

## 2.1. Predeal (1881-1904): The Klassohn cancellers

Predeal is situated in the Carpathian mountains, on the Bucharest-Brasov-Oradea-Budapest railway line, exactly on the historical pre-Trianon Romanian-Hungarian border. Thanks to the excellent, healthy climate, the increasing number of private villas, small hotels and sanatoriums Predeal became a very popular tourist centre in the 1880s. There was a post office on the Romanian side of the border, which handled the mail arriving from Romania, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire and handed them over to the Hungarian Post, but there was no settlement on the Hungarian side.

Based on the very good past experience from the 1867-1869 period the Romanian Post agreed to get a Hungarian post office settled on the Romanian territory, in the building of the Predeal railway station. Exactly 12 years after the closure of the six Hungarian offices -introduced on the previous pages-, another Hungarian Post Office was opened and remained operational for 23 years in Romania, until the opening of the Predealtelep post office on the Hungarian side.

The contemporary postage handstamps were made for the Royal Hungarian Post by Antal Klassohn's firm under the name „First Hungarian Stamp Factory” (founded in 1842).



The most commonly used „Predeal” and „Predealtelep” cancellers preserved on original documents.