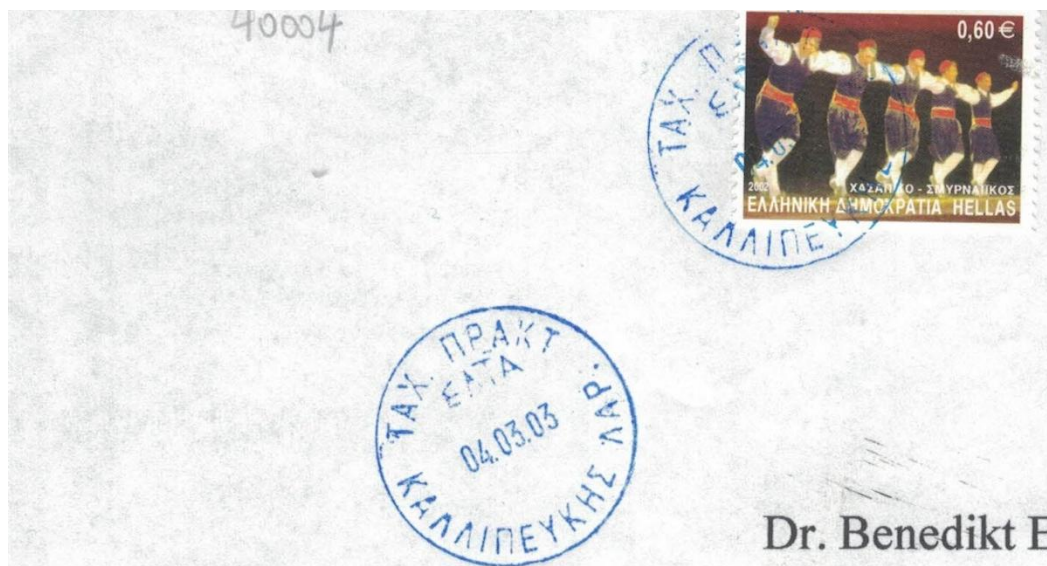


Small visiting-card cover, made to order from **ΚΡΑΝΕΑ ΕΛΑΣΣΟΝΟΣ 27 X 70** (Kranea Elassonos) with rural post datestamp **1058 27 X 70** in violet, addressed to Athens.

ΚΑΛΛΙΠΕΥΚΗ (Kallipefki, Larisa)

Postal Agency operating from 24 October 2002 until at least 2004, under the supervision of the Gonnoi Post Office, Postal Code 40004.

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Cover made to order from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΚΑΛΛΙΠΕΥΚΗΣ ΛΑΡ. 04.03.03** (Postal Agency of Kallipefki Lar.) in blue, addressed to Germany.

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ΓΟΝΝΟΙ (Gonnoi, Larisa)

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The post office was converted into a postal agency, which operated from 28 April 2004 to 28 February 2011. Meanwhile, the Gonnoi post agency was reopened and has since been operated under the supervision of the Sykouri Post Office (postal code 40006).



Cover made to order from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΓΟΝΝΩΝ ΛΑΡ. 17.10.22** (Postal Agency of Gonnoi) in blue, addressed to Germany.

ΚΑΡΥΑ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ ΕΛΑΣΣΟΝΟΣ (Karya Makedonias Elassonos, Larisa)

Postal Agency in 1920 and from at least 1974 until at least 1996; the supervising Post Office was Ellassona (postal code 40200).

Transferred from Nomos Larissa to Nomos Thessaloniki according to Government Gazette 65A of 24 March 1943 and transferred back again according to Government Gazette 5A of 14 January 1944. No renaming.

FEK 5A 14 January 1944



ΚΑΡΥΑ ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ 26.-.- (Karya of Macedonia, nowadays in Elasson, Larissa, Thessaly), type V.

Cover made to order **ΚΑΡΥΑ ΕΛΛΑΣΟΝΟΣ 24 X. 95** (Karya of Ellassona), addressed to Germany.



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ΧΑΛΚΗ-ΜΑΪΜΟΥΛΙ- (Chalki, formerly Maïmouli, Larisa)

Post Office from 18 April 1902; postal agency from at least 1920 until at least 1988 and again from at least 1995 until at least 2003; the supervising Post Office was Larisa, postal code 41500.

Renamed from Maïmouli to Chalki according to Government Gazette [FEK 66A 17.9.1918](#).



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Small fragment cancelled with **ΜΑΪΜΟΥΛΙΟΝ 16 ΜΑΡΤ.-** , type V



Registered cover with sender´s address A.O. (Sport Club) Iraklis from **ΧΑΛΚΗ 13 IX 88** (Chalki), and red boxed R-label R (registered), 410 01 ΛΑΡΙΣΑ-GR 41001 LARISA (supervising post office) 09492 (registration number), addressed to the Hellenic Football Federation in Athens.

[KEDE_CHALKI_LAR](#)

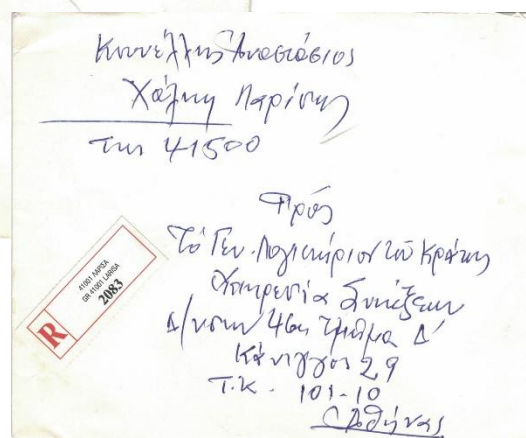


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ΧΑΛΚΗ-ΜΑΪΜΟΥΛΙ- (Chalki, formerly Maïmouli, Larisa)



Registered cover with sender's address Chalki from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΧΑΛΚΙΣ 13.11.97** (Postal Agency of Chalkis), type 60Aa, with R-marking label R (registered) 41001 ΛΑΡΙΣΑ GR 41001 LARISA (postal code, supervising post office) 2083 (registration number), addressed to Athens.



Cover with postmark **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΧΑΛΚΗΣ ΛΑΡ. 19.05.05** (Postal Agency of Chalkis, Larisa), type 60Ag, sent to Germany (made to order). **Not in Dais**

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ΦΑΛΑΝΝΑ-ΦΑΛΑΝΗ- ΦΑΛΑΝΝΗ (Falanna-Falani-Falanni, Larisa)

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Postal agency from 20 October 1955 [FEK 296A-20.10.1955 \(3\)](#) until 18 November 1991; it was initially supervised by the Tyrnavos post office (postal code 40001) and later by the Larisa post office (postal code 41500). Falanna had no postal significance in 1939. From 18 November 1991 to 8 June 2010, it operated as a post office with the postal code 40011.

According to Government Gazette (FEK) 21B of 3 March 1916, [Renaming of Falanna](#), Tatar was renamed to Falanna.



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ΓΑΡΔΙΚΙ (Gardiki, Trikala)

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Postal agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1997; the supervising post office was Mesochora (postal code 42037), and in 1952 it was Trikala (postal code 42100). Gardiki was, from September 19, 1911—at that time still a post office—until around 1990, the seat of Rural Delivery Service 284.

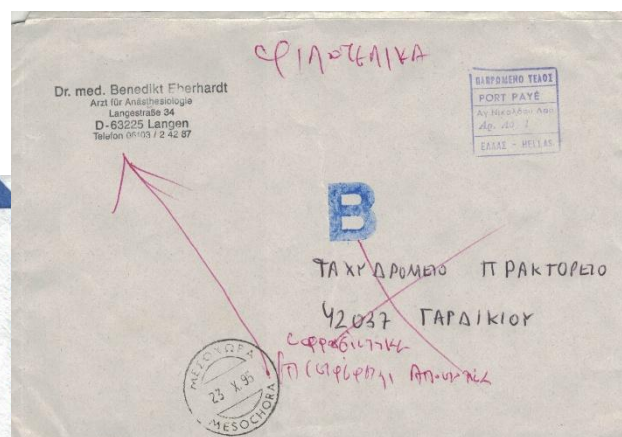


Cover sender's address Drosochori from **ΓΑΡΔΙΚΙ ΤΡΙΚΑΛΩΝ 23 V 67** (Gardiki Trikalon), via **ΜΕΣΟΧΩΡΑ ΤΡΙΚΑΛΩΝ 25 V 67** (Mesochora Trikalon), sent to **ΖΩΓΡΑΦΟΥ ΖΟΓΡΑΦΟΥ 30 V 67 18**, addressed to Zografou-Athens.



Fragment from **ΓΑΡΔΙΚΙ ΤΡΙΚΑΛΩΝ 11 III 71** (Gardiki Trikalon) and rural posthorn datestamp **284 11 III 71**.

Cover made to order from **ΓΑΡΔΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΡΙΚ. GARDIKION TRIK. 23 X 95 00**, sent as philatelic mail from **ΜΕΣΟΧΩΡΑ MESOCHORA 23 X 95**, returned to



Germany.

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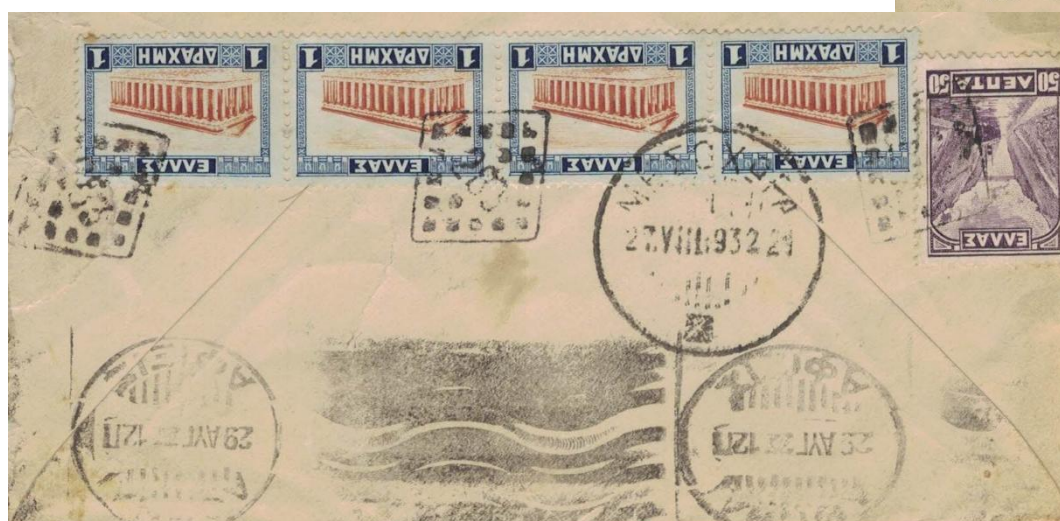
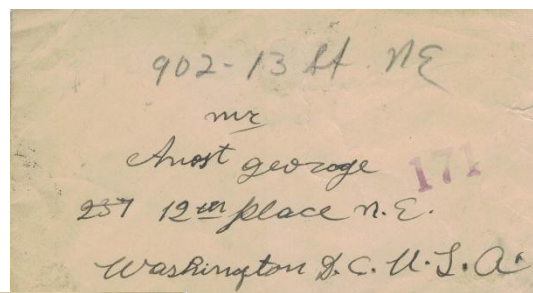
ΜΕΣΟΧΩΡΑ-BITΣΙΣΤΑ (Mesochori formerly Vitsista, Trikala)

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Vitsista was a post office and the base office for rural delivery route 283 from 19 September 1911. Following its renaming to Mesochora (according to FEK 81A on 14 May 1928), it continued operating under the name Mesochora until 29 August 2001. For a **limited period**, from at least 1935 to at least 1952, Mesochora functioned as a postal agency. From at least 1952 onward, it again operated as a post office, with postal code 42037, and was closed before 2012.

