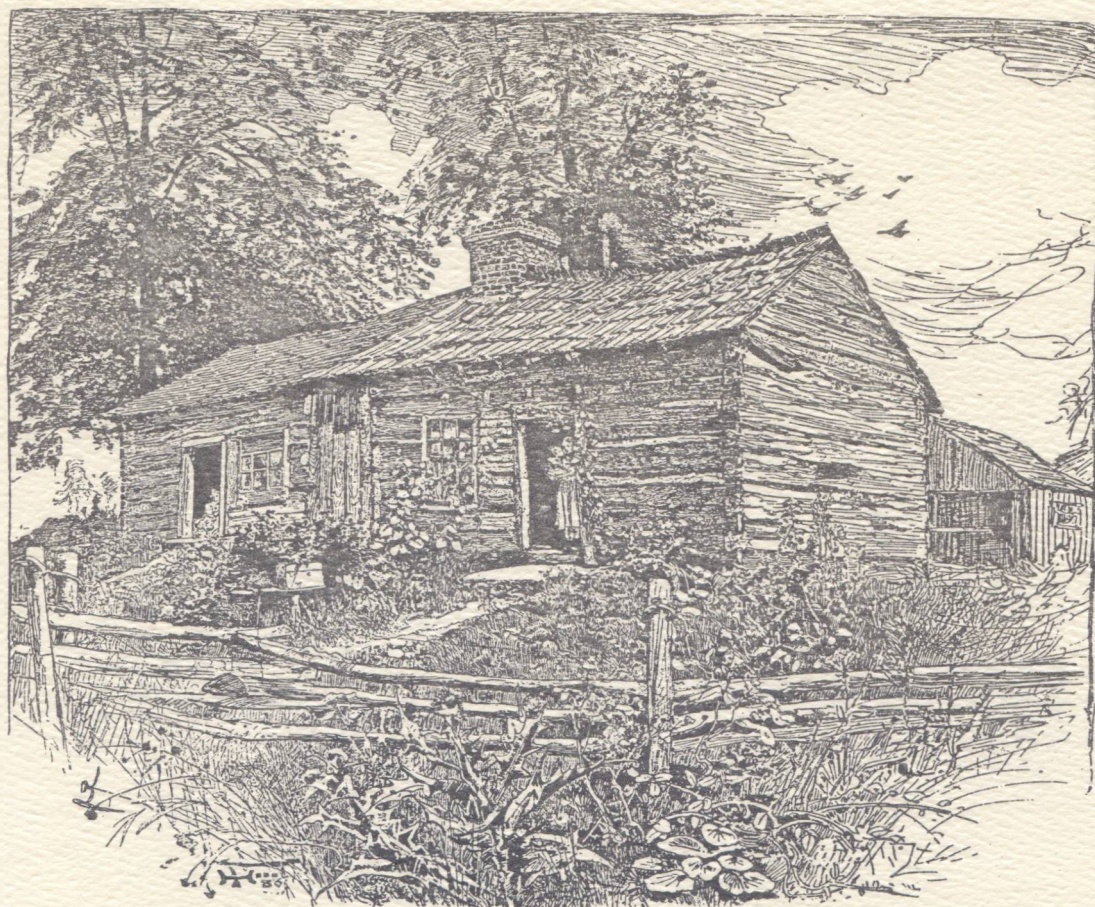


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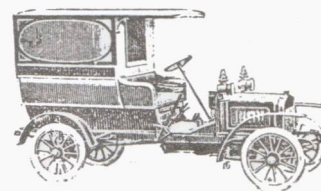
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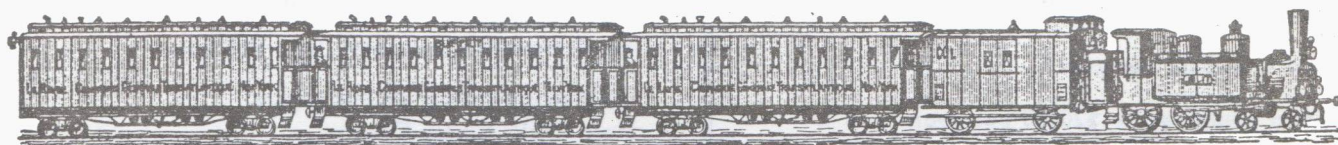
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A few of our newer subscribers have inquired as to the meaning of "Sustaining Subscriber" on our renewal forms. What is the purpose of sending \$15 for a subscription when the posted rate is \$10 per year? And do any benefits accrue to those who are Sustaining Subscribers?

Among the numerous publications in philately and postal history, we are a bit of a queer duck - not quite fish nor fowl. While we are not the journal of a society with officers, board of directors, constitution, and so forth, we are also not quite a pure commercial enterprise. Our authors and editors contribute their talents and time with no financial reward, and the economics of our publication are pretty much "bare bones." Consider this, a copy of the typical issue of LA POSTA costs about \$1.25 to produce. Envelopes and mailing add roughly another 40 cents per issue to place the copy in your mailbox. That comes to about \$1.65 per number, or \$9.90 for six issues. The ten cents that remains from a regular \$10 subscription is quickly eaten up by other necessary expenses which are entailed in production such as taxes, utilities, and so forth.

The conclusion from these numbers is quite clear -- LA POSTA could not exist on the basis of subscriptions at \$10 per year. There is no surprise here. I've been aware of these costs for a number of years, and the decision to publish LA POSTA in spite of them was based on finding other sources of income. Raising the basic subscription rate above \$10 per year was an obvious method of bringing in more income, but there were two problems in doing that. First, a fair number of our subscribers are on limited incomes, and it seemed downright unfair to ask

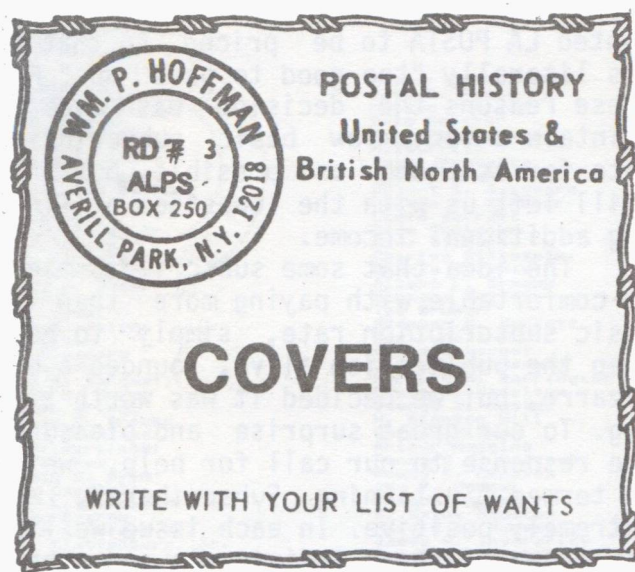
them to pay more than a modest amount to subscribe to our publication. At the same time, since discretionary income (money we can choose to spend or not spend) is limited for most of us, we very much wanted LA POSTA to be priced so that it was literally "too good to pass up." For these reasons the decision was made to maintain a very low basic subscription rate for as long as possible, but that still left us with the question of finding additional income.

The idea that some subscribers might be comfortable with paying more than the basic subscription rate, simply to help keep the publication alive, sounded a bit bizarre, but we decided it was worth trying. To our great surprise and pleasure, the response to our call for help, which we termed "Sustaining Subscribers", was extremely positive. In each issue we list the names of those individuals and organizations who are currently donating financial support for LA POSTA over and above the basic \$10 subscription. Amounts have varied from the minimum \$15 Sustaining Subscription to as much as \$50 by a few individuals over the years, and we are deeply in the debt of these generous people for our continued operation. Without their generous continuing financial support, it would be impossible to publish LA POSTA as it now exists at a rate of \$10 per year, for advertising revenue, which has been increasing, is nowhere near the level necessary to sustain publication.

The answer to the question, "What is a Sustaining Subscriber?", is quite literally then, a person or organization who keeps LA POSTA going. At this point, our journal's continued existence depends solely upon a consensus among people that

it is a good idea. We rely on the talents of unpaid columnists, authors and editors to assemble the content of each issue, and we count, to a large extent, on the extraordinary financial assistance of our Sustaining Subscribers. Its hard to imagine this arrangement to be sufficient to sustain a commercial enterprise, and perhaps LA POSTA will never become truly commercial in the sense of LINN'S, or STAMP COLLECTOR, but as long as enough of us are convinced that our publication is a good idea, we will continue to publish.

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The "Publishers Page" comments in LA POSTA No. 102 concerning the use of computers in postal history caused two readers to write us long, informative letters regarding their own experiences and expectations. Portions of these letters are reproduced below.

Stefan Jaronski, Editor of **WAY MARKINGS**, P.O. Box 808, North Chicago, IL 60064, writes:

"I agree wholeheartedly with your dreams of electronic information exchange. I have been doing that with a very few others by direct modem link rather than a BBS. The big caveats are that considerable patience and hours at the keyboard are necessary for mastery of the tools. Ah, but once you're there... it's like a 12-foot kick-glide on fresh snow (cross country skiing vies with postal history in the winter.)"

"My reference materials, notes, etc. are on something called "3BY5", which is essentially an electronic, free-form card file. I spent three years looking through databases and filing programs before I found what I needed in "3BY5" to replace my bulging folders and notebooks of data. The distinctive feature is that one does not have to enter text in predetermined fields if desired; records are variable length up to 4K each; searching for 20-character strings uses Boolean logic (&/or); searches involve the first 1024 characters in a record in very fast time; and the program will read/write ASCII, WordPerfect, and Wordstar formats. Sorts by fields or initial characters are possible."

[Stefan sent along a few examples of the kind of sorting done by this program, and it looks most impressive.]

Michael R. Senta, P. O. Box 1209, Palmer, AK 99645, Writes:

"I have used my IBM PC to try to catalog my Alaska Territory material with only moderate success. The menu driven programs I have encountered are all mildly to severely restrictive. I have dabbled with a true spread sheet programs which allows me to put all on that I desire, but it becomes quite cumbersome. I wish somebody would come up with an active and resourceful postal history menu-driven format."

"Of more interest in your article was the suggestion of modem transfers of nationwide information. For some time, I have threatened myself with the chore of indexing trivial and significant information with multiple references to each, similar to a library cataloging. What I

would do would be into my very extensive Alaska history library, which includes postal history, transportation history, and all kinds of government and social history. Each town, place, river, post office, person, named airplane, steamer, date, event, etc., would be simply lightly marked with a pen as I read through the books. I would then have someone list each (noted) item by book and page within the computer program. Thus, if a letter showed up from a missionary at a roadhouse on the Yukon River, who had arrived with the mail plane in 1928, and had it sent out by the steamer "Sophia" to Seattle via an RPO, I could easily punch into the computer and develop hundreds of references as to the missionary, the date, the steamer, the roadhouse, the airplane, the ship on the RPO run, or anything else that may suit the story."

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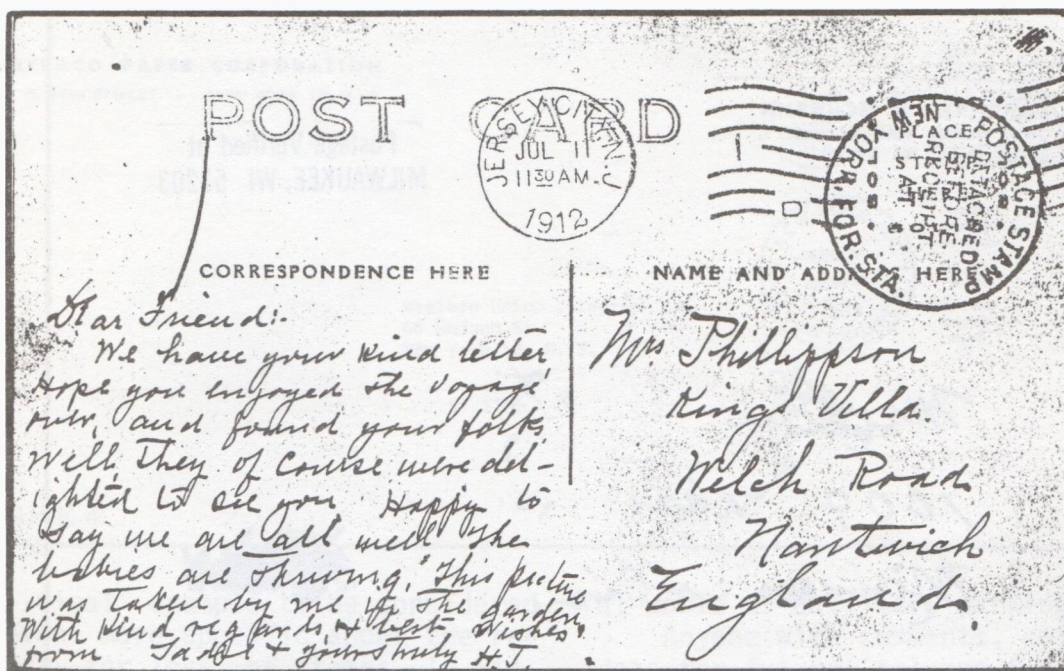


FIGURE 1

AUXILIARY MARKINGS -- MISSING STAMPS, OR POSTAGE O.K.

By Randy Stehle

In the last issue of LA POSTA, the subject of invalid postage stamps was discussed. Such topics as covered stamps, defaced stamps, and the use of non-postage stamps were explored. This article will deal with a subject that, in some ways, is closely related to the topics considered last time -- missing stamps. In other words, what happens when the stamps falls off a card or letter? How does the post office deal with this problem?

A search of the Postal Laws and Regulations by the author proved fruitless in that no specific regulations were found to cover the subject of missing stamps. In light of this lack of official guidance, perhaps we can learn from an examination of several markings which were used in this situation.

Figure 1 shows a post card mailed from Jersey City, NJ, to England in 1912. The stamp is missing, and a circular markings appears reading "POSTAGE STAMP/ DETACHED/BEFORE/RECEIPT/AT/NEW YORK FOR.

STA. "FOR.STA." is short for Foreign Station. The gap in the machine killer bars indicates that the stamp had been in place when the card was canceled at Jersey City, but, when it arrived at New York, the stamp was gone. The clerk at New York Foreign Station assumed that the Jersey City post office insured that the stamp paid valid postage -- an assumption that, as we saw last time, may or may not have been correct. But even if invalid postage was originally used on the card, the POD could not charge postage due at New York Foreign Station without admitting that a clerk in Jersey City had let a "bad" stamp go through.

The cover illustrated in Figure 2 got wet during handling. It appears as though the POD was responsible for the water damage and loss of postage. There is no evidence that the postage was ever canceled. The letter was mailed in Milwaukee to Minneapolis, and the two-line "Postage Verified at/MILWAUKEE,WI 53203" bears a different ZIP Code than the return address label. Apparently the cover got wet before the stamp was canceled. The Milwaukee clerk, knowing that a stamp had been affixed, verified the postage, and sent it along its way. One can only wonder what kind of water damage the cov-

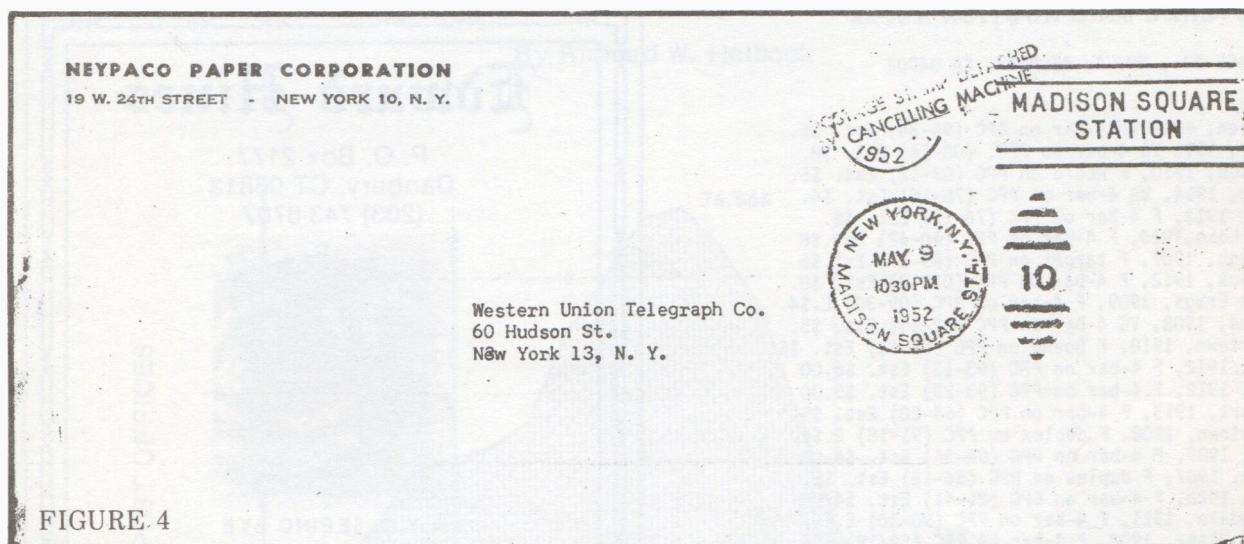


FIGURE.4

The final example to be considered here is even more specific about the responsibility for loss of stamps. In Figure 4 we see a cover mailed within New York from Madison Square Station in 1952. In the place where the dial of the machine cancel should be is a two-line marking reading, "POSTAGE STAMP DETACHED/ BY CANCELLING MACHINE." Immediately below this marking, although it does not show up in the illustration, a bit of the surface of the envelope has been scraped away. This is an honest and specific marking. It admits responsibility for the loss of postage stamp and explains how it happened.

The author has encountered many other markings which deal with the loss of stamps, and they can form an interesting sub-specialty in an auxiliary marking collection. My favorite, from the standpoint of humor and awkward phrasing, was applied to a cover postmarked Brooklyn, NY, in 1968. It reads simply, "O.K./Shed Stamp."

