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A One-Day Wonder: Name of Post Office on Long Island became Jones Beach for a Single Day in 1932

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Jones Beach, NY today is a popular NYS Park in Nassau Co. that receives some 6 million visitors a year to its sandy beaches and other attractions. Its location makes Jones Beach the busiest beach on the East Coast.

Over ninety years ago this area was known as High Hill Beach. In the May 5, 1932 edition of *The Postal Bulletin*, notice was given that the name of the “High Hill Beach” Post Office would be changed to “Jones Beach” effective June 1, 1932.

But not so fast, as again for reasons unknown the June 1, 1932 edition of *The Postal Bulletin* rescinded this action, reverting the name of the post office back to “High Hill Beach.” Thus, “Jones Beach” was the name of the Post Office for one day only June 1, 1932.

The cover shown is the only known survivor from that First and Last Day, signed by then Postmaster John Alder Haff, better known as "Jiggie."