Cover from ΜΕΣΟΧΩΡΑ 27.VIII.932 21 (Mesochora), with dotted rural cancellation **283**, via ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29 ΑΥΓ. 32 12 Π (Athens arrival, wave cancel), addressed to Washington D.C., USA.



KEDE_MESOKHORA_TRI



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ΣΕΡΒΩΤΑ (Servota, Trikala)

Postal agency operating from at least 1960 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Trikala (postal code 42100).



KEDE_SERVOTA_TRI

Fragment **ΣΕΡΒΩΤΑ ΤΡΙΚΑΛΩΝ 14 VI 71** (Servota Trikalon) in violet.

ΑΜΠΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΠΑΚΑΣ (Ampelia Kalampakas, Trikala)

Postal Agency operating from at least 1960 until at least 1997; the

supervising Post Office was Kalampaka (postal code 42200).

Karoutia was renamed Ampelia by [Government Gazette 287A of 10 October 1955](#).

Fragment **ΑΜΠΕΛΙΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΠΑΚΑΣ 21 V 71** (Ampelia Kalampakas) in violet.

KEDE_AMPELIA_KLEINOS_TRI



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ΚΑΣΤΑΝΕΑ (Kastanea Kalampakis, Trikala)

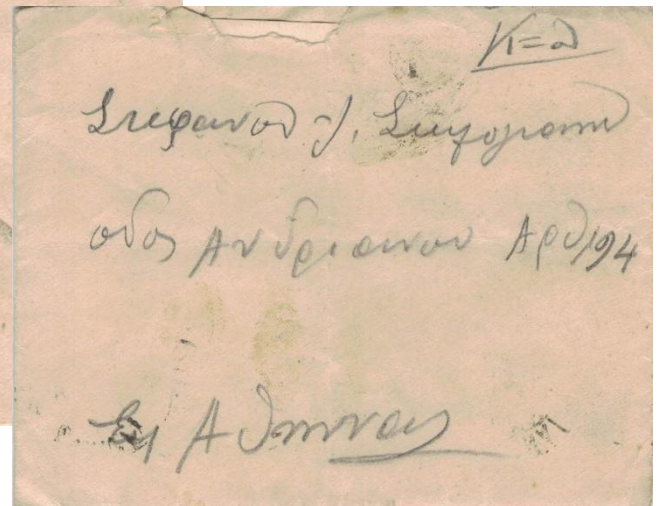
Post office from 30 May 1905 to at least 1920; postal agency from at least 1935 to at least 1960; post office again from at least 1974 (postal code 42036).

During the period when it was a postal agency, Kalampaka was the supervising post office (postal code 42200).

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Cover from **ΚΑΣΤΑΝΕΑ (ΚΑΛΑΜΠΑΚΑΣ) 23.ΑΠΡ.[29]** (Kastanea, Kalampaka), type Vβ (Dais), via ΚΑΛΑΜΠΑΚΑ (Kalampaka), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ (Athens arrival) with urban delivery cancellation 17, addressed to Athens.



Cover made to order from **ΚΑΣΤΑΝΕΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΠ. 15 XII 77** (Kastanea Kalampakas, base post office), with rural post datestamp **288 14 XII 77**, to Athens.

Kastanea was post office at this time.



[KEDE_KASTANEA_TRI](#)

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MAYPOMMATI-MAYPOMATI MOYZAKIOY (Mavrommati-Mavromati of Mouzaki, Karditsa)

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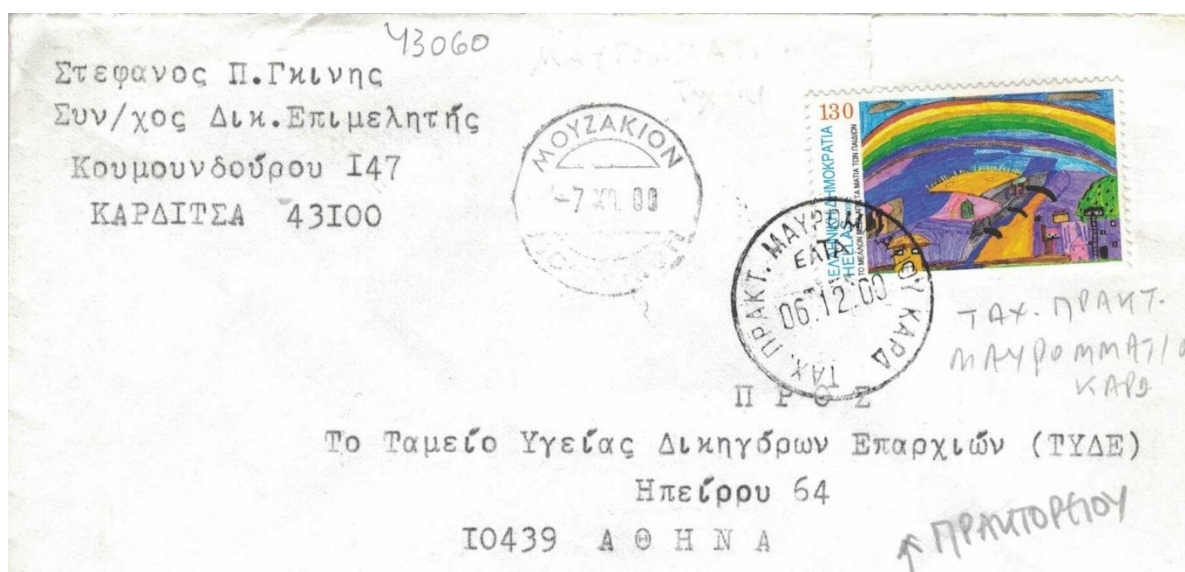


Mavromati functioned as a postal agency from at least 1935 until at least 1988. On 2 May 2000, the postal agency was reopened and has since been operating under the supervision of the Mouzaki post office, with postal code 43060.



Cover with sender's address Mavrommati, from **MAYPOMATI MOYZ. 14 I 58** (Mavromati of Mouzaki), via **MOYZAKION 14 IAN. 58** (Mouzakion), sent to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 15 58 23** (Athens arrival, with slogan cancel: Postal savings bank-All savings bank-Morning afternoon-and Sunday morning, addressed to Athens).

Cover with sender's address Karditsa, from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΑΥΡΟΜΜΑΤΙΟΥ ΚΑΡΔ. 06.12.00** (Postal Agency of Mavrommati, Karditsa), via **ΜΟΥΖΥΑΚΙΟΝ ΜΟΥΖΑΚΙΟΝ - 7.12.00**, addressed to Athens.



[KEDE MAVROMMATI KAR](#)



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ΔΑΜΑΣΚΗΝΙΑ (Damaskinia, Kozani)



Postal agency from at least 1951 until at least 1988; in 1952 the supervising post office was Avgerinos (postal code 50008), and later Tsotili (postal code 50002). The village of Vedyloutsi/Vidoloutsi was renamed Damaskinia by Government Gazette 179A of 30 August 1927.

[FEK 179A 30 August 1927](#)

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Cover with sender's address Damaskinia-Voion, from **ΔΑΜΑΣΚΗΝΙΑ**



[KEDE DAMASKINIA KOZ](#)

KOZANHS 8 XII

51 (Damaskinia, Kozani, Macedonia; "Z" inverted, flipped horizontally), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 10 XII 51 (Athens arrival wave cancel), addressed to Athens.

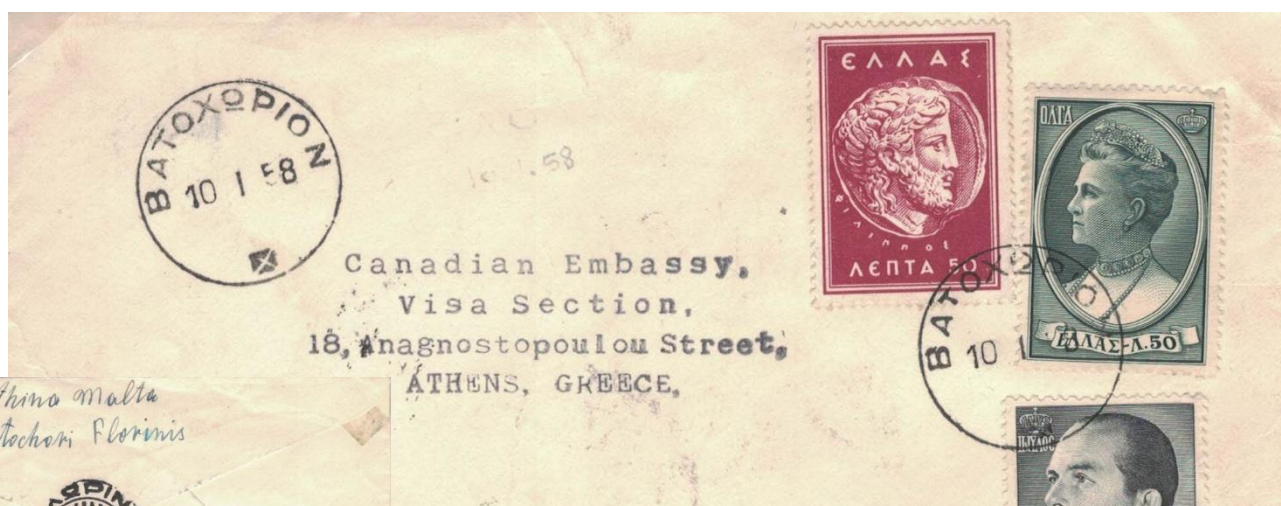


BATOXΩΠΙ (Vatochori, Florina)

Postal Agency from at least 1939 until at least 1988, supervising Post Office Antartiko, Postal Code 53076, Renaming of Brenitsa to Vatochori according to Government Gazette 179A of 30 August 1927.