Many readers have sent me both markings and photocopies of auxiliary markings, and I have attempted to thank each contributor through private correspondence. Recently, however, a LA POSTA subscriber sent me dozens of very interesting covers and photocopies; some of which appear in this article. For that reason, I would like to thank Gus Lund publicly for his outstanding contribution to our ongoing research into the wonder-

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THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICAN POST OFFICES, 1890-1910

By Richard W. Helbock

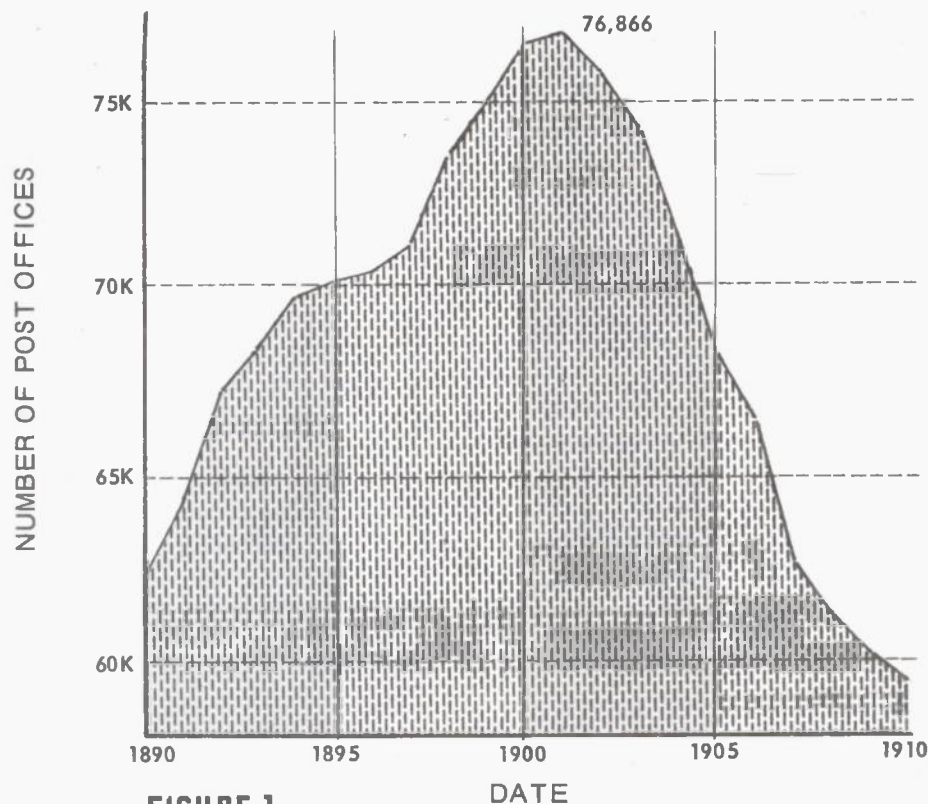


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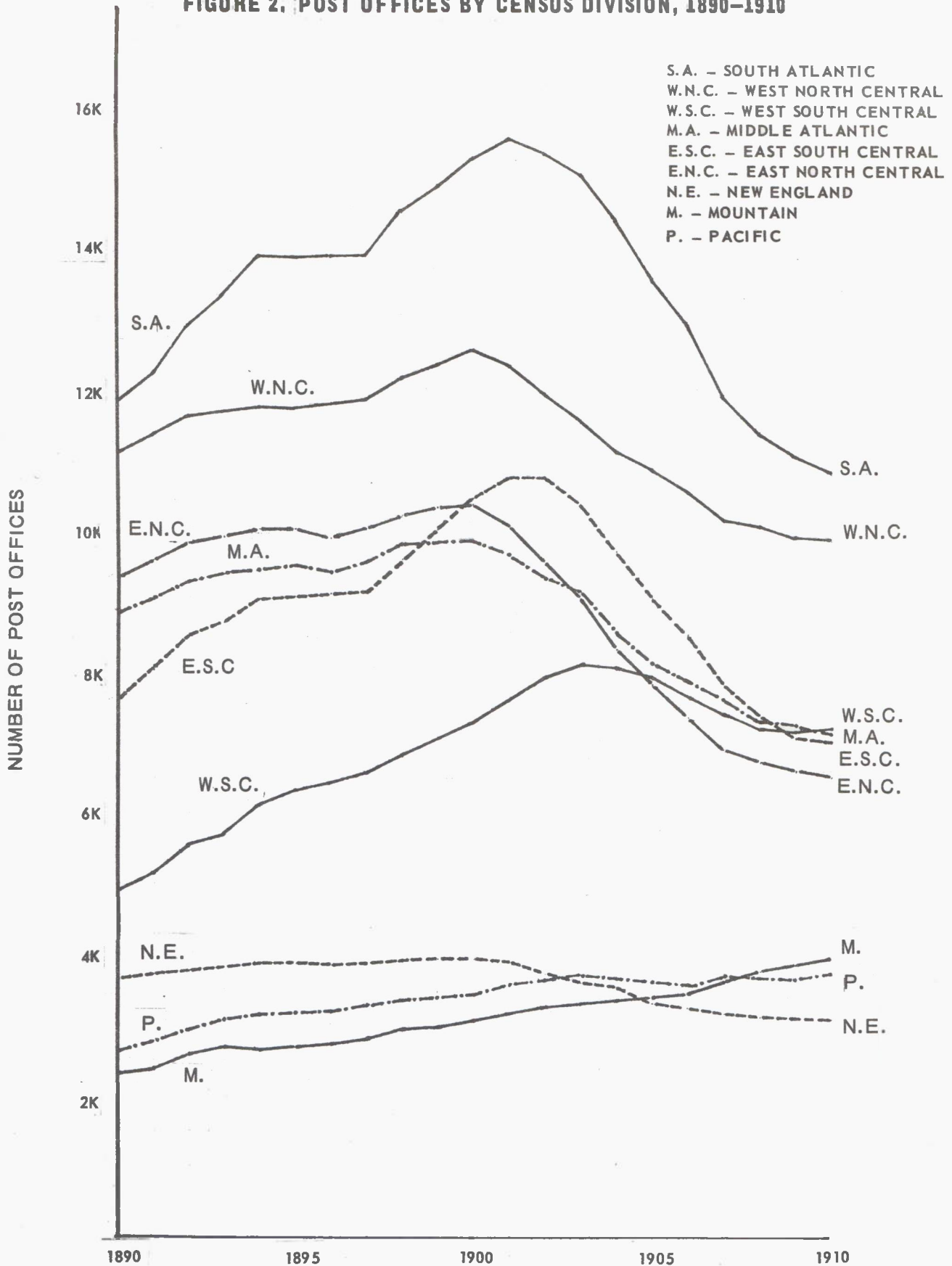
Many postal historians are aware that the number of post offices in the United States reached its maximum in the early years of the present century, and that the decline in numbers was initially brought on by the extension of rural free delivery. Rural free delivery eliminated the need to have post offices within easy access of the rural population, and, as greater improvements in transportation have been made, the number of rural and small town post offices has continued to decline.

The initial decline -- that due to the first use of RFD -- reversed a long term trend, which had seen the number of post offices increase almost every year since the formation of the United States. Naturally, post offices had been discontinued here and there since Colonial times, but an ever increasing population and an expanding settlement frontier had

almost always resulted in more new offices being established than the number closed each year. Beginning in 1901, and continuing through the end of the decade, the United States averaged a net loss of almost two thousand post offices per annum. The total number of post offices operating in this country was reduced from almost 77,000 in 1901 to less than 60,000 by 1910. To put it another way, more than one out of every five offices operating in 1901 was closed by the end of the decade.

Dramatic as this nationwide decline in post offices may be, the more interesting story lies buried beneath the national statistics in the regional and state-based numbers. Extension of the RFD system was not applied equally in all parts of the nation, and, in many states and territories, there were local developments which outweighed or counterbalan-

FIGURE 2. POST OFFICES BY CENSUS DIVISION, 1890-1910



ced the closures due to RFD. The result, a very interesting and complicated pattern of post office growth and decline, is the subject of this article.

Figure 1 displays a simple graph which shows the net change in the number of post offices in the United States from 1890 to 1910. The pattern shows two rapid periods of growth -- 1890-94 and 1897-1900 -- separated by three years of fairly slow growth from 1894 to 1897. This period of slow growth is probably attributable in some measure to the four-year economic depression touched-off by the Financial Panic of 1893. In 1901 the number of post offices reached its maximum. The RFD system was inaugurated on an experimental basis in 1896, but replacement of rural post offices by RFD routes was not begun until 1900.

Declines in the number of post offices after 1901 are precipitous to 1907, when the rate of decline begins to slow a bit. If this graph were extended beyond its 1910 cutoff, the decline in overall numbers could be seen to continue, but the rate would not approach that which it was from 1901 to 1907.

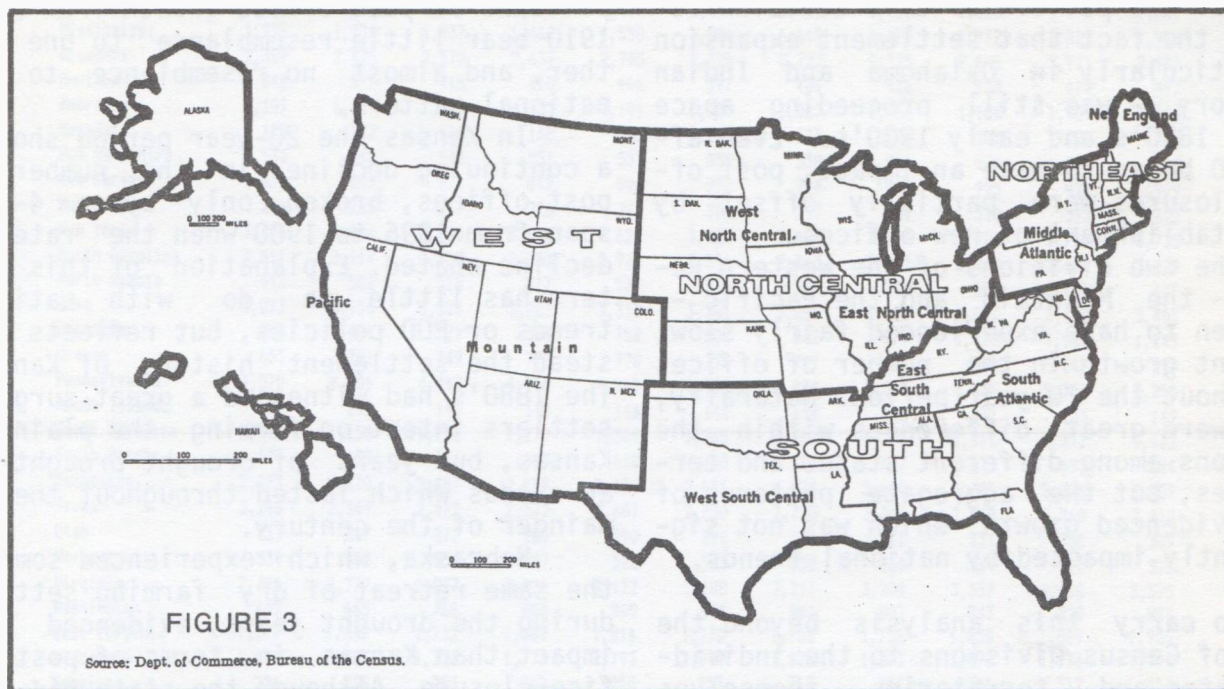
The nationwide picture is quite clearly a rapid growth in numbers of offices followed by an even more rapid closure of offices. In 1910 there were al-

most 3,000 fewer post offices in the United States than there were in 1890. But was this pattern repeated throughout the nation?

Figure 2 displays a series of graphs representing the number of post offices in each Census Division (See Figure 3) of the country from 1890 to 1910. Once one becomes accustomed to the confusion of multiple lines, there is one fact which is readily apparent: no all the lines have the same trend. What this means is that the national phenomenon of a rise and fall in post office numbers was not being shared in the same way or at the same time by the various sections of the country.

In fact, while seven of the nine Divisions at least shared the national pattern of a rise followed by a fall in the 20-year period, two -- those making up the Western Region -- demonstrated an increase in post office numbers almost annually throughout the period.

The South Atlantic Division most closely followed the national pattern with two periods of rapid growth separated by very little growth during the Depression, a peak in 1901, and a rapid decline thereafter. The West North Central and East South Central divisions also showed similar patterns, but in the



WNC the growth of post offices was much slower during the 1890's, and the peak year was 1900 instead of 1901. In the ESC Division rapid decline in numbers of offices did not begin until 1902, suggesting that the RFD system was not expanded there until about a year later.

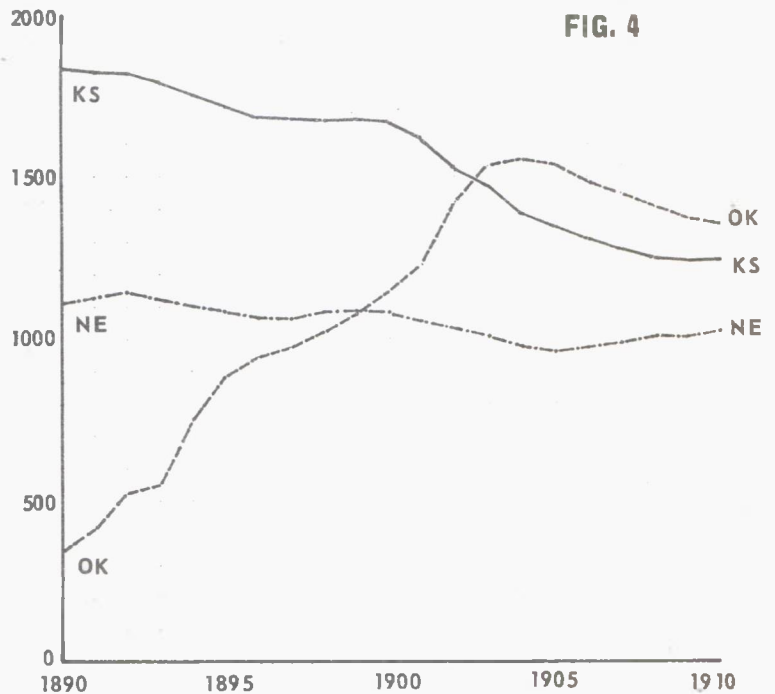
In the Middle Atlantic and East North Central Divisions -- the industrial states at the time -- the patterns were quite similar to each other, but differed from the national trend. Numbers of post offices grew during the 1890's in these divisions, but at a fairly slow rate. The Depression effect was evidenced not only by slow growth, but an absolute decline in 1896 in both divisions. The peak year occurred in 1900 instead of 1901; suggesting that the earliest expansion of RFD service was made here.

The New England Division, with its long-established, stable pattern of settlements, showed relatively little change in the number of post offices between 1890 and 1910. What change did occur followed the pattern of the Middle Atlantic and ENC divisions.

The West South Central Division experienced a growth in the number of post offices at a fairly constant rate until 1903. Numbers declined thereafter, but at a rate much less severe than most other regions. The pattern of this division reflects the fact that settlement expansion -- particularly in Oklahoma and Indian Territory -- was still proceeding apace in the 1890's and early 1900's. Even after RFD began to make an impact, post office closures were partially offset by the establishment of new offices.

The two divisions of the Western Region -- the Mountain and the Pacific -- are seen to have experienced fairly slow, constant growth in the number of offices throughout the 20-year period. Naturally, there were great differences within the divisions among different states and territories, but the aggregate patterns of both evidenced growth which was not significantly impacted by national trends.

To carry this analysis beyond the level of Census Divisions to the individual states and territories themselves would occupy more time and space than the



author is prepared to devote, but it is quite interesting to examine a few differences in individual patterns. Consider the three states represented by the graphs in Figure 4. These three states -- Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma (including Indian Territory up until 1908) -- are neighbors on the Great Plains, but the patterns of post office growth from 1890-1910 bear little resemblance to one another, and almost no resemblance to the national pattern.

In Kansas the 20-year period shows a continuing decline in the number of post offices, broken only by a 4-year span from 1896 to 1900 when the rate of decline abated. Explanation of this pattern has little to do with national trends or POD policies, but reflects instead the settlement history of Kansas. The 1880's had witnessed a great surge of settlers intent on farming the plains of Kansas, but years of drought brought on an exodus which lasted throughout the remainder of the century.

Nebraska, which experienced some of the same retreat of dry farming settlers during the drought years, evidenced less impact than Kansas in terms of post office closure. Although the state did suffer a net loss over the 20-year period,

the graph shows a pattern characterized by relatively little change from year to year.

Oklahoma Territory was created in 1890, and was combined in 1907 with Indian Territory to form the State of Oklahoma. Settlement throughout the first three-quarters of this 20-year period was rapid, and often took the form of land

rushes in which vast tracts were opened for settlement in one day. The number of post offices increased rapidly almost every year until 1903, and declined only modestly after 1904.

The data from which these graphs were constructed has been extracted from

POST OFFICES BY STATE, 1890-1900

State	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
Alabama	1,893	1,979	2,118	2,166	2,208	2,209	2,221	2,208	2,347	2,445	2,582
Alaska	17	17	20	23	25	20	20	31	38	53	59
Arizona	170	168	183	194	185	185	181	197	201	202	221
Arkansas	1,477	1,529	1,604	1,607	1,685	1,706	1,739	1,763	1,831	1,880	1,932
California	1,355	1,394	1,449	1,488	1,520	1,543	1,560	1,604	1,642	1,659	1,657
Colorado	676	682	708	706	673	703	699	719	743	743	751
Connecticut	495	497	501	504	506	506	510	513	515	511	510
Delaware	157	157	163	162	168	169	169	169	172	177	176
District of Col.	13	12	11	13	15	13	13	13	14	14	16
Florida	835	870	935	986	1,012	1,013	1,023	1,031	1,092	1,126	1,140
Georgia	1,878	1,968	2,111	2,201	2,300	2,326	2,380	2,416	2,573	2,657	2,764
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Idaho	260	279	300	313	317	330	355	375	411	424	448
Illinois	2,401	2,449	2,510	2,546	2,527	2,537	2,537	2,536	2,577	2,622	2,626
Indiana	2,056	2,090	2,140	2,172	2,196	2,178	2,166	2,177	2,220	2,209	2,202
Iowa	1,781	1,803	1,826	1,854	1,869	1,831	1,846	1,866	1,902	1,907	1,908
Kansas	1,838	1,814	1,814	1,793	1,754	1,701	1,686	1,678	1,677	1,685	1,682
Kentucky	2,214	2,344	2,490	2,533	2,623	2,616	2,630	2,631	2,795	2,892	3,023
Louisiana	846	877	929	935	1,005	1,008	1,017	1,042	1,087	1,116	1,191
Maine	1,094	1,122	1,143	1,156	1,182	1,188	1,194	1,210	1,244	1,254	1,272
Maryland	1,051	1,076	1,126	1,158	1,194	1,175	1,161	1,165	1,204	1,210	1,159
Massachusetts	855	864	870	869	871	865	857	851	855	856	849
Michigan	1,857	1,901	1,947	1,976	1,972	1,991	2,000	2,019	2,090	2,161	2,190
Minnesota	1,272	1,297	1,345	1,345	1,356	1,396	1,427	1,483	1,557	1,616	1,667
Mississippi	1,278	1,330	1,437	1,464	1,550	1,586	1,669	1,694	1,772	1,819	1,951
Missouri	2,389	2,475	2,570	2,637	2,705	2,725	2,727	2,725	2,846	2,921	2,983
Montana	348	379	418	418	406	397	404	426	458	474	497
Nebraska	1,107	1,127	1,147	1,125	1,101	1,089	1,067	1,068	1,088	1,087	1,086
Nevada	148	152	161	168	166	168	173	174	181	186	188
New Hampshire	533	542	543	551	557	559	558	563	570	574	568
New Jersey	831	849	877	892	904	902	904	909	925	926	929
New Mexico	256	265	277	276	292	306	297	304	310	312	322
New York	3,406	3,476	3,565	3,610	3,622	3,622	3,608	3,653	3,724	3,735	3,735
North Carolina	2,511	2,614	2,755	2,843	2,913	2,876	2,863	2,840	2,943	3,002	3,098
North Dakota	493	502	518	517	523	530	540	543	586	600	647
Ohio	3,073	3,156	3,229	3,281	3,318	3,301	3,282	3,302	3,383	3,398	3,405
Oklahoma	347	406	522	549	758	887	942	979	1,028	1,081	1,145
Oregon	653	701	749	779	778	798	797	823	860	862	890
Pennsylvania	4,570	4,684	4,842	4,915	4,968	4,980	4,974	5,015	5,155	5,206	5,255
Rhode Island	138	142	145	145	146	144	144	145	151	153	149
South Carolina	1,096	1,150	1,256	1,279	1,309	1,265	1,262	1,277	1,361	1,372	1,422
South Dakota	674	673	691	685	668	665	665	667	677	693	694
Tennessee	2,273	2,370	2,487	2,559	2,639	2,636	2,624	2,660	2,780	2,876	2,959
Texas	2,248	2,349	2,477	2,572	2,687	2,730	2,755	2,766	2,860	2,968	3,112
Utah	253	267	272	280	290	296	301	311	331	338	339
Vermont	534	545	554	557	562	563	558	560	569	575	576
Virginia	2,706	2,777	2,897	2,956	3,122	3,188	3,211	3,234	3,357	3,468	3,575
Washington	602	665	766	800	809	804	801	807	813	828	850
West Virginia	1,577	1,639	1,732	1,789	1,816	1,778	1,755	1,756	1,858	1,889	1,956
Wisconsin	1,640	1,688	1,736	1,776	1,793	1,809	1,826	1,843	1,896	1,926	1,942
Wyoming	226	236	253	260	250	251	262	281	301	312	317

POST OFFICES BY STATE, 1900-1910

State	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Alabama	2,582	2,656	2,603	2,550	2,401	2,133	1,915	1,647	1,567	1,464	1,400
Alaska	59	67	87	101	105	104	113	128	139	136	137
Arizona	221	238	245	257	261	268	264	263	276	273	287
Arkansas	1,932	1,998	2,037	2,037	2,072	2,032	1,964	1,958	1,941	1,900	1,893
California	1,637	1,666	1,682	1,658	1,654	1,655	1,675	1,682	1,674	1,679	1,696
Colorado	751	751	754	752	743	749	760	777	807	821	840
Connecticut	510	470	453	446	442	427	420	407	395	388	383
Delaware	176	167	139	132	130	128	129	125	114	113	113
District of Col.	16	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Florida	1,140	1,160	1,161	1,181	1,180	1,195	1,168	1,120	1,087	1,066	1,066
Georgia	2,764	2,794	2,649	2,474	2,211	1,932	1,778	1,560	1,483	1,417	1,374
Hawaii	1	90	90	92	93	89	92	93	94	89	93
Idaho	448	467	485	501	529	545	551	551	556	550	562
Illinois	2,626	2,545	2,462	2,347	2,229	2,127	2,045	1,960	1,914	1,892	1,863
Indiana	2,202	2,118	1,999	1,862	1,694	1,559	1,444	1,327	1,305	1,292	1,262
Iowa	1,908	1,837	1,727	1,633	1,571	1,504	1,454	1,416	1,377	1,363	1,360
Kansas	1,682	1,605	1,521	1,475	1,397	1,351	1,302	1,276	1,258	1,249	1,256
Kentucky	3,023	3,178	3,264	3,269	3,230	3,178	3,142	3,053	3,005	2,990	3,003
Louisiana	1,191	1,270	1,288	1,314	1,326	1,352	1,355	1,341	1,323	1,293	1,265
Maine	1,272	1,244	1,214	1,166	1,116	1,075	1,047	1,014	997	985	963
Maryland	1,159	1,159	1,062	1,020	994	974	935	904	856	820	800
Massachusetts	849	835	813	790	784	774	761	754	738	733	724
Michigan	2,190	2,117	2,019	1,929	1,813	1,710	1,626	1,550	1,500	1,489	1,464
Minnesota	1,667	1,687	1,648	1,586	1,555	1,518	1,447	1,374	1,347	1,332	1,336
Mississippi	1,951	2,068	2,164	2,187	2,134	2,048	1,944	1,761	1,589	1,428	1,383
Missouri	2,983	2,987	2,891	2,813	2,733	2,684	2,560	2,390	2,283	2,233	2,193
Montana	497	506	527	546	561	562	551	557	570	609	651
Nebraska	1,086	1,053	1,031	1,002	972	961	976	993	1,004	1,002	1,022
Nevada	188	192	192	186	185	199	215	239	247	245	241
New Hampshire	568	557	544	527	517	500	496	489	484	476	464
New Jersey	929	916	887	875	866	859	839	813	792	783	777
New Mexico	322	339	373	387	411	413	443	495	570	597	624
New York	3,735	3,651	3,467	3,319	3,122	2,982	2,902	2,830	2,781	2,749	2,708
North Carolina	3,098	3,154	3,201	3,082	2,884	2,567	2,340	2,096	1,992	1,947	1,909
North Dakota	647	694	732	768	801	820	835	881	908	899	874
Ohio	3,405	3,303	3,111	2,920	2,649	2,461	2,257	2,102	2,007	1,977	1,918
Oklahoma	1,145	1,225	1,420	1,531	1,557	1,539	1,493	1,454	1,404	1,381	1,371
Oregon	890	890	893	870	842	819	812	793	777	764	782
Pennsylvania	5,255	5,138	5,045	4,912	4,595	4,377	4,182	3,992	3,868	3,776	3,675
Rhode Island	149	143	141	137	135	134	132	131	127	126	127
South Carolina	1,422	1,443	1,335	1,246	1,163	1,047	992	909	853	824	787
South Dakota	694	683	672	649	649	646	630	637	664	688	725
Tennessee	2,959	2,901	2,768	2,477	1,995	1,723	1,546	1,400	1,303	1,272	1,238
Texas	3,112	3,188	3,245	3,313	3,227	3,049	2,905	2,685	2,661	2,630	2,654
Utah	339	348	340	330	327	322	328	336	333	324	337
Vermont	576	570	546	533	508	492	477	461	453	450	440
Virginia	3,575	3,668	3,746	3,722	3,589	3,426	3,255	2,963	2,817	2,784	2,703
Washington	850	884	920	945	972	973	989	990	1,012	1,014	1,026
West Virginia	1,956	2,038	2,143	2,230	2,272	2,321	2,304	2,226	2,177	2,132	2,131
Wisconsin	1,942	1,861	1,760	1,675	1,507	1,384	1,354	1,276	1,241	1,226	1,206
Wyoming	317	341	339	331	342	357	371	394	399	389	390

the POSTAL GUIDE for various years from 1895 to 1911. It is presented in its entirety in Tables 1 and 2, so that readers wishing to conduct their own investigations may have easy access to it. The decline in the number of US post offices which began in 1901 has continued until the present time, and, according to recent news reports, is likely to continue

with even more post office closures in years to come. It is hoped that this article has shown that national trends can sometimes mask interesting regional differences, and that even such a dramatic event as the establishment of RFD service did not have equal impacts in all regions.

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LA POSTA will herein list currently available titles which are judged to be of broad geographic interest and a high degree of merit in terms of content and production. In short, these books are the recommended resources on the market today for students of American postal history.

BAKERS' U.S. CLASSICS by Hugh J. Baker and J. David Baker. Published by The U.S. Philatelic Classic Society, Inc., 1985. Clothbound, 343 pp. Available from USPS, P.O. Box 14338, Columbus, IN 43214. \$29.50 postpaid.

A reprint of the wide-ranging columns of the Baker Brothers, which originally appeared in STAMPS magazine from 1962 to 1969. This volume, which adds new illustrations and a wonderful 3,000-entry index to the Bakers' text, is highly recommended as both an important reference on many aspects of classic US postal history and a bargain.

AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG, Volume 1, edited by David G. Phillips. Published by D.G. Phillips Pub. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 611388, North Miami, FL 33261-1388. Hardbound \$50; Softbound \$40 postpaid from the publisher.

Fourth edition of the standard catalog for American stampless covers containing nearly 400 pages of listings arranged by state and territory. Copiously illustrated throughout and a quality production, it belongs on the shelf of anyone interested in postal history of the United States.

U.S. ROUTE AND STATION AGENT POSTMARKS by Charles L. Towle. Published by the Mobile Post Office Society. Clothbound, 486 pp. Available from MPOS, RFD 1, Box 91, Contoocook, NH 03229. \$33.00 postpaid.

Author Towle's works have a habit of becoming out-of-print rather quickly, and this, his latest book, is likely to be no exception. With lists and illustrations of over 3,300 railway route, agent and waterway postmarks, this well-indexed reference will long endure as the "bible" of classic US RPO marks.

POSTAL MARKINGS OF UNITED STATES EXPOSITIONS by William J. Bomar. Published by D. G. Phillips Pub. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 611388, North Miami, FL 33161. Softbound \$25; Hardbound \$35, postpaid.

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- 4 Fitchburg, 1911 (08-11) VG 4 bar on PPC E 12
- 5 Garnet, 1941 (27/43) F 4 bar on PPC E 6
- 6 Port San Luis, 1911 (07-32) VG-F 4 bar on PPC E 5

Idaho

- 7 Mace, 1916 (99-22) VG 4 bar on PPC E 7
- 8 Prichard, 1930 (10-42) VG 4 bar on cover E 6
- 9 Vollmer, 1911 (90/19) G+ 4 bar on PPC E 5

Minnesota

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- 11 Wealthwood, 1909 (91/25) VG 4 bar on PPC E 4

Missouri

- 12 Amos, 1912 (93-31) F 4 bar on PPC E 2
- 13 Cassidy, 1910 (82-34) VG doane on PPC E 2

Nebraska

- 14 Cornell, 1909 (80-20) G+ doane on PPC E 6
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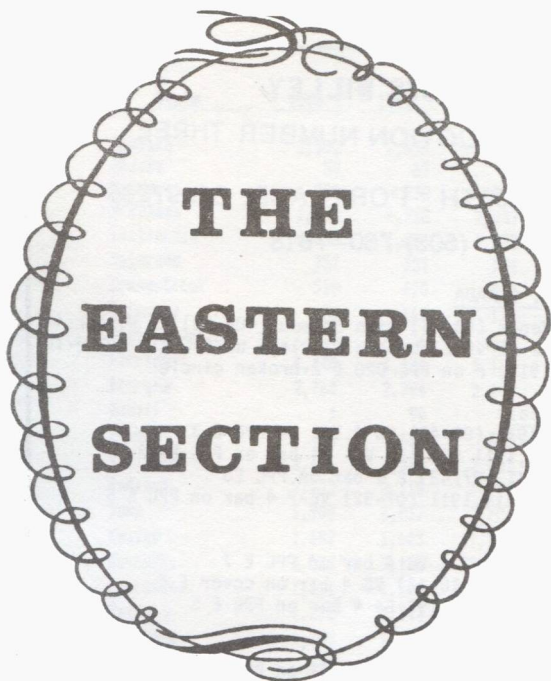
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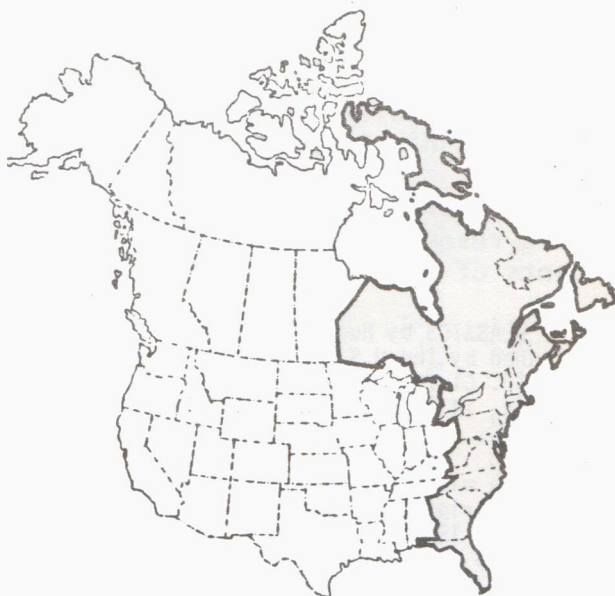
In my report of happenings at AMERIPEX, I mentioned the great interest shown by visitors to the "Computers in Philately" booths.

Since that occasion, the Computers in Philately Committee of the American Philatelic Society has been making forward progress. A journal named The Computatelist is being published (Vol. 1, No. 3 has recently been received).

If you have a computer which you are using for philatelic purposes, write to Marty Richardson, 7130 Claybeck Drive, Dayton OH 45424 and ask to receive The Computatelist. At this time there is no charge, though there may be a charge in the future.

One of the topics discussed in the current issue of The Computatelist is the need for a common language for cancellation description.

Marty Richardson, chairman of the APS Computers in Philately Committee, mentions an article by Bill Bauer in one of the American Philatelic Congress Congress Books (but doesn't report which year) entitled "Cancellations (Town Markings): A Descriptor System", which included codes for wording, shape, framing, size, contents, type of device and killer.



Richardson also mentioned a recent book published by the 1869 Pictorial Research Associates, Inc., representing a census of reported examples of the 1869 issues used on cover, prepared by Dr. R.M. Searing, using a dBASE II data base program. He then posed these questions:

How do we know if the system of descriptors developed by Bauer, or the fields used by Searing are adequate to develop databases for other study areas? Is there a need for some form of standardization? Is anyone else doing work in this area?

Not mentioned by Richardson, is the Dike Postmark Code, described in a monograph, Classifying Postmarks, published by Raven Press, and the Skinner and Eno book United States Cancellations 1845-1869 and there are probably others.

If you have been working on this problem of identifying cancellation types, contact chairman Richardson at the above address and volunteer to join in the effort.

The Eastern Section this issue offers an interesting variety of articles from Alabama to New Jersey, with stops in between at Charleston, S.C. and Baltimore, Md. A new contributor, Jacques Houser presents notes of articles he located in the Mobile, Alabama newspapers. And then we have a return of three other authors whose collecting interests have appeared before in the Eastern Section-- Brad Arch, Bob Karrer and Frank Stewart. Where's that article you were going to write?

the officer's wife in Massachusetts. Note that its first sentence mentions the delivery of mail into Charleston.

This shows that the "U.S. SHIP" marking was also applied to mail delivered by a government vessel at a port of arrival, and was clearly not limited to only those letters written aboard such ships.

An interesting article appeared in the May 9, 1865 Charleston Courier describing activity at the Charleston P.O. (Figure 4)

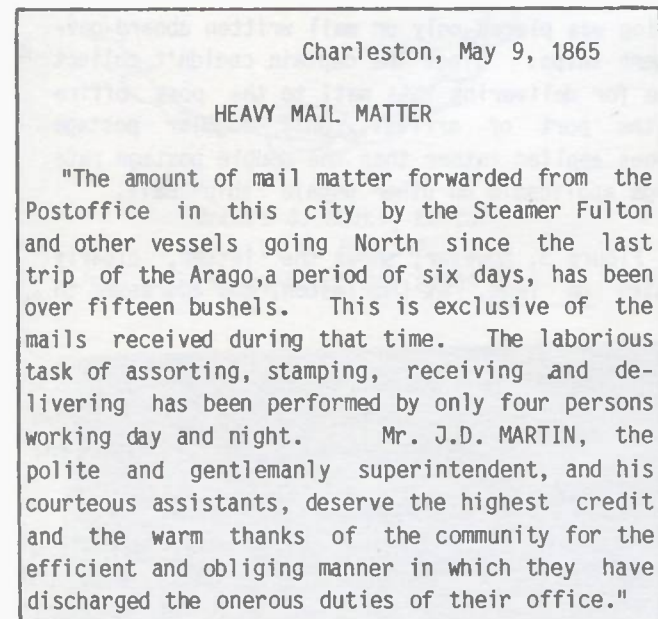


Fig. 4



Fig. 5 "No Stamps in Charleston" indorsed on this letter postmarked at New York on May 3 (1865). It also bears "U.S. SHIP" and manuscript "3"(due) markings.

Apparently this heavy volume of mail used up supplies of stamps at Charleston, as Figures 5 and 6 show two examples of stampless letters forwarded from Charleston in late April and early May, 1865.



Fig. 6 "No Stamps in Charleston" on this soldier's letter postmarked New York May 13

Figure 7 shows that although some parts of South Carolina were under Federal control in April 1865, the Confederate Postal Service was still operating at Edgefield, S.C. (about 25 miles northeast of Augusta, Ga.)



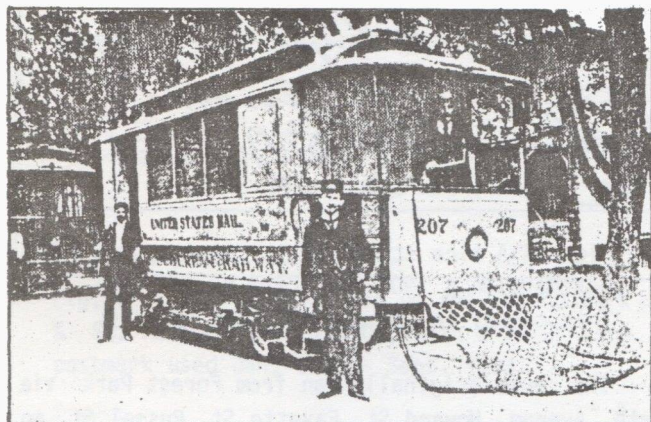
Fig. 7 A very unusual cover endorsed "via Flag of Truce via Savannah".

Figure 7 originated at Confederate controlled Edgefield, S.C. on April 20, 1865 (This was 11 days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, but 6 days before Johnston's surrender in North Carolina). The letter was apparently forwarded down the Savannah River to Savannah, Ga. By the time it passed through the Agent of Exchange for examination and was permitted to enter the U.S. mails on June 12, 1865 at Savannah, the war was over. Since the southern rail system was totally disrupted in the last months of conflict, the letter must have reached Charleston by ship.

TROLLEY MAIL SERVICE IN BALTIMORE, 1897-1929

By Frank Stewart

The use of street cars to process and deliver mail was first begun in Saint Louis, in 1891. In 1894, Baltimore began planning for the use of street railway post offices. The prime purpose was to collect, sort and cancel mail along a specified route.



(courtesy Baltimore Street Car Museum)

Fig. 1 Car number 207 was built as a passenger car in 1893, modified for R.P.O. service in 1895, and scrapped in 1909.

Service in Baltimore officially started on May 17, 1897. By then, mail service on street cars was already operational in St. Louis, New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington and Brooklyn(N.Y.). Three routes were established in Baltimore: Arlington to South Baltimore; Towson to Catonsville; and Roland Park to Saint Helena. In 1910, two of the routes were changed to: Baltimore & Arlington R.P.O. and Roland Park & Highlandtown R.P.O. The three routes converged at a common point- the Main Post Office - and served a total of 22 stations.

THE EQUIPMENT

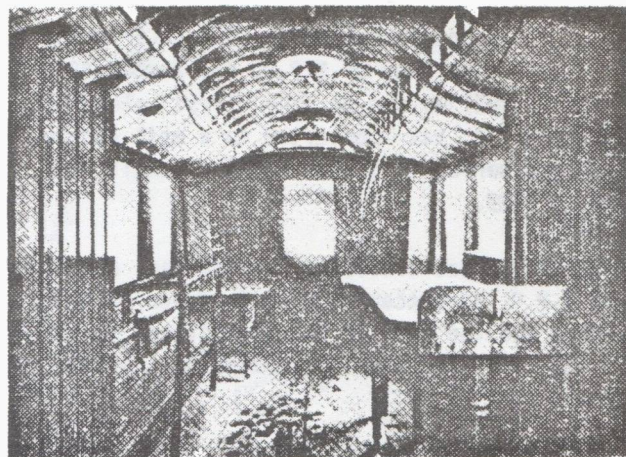
When temporary service (closed pouch) began in 1894, the equipment consisted of six electric trolley cars, leased from the Baltimore Traction Co. In 1897, when regular service was begun, nine

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specially modified single truck trolley cars went into service. Each car was approximately 24 feet long and 7 feet wide. Cars were painted ivory with blue letters and gold trim. The two or three windows on each side were covered with a steel grate for protection. Also, on each side there was a letter drop slot and an exit door for the clerk. On each end was a rope fender to move children and animals out of the way. Inside the early cars were distribution cases, pouch rack, facing table and cancelling equipment, plus a wash basin and clothes locker.

In 1902, after receiving a long term commitment from the Post Office Department for their use, six new cars were built in Baltimore which were 26 feet long and 7 feet wide. When the six new cars were put into use in 1903, three older cars were retired to storage. Several cars were destroyed in a car house fire in 1906. In 1929, when service was finally terminated, the twelve remaining cars were moved to Carrol Park shops and scrapped in 1930.



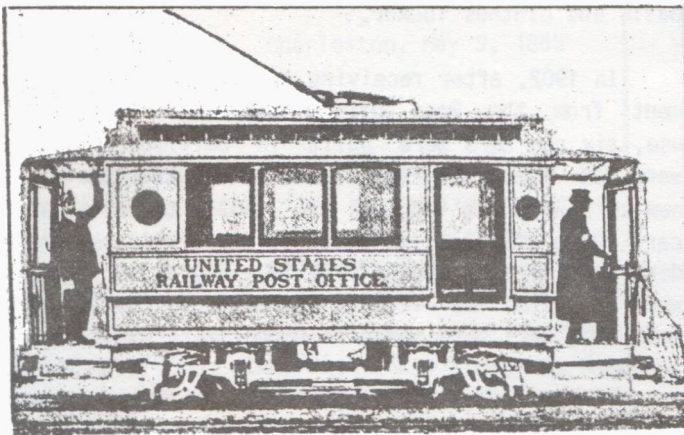
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Fig. 2 Interior view of Car 400, with its distinctive "Bombay" style roof. The small upper clerestory windows were common on cars built in the early 1890's.

HOW THEY OPERATED

Normally, R.P.O. cars carried a motorman, a conductor (both supplied by the traction company) and one or two mail clerks. Work started about 3 a.m. at one of the various carhouses around town

and ended about 1 a.m. the next morning. Clerks worked eight hour shifts, six days per week, plus overtime as required by increased holiday work loads. They worked every other Sunday. The clerks led a rough life. They were exposed to all types of weather, had to deal with traffic and heavy pouches, and they also had to rapidly sort and cancel mail. Clerks were constantly jumping off and on the moving car, could not wear gloves in cold, freezing weather, and did not get paid sick leave or workmens compensation for injury. Starting annual salary of \$600 (in 1897) could increase to a maximum of \$900. Further, the cars were uncomfortable, and operated over rough roadbeds in some areas, thus contributing to motion sickness.



(courtesy Baltimore Street Car Museum)

Fig. 3 A side view of R.P.O. Car Number 400. Built in 1891 as one of the first electric trolleys, it was converted to a mail car in 1897 and served in R.P.O. service until its end in 1929.

By 1915, most cities in America had abandoned their R.P.O. streetcar service in favor of trucks. Baltimore was the last of the big cities to initiate the service and the last city, in 1929, to terminate it.

The demise in Baltimore came as a result of a new Baltimore Post Office being constructed on the site of the old building. It did not have facilities for the mail cars. The last run was made the night of November 9, 1929.

ROUTES AND CANCELS

During its 32 years of service, there were 3 different routes or major lines, two of which were later modified, making five routes in all.

1. The Arlington & South Baltimore line operated 1897-1910 at which time it was restructured

as the Baltimore & Arlington R.P.O. and operated until the end in 1929. This line had two original cars with cancels of "Car 1" and "Car 2". In 1903, new cars were acquired for R.P.O. service.