[Renaming of Vatochori](#)

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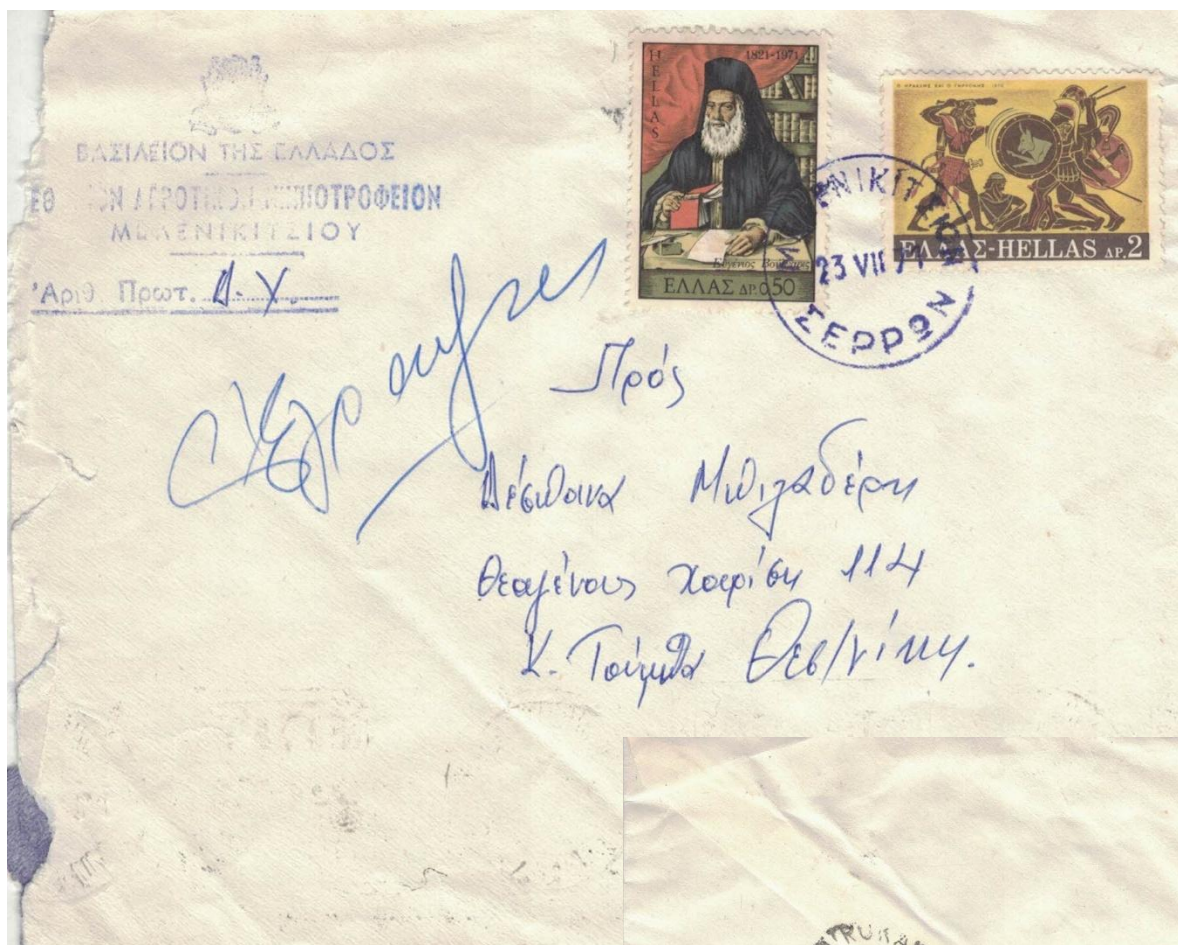
Cover with sender's address Vatochori, from **BATOXΩΠΙΟΝ 10 I 58** (Vatochori), via ΦΛΩΡΙΝΑ 10 I 58. 12 Π. (Florina) and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 10 I 58 17 wave cancel (Thessaloniki), to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 11 I 58. 17 (Athens arrival), addressed to Athens. [KEDE VATOCHORI_FLO](#)



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ΜΕΛΕΝΙΚΙΤΣΙΟΝ ΣΕΡΡΩΝ (Melenikitsi, Serres)

Postal Agency from at least 1955 until at least 1998; supervising Post Office was Sidirokastro, postal code 62300.



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Cover with sender's address ΕΘΝΙΚΟΝ ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΟΝ ΝΗΠΙΟΤΡΟΦΕΙΟΝ ΜΕΛΕΝΙΚΙΤΣΙΟΥ / ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΙΝΟΝΙΚΩΝ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΩΝ (National Rural Nursery of Melenikitsi, Ministry of Social Services). From **ΜΕΛΕΝΙΚΙΤΣΙΟΝ ΣΕΡΡΩΝ 23 VII 71** (Melenikitsion of Serres, Macedonia) in violet, via SIDIROKASTRON SINTIKIS 24.VII.71 (Σιδηρόκαστρον Σιντικής, **not in Dais**) and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 25.VII.71 (Thessaloniki arrival, wave cancel), sent to ΤΟΥΜΠΑ ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ 26.VII.72, slogan cancel 21 Απριλίου 1967 ΝΙΚΗ ΤΩ ΕΘΝΩΣ (Toumba, 21



April 1967-Victory to the Nation), addressed to Thessaloniki.



Fragment **ΜΕΛΕΝΙΚΙΤΣΙΟΝ ΣΕΡΡΩΝ 12.X.77** (77 for 71, Melenikitsion of Serres, Macedonia) in violet



KEDE_MELENIKITSI_SER

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OPMYLIA (Ormylia, Chalcidice)

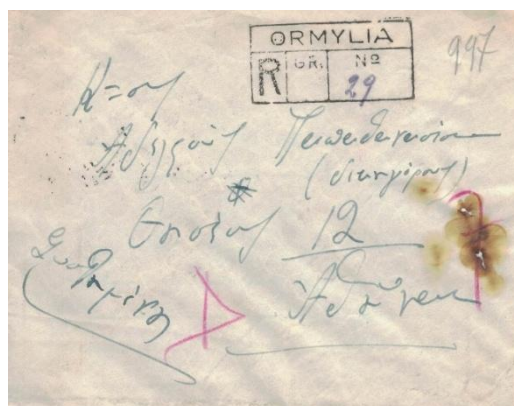


[View map](#) Postal Agency from at least 1920 until 1960, supervising post office Polygyros (postal code 63100; post office from at least 1974 (postal code 63071); and postal agency from 24.3.2008 until at least 2009 (open), supervising post office Nikiti (postal code 63071).



KEDE_ORMYLIA_CHL

Registered cover, sender's address Ormylia, from **OPMYLIA 14 V 53** (Ormylia, Chalcidice, Macedonia) with boxed R-marking ORMYLIA R (registered) GR. (gram) No. handwritten 29 (registration number), via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 15. V 53 17 (Thessaloniki registered), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 16 V 53 17 (Athens registered arrival), addressed to Athens.



ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑ (Megali Panagia, Chalcidice)

Postal Agency from at least 1920 until 1929, and from at least 1939 until at least 1960 (supervising post office: Arnaia, postal code 63074), and post office from 1929 until at least 1935, and from at least 1974, (postal code 63076). The village of Revenikia was renamed Megali Panagia, as published in the Government Gazette.FEK 179A 30 August 1927



Cover with sender's address Revenikia, from **ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΝΑΓΙΑ 2 ΔΕΚ 1927** (Megali Panagia, Chalcidice, Macedonia), sent to ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 3 ΔΕΚ 27 15 (Thessaloniki, arrival, machine cancel), addressed to Thessaloniki. [View map](#)



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ΑΜΟΥΛΙΑΝΗ-ΑΜΟΛΙΑΝΗ (Amouliani-Amoliani, small island Chalcidice)

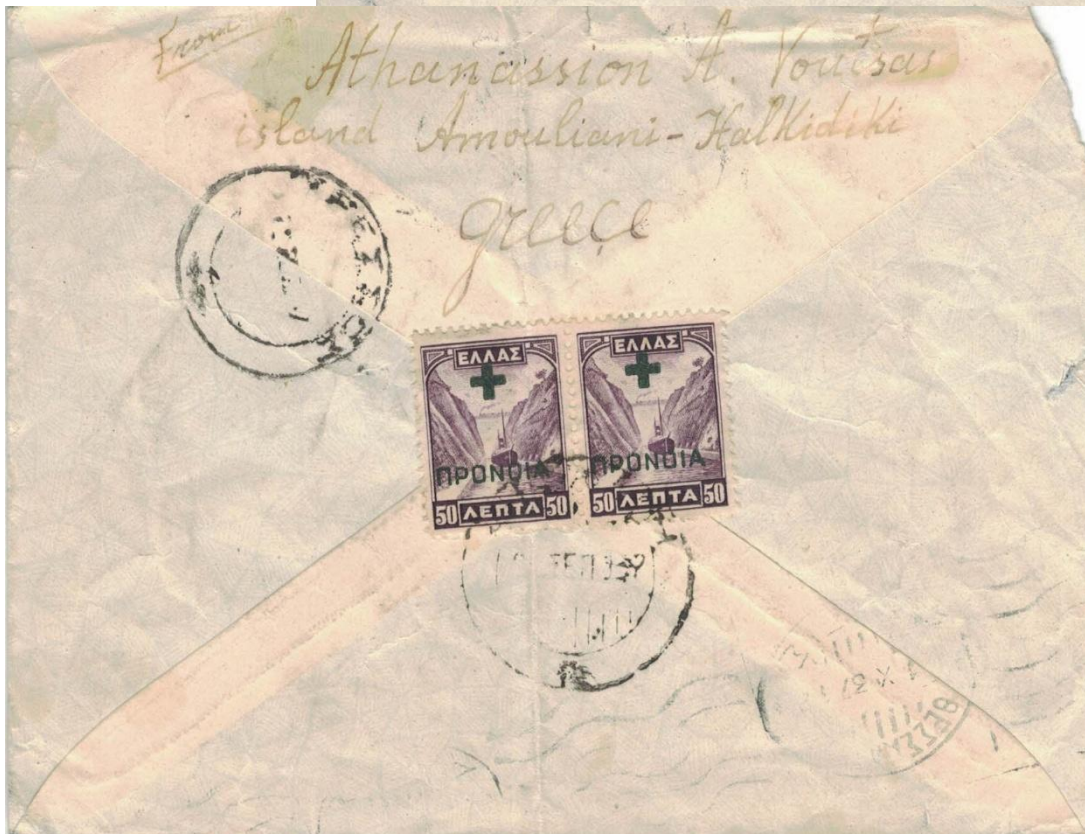
Postal Agency in operation from at least 1935 until at least 1988. The supervising post office was Arnaia in 1939 (postal code 63074), and Ierissos in 1952, 1960, and 1984 (postal code 63075).