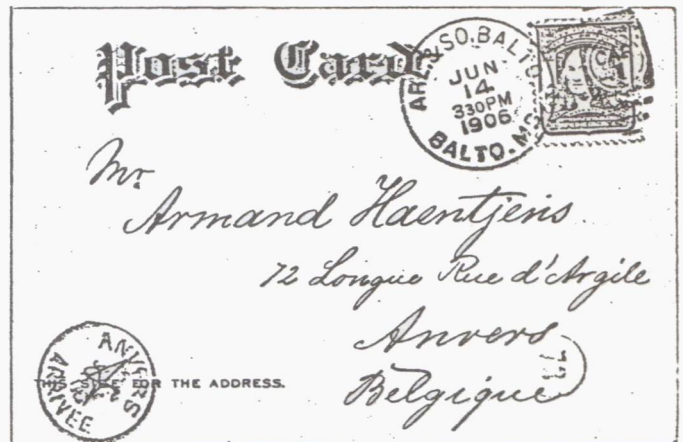


Fig. 4 A nice strike of the BA-1-h, Car 1, postmark on a 1906 post card to Belgium. This cancel in use Aug 1905-Oct 1906.

The route originally ran from Forest Park via North Avenue, Howard St., Fayette St., Russel St. to Brooklyn at Curtis Bay. Twelve round trips were made on weekdays with 5-7 trips on Sundays and holidays. The route was shortened in 1910 to operate between Arlington and downtown Baltimore and only one car was used to service the new route.

Eight different cancels were used on the Arlington & South Baltimore system (12, counting Car 1 and Car 2). Only Car 1 cancels (5 different) appear on mail cancelled by the Baltimore & Arlington R.P.O. from 1910-1929.

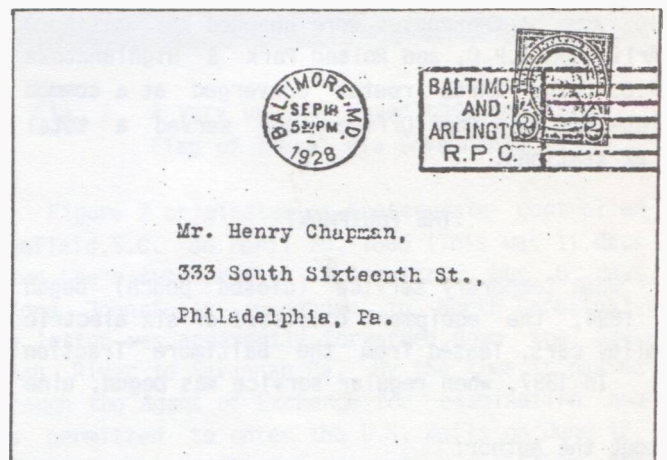


Fig 5. A 1928 cover with a cancel of the BA-2-p type in use Jan. 1922-Aug. 1929. At this late date, only one car was in use on this line.

2. The second of two street railway post offices established on June 1, 1897 was the Roland Park & Saint Helena R.P.O. Two cars were used on this run using "Car 1" and "Car 2" cancels. On weekdays 12 round trips were made as far as Highlandtown from Roland Park. Four trips omitted the distance between Highlandtown and St. Helena. The



Fig. 6 A letter cancelled on the Roland Park & St. Helena line in 1901, with a BA-3f type postmark used Jan. 1900 - Sept. 1903.

line ran from Roland Park through Hampden to Huntington Avenue, to Park Avenue and Madison St., then the route continued to Eastern and Patterson Park Avenue to Highlandtown and on to St. Helena. In 1910 the St. Helena leg was discontinued and the shortened route was renamed Roland Park & Highlandtown R.P.O.

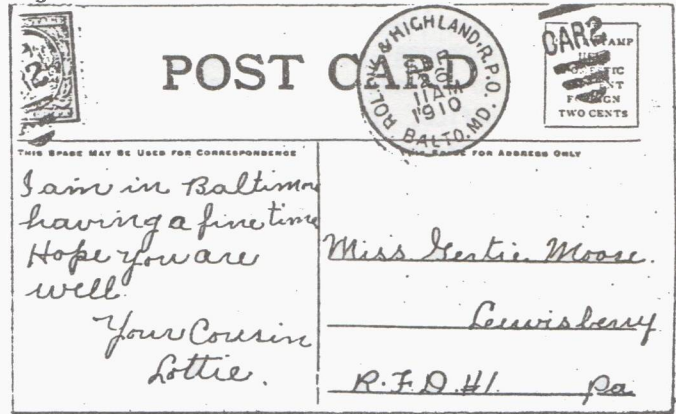


Fig 7. This type cancel (BA-4-k, Car 2) was in use on the Roland Park & Highland line between August 1910 and December 1911.

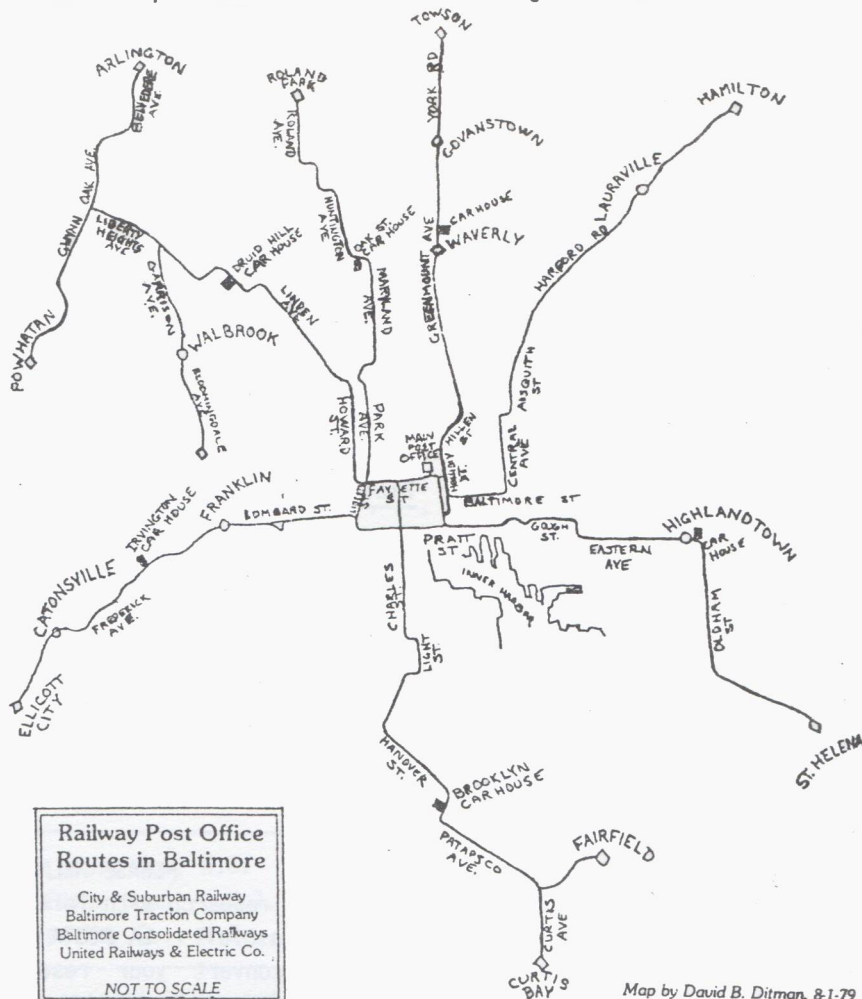


Fig. 8 Map of the Baltimore Street Car R.P.O. Routes.(used with permission of David B. Ditman)

The original Highlandtown and St. Helena line used nine different cancels from 1897-1910 while the shortened run (1910-1929) used eight different cancels. These numbers do not include the Car 1 and Car 2 cancels used.

3. Towson & Catonsville R.P.O. is the only street car mail line which operated the full 32 years without a change in name. The route ran from Towson to Govans, to Waverly, to the main downtown post office, then to Pratt and Howard Streets, to Station B at Baltimore and Gilmour Streets and out Frederick Road to Catonsville. Ten round trips were made each weekday until 1910 when service was reduced.

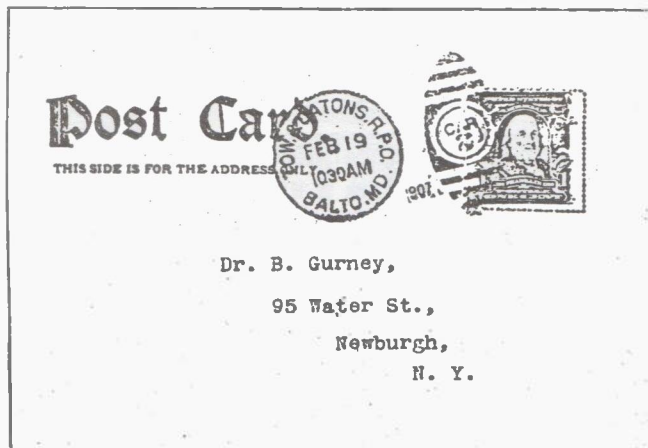


Fig 9. This 1907 postcard shows a Towson & Catonsville R.P.O. cancel (BA-5-g, Car 2) in use Oct. 1909 - March 1912.

Two cars were used on this line. Twelve different cancels (exclusive of car numbers) were used during its many years of service. As on all lines, the cars contained hand and electric cancelling machines, facing table, hand canceller, bag rack and letter distributing case. Cars carried signs "THROUGH SERVICE" or "LOCAL". The last known street car cancel was applied to a postcard on this line on Sept. 21, 1929.

In 1979 the Mobile Post Office Society published a monograph on Baltimore Street R.P.O.'s, written by D.N. Clark and F.E. Ruckle. They categorized all known postmarks by route, car number, and machine cancel or handstamp. Each type is illustrated. The period that each postmark was in use (including car number and die) is also given. Each cancel has been assigned a "BA" number which, in some instances, can be cross referenced to Towle numbers or Miller numbers. Point values, (and a 1979 price per point) were assigned to the

numerous cancels allowing collectors to determine approximate values of the various cancels in future years. As would be expected, the scarcest cancels were those used 1897-1900 on the three original lines. Cancels on cover command a higher price than the same cancel applied to a picture post card 1900-1929, and a cancel used as a transit marking is valued less than one used as an originating postmark.

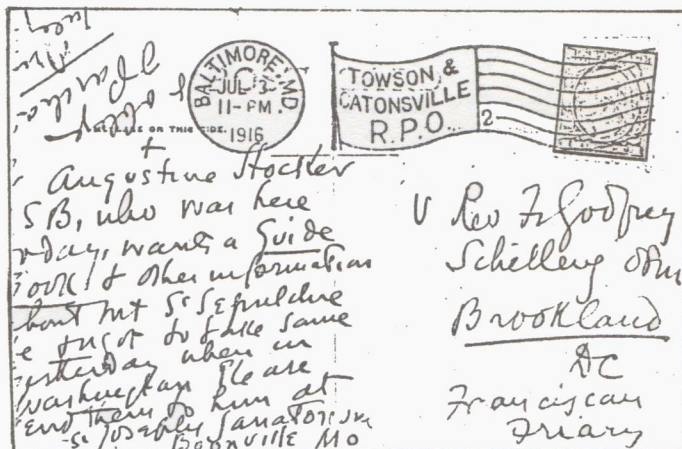


Fig. 10 A 1916 post card bearing a type BA-5-o, Car 2 machine cancel. This type was in use Feb. 1915 - June 1922.

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NEW JERSEY COUNTY AND POSTMASTER CANCELS

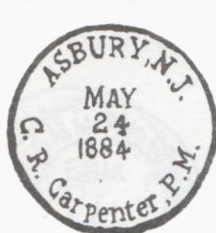
By Brad Arch

This report of New Jersey County and Postmaster cancels has been coordinated by Brad Arch from primary sources in the Thompson and Doane listings, with additions from the following: C.H. Clippenger, Alyce Evans, Norman Brassler, Samuel Fisvitz, Gerard Neufeld, Richard Micchelli, Henry

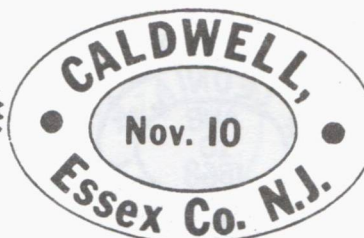
Stollnitz, John W. Edge, and Craig Matthewson. All readers are solicited to submit additional dates of use for listed examples, and especially photocopies of any and all new additions to the listing for incorporation into a definitive monograph planned by the New Jersey Postal History Society.

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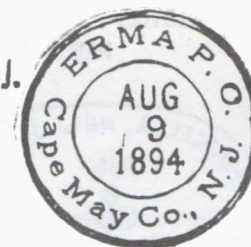
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BARNEGAT, N.J./ Jeremiah S. Storms, P.M.	1881	Nov 11 1885
BAYHEAD/ Ocean Co., N.J.	Mar 3 1883	1886
BLAIRSTOWN N.J./ J.D. Vail, Postmaster		
BLAIRSTOWN/ N.J. + "JDV" monogram killer	Oct 26 1876	1886



BLOOMINGDALE,/ NEW JERSEY,/ E.K. BALL, P.M.	Jan 11 1884	1885
BROADWAY,/ WARREN CO., N.J.	Feb 8 1886	Mar 30 1886
CALDWELL,/ Essex Co. N.J.	Nov 10 (1980) - printed	
COLLIERS MILL/ Ocean Co., N.J.	Feb 17 1887	Apr 9 1887

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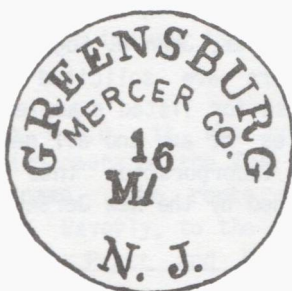


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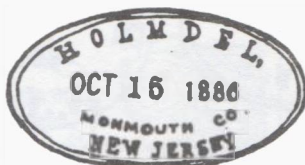
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J. B. HENDERSHOTT,/ Hamburg, N.J.	May 21 1878
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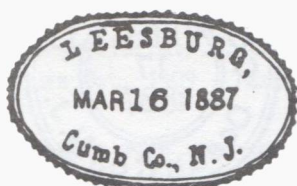


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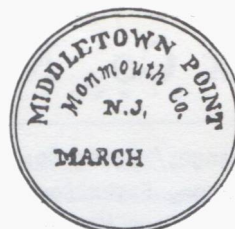
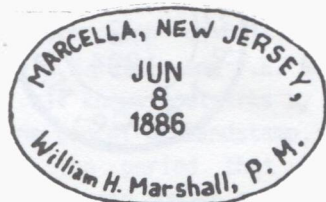


HEWITT,/ PASSAIC CO. N.J.	Jan 7 1880	Feb 3 1883
HOLMDEL,/ MONMOUTH CO./ NEW JERSEY	Aug 10 1886	Oct 15 1886
CORRECT/ JOHN G. COFELA, P.M./ JERSEY CITY, N.J.	Jan 1887	
KEY EAST, MONMOUTH CO./ N.J.	Jul 16 1885	1886

LAWRENCEVILLE, MERCER CO., N. J.



LAWRENCEVILLE, MERCER CO., N.J.	1888
LEESBURG,/ Cumb Co., N.J.	Mar 16 1887
LEONIA,/ BERGEN CO. N.J.	Aug 10 1868
LEWISTOWN, N.J./ ?	1885
MAHWAH,/ BERGEN CO. N.J.	Aug 2 1887
C.C. BRISTOL/ POST MASTER/ MANCHESTER, OCEAN CO.,/ NEW JERSEY	Jan 12 1869

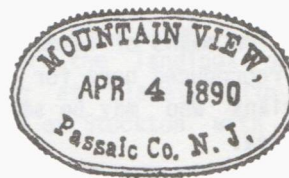


MARCELLA, NEW JERSEY,/ William H. Marshall, P.M.	Jun 8 1886
MATAWAN,/ MONMOUTH CO. N.J.	Mar 27 1867
MIDDLETOWN POINT/ Monmouth Co./ N.J.	1846

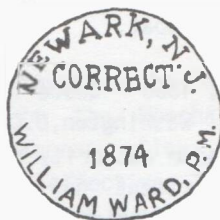
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MIDVALE/ PASSAIC CO., N.J.	Oct 12 1878	
MILLTOWN/ Middlesex Co., N.J.	Mar 7 1887	
IRA W. MOE,/ Moe, N.J.	Feb 10 1899	
MOUNTAIN VIEW,/ Passaic Co. N.J.	1882	Dec 15 1897



NEWTON,
 APR 24
 Sussex Co. N.J.



MOUNT HOPE/ MORRIS CO. N.J.	Feb 22 1894	
NEWARK, N.J./ CORRECT/ WILLIAM WARD, P.M.	1874	1882
NEWTON,/ Sussex Co. N.J.	1820's	
NEPTUNE, MONMOUTH CO./ N.J.	Aug 6 1883	



OCEANVILLE, N.J./ ATLANTIC CO.	1887	
PITTSTOWN/ HUNTERDON Co./ NEW JERSEY.	Jul 31 1886	1887
PLAINSBOROUGH,/ MIDDLESEX CO.,/ NEW JERSEY	1887	
RINGWOOD/ PASSAIC CO. N.J.	Feb 22 1878	
SHREWSBURY,/ Monmouth/ County,/ N.J.	1886	
TUCKAHOE/ Cape May Co. N.J.	Sep 25 1891	Jul 12 1893
VAILSBURGH/ ESSEX CO. N.J.	Jun 20 1884	



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NOTES FROM THE MOBILE (ALA.) 'REGISTER'

By Jacque Houser

While searching through the issues of the Mobile (Ala.) Register for the years 1849-59 for another purpose, I noticed occasional references to postal services, or means of communication.

My notes are reproduced here for the benefit of postal historians who may be seeking information about this area.

These notes have been grouped under six general headings-- Post Office Announcements, Steam and Stage Lines, Express Companies, Railroads, Telegraph Companies and Stationery.

Under each heading, they are arranged in date sequence. Full details can be obtained by consulting the referenced issue of the Mobile Register.

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 11, 1849 - Editorial reference to a new book: "History of the Post Office".

Jan. 12 & 13, 1849 - Brief editorial report on a new Postal Treaty with Great Britain. Rates explained.

Jan. 25, 1849 - Information given on the schedule, route and rates for San Francisco and Astoria (Oregon Terr.) mail.

Feb. 26, 1849 - Announcing Carrier Service for Philadelphia, Pa. 1c for pickup or delivery of letters in city. Drop letters for city also to be charged only 1c. Two deliveries per day are contemplated.

April 9, 1849 - Listing of Local rates and rates to Central America and West Coast of U.S.

April 19, 1849 - Post Office Announcement- Steam Packet Falcon leaving New York City April 19 to pick up mail at Charleston, Savannah and Havana - mail to Havana from New Orleans by Steam Packet Isthmus - for Chagres, Panama, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco and Astoria.

About the Author:

Jacque Houser is a long-time student of postal history, specializing in British Columbia. Many of his articles pertaining to postal matters in British Columbia have been published in Canadian specialty journals, and in LA POSTA.

April 20, 1849 - A Summary of Appropriations for financing departments of the U.S. Government. U.S. Post Office to receive \$76,600 for the year, to support the Postmaster General, the Asst. PMG, clerks, messengers, asst. messengers and watchmen!

May 31, 1849 - List of new domestic and foreign postage rates.

Dec. 2, 1855 - Announcement pertaining to a new Montgomery to Mobile mail route. Montgomery to Claiborne by 4-horse coaches (wagons in bad weather) and Claiborne to Mobile by steamboat.

March 7, 1856 - Quote from the Washington "Union" (a Washington, D.C. newspaper) of Feb. 26, 1856: "Under authority of Congress, the Post Office Department has adopted, as an auxiliary to its operations, a plan for publishing the names of persons to whom letters have been sent to post offices in California and the Territories of Oregon and Washington."

April 2, 1856 - Discussion of a pneumatic mail system connecting New York City and Washington, D.C. to transport letters in 60 minutes.

Aug. 16, 1857 - The Postmaster General has decided that the seller's price mark on the fly-leaf of a book sent by mail subjects the whole to letter postage.

Feb. 9 thru Mar. 9, 1858 - Announcement of a request for bids to carry the mails in the state of Alabama for a four year period beginning July 1, 1858.

March 11, 1858 - Editorial comment on the overland mail and the Pacific Railroad. Editor evaluates the relative merits of the southern and middle routes, mentioning that a line is already in operation between San Antonio and San Diego.

Nov. 4, 1858 - Mobile Post Office just moved. New delivery and open schedules have been arranged.

Nov. 28, 1858 - Announcement that a supply ship will leave Charlestown, Mass. about Nov. 30.

Letters to the Mediterranean Squadron can be sent to the Naval Library and Institution in Boston for forwarding.

Dec. 30, 1858 - Editorial commenting on the proposal to abolish the franking privilege in favor of Official Stamps.

Feb. 9, 1859 - Request for bids to provide mail sacks for a period of four years. Complete description of bags given.

May 1, 1859 - Announcement of a Penny Post or Carrier System, for Mobile, to start on May 2, 1859. Parties whose address is known to carrier will have letters delivered for one penny.

May 19, 1859 - Announcement relative to discontinuing Overland Mail on the Neosha, Mo.-Albuquerque, N.M. and Kansas City, Mo.-Stockton, Calif. routes effective July 1, 1859. The routes have not been functioning.

STEAMSHIP AND STAGE LINES

Feb. 5, 1849 - Flamboyant ad on back page for the West Indian Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, giving schedules, fares and accommodations. Now landing at Mobile (Mobile Point).

April 19, 1849 - Royal Mail Steam Packet, Thames to arrive in Mobile on April 20. Will sail on 21st for Havana, Bermuda & England. Also for connections to New York, West Indian Islands and Chagres.

June 19, 1849 - Announcement concerning mail via Steamer Packet Falcon for Central America & California and Oregon. Leaves New York June 28, Charleston July 1, AM, and from Savannah July 1, PM. Steamer Isthmus to leave New Orleans July 11 direct for Chagres.

Sept. 26, 1855 - Detailed operation of New York & Alabama Steamship Co. - New Orleans to New York.
Daily Mail to Montgomery.
Daily Mail to New Orleans.
New Orleans to New York in 5 days.

Sept. 29, 1855 - Mobile & Pensacola U.S.M. Stage Line will run daily to Pensacola. Passengers will leave at 11 AM on the U.S. Mail Steamer

Junior, Capt. Joe Armstrong, for Hollywood, at which point they meet the stages for Pensacola.

Oct. 10, 1856 - The mail steamer Ravenswood, Capt. Charles Fisher, leaves daily at 1 o'clock for the landings on Tensaw River-connecting at Blakely with a stage for Pensacola and at Stockton with the stages for Montgomery.

Oct. 29, 1858 - One of many articles on the Tehuantepec Route. This article comments on the inauguration of the route.

Oct. 30, 1858 - Editorial comments on the Steamer Fashion, the steamer on the Mobile-Galveston route. Service started about July 16, 1858.

About Mar. 13, 1859 - Steamer Fashion, steamer used on Mobile-Galveston mail route, on the auction block. Sold to W.R. Cottrell for \$7,000.

April 28, 1859 - Steamer Fashion back on the Mobile-Galveston mail route. When it came to Mobile on its last trip, it brought 21 camels intended to be used for transporting goods. States that a camel can carry 2 bales of cotton with ease.

May 27, 1859 - Summer schedule for New Orleans-Mobile Daily Mail Line announced. Three steamers, "California", "Oregon" and "Cuba" have been expressly made for the run between Mobile and New Orleans.

EXPRESS COMPANIES

May 31, 1851 - Hale, Murdock & Hessee's Express, continues to carry Cash, Plate or other valuable packages.
Julius Hessee & Co., Agent.

May 31, 1851 - Mobile & Ohio Railroad Express, carry all packages except Cash, Jewelry or Mail Matter.

L.J. Flemming, Gen. Supt.

Sept. 26, 1855 (on a more or less regular basis until July 17, 1857) - Hale, Murdock and Hessee's from Mobile to Columbus, Miss. At the beginning, this was a three times a week

service, but by May 1857, the service was daily. During this period, the M & O R.R. was being constructed to Columbus. Express was carried on the train to the end of construction, then by wagon to Columbus.

Jan. 1, 1858 - First ad for Adams Express Co.

James W. Appron, Agent

H. B. Plant, Supt.

Connecting at New Orleans and Montgomery with their Great Northern, Eastern & Western Express Lines.

Feb. 15, 1859 - Adams Express was robbed of \$40,000 between Montgomery, Ala. and Augusta, Ga. The \$40,000 was restored to the shippers and a \$10,000 reward offered for return of money or information leading to the arrest of the burglars.

RAILROADS

Nov. 18, 1859 - New Mobile & Ohio mail train schedule announced.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

May 1852 - An ad dated August 1, 1851:

Washington & New Orleans
Telegraph Co.
Mobile, August 1, 1851

The Stockholders in this Company
will please call on Henry Stoddart
& Co. for their dividends.

Sept. 7, 1859 - News Story - The Magnetic Telegraph Co. is installing a line from Blakely (across Bay from Mobile) to Montgomery. Black and white laborers wanted at \$20 and \$25 per month respectively. Offering \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest of person(s) cutting cable across the Bay.

STATIONERY

May 8, 1852 - Ad in paper:

J. Farreneerg
Manufacturer of Self Sealing Stamped Envelopes,
Cards, Labels, Note & Letter Paper Stamped with
Crests and Cyphers. Seal Presses for Sale.
61 Camp Street, New Orleans.

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"Replating First Issue Revenue Stamps", by Karl Lackemacher; Unusual Uses During Disunity, 1860 to 1865", by Richard Krieger; "U.S. Telegraph Stamps and Covers, 1847 to 1861", by George Kramer; and "Mails In The Caribbean", by Scott Gallagher.

Visitors are cordially invited to attend these meetings, at which time there are always interesting exhibits and discussions. Those who wish may join members beforehand at 6.00 p.m. for a Dutch Treat dinner at a nearby restaurant. Contact Irving Adams, President and Secretary, P.O. Box 57, Bay Station, Brooklyn, NY 11235.

If you are in the New York City area on a third Tuesday, be sure to stop at the Collectors Club for a rare treat.

HAVE YOU SEEN ?

Long Island Postal Historian, Winter 1986, 50 pages, 8 1/2 x 11, in its new format, bound with a soft cover, in the style of LA POSTA.

This issue contains four feature articles --
1. The Greenport Post Office in the Nineteenth Century, Part II, by J. Fred Rodriguez, covers the years 1849-1869. 2. "Long Island Wind Sock" features the First Flight to Africa (from LaGuardia), by Robert S. Miller. 3. "Long Island Cover Corner" by Daniel M. Knowles, features stampless covers postmarked from Lakeland and Millers Place in the 1850's. 4. "Long Island Star Cancellations- An Update", by J. Fred Rodriguez, represents the third report on these attractive cancels. Fred illustrates 17 different star cancels and reports their use from 46 different Long Island post offices, including 15 new listings. In "Auction Action", Daniel Knowles reports on realizations for Long Island covers at 10 recent auctions. Rounding out the issue are 8 pages of membership news.

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MIDWESTERN EDITOR

In writing editorials I try to make people think by making observations that may otherwise go unnoticed, hopefully enriching the hobby by giving exposure to different ways of looking at things. When a response is evoked from a reader, I feel I have succeeded. It's a good feeling.

One reader has taken exception to my use of the words "over-collected" in reference to Alaska, which in turn has caused me to think about collecting from a new angle.

I don't have any problem with the term "under-collected", for if no one collects a general area (such as Arkansas), the term must surely fit. But how can you tell if an area is over-collected? It seems that price could be a guideline, but even in an under-collected area an exceptionally rare and beautiful piece will command a high price.

In some areas dealers feel comfortable in slapping premium prices on common material because they know they will be able to sell them. This surely means the area is popular -- but does it mean it's over-collected? Perhaps the term is devoid of any real meaning, as popularities shift and not all collectors of a given area are active at any one time.

It also seems that availability of material should be a guideline, but it is the collector that sets the boundaries on what constitutes the collecting area. If one collects only registered covers from Wamsutter, Wyoming, it may be a long, long time before an addition is made to the collection. Does this mean the subject is over-collected? Or does it mean that the material is truly scarce?

Also, because each collector sets personal collection boundaries, there are many overlapping areas. Particularly because of thematic collecting, one cover may be sought by numerous collectors for entirely different reasons. Categories that overlap geographical boundaries include Territorial status,



fancy cancels, a name which falls into a collected category, and the types of stamps used.

Human nature being what it is, whenever I go a stretch unable to find any mining ghost town cancels for sale at a price I'm willing to pay, I'm likely to grumble about too many collectors snatching up "the good stuff". It may not be a consolation to reflect that other collectors of my interest aren't finding much either, but it should enable me to treasure further the finds that I do make.

Turning to less abstract topics, I am pleased to learn that at last La Posta has a subscriber from the Great State of Arkansas. Upon receiving this information I delved into my personal library and emerged with the material to write an article to celebrate the occasion.

Take a look at it, even if it has never occurred to you to read anything on Arkansas before. It's an interesting tale, with a lot of elements that could (should?) be exciting to the postal historian. It's about a Territorial office, a frontier office at that. It mentions some famous, even legendary Americans. It even has a Civil War vignette relevant to postal history. I enjoyed writing it -- I hope you enjoy reading it.

It's been a long time since I've written an article for La Posta. I haven't had to, because there has been a steady, though not overwhelming, input of material from subscribers. As I check my backlog of articles I see the cupboard is getting pretty bare, and I could use some more material. Several past contributors have expressed an intention of submitting more articles, and I look forward to receiving and utilizing them.

If the arrival of a new issue of La Posta brings you joy, you can perhaps comprehend the joy I feel when my mail brings me the workings for an article from a subscriber that has never submitted one before. Imagine how you would feel when the new issue arrived and it included an article credited to you! I think I'm speaking for all the editors when I urge you to give it a try!

Jim Hale is a new author for my La Posta section, but he is hardly a newcomer to postal history writing. Jim has been active in the Wisconsin Postal History Society for many years, authored a listing of Wisconsin post offices, and has made numerous contributions to the WPHS journal "Badger Postal History". The article on Marquette County presented in this issue was the subject of an address Jim gave to the Marquette County Historical Society.

The talk was very well received by the Society and resulted in an exchange of information that Jim was well pleased with. It points out once again that postal history groups have a lot in common with other historical groups and that any open dialogue is beneficial to all.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Jim Smith reports that Romig's Michigan Place Names has been reprinted and is available from Wayne State University Press, 5959 Woodward Ave., Detroit MI 48202. At present this is the only book which gives information on all Michigan post offices, although it is expected a new postal history book on

Michigan will be out by the end of the year.

The Wisconsin Postal History Society has issued Bulletin 17, "Flag and Doane Postmarks of Wisconsin", by Andrew Buckland. It is a revision of an early work, available from WPHS, 5401 Raymond Road, Madison WI 53711.

POST OFFICE CENTENNIALS

....Below is a partial list of currently operating post offices that were established in March and April of 1887. Offices designated with an asterisk (*) had a different name when established.

March	2	Bellemont AZ, Lidgerwood ND
	5	Hope ID, Russell Springs KS
	8	Guelph ND, Hosmer SD
	9	Santa ID, Cuba NM
	10	Cisco UT
	12	Saint Davids Church VA
	16	Perry LA, Finlayson MN, Hundred WV
	17	Weippe ID, Powhattan KS
	18	Toddville MD
	19	Claremont SD, Redmond UT
	22	Armona CA
	23	Crimora* VA
	25	Klamath CA, Slater IA
	26	Ben Lomond CA, Oakley UT
April	1	Overbrook KS, Oakesdale WA
	2	Sunland CA, Boxholm IA
	6	Loretto MN, Soudan* MN, Watkins MN
	13	Swaledale IA
	14	Sedan* MN, South Haven MN
	21	Evangeline LA, Ely* MN
	22	Sycamore KS, Starr* SC
	23	Arlington SC
	28	Maple Shade NJ
	29	Glendora CA, Mesa CO, Aimwell LA

John J. Germann and Myron Janzen have issued their first installment of Texas counties. The first issue contains historical and postal information, including maps, for the counties of Andrews, Jones, McCulloch, Newton, Nueces, and Tom Green. Information on this series is available from John Germann, 12102 Whittington, Houston TX 77077.

IZARD COURT HOUSE

By Alan Patera

Izard Court House was on the frontier when a post office was established there in 1826. At this time, the site at the confluence of the Big North Fork and the White River was centrally located for the newly established Izard County. The site was not to flourish and grow, however. As the original counties of Arkansas became more settled they were split. In 1830 Izard C.H. lost the court house; 14 years later the post office changed its name to North Fork. As the county boundaries shifted into their current positions, the location of Izard County's first court house was ironically no longer even in the county, but found itself in Baxter County instead. As if in justification of the original placement of a settlement in that location, continued settlement of the site finally produced a permanent community, which after several name changes is now known as Norfork.

It must have been a lovely area when Jacob Wolf first visited it on a hunting expedition with his father in 1817. Clear-flowing streams and forested hillsides must have been reminiscent of the Appalachians to early arrivals. Wolf was to return to the North Fork area, settle there, and become its most prominent early resident.

In 1819 Wolf was sent to the area as a U.S. Indian Agent to supervise the resettlement of a band of nearly 2,000 Shawnees from near Lewistown, Ohio. He was 33 at the time, married with four children. His occupation had been that of a farmer and a blacksmith. A fifth child was born in 1821, and his wife died shortly thereafter. Near the end of his tenure as Indian Agent in 1825 he received a land grant of 75 acres at the confluence of the Big North Fork and the White River. He remarried and settled on this land, building a substantial two-story log house which still stands. Wolf constructed a blacksmith shop and trading post, and later constructed a saw and grist mill. In the process of



pursuing his economic endeavors he also acquired a great many slaves.

On October 27, 1825 the Arkansas Territorial Legislature created Izard County out of a portion of Independence County. Jacob Wolf was an influential man, with not only his tenure as Indian Agent, but also holding the rank of Major in the Arkansas Territorial Militia. He was known as "Major Wolf" for the rest of his life. With his homestead centrally located in the new county, it is understandable how the county seat of Izard County came to be located there. At first, judicial matters were handled by circuit riding through the county. When his house was completed, the county government was established in the south room of the upstairs portion.

The county's first clerk was John P. Houston, brother of Texan Sam Houston. Sam Houston and Davy Crockett were among the more notable visitors to the Wolf house. John Houston lived in an upstairs room of the house. He refused to move when the county seat was relocated.

With the conferral of the court house, it became essential to have a regular postal service. Jacob Wolf was undoubtedly influential in having Spencer Crouch recommended for the job of postmaster, and it is likely that he also posted the bond. The Post Office Department's only concern in granting the post office to this frontier location was the method of supply, as shown in the following two letters:

27th March 1826

H. Bozwell, P.M. Batesville Ark. Ter.

The Hon. Mr. Conway having nominated Mr. Spencer Crouch for P.M. at Izard C.H. it becomes necessary for the Dept. to ascertain whether Izard C.H. is so situated as to be within a reasonable distance of any existing post route. The papers for the P.O. at Izard C.H. will be forwarded to you, and you are desired to report what route, if any, touching at your Office can be most conveniently turned or extended so as to pass Izard C.H. Despatch and accuracy are desirable. Perhaps Mr. Crouch could supply his own office with mails, by applying to that service its postage receipts.

(signed) J.McL
Postmaster General

27 March 1826

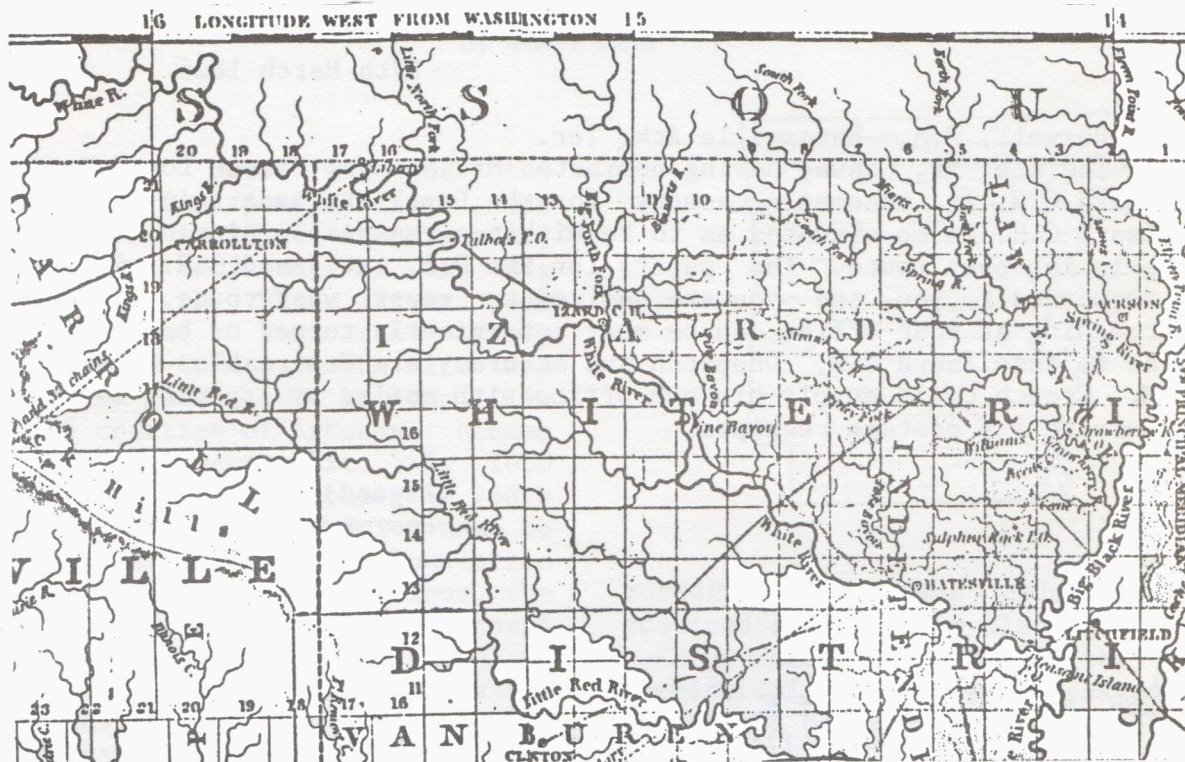
Hon. H.W. Conway H.of R.

The P.M. at Batesville is instructed to report to the Dept. the situation of Izard C.H. relatively to the nearest existing post route, and to indicate the most convenient mode of supplying it with mails. Mr. Crouch will be apptd. P.M. and his accomodation with mails provided, without unavoidable delay.

(signed) J.McL
Postmaster General

ARKANSAS TERRITORY.

Arkansas	-	-	\$50 53	Izard C. H.	-	-	\$18 72
Batesville	-	-	114 54	Jackson	-	-	8 98
Cane Creek	-	-	8 28	Lafayette C. H.	-	-	6 97
Cantonment Gibson	-	-	28 86	Little Rock	-	-	248 24
Clark C. H.	-	-	18 00	Lost Prairie	-	-	10 21
Clark's Saltworks	-	-	83	Marion	-	-	15 99
Columbia	-	-	1 31	Miller C. H.	-	-	23 81
Conway	-	-	11 84	Mouth of Cache	-	-	20 56
Cosetot	-	-	7 12	Mouth of White River	-	-	26 78
Crawford C. H.	-	-	80 37	Nicksville	-	-	7 73
Crystal Spring	-	-	4 15	Peconery	-	-	11 70
Davidsonville	-	-	30 31	Pine Bluff	-	-	16 54
Dwight	-	-	31 30	Pleasant Hill	-	-	49 06
Fayetteville	-	-	12 18	St. Francis	-	-	52 24
Fort Smith	-	-	-	Tekatoka	-	-	10 23
Greenock	-	-	13 99	Villemont	-	-	47 74
Helena	-	-	94 03	Vineyard	-	-	11 37
Hempstead C. H.	-	-	71 96				
Hix's Ferry	-	-	6 25	Total of Arkansas Ter.			\$1,425 72



At this time Izard C.H. was not really on the way to anywhere; in fact, there were no other post offices in Arkansas Territory west of Izard C.H. and north of the Arkansas River. Even Little Rock had been in operation for only six years, and Fort Smith would not be established until 1829. So the rerouting of an existing post route was out of the question. It is likely that Izard C. H. arranged for its own mail supply for the first few years.

Spencer Crouch was appointed March 18, 1826 and served as postmaster during the summer of 1826. The next postmaster of record is none other than Jacob Wolf, who was appointed on October 12, 1826 after posting a \$300 bond. He must have been a busy man indeed, for he was also elected to the Arkansas Territorial Council, his first of five consecutive two-year terms.

Izard County organized and grew. The commissioners, particularly James Jeffery and John Dameron, undertook to locate a permanent county seat. Jacob Wolf of course wanted to retain it at Izard C.H., but after much debate and dispute the court house was removed from

this location in 1830. The new site was to be some 20 miles down the White River, at the mouth of Piney Creek, known as Pine Bayou. This location already had a store, blacksmith, and tavern, but no post office. A one-story court house was erected, which legend says was nearly devoured by woodpeckers within the first two years. A post office was established on December 27, 1831, supplied by the mail route running from Batesville to Izard C.H. Despite the loss of the court house, the post office at Izard C.H. retained its name.