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Cover with sender's address Island of Amouliani, from **ΑΜΟΥΛΙΑΝΗ 29 ΣΕΠ 927** (Amouliani), via **ΙΕΡΕΣΣΟΣ 29 ΣΕΠ 37** (Ierissos), and **ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 1 X 27** (Thessaloniki, wave cancel), addressed to Vallejo, California, USA.

Remarks by Galinos:
The ΙΕΡΕΣΣΟΣ postmark is erroneously mentioned in Dais as postmark of the ΕΡΕΣΣΟΣ (Eressos) post office, a village on the Island of Lesbos.



[KEDE Amoliani_CHL](#)



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ΑΜΟΥΛΙΑΝΗ-ΑΜΟΛΙΑΝΗ (Amouliani-Amoliani, small island Chalcidice)

Aerogram with sender's address Ammouliani (misspelled), from **ΑΜΟΥΛΙΑΝΗ 31 ΙΟΥΛ 50**, via ΙΕΡΙΣΣΟΣ (date illegible), and hand stamped in violet with, double-circle Exchange Control marking, reading ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΝΟΜΙΣΜΑΤΟΣ, (Commission for the Protection of



National Currency), with EN/ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ in the center, addressed to Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Fragment with postmark **ΑΜΟΛΙΑΝΗ ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ -6 11 71** (Amoliani, Chalcidice)



ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ (Neos Marmaras, Chalcidice)

Postal Agency operating from least 1927 until at least 1960. The supervising post office was Agios Nikolaos in 1935 (until at least 1947), Sykia in 1952 and 1960, and Polygyros (postal code 63081). Post Office established in 1974.

Recognition of the settlement and its incorporation into the community of Parthenonas (Government Gazette, FEK 212A, 2 September 1924).

Renaming of Balaban to Neos Marmaras according to FEK 7A of 12 January 1925. There is no postmark of Balaban recorded according to Dais. Dais illustrates a postmark of Neos Marmaras dated 30 September 1927.

[Renaming of Balaban](#)

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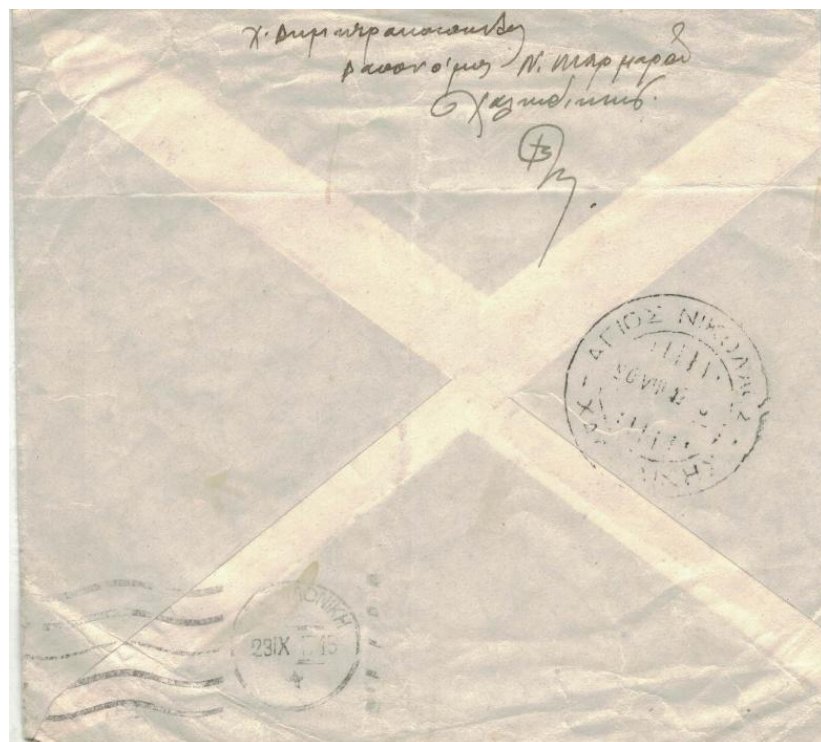
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ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ (Neos Marmaras, Chalcidice)



Strip with postmarks
ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ 8
ΙΟΥΝ 29 (Neos
Marmaras, Chalcidice,
Macedonia).

Not in Dais



Free-of-charge cover with sender's address: Neos Marmaras, from **ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ 20 ΣΕΠ 47** (Neos Marmaras, Chalcidice, Macedonia), via ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ 20 VIII 47 (Agios Nikolaos), and ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ 23 IX 47 15 (Thessaloniki, wave cancel), addressed to ΣΤΓ 917Β (Στρατιωτικά Ταχυδρομικά Γραφεία- Military Post Offices).



[KEDE_NEOS_MARMARAS_CHL](#)

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ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ (Neos Marmaras, Chalcidice)



Cover with sender's address Neos Marmaras, **from ΝΕΟΣ ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ 30 ΟΚΤ 59**, via ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 30 X 59 16 (Thessaloniki arrival, wave cancel), and addressed to Athens.

The postmark was used from at least 1927.



Fragments **N.**
ΜΑΡΜΑΡΑΣ ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ
-1 XII 70 and **19 III 71** in
blue, and **13 V 73** in black



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ΠΟΡΤΑΡΙΑ (Portaria, Chalcidice)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1996; the supervising post office was Nea Moudania (postal code 63200).



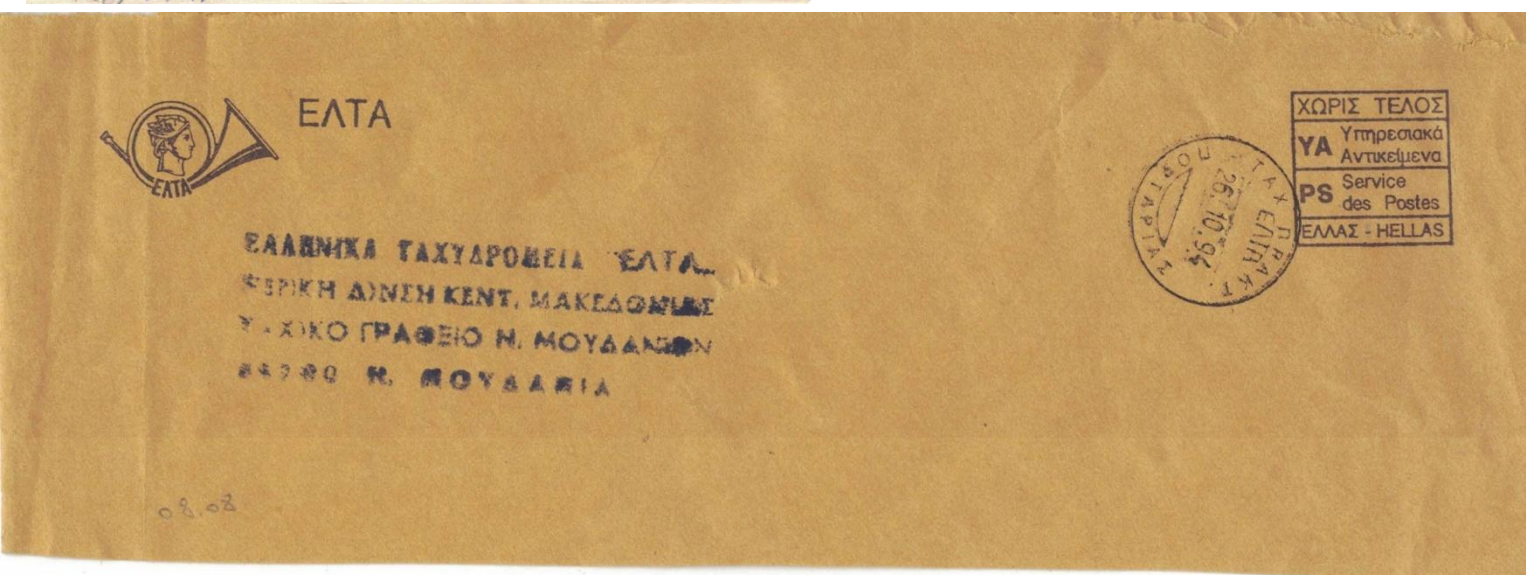
Cover from **ΠΟΡΤΑΡΙΑ-ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ 27 ΑΠΡ 72** (Portaria of Chalcidice, Macedonia), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 28.IV.1972 (Athens arrival), addressed to Athens.



Small visiting-card cover from **ΠΟΡΤΑΡΙΑ-ΧΑΛΚΙΔΙΚΗΣ 21 ΝΟΕ 70** (Portaria of Chalcidice, Macedonia), addressed to Athens, made to order.



[KEDE_PORTARIA_CHL](#)



Fragment with sender's address Post Office of Nea Moudania from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΠΟΡΤΑΡΙΑΣ 26.10.94** (Postal Agency of Portaria), Type 59Ac.

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ΛΙΒΑΔΕΡΟ (τ. ΜΟΚΡΟΣ) (Livadero, formerly Mokros, Drama)



Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1995. The supervising Post Office was Sidironero (postal code 66038), The settlement of Mokros Dramas was renamed Leivadero Dramas by Government Gazette 349A of 27 December 1953, with the name corrected to Livadero on 19 March 1961.” [Renaming of Mokros](#)

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There are two municipalities named Livadero, both of which have hosted postal agencies. Livadero in the Kozani regional unit has Servia as its supervising post office.