In 1830 or 1831 two postal routes were established which served Izard C.H. One supplied mail from the east, and the other extended the frontier to the west, supplying mail to the new post office at Washington C.H. (now Fayetteville).

Route #2909 from Batesville to Izard C.H. by way of Pine Bayou was to be carried once a week. The carrier was to leave Batesville at 6 a.m. on Tuesdays and return from Izard C.H. at 6 a.m. on Thursdays. The 60 miles was to be traversed in two days, arriving no later than 6 p.m. the following day.

The second route was #2910, from

Izard C.H. to Washington C.H., by way of Talburt's, Wareagle, and Richland Creek. This was a route covering 140 miles through the Ozarks. Service was once a week, leaving Izard C.H. on Thursday and returning from Washington C.H. on Saturday. Four and one-half days were allotted for the trip. The contract was awarded to M. Wolf of Izard C.H., who was most likely Jacob Wolf's younger brother Michael, who was 17 at the time.

One of Wolf's major tasks in the legislature was to try and defend his county boundaries. But with population increasing and strong advocates speaking for new counties it became an unrealistic position. Fulton County was created on December 21, 1842, taking much of northern Izard County and leaving Izard C.H. in the extreme northwest corner of the county. Pine Bayou changed its name to Athens, and Izard C.H., giving up all hope of again being the county seat of Izard County, changed its name to North Fork on November 21, 1844.

Izard County was too hilly to facilitate plantation agriculture, so it never had many slaves. The census of 1850 shows a county population of 3,213, of which 196 were slaves. Most of the slaves owned in this area were probably owned by Jacob Wolf and his relatives. Thus it is not surprising that the Wolf family were staunch supporters of the Confederacy. Five of his sons served in the 14th Arkansas Infantry during the war.

Major Wolf was 75 years old in the summer of 1861 when a Union detachment rode up to the Wolf House. A Union officer determined the house would make a suitable temporary headquarters, but the Major defended his home with his cane, striking the officer several blows. For this act he was taken to Batesville and imprisoned.

In prison his health deteriorated. Because of this he was released late in 1862. He returned home and died on New Years Day of 1863. With the ravages of war disrupting the family and official records, the site of his grave is no longer known. The 37 farms he owned at the time of his death were sold, with payment accepted in Confederate script.

The family fortune was destroyed, and the family members dispersed.

The North Fork post office was another casualty of the war. Exactly when it ceased functioning will probably never be known; when the Post Office Department resumed responsibility for the area in 1866 there was no office operating, so it was officially closed at that time.

On March 24, 1873 Baxter County was created out of portions of Fulton, Marion, and Izard counties. The new county took the northwest chunk of Izard County that included the site of Izard C.H. Thus today one can visit the site of Izard C.H. without visiting Izard County.

The next attempt at a post office in the area was in 1880, when a post office named Brooklyn was established on June 9. Not ten months later, on April 27, 1881, Brooklyn was discontinued. The name North Fork was revived for a post office established March 1, 1888. This office closed November 30, 1889, was re-established April 21, 1891, and was closed again on October 31, 1892.

In 1901 the Iron Mountain Railroad built along the White River, and the Wolf house was used as a kitchen for railroad employees. A new town evolved, this time called Devero, with a post office established May 26, 1902. On August 14, 1906 the name was changed to Norfolk, a contraction of North Fork. A state highway was built along from Calico Rock to Mountain Home, passing through Norfolk, giving it a degree of permanence that has allowed it to sustain a post office to date.

Today the area is largely given over to recreation. There is a major section of Ozark National Forest across the White River from Norfolk, including a campground, and just a few miles up the Big North Fork the Corps of Engineers has constructed Norfolk Lake as part of its ongoing program to inundate any arable land in the White River drainage basin.

Information on Jacob Wolf has been derived from "Jacob Wolf, The Mansion & the Man" by Bill D. Blevins.

THE POST OFFICES OF MARQUETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

By James B. Hale

If you're old enough to remember days before radio and television became a way of life, you probably know the joys the local post office could bring. It was the communications center for the whole neighborhood. The distribution of the daily mail was the time for a gathering of all those who were curious about the delights and sorrows their lock-boxes might hold, or who wished to swap gossip with their neighbors. To a considerable extent this is still true, since today's post offices remain an integral part of our lives.

Before 1850, however, there were no post offices in what is now Marquette County. Forests covered most of the county and there were no roads, only trails. Mail was carried intermittently by men on foot. Later, a man on horseback might bring it. Often the pioneer circuit-riding preachers delivered letters as they performed their pastoral duties. After wagon roads were built and post offices began to serve the settlements, mail was carried by ox team or horse and wagon. Later yet, stage coaches had regular delivery routes serving Marquette County from Portage, Pardeeville, Kingston, Princeton and other stations outside the county.

The United States Post Office Department did not officially come to Marquette County until May 23, 1850, when the first regular office opened at Buffalo Lake, with Datus N. Root as its postmaster. This office was located on the south shore of Buffalo Lake opposite Packwaukee. A town named Buffalo had been platted there in 1837 for three to five thousand people, but the village never developed and the land was eventually sold for taxes. The post office was equally short-lived, as it was closed for lack of business on February 28, 1852. Post Office Department records show that the total receipts of the office in the five months from October 1, 1851 to February 28, 1852 was only \$1.37.



Later in 1850, post offices came along in a rush, being established at Roxo, Greenwood, Packwaukee, Neshkoro and Montello. The year 1851 brought seven more offices into the county, and by 1860 there were 14 offices doing business. Offices continued to come and go under the influence of economics and local politics. The peak year for post offices operating was 1900, when there were 17. By 1910, the number had declined to nine, primarily due to the establishment of Rural Free Delivery, which closed many of the smaller rural and village all over Wisconsin and throughout the country. Today, Marquette County is served by seven offices: Briggsville, Endeavor, Montello, Neshkoro, Oxford, Packwaukee, and Westfield.

One of the basic rules for postal historians is to be sure of your geography. This is particularly true when trying to determine which post offices were in Marquette County. In 1836, the Wisconsin territorial legislature established Marquette County as an irregular block of 21 townships (Figure 1). There were no post offices in these townships at the time.

In 1840, the two northeastern townships were transferred by the new state legislature to Fond du Lac County. These townships became Ripon, Metomen, and Alto Townships. One post office -

Alcove - had been established in Marquette County in 1848 and was included in the transfer. At this point Marquette County had 16 townships left.

Then in 1849 the legislature more than doubled the size of Marquette County by adding 14 townships from Brown County and 12 townships from Portage County, thus creating a total of 42 townships for Marquette. There were no post offices at the time in the 26 new townships.

The next change was in 1851, when the 18 northern townships were detached from Marquette County to form Waushara County. In these townships in 1851 were 11 post offices appearing at that time on post office records as established in Marquette County.

Next, in 1858, about ten townships were split off the east side of Marquette County to form Green Lake County. These ten included 17 post offices originally established in Marquette County. This change left Marquette County with 14 townships.

Finally, in 1860, smaller areas totalling about one township in area were taken by the legislature from the east side of Marquette county and given to Green Lake County. No post offices were included in this land transfer. This change brought Marquette County to its present size of about 13 townships. The boundaries have been unchanged since 1860.

Thus there were 29 post offices established in early Marquette County which ended up in a neighboring county. It's also interesting to note that only about five of the original 1836 Marquette townships are still part of the county, and that the village sites of Neshkoro, Westfield, Oxford and Briggsville were not part of Marquette County until 1849.

At one time or another within today's boundaries of Marquette County there have been 29 named post offices. They were most numerous between 1860 and 1900, a period of rapid rural settlement when it was the policy of the Post Office Department to have offices located so that no one had to go more than a few miles to get their mail.

Demands by the public for better roads and more postal service grew right along with the county's population.

By 1880 there were 15 offices in the county. Services had expanded greatly. The Montello Express in 1876 printed the mail-stage schedule for Montello, which included daily round trips to Portage, and to Princeton by way of Germania (except on Sunday). Also to Westfield via Harrisville on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; to Oxford via Packwaukee on Wednesday and Saturday; and to Pardeeville via Midland and Jeddo on Tuesday and Saturday. As a matter of record, the mail "stages" could be anything from an enclosed coach to a horse and wagon or buggy, and were operated by local contractors.

There are still six Marquette County post offices whose locations are so far uncertain. A search of the National Archives' records may provide the missing information, but I have not been able to do this so far. The uncertain sites are for:

BLACK CREEK 1851-1852. Possibly in Neshkoro Township. There is a stream called Black Creek in the south part of that township.

GREENWOOD 1850-1859. No leads so far.

LENAPE 1852-1854. No leads. Does not seem to be related to the Lenape post office that was in northern Waushara County from 1859 to 1861.

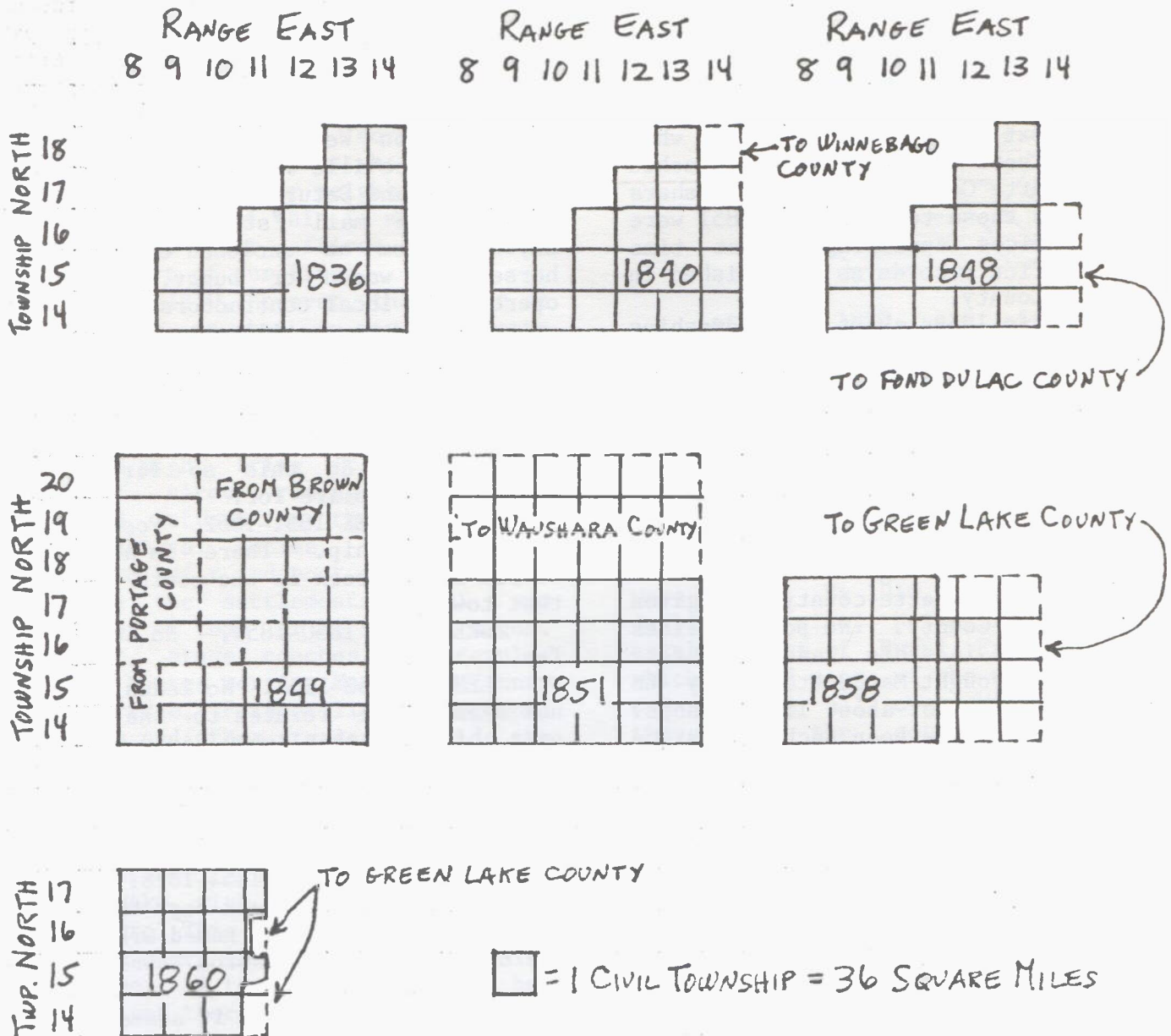
LONG LAKE 1851-1852. No leads.

NEWTON 1854-1857. Possibly in Newton Township.

ORDINO/CRAWFORD 1854-1878. An early county history book says there was formerly a post office named Ordino in the northern part of Newton Township.

In the early years, it seemed to be a status symbol to obtain a post office in your community, become its postmaster, and have it named after yourself. Such efforts succeeded mostly when the postmaster's political party was in office in Washington. The new postmaster then became the local political spokesman for his party. Postal personnel changed often and regularly for political reasons. As the

THE BOUNDARIES OF MARQUETTE COUNTY



SOURCE: KELLOGG, LOUISE P. 1910. ORGANIZATION, BOUNDARIES AND NAMES OF WISCONSIN COUNTIES. PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN FOR 1909, PAGES 184-231.

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post office was often located in the postmaster's home, the change of personnel frequently resulted in a relocation of the post office.

There are many examples of post office names reflecting the postmasters name around the state, including three in Marquette County. Charles McIntyre was the first postmaster at McIntyre Creek (later Briggsville). James Harris at Harrisville was another example. Cornelius Merritt was the first postmaster at Merritt's Landing in 1878. He lost his job to Silas Mills in 1886, but regained it in 1891, together with a change in name of the office to Endeavor. In 1894 Cornelius Merritt had the name changed again, this time to Merrittville, which prevailed until he gave up the postmasterhip in 1899. The office name then changed once more to Endeavor, and as such the town is still known.

The rewards of a 19th century postmaster almost had to be local status, because there was not much compensation. At Westfield, for example, Robert Cochran in 1853 earned \$7.63 (.63 a month) as postmaster. By 1862 he earned \$51.78 for the year. By 1892 the Westfield postmaster was paid \$615.80. Postmasters' compensation at 4th class offices, which most were in this period, was computed as a fraction of the dollar business of the office, rather than paid as a straight salary. All of the first \$50 in quarterly receipts was retained by the postmaster. He thereafter could keep 60% of the next \$100, 50% of the next \$200 after that, and 40% of all receipts over \$350 until his commission reached \$250 per quarter. If one can assume that post office revenue reflected the number of people using the mails, these salary levels are good indices of population growth in each community.

Women were not slighted as postmaster appointees. As early as 1852, Helen M. White served as postmaster at Neshkoro. Other women held postmaster-ships before 1900 at Douglas Center, Jeddo, Liberty Bluff, Montello, Moundville, Packwaukee and Roslin. Incidentally, "postmaster" is a word that has no gender. You are a postmaster regardless of your sex.

It's nearly impossible to reconstruct the complete history of any one post office, but the few existing source materials do provide interesting information and anecdotes that give brief insights into the way post offices were involved with the life of the county. Here are some examples:

It was reported that the name Neshkoro was a mistake when the post office was established. Alvah and Matilda Nash were hotel keepers at the time, and Nash applied to Washington for an official post office, intending to have it named Nashboro after himself. But his handwriting was poor, and in Washington the Post Office Department deciphered it as Neshkoro - probably an Indian name - and so it has remained. The first post office building in Neshkoro still stands on Main Street, and now houses a restaurant.

Roxo, on the north shore of Buffalo Lake, was a post office from 1850 to 1854 at the site of another paper town that was platted but never settled. Its location was about two miles west of Montello. In a speech by W.H. Peters at an Old Settler's Club meeting in Montello in 1876, he said: "I recollect well the large political meetings and the eloquent and stirring speeches made by Mark Durham and Steve Fallis up at Roxo to the Winnebagoes and down in Mecan to the German voters -- and they always made it count because they were never beaten."

Robert Cochran, first postmaster of Westfield, brought the first mail bag on his back from Packwaukee in 1851. There were no roads in those days. The mail bag is said to have contained only one letter.

Budsin was named after Budsyn, a Prussian village in the homeland of one of the early residents. Mail for Budsin was brought from Germania daily, except Sundays and holidays, by horse and buggy. The general store which was the Budsin post office is still standing and is in use as a home.

The Liberty Bluff post office owed its existence to two businesses - a lime kiln owned by postmaster Justin Glover, and the general store.

At Moundville, Thomas Keene kept

the first post office in a box in one corner of his log house. A Mr. Williams met the mail stage at Port Hope (Columbia County) and took the mail to Keene's. Later a stage went from Westfield to Portage and brought the mail. Alex Powell met that stage at the corners and carried the mail up to the Keene house for one cent a day. After the railroad was completed from Stevens Point to Portage in 1876, Moundville's mail came by train.

The early settlement at Germania, now largely gone, included a wagon shop, brick yard, cooper's shop, flour mill, tin shop, feed mill, two general stores, blacksmith shop, harness shop, two saw mills, slaughter house, a 24-room hotel, butcher shop, livery stable, creamery, two churches, and the first graded school in Marquette County. No wonder they also needed a post office!

The daughter of a former postmaster at Jeddo told of the time that one cent too much money was sent in. The mistake was discovered in Washington and the penny was returned to the Jeddo post office.

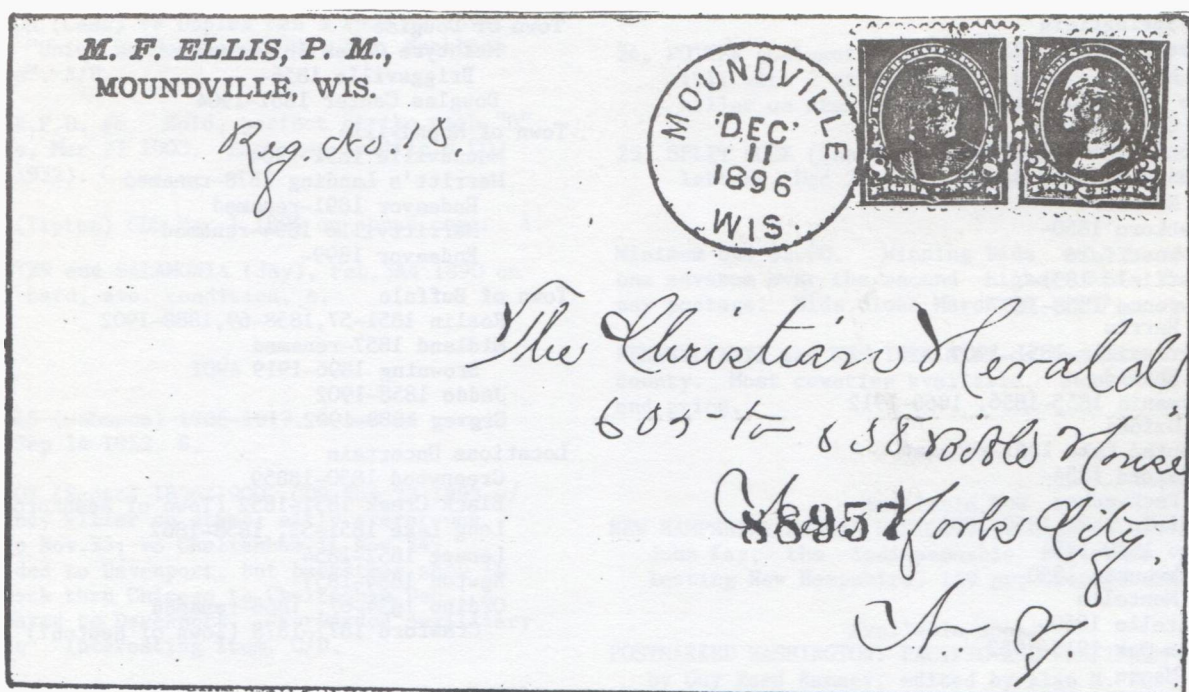
The Mecan post office was at what is called "Little Mecan" in the southern part of Mecan Township. Little Mecan

was at one time such a busy place that it was called "Little Chicago".

Pastor John Strieter came to the Lutheran church at Stone Hill in 1858 and later wrote a book about his experiences in the parish. He wrote of the post office at Stone Hill, complaining that while away from home, he once tried to send a letter to a friend who had a Stone Hill address, but the letter was returned stating that there was no such post office.

Glenoak was the last post office established in Marquette County (1915) and the most recent to be discontinued (1952). In the late 1940's a small passenger train brought the mail twice a day. Later, this train was replaced by a big rail car with a motor in front. It was locally nicknamed "The Bug Chaser". Rail service was eventually discontinued and mail service was established by rural carrier from Montello.

The importance of railroads traversing Marquette County can't be under-rated, since they served long and well in distributing mail. The county has had three railroads, all of which participated in the national railway mail system. Some of you may remember



Moundville, 1851-1904

taking a letter to the railroad depot after the post office closed for the day and dropping the letter in a slot on the side of the mail car, or perhaps handing your letter to the mail clerk standing in the car door. Passenger trains for years included a car devoted solely to mail handling. Sometimes the mail section would share a car with the other baggage handling.

Each railway mail route had its own postmark, and so is identifiable as to what counties, towns, and post offices it served. The first of the three railroads to serve Marquette County was the Wisconsin Central. It was built through the county in 1876, and leased by the Soo Line for 999 years in 1909. This line served Moundville, Endeavor, Packwaukee, Montello, Westfield and Liberty Bluff. Mail received on this line was postmarked "Stevens Point & Portage RPO" (Railway Post Office) from 1877 to 1935, when the service ended.

The Fond du Lac to Marshfield branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway built through the northeast corner of the county in 1901 and operated the "Sheboygan and Merrittville RPO" from 1902 to 1915, and the "Fond du Lac and Marshfield RPO" from 1915 to 1954. Both these RPO's served Neshkoro.

MARQUETTE COUNTY POST OFFICES AND DATES OF OPERATION

Town of Springfield
Liberty Bluff 1878-1903

Town of Newton
See "Location Uncertain"

Town of Crystal Lake
Stone Hill 1854-1864
Budsins 1900-1912

Town of Neshkoro
Neshkoro 1850-

Town of Westfield
Westfield 1851-
Lawrence 1868-1887

Town of Harris
Harrisville 1851-1909

Town of Shields
Germania 1855-1856, 1866-1912

Town of Oxford
Crooked Lake 1851-renamed
Oxford 1854-

Town of Packwaukee
Buffalo Lake 1850-1851
Roxo 1850-1854
Packwaukee 1850-

Town of Montello
Montello 1850-
Glen Oak 1915-1952

Town of Mecan
Mecan 1903-1906

Oxford and Glenoak were on the Milwaukee to Wyeville branch of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, which was built through the county in 1911. RPO's on this route were the "Dalton & Wyeville" in 1915 and 1916; "Friesland & Wyeville" from 1916 to 1921; "Milwaukee & Wyeville" from 1921 to 1923 and 1934 to 1941; and "Milwaukee & Adams" from 1927 to 1934. All railway mail service was eventually replaced with truck carriers in Wisconsin by 1965.

The history of the U.S. mail in Marquette County can never be written completely. The unknowns become a challenge. Why was Roslin post office discontinued and re-established three times between 1857 and 1888? Where was the Ordino post office, which existed for 24 years, but seems to have no written records of its location? Why was there such trouble over the choosing of Endeavor as a post office name to replace Merritt's Landing and Merrittville? Why did Montello have 14 postmasters in the first ten years of operation? Future postal historians will undoubtedly answer some of these and many other questions as more historical facts come to light. It looks like an interesting road ahead.

Town of Douglas
McIntyre Creek 1854-renamed
Briggsville 1856-
Douglas Center 1861-1904

Town of Moundville
Moundville 1851-1904
Merritt's Landing 1878-renamed
Endeavor 1891-renamed
Merrittville 1894-renamed
Endeavor 1899-

Town of Buffalo
Roslin 1851-57, 1858-69, 1888-1902
Midland 1857-renamed
Browning 1896-1919
Jeddo 1858-1902
Grover 1888-1902

Locations Uncertain
Greenwood 1850-18859
Black Creek 1851-1852 (Town of Neshkoro?)
Long Lake 1851-52, 1858-1862
Lenape 1852-1854
Newton 1854-1857
Ordino 1854-67, 1868-renamed
Crawford 1877-1878 (Town of Newton?)

See Page 81 for listing of Marquette Co. RPOs.

THE DEPOT

Box 2093
Lake Grove OR 97035

All strikes as noted. The county is in parentheses after the post office name, and the opening and closing dates for discontinued post offices are shown. The following letters are symbols for the estimated value for each lot:

- A \$2.00 to \$5.00
- B \$5.00 to \$10.00
- C \$10.00 to \$20.00
- D Over \$20

COLORADO

1. AMETHYST (Mineral) 1892-1909 VF CDS just slightly off top, Aug 31 1901 on cover, VF backstamp Goldfield CO (Teller 1895-1932). C.
2. DENVER 32 covers 1899-1909, wide variety of machine markings, some good backstamps. B.
3. DUBOIS (Gunnison) 1894-1910 VF recvg. mark Dec.3 1901 on postal card sent from First Nat. Bank in Gunnison. VF Gunnison sending mark. C.
4. EVERGREEN (Jefferson) F Doane 4 on waterfall viewcard, Jul 8 1909. A.
5. LAKE CITY (Hinsdale) Duplex May 31 1902 on cover. A/B.
6. UNIVERSITY PARK (Arapahoe) 1890/1915. CDS on cover, "Park" a bit lt., Dec 17 1901. B.
7. WALDORF (Clear Creek) 1908-12. F 4-bar on viewcard. C.

INDIANA

8. GALVESTON (Cass) VF Duplex Feb 5 1903 on cover, corner "Union Banner Temple No. 185, Rathbone Sisters". A/B.
9. MUNCIE R.F.D. #6. Bold, perfect strike with "6" in bars, Mar 27 1903. Backstamp Goldfield CO (1895-1932). C.
10. TIPTON (Tipton) CDS Mar 1 1894 on sound cover. A.
11. WINCHESTER and SALAMONIA (Jay), Feb.3&4 1890 on postal card, ave. condition. A.

IOWA

12. COU FALLS (Johnson) 1906-1917. 4-bar on grtg. card, Sep 14 1912. B.
13. MOUNT JOY (Scott) 1856/1900. CDS Nov 22 1893 w/ lt. fancy killer on stamp; sltly overstruck Chicago Nov.23; to Cheltenham IL Nov.24; forwarded to Davenport, but backstamps show it sent back thru Chicago to Cheltenham Dec.1 & reforwarded to Davenport. "Forwarded"auxilliary marking Interesting item. C/D.
14. SANDSPRING (Delaware) 1895-1918 Duplex Jul 1 1911 on patriotic greeting card. B.

AUCTION #18

MICHIGAN

15. 11 Covers from 1880's, all on #10 envelopes: Oscoda, Monroe, Detroit, Jackson, Eastport, Centreville, Deposit, Bellevue, Ithaca, 2 uncanceled w/ Kalakaska corners. Varied markings & condition. B/C.
16. 9 covers 1891-1909 on #10+ envelopes: Cadillac, Lansing (2), Clare (2), Centreville, St. Ignace, North Adams, Lake City w/ Scott #327. Varied cancels, condition; some registered. B/C.

NEVADA

17. BUTLER (Nye) 1901-05 F Duplex Feb 22 1902, "R" lt. on cover to Goldfield CO (backstamp). D.

WISCONSIN

18. COLUMBIA COUNTY mini-collection, 17 cards and covers from 11 towns: Wyocena 1876, Cambria 1891, remainder mostly post-card era; mostly good cancels, good condition. Retail @ over \$30.00.
19. DANCY (Marathon) 1887-1959. CDS Oct 7 1910 on viewcard of fish catch. A.
20. GLEN OAK (Marquette) 1915-52. Feb.29 Last Day on postal card. A.
21. MARKESAN (Green Lake) Duplex May 30 1906, corner "Yosemite House, Markesan"; original contents on hotel stationery. Backstamp Oshkosh flag. A/B.
22. MILTON (Rock) Perfect CDS, Double-ring outer circle, Mar 22 1893 on lightly toned cover. C.
23. MILWAUKEE (Milwaukee) Ave. CDS Jan 14, 1870's, corner "Prussian Consulate, Milwaukee Wis."; Light, red oval marking "Consul of Prussia". B/C.
24. POTTER (Calumet). Near-perfect fancy CDS Sep 1 1911 with 2 stars inside circle, large star killer on stamp, on grtg. card. B/C.
25. SPLIT ROCK (Shawano) 1889-1935 4-bar w/ serif letters, Dec 23 ?1923 on grtg. card. A/B.

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102	Purser	CA	Lassen	1913	PPCDS	(9)	DPO	20.00	191	Chicago	IL	Cook	1913	SL	(8)	10.00
103	Quincy	CA	Plumas	1907	DUPLX	(2)		7.50	192	Chicago	IL	Cook	1913	PFS	(8)	10.00
104	Red Bluff	CA	Tehama	1904	REGSL	(2)		7.50	193	Chicago	IL	Cook	1913	MDCDS	(8)	10.00
105	Red Bluff	CA	Tehama	1907	REG	(2)		7.50	194	Chicago	IL	Cook	1914	MOR	(8)	15.00
106	Redding	CA	Shasta	1908	REG	(2)		7.50	195	Chicago	IL	Cook	1915	PPCDS	(8)	10.00
107	Sacramento	CA	Sacramento	1913	DCCDS	(9)		15.00	196							
108	Sacramento	CA	Sacramento	1915	DCCDS	(8)		10.00	197	Bourbon	IN	Marshall	1908	DUPLX	(1)	15.00
109	San Diego Sta 2	CA	San Diego	1910	REG	(2)		7.50	198	Diamond	IN	Parke	1908	4BAR	(2)	DPO 25.00
110	San Fr. Ferry Sta	CA	San Fran.	1915	DCCDS	(8)		10.00	199	Etna Green	IN	Kosciusko	1909	4BAR	(1)	15.00
111	San Fran. Sta D	CA	San Fran.	1915	DCCDS	(9)		12.50	200	Hove	IN	La Grange	1909	REGDC	(1)	10.00
112	San Fran. Sta H	CA	San Fran.	1913	SL	(8)		10.00	201	South Bend	IN	St. Joseph	1908	REGDC	(1)	10.00
113	San Jose	CA	Santa Clara	1913	PPCDS	(9)		12.50	202	Union City	IN	Randolph	1909	REGDC	(2)	10.00
114	Santa Cruz	CA	Santa Cruz	1910	REG	(1)		7.50	203							
115	Slatington	CA	Eldorado	1909	D3/3	(2)	DPO	15.00	204	Eureka	KS	Greenwood	1908	REGSL	(2)	15.00
116	Soldiers Home	CA	Los Angeles	1910	DUPLX	(2)	DPO	15.00	205							
117	Stirling City	CA	Butte	1904	D2/1	(2)		10.00	206	Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	1915	PPCDS	(8)	15.00
118	Susanville	CA	Lassen	1914	CDS	(8)		10.00	207	Lonaconing	MD	Allegany	1908	REGSL	(1)	15.00
119	Taylor	CA	Shasta	1909	DUPLX	(2)	DPO	15.00	208							
120	Taylorville	CA	Plumas	1910	4BAR	(4)		10.00	209	Deer Park	MI	Luce	1890	CDS	(2)	DPO 45.00
121	Trinity Center	CA	Trinity	1901		(6)		10.00	210	Grass Lake	MI	Jackson	1901		(6)	10.00
122	Trinity Center	CA	Trinity	1915	4BAR	(8)		12.50	211	Laurium	MI	Boughton	1906	REGDC	(2)	15.00
123	Westwood	CA	Lassen	1914	4BAR	(8)		15.00	212	Sand Beach	MI	Huron	1889	SL	(2)	DPO 35.00
124	Whittier	CA	Los Angeles	1908	REG	(1)		7.50	213							
125	Woodland	CA	Yolo	1902		(6)		10.00	214	Bozeman	MT	Gallatin	1910	REGDC	(1)	15.00
126	Woodland	CA	Yolo	1907	REG	(2)		10.00	215	Butte	MT	Silverbow	1901		(6)	10.00
127	Woodland	CA	Yolo	1910	REG	(1)		10.00	216	Butte	MT	Silverbow	1907	REGDC	(1)	15.00
128	Yuba City	CA	Sutter	1914	DUPLX	(8)		15.00	217	Butte	MT	Silverbow	1910	REGDC	(2)	15.00
129									218	Deer Lodge	MT	Powell	1904	REGSL	(2)	35.00
130	Amethyst	CO	Mineral	1901		(6)	DPO	10.00	219	Deer Lodge	MT	Powell	1909	REGDC	(2)	25.00
131	Baldwin	CO	Gunnison	1910	4BAR	(2)	DPO	17.50	220	Deer Lodge	MT	Powell	1909	REGDC	(1)	25.00
132	Bowen	CO	Las Animas	1910	4BAR	(2)			221	Eureka	MT	Flathead	1908	4BAR	(2)	25.00
133	Burlington	CO	Kit Carson	1915	DUPLX	(8)		10.00	222	Granite	MT	Granite	1902		(6)	DPO 15.00
134	Carbondale	CO	Garfield	1906	DUPLX	(2)		10.00	223	Great Falls	MT	Cascade	1909	REGDC	(2)	35.00
135	Carbondale	CO	Garfield	1908	4BAR	(3)		10.00	224	Halena	MT	Lewis Clarke	1909	REGDC	(2)	15.00
136	Carbondale	CO	Garfield	1908	4BAR	(1)		10.00	225	Kendall	MT	Fergus	1908	REGDC	(2)	DPO 35.00
137	Central City	CO	Gilpin	1909	REGDC	(2)		10.00	226	Missoula	MT	Missoula	1908	REGDC	(2)	15.00
138	Clifton	CO	Mesa	1907	CDS	(2)		12.50	227	Phillipsburg	MT	Granite	1908	REGDC	(2)	15.00
139	Colorado Springs	CO	El Paso	1909	REG	(2)		7.50	228	Pony	MT	Madison	1909	REGDC	(1)	15.00
140	Creed	CO	Mineral	1909	Has	(2)		25.00	229	Walkerville	MT	Silverbow	1901	REGSL	(3)	25.00
141	Creede	CO	Mineral	1909	SL	(2)		35.00	230							
142	De Lamar	CO	Owyhee	1907	REGDC	(1)	DPO	25.00	231	Edgeley	ND	Lamoure	1908	REGDC	(2)	17.50
143	Denver	CO	Denver	1905	REG	(1)		7.50	232	McKinney	ND	Ward	1908	4BAR	(2)	DPO 45.00
144	Denver	CO	Denver	1906	REGSL	(1)		7.50	233	Tolley	ND	Renville	1908	4BAR	(2)	25.00
145	Denver	CO	Denver	1910	REGSL	(2)		10.00	234							
146	Denver	CO	Denver	1915	PPCDS	(6)		7.50	235	Eureka	NE	Hayes	1907	D3/1	(2)	DPO 17.50
147	Denver	CO	Denver	1915	DCCDS	(9)		15.00	236	Tecumseh	NE	Johnson	1901		(6)	10.00
148	Glenwood Springs	CO	Garfield	1907	CDS	(2)		15.00	237							
149	Goldfield	CO	Teller	1907	REG	(2)	DPO	15.00	238	Colmor	NM	Colfax	1906	D2/1	(1)	DPO 35.00
150	Grand Junction	CO	Mesa	1908	REG	(2)		7.50	239	Hillsboro	NM	Sierra	1909	REGDC	(1)	15.00
151	Grand Junction	CO	Mesa	1910	REG	(1)		10.00	240	Koehler	NM	Colfax	1910	4BAR	(2)	DPO 35.00
152	Hastings	CO	Las Animas	1907	DUPLX	(2)	DPO	20.00	241	Lakewood	NM	Eddy	1910	4BAR	(2)	15.00
153	La Junta	CO	Otero	1906	REGSL	(2)		7.50	242	Lakewood	NM	Eddy	1910	4BAR	(1)	15.00
154	Lafayette	CO	Boulder	1910	DUPLX	(2)		10.00	243	Mesilla Park	NM	Donna Ana	1907	CDS	(1)	15.00
155	Leadville	CO	Lake	1909	REGDC	(1)		10.00	244	San Marcial	NM	Socorro	1907	DUPLX	(1)	DPO 35.00
156	Louisville	CO	Boulder	1908	DUPLX	(2)		12.50	245	San Marcial	NM	Socorro	1908	CDS	(2)	DPO 25.00
157	Mancos	CO	Montezuma	1901		(6)		10.00	246	Santa Fe	NM	Santa Fe	1904	REGDC	(2)	15.00
158	Monte Vista	CO	Rio Grande	1908	REG	(2)		12.50	247	Van Houten	NM	Colfax	1901		(6)	DPO 15.00
159	Mosca	CO	Alamosa	1908		(6)		10.00	248	Van Houten	NM	Colfax	1909	4BAR	(2)	DPO 35.00
160	Pagosa Junction	CO	Archuleta	1908	DUPLX	(2)	DPO	35.00	249							
161	Silverton	CO	San Juan	1908	REG	(2)		10.00	250	Danbury	OH	Ottawa	1908	DUPLX	(1)	DPO 15.00
162	Smuggler	CO	San Miguel	1909	4BAR	(2)	DPO	45.00	251	North Dover	OH	Cuyahoga	1910	4BAR	(1)	DPO 15.00
163	Trinidad	CO	Las Animas	1909	REG	(2)		10.00	252	Rocky River	OH	Cuyahoga	1908	4BAR	(2)	15.00
164	Trinidad	CO	Las Animas	1909	REG	(1)		10.00	253							
165	Trinidad	CO	Las Animas	1913	PPCDS	(6)		10.00	254	McAlister	OK	Pittsburg	1909	REGDC	(2)	17.50
166	Victor	CO	Teller	1902		(6)		10.00	255	Olustee(Terr.)	OK	Graer	1907	4BAR	(2)	25.00
167	Walsenburg	CO	Huerfano	1908	REG	(2)		10.00	256	Stillwater	OK	Payne	1910	REGDC	(1)	15.00
168									257							0.00
169	Corydon	IA	Wayne	1907	DUPLX	(2)		10.00	258	Burns	OR	Harnay	1901		(6)	10.00
170	Fort Dodge	IA	Webster	1907	REGSL	(2)		15.00	259	Le Grande	OR	Union	1909	REGDC	(2)	17.50
171									260	Marshfield	OR	Coos	1901		(6)	DPO 15.00
172	Aberdeen	ID	Bingham	1915	CDS	(8)		15.00	261	Molalla	OR	Clackamas	1901		(6)	10.00
173	Bayview	ID	Kootenai	1907	D3/1	(2)		17.50	262	Pilot Rock	OR	Umatilla	1901		(6)	12.50
174	Boise	ID	Ada	1910	REGDC	(2)		10.00	263	Portland	OR	Multnomah	1909	REGDC	(2)	15.00
175	Burns	ID	Lincoln	1909	CDS	(2)	DPO	25.00	264							0.00
176	De Lamar	ID	Owyhee	1901		(6)	DPO		265	Manifold	PA	Washington	1908	4BAR	(2)	DPO 17.50
177	De Lamar	ID	Owyhee	1904	REGSL	(2)	DPO	35.00	266							0.00
178	Moreshead Bend	ID	Boise	1909	CDS	(2)		17.50	267	Milbank	SD	Grant	1908	REGDC	(2)	25.00
179	Idaho Falls	ID	Bingham	1909	REGDC	(2)		10.00	268	Rapid City	SD	Fennington	1908	REGDC	(2)	35.00
180	Paris	ID	Bear Lake	1908	DUPLX	(2)		17.50	269							0.00
181	Pocatello	ID	Bingham	1906	REGDC	(1)		10.00	270	Cisco	TX	Eastland	1907	REGDC	(2)	15.00
182	Pocatello	ID	Bingham	1909	REGDC	(2)		10.00	271	Dallas	TX	Dallas	1908	REGDC	(2)	25.00
183	Preston	ID	Oneida	1909	DUPLX	(2)		12.50	272	Evant	TX	Coryell	1908	D2/3	(2)	25.00
184	Rockland	ID	Oneida	1908	4BAR	(2)		15.00	273	Goldthwaite	TX	Mills	1907	DUPLX	(2)	15.00
185	Sandpoint	ID	Kootenai	1908	REGDC	(2)		15.00	274	Goldthwaite	TX	Mills	1907	DUPLX	(1)	15.00
186	Shoshone	ID	Logan	1909	REGDC	(2)		15.00	275	Goldthwaite	TX	Mills	1909		(6)	10.00
187	Soda Springs	ID	Bingham	1903	DUPLX	(2)		15.00	276	Gonzales	TX	Gonzales	1902		(6)	10.00
188	Soda Springs	ID	Bingham	1908	CDS	(1)		20.00	277	Kirkland	TX	Childress	1907	D3/2	(2)	17.50
189	Twin Falls	ID	Cassia	1909	REGDC	(1)		10.00	278	Vista	TX	Hamilton	1907	D2/1	(2)	DPO 35.00
190									279							0.00