Cover with sender's address Livadero, from **ΛΙΒΑΔΕΡΟΝ ΔΡΑΜΑΣ 16 X 68**

(Livadero, Drama,



Macedonia) in violet, via ΔΡΑΜΑ

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 17 X 68 11 (Drama dispatch) and transit marking 1, addressed to Athens.

[KEDE LIVADERO DRA](#)



ΧΑΡΙΤΩΜΕΝΗ (Charitomeni, Drama)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1954 until at least 1967; the supervising post office was Prosotsani (postal code 66200).



Cover with sender's address village of Charitomeni, from **ΧΑΡΙΤΩΜΕΝΗ ΔΡΑΜΑΣ -5 VI 67** (Charitomeni, Drama, Macedonia), via ΠΡΟΣΩΤΣΑΝΗ -5 VI 67 (Prosotsani), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ -6 VI 67 (Athens, wave cancel), addressed to Athens, and redirected to ΦΑΡΣΑΛΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 8 VI 67 10

(Farsala arrival, Larisa, Thessaly).



[KEDE CHARITOMENI DRA](#)



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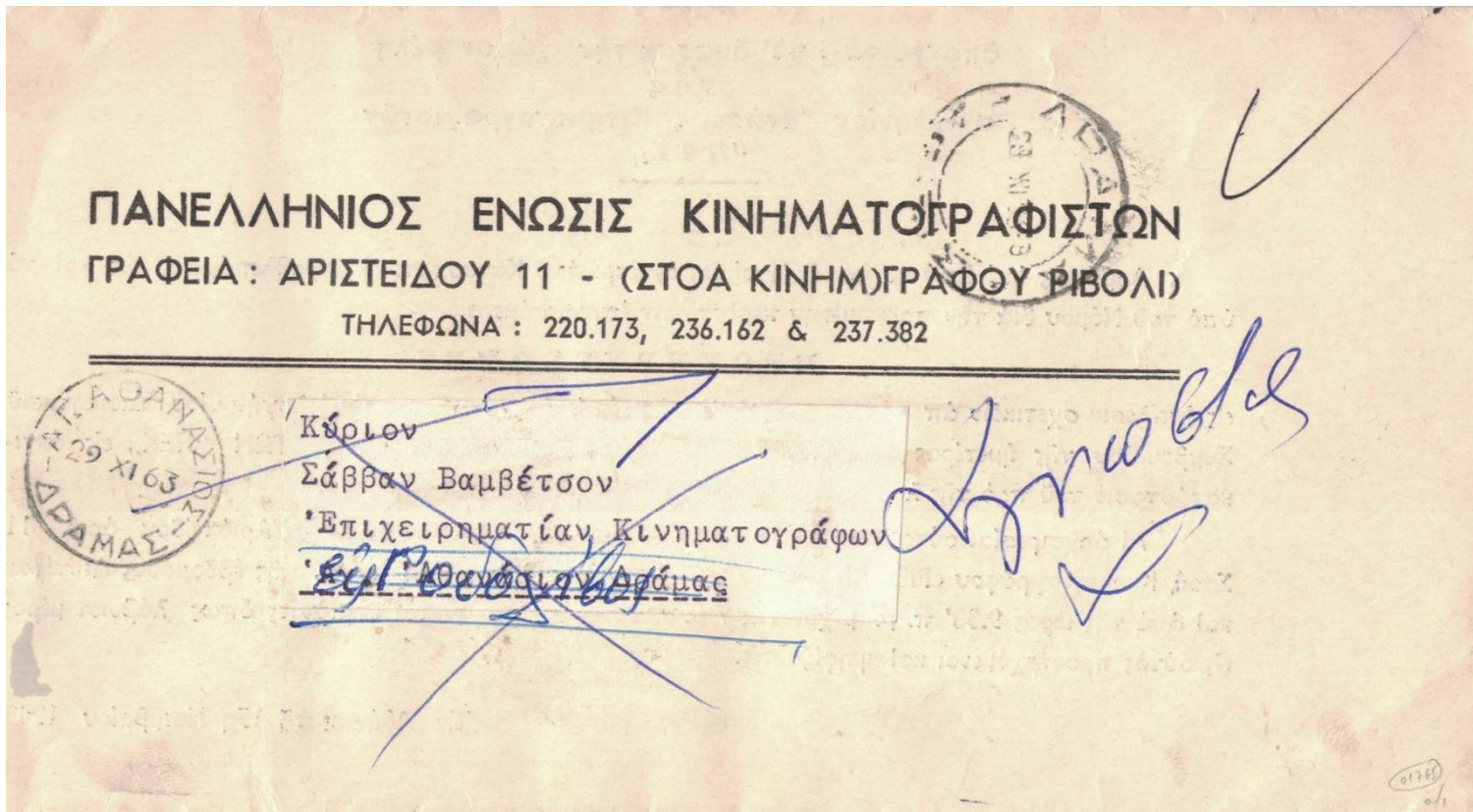
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ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ (Agios Athanasios, Drama)



Postal agency from 30 June 1954 (Government Gazette 138A/30.6.1954 (11) [FEK 138A \(11\) p. 1074](#) until at least 1988, with Doxato (postal code 66300) as the supervising post office, and from 30 September 2003 to the present with Kalampaki (postal code 66031) as the supervising post office.

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Entire letter with sender's address in Athens, from ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΗ 26 XI 63 13 (Athens dispatch, slogan cancel: Postal savings bank-All savings bank-Morning afternoon-and Sunday morning), via ΔΡΑΜΑ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 29 XI 63 9 (Drama arrival), with return postmark **ΑΓ. ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ ΔΡΑΜΑΣ 29 XI 63** (Agios Athanasios of Drama, Macedonia), addressed to Agios Athanasios.

Fragment with postmark **ΑΓ. ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ ΔΡΑΜΑΣ -7 X 71** (Agios Athanasios, Drama, Macedonia).



[KEDE_AGIOS_ATHANASIOS_DRA](#)

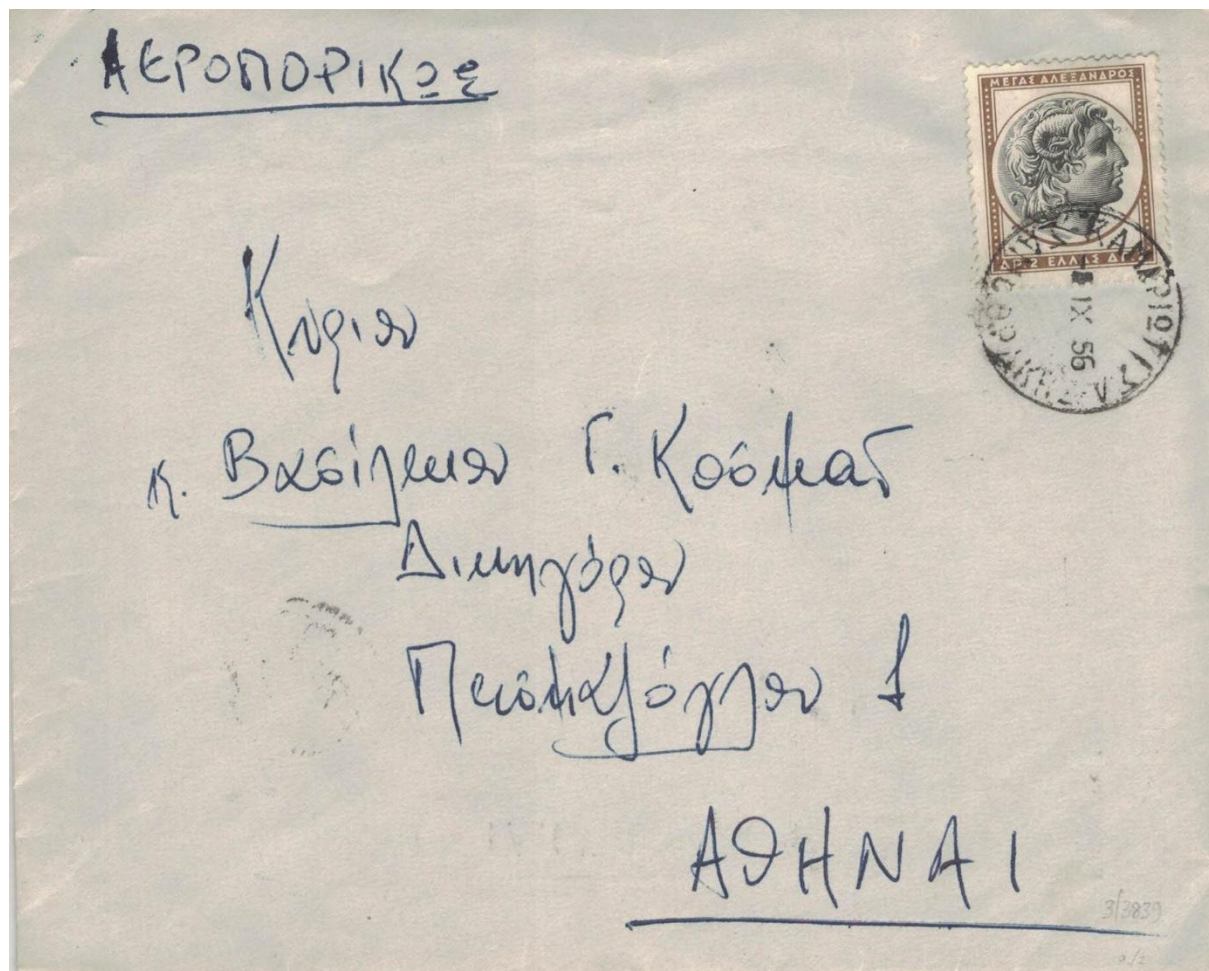


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ΚΑΜΑΡΙΩΤΙΣΣΑ ΣΑΜΟΘΡΑΚΗΣ (Kamariotissa Samothrace island, Evros)

Postal Agency operating from at least 1960 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Samothraki (postal code 68002).

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Cover with sender's address in Alonia, from **ΚΑΜΑΡΙΩΤΙΣΣΑ ΣΑΜΟΘΡΑΚΗΣ 9 IX 56** (Kamariotissa, Samothrace Island, Evros, Thrace), via **ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ 10.IX.56 07** (Alexandroupolis, wave cancel), to **ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ 11 IX 56 19** (Athens arrival, slogan postmark Postal Cash Office-10 percent interest), addressed to Athens.



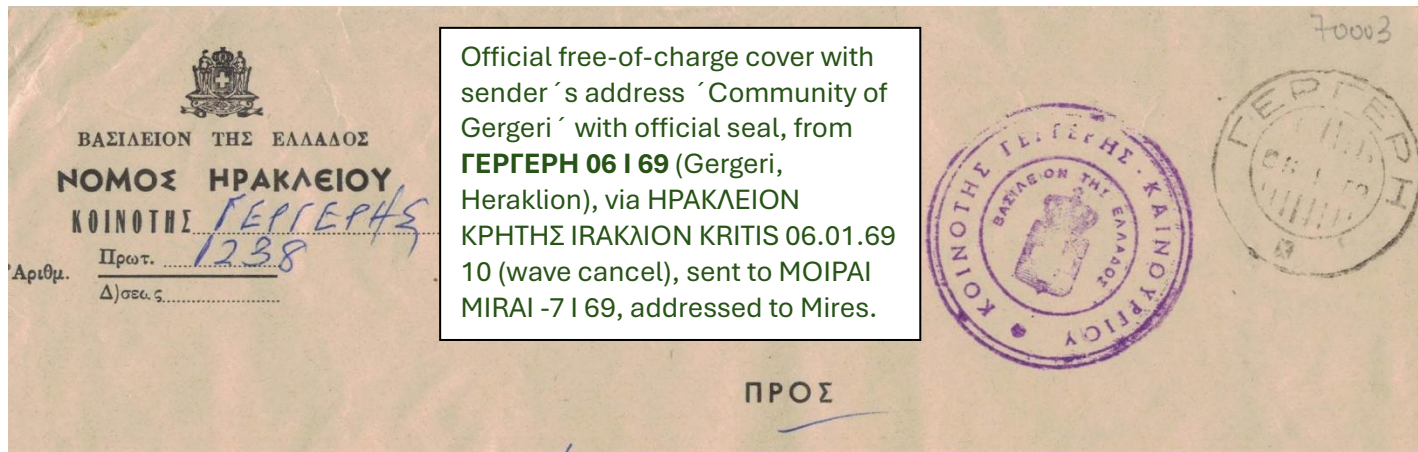
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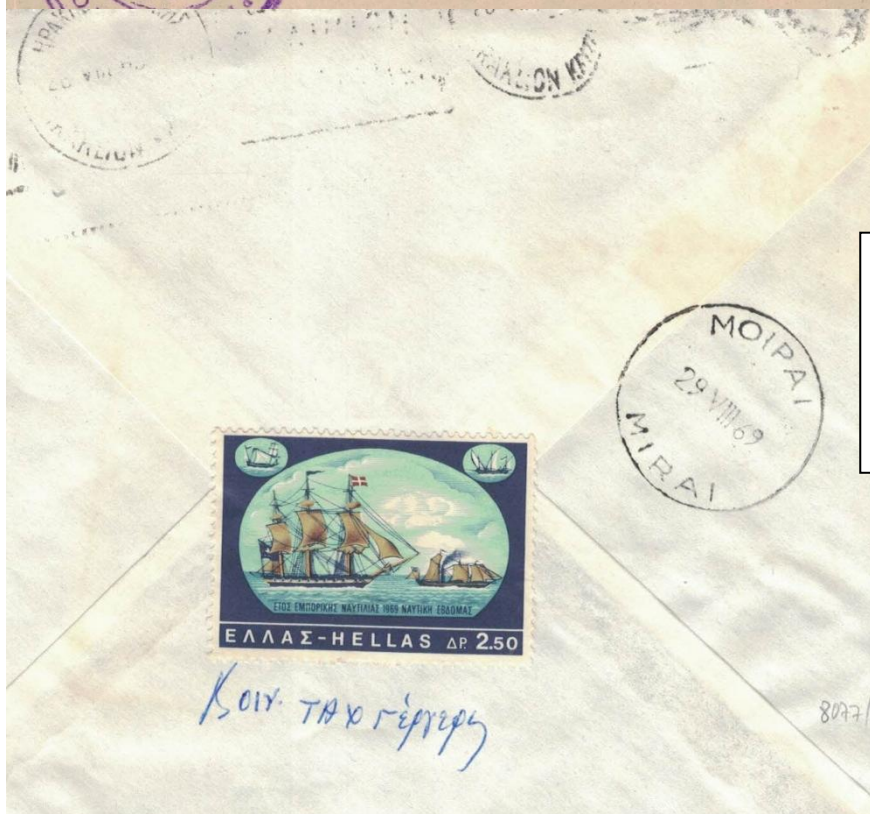
ΓΕΡΓΕΡΗ (Gergeri, Heraklion)

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Postal Agency operating from at least 1935 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Agia Varvara Heraklion (postal code 70003).



KEDE GERGERI IRA



Cover with sender's address Gergeri, from **Κοιν. ΤΑΧ Γέργερη** (Communal Post Office of Gergeri), handwritten at the lower edge of the postage stamp, via ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ ΙΡΑΚΛΙΟΝ ΚΡΙΤΙΣ 28 VIII 69, sent to ΜΟΙΡΑΙ ΜΙΡΑΙ 29 VIII 69, addressed to Mires.

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ΑΣΗΜΙ ΜΟΝΟΦΑΤΣΙΟΥ (Asimi Monofatsiou, Heraklion)

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Postal Agency in operation from at least 1974 until at least 1987-1988 (opening of the Post Office Asimi, postal code 70016); supervising post office was Pyrgos, Heraklion (postal code 70010).



Free postage cover with sender's address: Hellenic Royal Gendarmerie, Asimi Gendarmerie Station, Police Department of Pyrgos, from **ΑΣΗΜΙΟΝ ΜΟΝΟΦΑΤΣΙΟΥ 9 II 71** (Asimion, Monofatsi, Heraklion) in violet, sent to ΜΟΙΡΑΙ-ΜΙΡΑΙ 10 II 71 (Mires).

Cover with sender's address Asimi, from **ΑΣΗΜΙΟΝ ΜΟΝΟΦΑΤΣΙΟΥ 12 XII 87** (Asimion, Monofatsi, Heraklion, Crete), addressed to Athens. [KEDE_ASIMI_MONOFATSIΟΥ_IRA](#)



to Athens. [KEDE_ASIMI_MONOFATSIΟΥ_IRA](#)

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ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗΣ ΗΛΙΑΣ (Profitis Ilias, Heraklion)



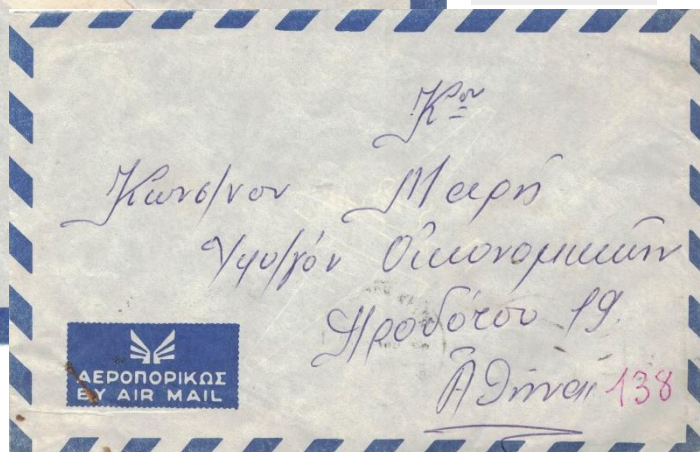
Postal Agency operating from at least 1960 until at least 2003; supervising post office was Acharnes (postal code 71500); Kanli Kastelliou was renamed Profitis Ilias by Government Gazette FEK 287A/10.10.1955. [FEK 287A-10.10.1955](#)

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Cover from
**ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗΣ
ΗΛΙΑΣ
ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΥ 21
VII 65** (Profitis
Ilias, Heraklion,
Crete), via
ΗΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ
ΚΡΗΤΗΣ -
ΙΡΑΚΛΕΙΟΝ
ΚΡΙΤΙΣ 21 VI 65

08 (Heraklion Crete wave cancel), addressed to Athens.



Registered cover
from TAX.
**ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ
ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗΣ ΗΛΙΑΣ
27.12.93** (Postal
Agency of Profitis
Ilias), type 59Ab,
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marking R
(registered) Π.
Προφ. Ηλία (Postal
Agency
Prof.
Ilias) 389



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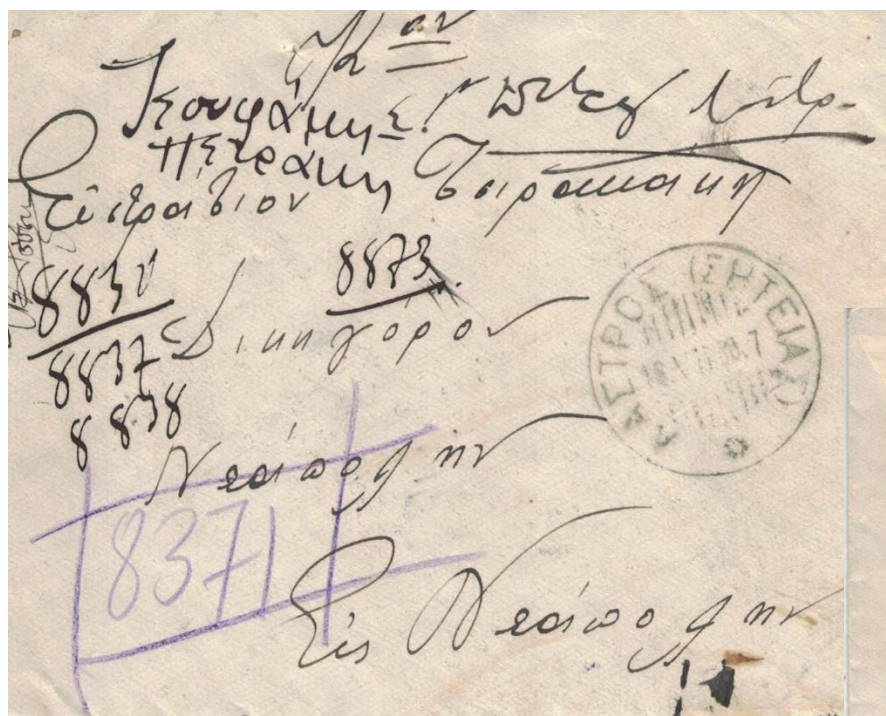
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ΛΑΣΤΡΟΣ ΣΗΤΕΙΑΣ (Lastros Siteias, Lasithi)

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Postal Agency in operation from at least 1920 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Sitia in 1920 and later Tourloti (postal code 72057).



Cover from **ΛΑΣΤΡΟΣ ΣΗΤΕΙΑΣ 18 VII 36 7** (Lastros, Sitia, Lasithi, Crete), via **ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ 18 VII 36** (Agios Nikolaos, Crete), sent to **ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΣ (ΚΡΗΤΗΣ) 19 VII 36** (Neapolis, Crete), addressed to Neapolis.

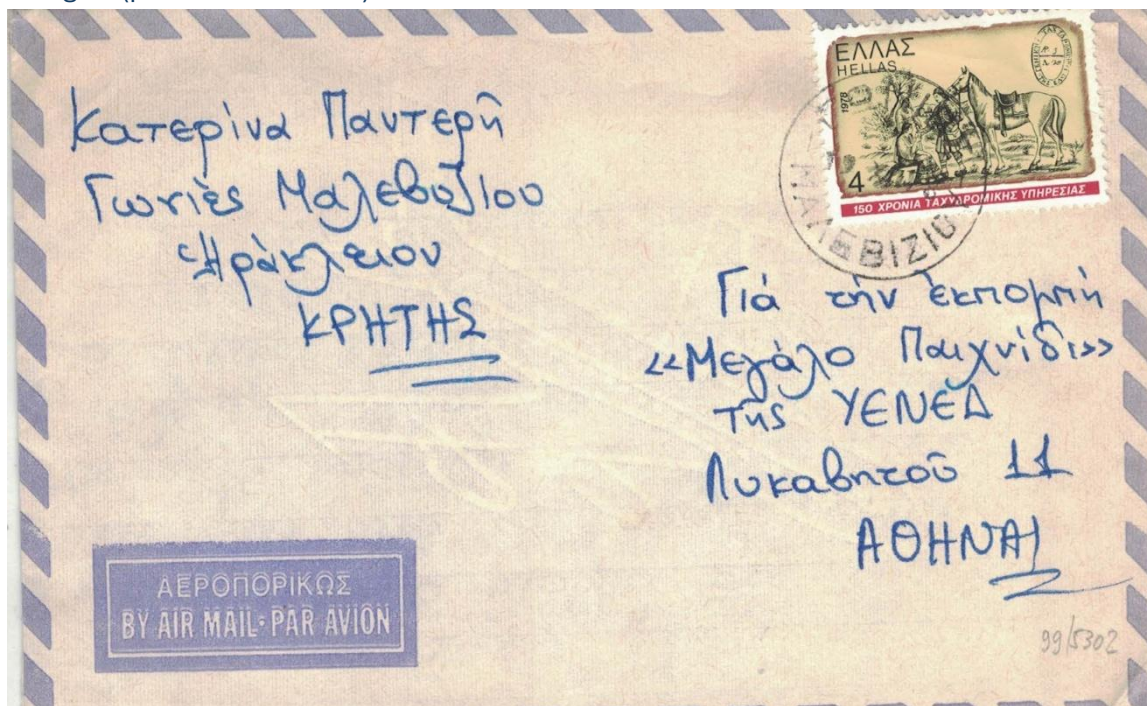
[KEDE_LASTROS_LAS](#)



ΓΩΝΙΕΣ ΜΑΛΕΒΙΖΙΟΥ (Gonies Maleviziou, Heraklion)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1974 until at least 1995; the supervising Post Office was Anogeia (postal code 74051).

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Cover with sender's address Gonies Maleviziou, from **ΓΩΝΙΕΣ ΜΑΛΕΒΙΖΙΟΥ 12 XI 78** (Gonies, Maleviziou, Heraklion, Candia, Crete), addressed to Athens.



[KEDE_GONIES_MALEVIZOU_IRA](#)

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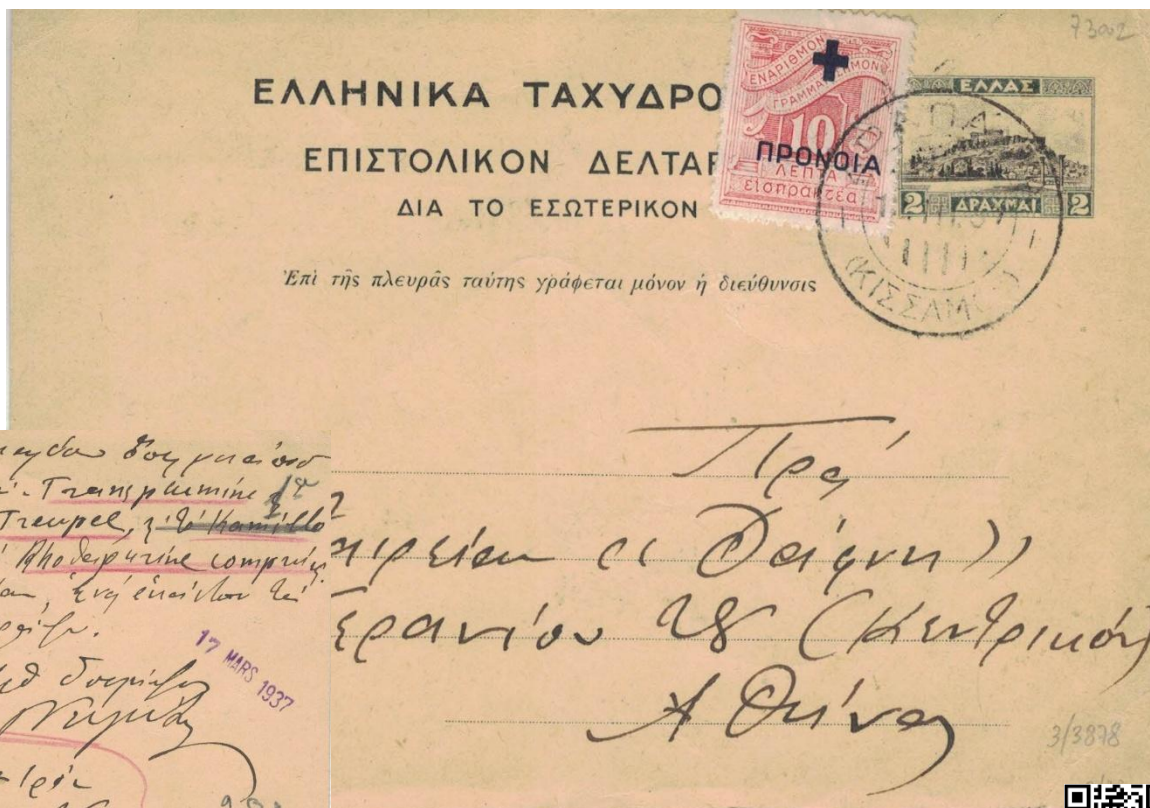
ΔΡΑΠΑΝΙΑΣ ΚΙΣΣΑΜΟΥ (Drapanias Kissamou, Chania)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1920 until at least 1988; the supervising post office was Kissamos (postal code 73400).



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Postal card from
ΔΡΑΠΑΝΙΑ
(ΚΙΣΣΑΜΟΥ) 12 III 37
(Drapania, Kissamos,
Chania, Crete),
addressed to Athens.



KEDE_DRAPANIAS_CHN



Cover from
ΔΡΑΠΑΝΙΑ
(ΚΙΣΣΑΜΟΥ) 24 XI 72
(Drapania, Kissamos,
Chania, Crete) via
ΧΑΝΙΑ ΧΑΝΙΑ 24 XI
72 10 (wave cancel),
addressed to Athens.



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ΜΑΓΓΑΝΙΤΗΣ-ΙΚΑΡΙΑΣ (Manganitis, Ikaria Island, Samos)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1920 until at least 1995; the supervising post office was Raches (postal code 83301).

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Registered letter with sender's address Manginitis, from **ΜΑΓΓΑΝΙΤΗΣ-ΙΚΑΡΙΑΣ 21 VIII 54** (Manganitis, Ikaria Island, Samos), with handwritten in pencil R (registered) Αρ.θ. 30 (registration number), via ΡΑΧΕΣ ΙΚΑΡΙΑΣ 21 VIII 54 11 (Raches of Ikaria), sent to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ ΑΦΙΞΙΣ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΑ 25 VIII 54. 9 Π (Piraeus arrival registered). The Poste Restante rate fee was paid by the addressee, as the letter was delivered at the Post office, 200 drachmas ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ POSTE RESTANTE 26 VIII 54 (Piraeus, general delivery)
Postage: 1500 drachmas letter and 1200 drachmas registration fee, addressed to Piraeus.



KEDE_MANGANITIS_SAM

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ΛΙΜΗΝ ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΟΥ (Port of Karlovasi, Samos)

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The postal agency was listed only in the directory of 1939. It was not recorded in 1935 nor after 1940. Therefore, it was in operation only for a **short period of a few years**. The settlement was closed on March 19, 1961 [FEK](#); the supervising Post Office was Karlovasi (postal code 83200). According to Galinos, this is probably the **only letter known** so far.



KEDE_KARLOVASI_SAM

Cover from with sender's address Karlovasi, from **ΛΙΜΗΝ ΚΑΡΛΟΒΑΣΙΟΥ 19 Ι 1936** (Port of Karlovasi), via ΛΙΜΗΝ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ 21 Ι 36 (Port of Piraeus), sent to ΑΘΗΝΑΙ ΑΦΙΕΙΣ 21 ΙΑΝ 36 (Athens arrival,

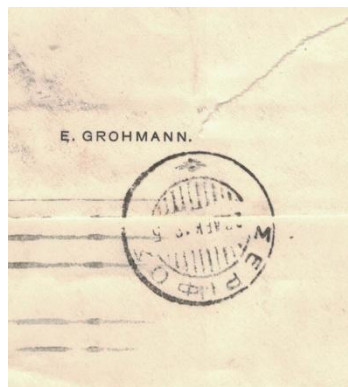
machine cancel), addressed to Athens.

ΜΕΓΑ ΛΕΙΒΑΔΙΟΝ ΣΕΡΙΦΟΥ (Mega Livadi on Serifos, Cyclades)

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Postal Agency in operation

from at least 1920 until at least 1952; the supervising Post Office was Serifos (postal code 84005). In the 1935 directory, incorrectly listed as a telephone office. It closed on 18 February 1954.



FEK 43A 13.3.1954 Cover from **ΜΕΓΑ ΛΙΒΑΔΙΟΝ (ΣΕΡΙΦΟΥ) -. ΔΕΚ.-** (Livadi on Serifos, Cyclades, type V) via ΣΕΡΙΦΟΣ 22. ΔΕΚ.1935 (Serifos), addressed to Berlin and readdressed to Hamburg, Germany.
KEDE_MEGA_LIVADI_SERIFOS_KYK



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ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΑ (Katapola of Amorgos island, Cyclades)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1920 until at least 2004; the supervising post office was Amorgos (postal code 84008).

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Cover from **ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΑ**

20.X.39 1 (Katapola, Amorgos Island, Cyclades), sent to **ΣΥΡΟΣ (ΑΦΙΞΙΣ)** 26.ΟΚΤ.39 8 Π (Syros), addressed to Syros.

Cover from **ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΑ ΑΜΟΡΓΟΥ 19 VIII 75** (Katapola, Amorgos Island, Cyclades), addressed to Athens.



Fragment from **ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΑ ΑΜΟΡΓΟΥ 13.II.66** (Katapola, Amorgos Island, Cyclades), addressed to ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ (Piraeus, slogan postmark).

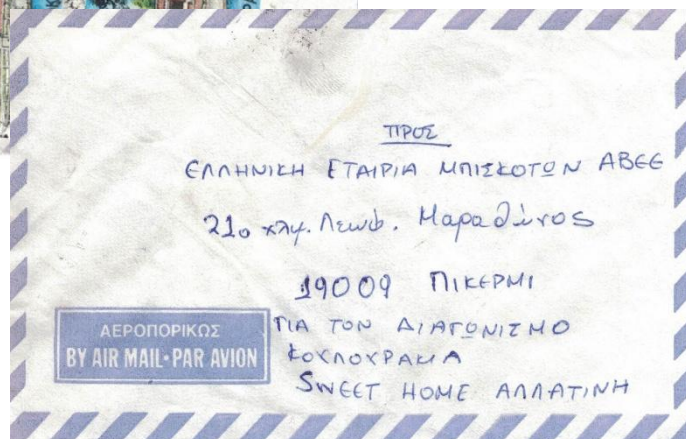
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ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΑ (Katapola of Amorgos island, Cyclades)



Cover from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΩΝ** **06.05.92** (Postal Agency of Katapola, Cyclades), type 59Ab, addressed to Hellenic Biscuit Company S.A. (now ELBISCO S.A.) at Pikermi (Attiki).

KEDE_KATAPOLA_KYK



Philatelic cover with sender's address Postal Agency of Katapola from **TAX. ΠΡΑΚΤΟΡΕΙΟ ΚΑΤΑΠΟΛΩΝ**, handwritten date **7/10/94** (Postal Agency of Katapola, Cyclades), type 59Af, addressed to Athens.

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ΜΠΑΤΣΙ ΑΝΔΡΟΥ (Batsi of Island Andros, Cyclades)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1935 until at least 1988, supervised by the Post Office of Gavrio (postal code 84501); Post Office in 1920 and 1984 (postal code 84503). [View map](#)



Cover from **ΜΠΑΤΣΙ -.**
.1959 (Batsi of Andros, Cyclades), addressed to Athens.

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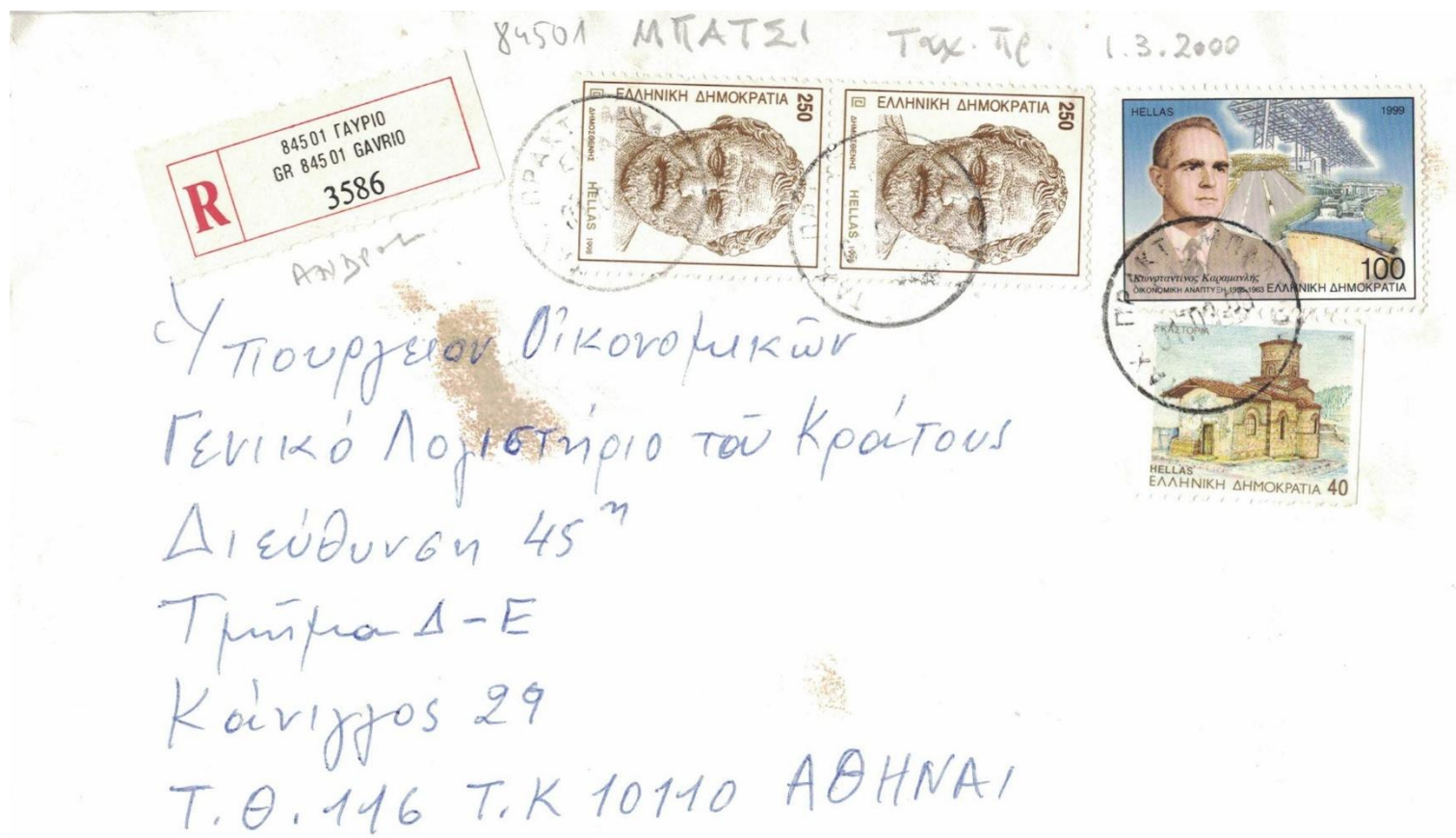
[ΚΕΔΕ_BATSI_KYK](#)



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ΜΠΑΤΣΙ ΑΝΔΡΟΥ (Batsi of Andros, Cyclades)



Αικατερίνη Γκέκα - Μάρκου Εὐγενικῶ 24- 11471 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ



Registered cover with sender's address Athens, from **ΤΑΧ. ΠΡΑΚΤ. ΜΠΑΤΣΙΟΥ 01.03.00** (Postal Agency of Batsi of Andros, Cyclades), type 60Aa, with R-marking label R (Registered) 84501 ΓΑΥΡΙΟ GR-84501 GAVRIO, addressed to Athens.

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ΛΑΚΚΙ ΛΕΡΟΥ (Lakki, island Leros, Dodecanese)

Postal Agency in operation from at least 1958 until at least 1974; the supervising post office was Leros (postal code 84500). It is Not mentioned in the ELTA directories of in 1935 or 1952. Since at least 1974, it has operated as a post office with the postal code 85401. The settlement was incorporated into the municipality of Leros according to Government Gazette 248A of 28 September 1948.

FEK 248A 28.09.1948



Only for a short period!

ΛΑΚΚΙ ΛΕΡΟΥ 17 IX 58 (Lakki, island Leros, Dodecanese)



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ΚΑΡΔΑΜΑΙΝΑ (Kardamaina of Kos island, Dodecanese)

Kardamaina was of no particular postal interest until a postal agency under the supervision of Antimachia (postal code 85302) was established on 1 June 1999. Following its closure, the postal agency was reopened on 1 October 2021 and operated under postal code 85304 until at least 2023.



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KEDE_KARDAMAINA_DOD



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11. Examples of ELTA's Restructuring in 2025–2026

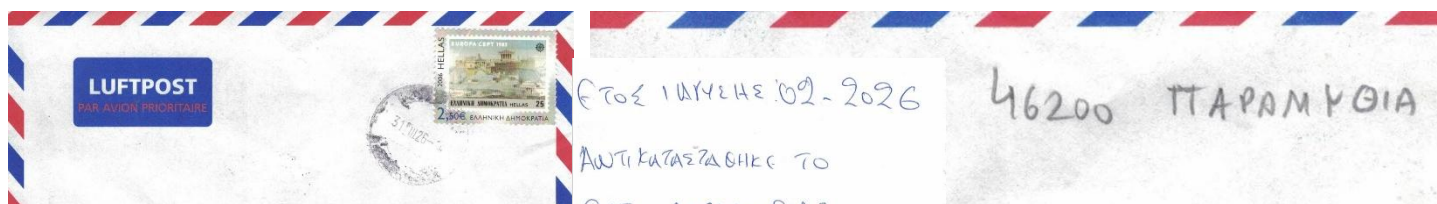
On November 3, 2025, ELTA (Hellenic Post) announced the closure of 204 of its roughly 1,000 branches, triggering strong public reaction. Under mounting pressure, the number of branches initially closed was reduced to 44–46. A second wave of closures followed on February 20, 2026, involving 11 branches, a third on March 6, 2026, with 7 closures, and a fourth at the beginning of April with 12 post offices. In the immediate vicinity of the closed post offices, postal agencies were established.



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ΠΑΡΑΜΥΘΙΑ (Paramythia, Thesprotia)

On 20 February 2026, the Paramythia Post Office, previously located at 108 Karamanli Konstantinou Street, was replaced by a postal agency situated at number 174 on the same street. According to an official statement by the postal agency, the former post office now serves solely as a facility for P.O. boxes and has ceased all other postal operations, including mail delivery. The base of rural delivery route No. 758, which had been transferred from Glyki (Larissa) to Paramythia on 15 January 2002, has consequently been discontinued. [View map](#)



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[KEDE_PARAMYTHIA_THP](#)