280	Bingham Canyon	UT	Salt Lake	1908 REGSL	(2)	17.50
281	Bingham Canyon	UT	Salt Lake	1908 REGDC	(2)	15.00
282	Bingham Canyon	UT	Salt Lake	1915 PPCDS	(8)	10.00
283	Castle Gate	UT	Carbon	1907 REGSL	(2)	45.00
284	Cedar City	UT	Iron	1913 4BAR	(8)	15.00
285	Central	UT	Sevier	1907 4BAR	(1)	DPO 75.00
286	Clearcreek	UT	Carbon	1907 DUPLX	(5)	DPO 25.00
287	Clearcreek	UT	Carbon	1907 DUPLX	(2)	DPO 25.00
288	Coalville	UT	Summit	1901	(6)	10.00
289	Coalville	UT	Summit	1909 DUPLX	(2)	15.00
290	DEvils Slide	UT	Morgan	1909 4BAR	(2)	DPO 35.00
291	Echo City	UT	Summit	1907 4BAR	(2)	DPO 45.00
292	Eureka	UT	Juab	1901	(6)	10.00
293	Eureka	UT	Juab	1908 REGDC	(1)	15.00
294	Eureka	UT	Juab	1908 REGDC	(2)	15.00
295	Eureka	UT	Juab	1915 MOB	(8)	25.00
296	Eureka	UT	Juab	1915 REGDC	(8)	20.00
297	Fillmore	UT	Millard	1905 CDS	(5)	10.00
298	Gandy	UT	Millard	1910 4BAR	(2)	DPO 35.00
299	Garrison	UT	Millard	1903 CDS	(5)	10.00
300	Garrison	UT	Millard	1908 4BAR	(2)	17.50
301	Knightville	UT	Juab	1910 4BAR	(1)	DPO 25.00
302	Lucin	UT	Box Elder	1907 D2/1	(2)	DPO 37.50
303	Mammoth	UT	Juab	1901	(6)	10.00
304	Mammoth	UT	Juab	1909 CDS	(2)	15.00
305	Mammoth	UT	Juab	1910 4BAR	(1)	17.50
306	Mayfield	UT	Sanpete	1904 DUPLX	(2)	17.50
307	Mercur	UT	Tooele	1904 Mss	(5)	DPO 45.00
308	Mercur	UT	Tooele	1908	(6)	DPO 15.00
309	Mercur	UT	Tooele	1909 REGDC	(2)	DPO 25.00
310	Milford	UT	Beaver	1909 CDS	(1)	10.00
311	Milford	UT	Beaver	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
312	Modena	UT	Iron	1906 D2/2	(2)	17.50
313	Mephi	UT	Juab	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
314	Newhouse	UT	Beaver	1907 CDS	(2)	DPO 10.00
315	Ogden	UT	Weber	1906 REGSL	(1)	10.00
316	Ogden	UT	Weber	1906 REGDC	(1)	10.00
317	Ogden	UT	Weber	1915 PPCDS	(8)	15.00
318	Orangeville	UT	Emery	1908 D2/4	(1)	20.00
319	Park City	UT	Summit	1902	(6)	10.00
320	Park City	UT	Summit	1904 REGDC	(5)	15.00
321	Park City	UT	Summit	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
322	Robinson	UT	Juab	1902	(6)	DPO 15.00
323	Robinson	UT	Juab	1909 DUPLX	(1)	DPO 25.00
324	Salt Lake City	UT	Salt Lake	1907 REGDC	(1)	10.00
325	Salt Lake City	UT	Salt Lake	1910 REGSL	01	15.00
326	Salt Lake City	UT	Salt Lake	1912 CDS	(8)	15.00
327	Salt Lake City	UT	Salt Lake	1914 DCCDS	(9)	25.00
328	Scofield	UT	Carbon	1907 CDS	(2)	DPO 17.50
329	Spanish Fork	UT	Utah	1909 Mss	(3)	25.00
330	Spanish Fork	UT	Utah	1909 DUPLX	(2)	17.50
331	Sunnyside	UT	Carbon	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
332	Tooele	UT	Tooele	1909 DUPLX	(2)	15.00
333	Winterquarters	UT	Carbon	1907 CDS	(2)	DPO 25.00
334						0.00
335	North River	VA	Rockingham	1909 4BAR	(2)	DPO 15.00
336						0.00
337	Aberdeen	WA	Chehalis	1909 REGDC	(2)	15.00
338	Bellingham	WA	Whatcom	1906 REGDC	(1)	10.00
339	Carbonado	WA	Pierce	1902	(6)	10.00
340	Carbonado	WA	Pierce	1910 DUPLX	(2)	15.00
341	Cosmopolis	WA	Chehalis	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
342	Oroville	WA	Okanogan	1908 REGDC	(1)	15.00
343	Oroville	WA	Okanogan	1908 REGDC	(2)	15.00
344	Pullman	WA	Whitman	1910 REGDC	(1)	10.00
345	Republic	WA	Ferry	1906	(6)	10.00
346	Republic	WA	Ferry	1909 REGDC	(2)	15.00
347	Roslyn	WA	Kittitas	1907 REGDC	(2)	15.00
348	Seattle	WA	King	1913 DCCDS	(8)	17.50
349	Snohomish	WA	Snohomish	1907 REGDC	(2)	15.00
350	Winthrop	WA	Okanogan	1914 Mss	(8)	25.00
351						0.00
352	Cheyenne	WY	Laramie	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
353	Laramie	WY	Albany	1910 REGDC	(2)	15.00
354	Powell	WY	Park	1910 4BAR	(2)	15.00
355	Rawhide	WY	Buttes	1908 REGDC	(2)	DPO 35.00
356	Rock Springs	WY	Sweetwater	1909 REGDC	(2)	17.50
357	Rudefaba	WY	Carbon	1904 CDS	(2)	DPO 45.00
358	Sheridan	WY	Sheridan	1908 REGDC	(2)	15.00
359	Sunrise	WY	Laramie	1909 DUPLX	(2)	DPO 45.00



WESTERN EDITOR'S COMMENTS

All quiet on the Western Front would pretty well express current conditions of the market for Western postal history. In recent weeks I've talked with dozens of collectors and dealers around the region, and, while interest in Western postal history remains high as evidenced by the brisk trade at shows such as ORCOEXPO and ARIPEX, there has been a lessening in the amount of exciting new material coming on the market. These doldrums occur once in awhile. We drift from month to month with very little showing up to excite our collecting interests, and then, as if a fresh Spring breeze had suddenly arisen to fill our sails, we find a myriad of interesting possibilities confronting us all at once.

It is these doldrums which make us appreciate just how rare and elusive are the quarry we hunt. These fragile pieces of paper bearing markings and inscriptions from the past are not something mass-produced by the machinery of our mighty techno-culture. They are among the echos of a time long passed, and their charm and fascination is that they help us maintain a link to the sanity we perceive as The Past in a present which is often not quite sane.

Richard W. Helbock

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This post card view of Elk, which dates from about 1910, clearly illustrates the chief characteristics of Mendocino Coast towns of the day. With the main part of town perched on the terrace, the sawmill is located below. In the background, the mountains rise sharply from the narrow coastal terrace. (Williams Coll.)

POST OFFICES OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

By Richard W. Helbock with John Williams

California's Route 1 hugs the coast for most of the length of Mendocino County. The road switches back and forth to accommodate the sheer wave-cut cliffs, and on any sunny summer weekend a steady stream of cars creeps between Jenner in neighboring Sonoma County and Fort Bragg. The beauty of this Mendocino Coast rivals Monterey County's Big Sur, and like Big Sur, it is a place visited by many today, but home to few. This was not always the case.

Mendocino County was created as one of the original California counties in 1850, but it was attached to Sonoma County for administrative purposes until 1859. The county was named indirectly for Antonio de Mendoza, the first viceroy of New Spain, whose name was first applied to Cape Mendocino.

A few large land grants were awarded in the 1840's to prominent early settlers in Mendocino County, but the beginnings of significant settlement in the county can be traced to the early 1850's and the discovery of its vast stands of important timber. During the summer of 1853, Harry

Meiggs of San Francisco founded the California Lumber Company at the mouth of Big River. Meiggs' enterprise gave birth to the town of Mendocino, and during the next three decades similar lumber towns sprang up along the rugged coast from Rockport in the north to Gualala. Lumber mills, some devoted entirely to shingle production, were scattered along the coast at almost any place there was a creek or gulch or river giving access to the highlands. Each had its own narrow-gauge railway to bring logs from the mountains to the mill. Once milled, the logs were simply loaded on a chute to be slipped down the sea cliff to vessels lying at anchor. Primitive, but effective mills such as these gave rise to a string of towns and hamlets including Gualala, Elk River, Noyo, Caspar, Cleone, Albion, Westport, Little River, and Rockport.

Point Arena, or Punta Arena (Sandy Point) was another of the busy lumber ports of the Mendocino Coast. Originally part of an 1844 land grant to Rafael Garcia, the community was awarded a post office in 1858. During the height of the

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The Laytonville Stage, ca. 1910

lumber boom, Point Arena was said to have been the busiest port between San Francisco and Eureka.

Fort Bragg, which survives as the Mendocino Coast's largest lumber town, also began in this way, but its early growth was augmented by establishment of a military post on the Mendocino Indian Reservation in 1857. Later, this community was selected as the western terminus

of the California Western Railroad, which runs east through the Noyo River valley to Willits. Existence of the rail link, the only one along the entire Mendocino Coast, insured the position of Fort Bragg, and, although suffering from recent economic problems of the lumber industry, the town is home to some 5,000 residents.



Point Arenas after a quake, note post office on left.

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POST OFFICE	S/I	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED	NOTES
Albion	0	29 Jun 1859	Operating	
Anderson	4	18 Oct 1858	17 Aug 1875	NCT to Boonville
Andersonia	4	26 Jul 1904	31 Aug 1906	MT: Moody
Arthur	4	19 Feb 1903	15 Dec 1905	MT: Ukiah
Bell Springs	1	8 Nov 1920	26 May 1961	MT: Harris
Bentley	3	17 Feb 1939	29 Jun 1940	MT: Spyrock
Boonville	0	17 Aug 1875	Operating	Was Anderson
Branscomb	0	5 Apr 1894	Operating	
Bucknell	4	24 Aug 1922	30 Jun 1923	MT: Covelo
Cahto	4	22 Jul 1863	31 Dec 1901	MT: Laytonville
Calpella	5	26 Nov 1860	16 Jul 1868	
	3	17 Jan 1872	6 Feb 1920	
	1	10 May 1920	11 Nov 1971	To CLBR
Calpella CLBR.	0	12 Nov 1971	Operating	CLBR of Ukiah
Capehorn	5	18 Apr 1894	15 Sep 1894	MT: Potter Valley
Carey	4	25 Apr 1891	23 Sep 1896	NCT: Jeram
Caspar	1	19 Jun 1874	4 Jun 1964	To R.S.
Caspar R.S.	0	5 Jun 1964	Operating	CPO of Fort Bragg
Christine	3	26 Jan 1874	30 Apr 1910	
	3	12 May 1910	15 Oct 1912	MT: Philo
Cleone	4	26 Mar 1883	15 Jul 1908	MT: Fort Bragg
Comfort	4	25 Aug 1902	14 Dec 1911	MT: Boonville
Comptche	5	19 Mar 1877	15 Oct 1877	
	0	24 Jul 1879	Operating	
Conway's Landing	5	15 Apr 1870	10 Mar 1871	NCT Fish Rock
Covelo	0	2 Jun 1870	Operating	
Cuffey's Cove	4	27 Jul 1870	10 May 1888	MT: Elk
Cummings	3	3 Apr 1888	30 Dec 1899	
	1	8 Feb 1900	30 Apr 1960	To RS
Cummings R.S.	0	1 May 1960	Operating	CPO of Willits
Dos Rios	1	27 Jul 1915	20 Apr 1967	To RB
Dos Rios R.B.	0	21 Apr 1967	Operating	CPO of Willits
Duffey	3	14 Oct 1912	30 Apr 1912	MT: Northspur
Eden	5	13 Apr 1880	17 Jun 1881	MT: Willits
Elk	0	26 Aug 1887	Operating	
Fairbanks	4	8 Jun 1893	30 Nov 1910	MT: Boonville
Farley	3	15 Mar 1915	25 Feb 1942	MT: Willits
Fish Rock	5	10 Apr 1871	10 Nov 1873	Was Convey's Ldg.
	3	20 Nov 1885	30 Nov 1910	MT: Gualala
Fort Bragg	5	15 Feb 1858	30 Jun 1858	
	5	15 Jan 1861	9 Jun 1862	
	0	11 Nov 1885	Operating	
French	5	25 Jan 1897	15 Oct 1901	MT: Scottsville
Glenblair	2	12 Nov 1903	15 Sep 1928	MT: Fort Bragg
Glenmark	5	30 Jul 1873	23 Jul 1874	MT: Willits
Gracy	4	6 May 1896	31 Jan 1908	MT: Duffey
Gualala	0	9 Sep 1862	Operating	

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Haran	5	6 Jun 1861	24 Mar 1862	
Hardy	3	6 Jun 1902	15 Apr 1915	MT: Westport
Hardyville	-	11 Dec 1897	15 Mar 1899	Rescinded
Hearst	1	25 Apr 1891	15 Aug 1953	MT: Willits
Hemlock	3	17 Apr 1890	31 Aug 1916	MT: Ukiah
Hermitage	4	12 May 1860	31 Oct 1902	MT: Yorkville
Hopland	4	13 Dec 1875	15 Sep 1890	NCT: Sanel
	0	2 Sep 1891	Operating	Was Sanel
Inglenook	3	7 Jun 1880	15 May 1919	MT: Fort Bragg
Irmulco	3	30 Dec 1911	14 May 1927	MT: Willits
Iverson	3	19 Mar 1890	14 May 1910	MT: Point Arena
Jeram	5	23 Sep 1896	14 Aug 1897	MT: Hearst
Kanuck	5	17 Jan 1883	2 May 1883	NCT: Cleone
Kenny	4	20 Aug 1888	15 May 1903	
	3	19 Jan 1907	31 Mar 1924	MT: Westport
Kibesillah	4	26 Jun 1874	10 Dec 1889	MT: Westport
Largo	4	27 Apr 1889	31 Jul 1905	MT: Ukiah
Laughlin	-	11 Jun 1902	25 Nov 1902	Rescinded
	3	9 Dec 1903	14 Feb 1911	MT: Calpella
Laytonville	0	17 Dec 1879	Operating	
Leggett	0	16 Oct 1949	Operating	
Little Lake	5	1 Mar 1861	7 Apr 1874	NCT: Willits
Little River	2	20 Nov 1865	29 Jun 1929	Also as one word
	0	11 Feb 1930	Operating	
Longvale	1	15 Aug 1911	30 Jun 1958	MT: Willits
Low Gap	5	19 Jun 1877	22 Oct 1878	
	4	18 May 1881	15 Mar 1893	MT: Ukiah
Manchester	5	1 Dec 1871	28 Jun 1876	
	0	5 Jan 1877	Operating	
Manzanita	5	9 Sep 1912	15 Jun 1915	MT: Elk
Melburne	3	28 Jun 1901	15 Oct 1918	MT: Comptche
Mendocino	0	1 Dec 1858	Operating	
Miller	5	12 Dec 1873	27 Sep 1880	
	4	7 May 1883	29 Feb 1908	MT: Elk
Mina	2	26 Jun 1914	31 Aug 1938	MT: Lake Mountain
Monroe	4	26 Jun 1897	31 Jan 1912	MT: Hardy
Moody	3	4 Jan 1900	15 Oct 1912	MT: Kenny
Nashmead	1	12 Nov 1915	30 Sep 1960	MT: Dos Rios
Navarro	4	23 Nov 1888	31 Mar 1902	
	1	19 Mar 1914	9 Mar 1967	At new site
Navarro R.B.	0	10 Mar 1967	Operating	CPO of Philo
Navarro Ridge	4	7 Aug 1867	22 Nov 1888	NCT: Navarro
Northspur	3	5 Mar 1910	15 May 1922	MT: Irmulco
Northwestern	3	17 Feb 1906	30 Jul 1927	MT: Willits
Noyo	3	20 May 1872	31 May 1918	MT: Fort Bragg
Noyo River	5	17 Nov 1859	3 Mar 1860	
Ornbaun	3	16 Nov 1897	30 Apr 1926	MT: Yorkville
Orrs	3	20 Dec 1889	14 Oct 1911	
	2	14 Jan 1915	31 Aug 1933	MT: Ukiah
Outlet	3	23 Jun 1917	31 Mar 1933	MT: Willits
Persevere	-	4 May 1903	18 Sep 1903	Rescinded
Philo	0	28 Jun 1888	Operating	
Piercy	0	10 Jun 1920	Operating	
Pieta	4	13 Aug 1891	31 May 1897	MT: Hopland

POST OFFICE	S/I	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED	NOTES
Point Arena	0	9 Jan 1889	Operating	
Pomo	5	7 Oct 1870	16 Feb 1871	
	4	10 Jun 1872	23 Nov 1881	
	3	14 Feb 1882	31 Aug 1911	MT: Potter Valley
Poonkiny	4	27 Apr 1896	15 Sep 1900	MT: Covelo
Potter Valley	0	14 Dec 1870	Operating	
Punta Arenas	4	2 Jun 1858	9 Jan 1889	NCT: Point Arenas
Redwine	3	13 Jun 1904	1 Mar 1915	MT: Spyrock
Redwood Valley	0	6 Feb 1920	Operating	
Ridgewood	3	14 Oct 1904	15 Jan 1914	MT: Willits
Rockport	4	13 Feb 1888	31 Jan 1903	
	3	5 Feb 1926	31 Mar 1934	
	1	4 Aug 1938	27 Dec 1957	MT: Westport
Rockway	-	5 Sep 1896	11 Dec 1896	Rescinded
Russian River	5	1 Nov 1854	1855	To Sonoma County
Salsig	3	28 Nov 1904	9 Sep 1912	NCT: Manzanita
Sanel	4	25 Sep 1860	29 Jan 1869	
	5	10 Aug 1869	13 Dec 1875	NCT: Hopland
	4	13 Jul 1889	2 Sep 1891	NCT: Hopland
Sawyers	5	2 Dec 1898	14 Dec 1903	MT: Hearst
Scottsville	5	6 Sep 1899	31 Jan 1903	MT: Kenny
Sherwood	3	14 Apr 1883	30 Nov 1898	
	3	2 May 1900	31 Jan 1920	MT: Willits
Sherwood Valley	5	29 May 1867	18 May 1881	
Signal	5	27 Apr 1882	11 Dec 1882	MT: Gualala
Signal Port	5	13 Sep 1888	31 May 1890	MT: Point Arenas
Spyrock	5	28 Apr 1910	15 May 1911	
	1	1 Mar 1915	2 Jan 1964	To R.S.
Spyrock R.S.	1	3 Jan 1964	14 Jun 1967	R.S. of Willits
Sylvandale	3	29 Apr 1911	30 Sep 1918	MT: Sherwood
Talmage	0	26 May 1891	Operating	
Tilly	5	22 Oct 1883	1 Feb 1887	MT: Cahto
Tolson	5	16 Feb 1906	30 Apr 1907	MT: Monroe
Tomki	5	20 Apr 1912	31 Oct 1912	MT: Potter Valley
Tomkiah	5	1 Mar 1872	30 Jul 1873	NCT: Gualala
Two Rivers	4	23 Jul 1912	27 Jul 1915	NCT: Dos Rios
Ukiah	0	31 Dec 1858	Operating	
Ulco	4	16 Dec 1931	30 Jul 1932	MT: Fort Bragg
Usal	4	19 Mar 1890	15 Jan 1903	MT: Rockport
Vichy Springs	4	26 May 1893	15 Feb 1898	
	2	13 Apr 1898	30 Jun 1936	SPO. MT: Ukiah
Weltmer	4	24 Nov 1908	14 Feb 1911	MT: Sherwood
Wendling	3	2 Dec 1902	19 Mar 1914	NCT: Navarro
Westport	1	2 Jul 1879	18 Jan 1973	To R.B.
Westport R.B.	0	19 Jan 1973	Operating	CPO of Fort Bragg
Whitehall	5	8 Feb 1875	1 Aug 1876	MT: Cloverdale
Whitesboro	4	11 Oct 1881	30 Dec 1899	MT: Albion
Willits	0	7 Apr 1874	Operating	Was Little Lake
Woodman	4	23 Nov 1922	30 Jul 1925	MT: Dos Rios
Yorkville	0	14 Jul 1868	Operating	

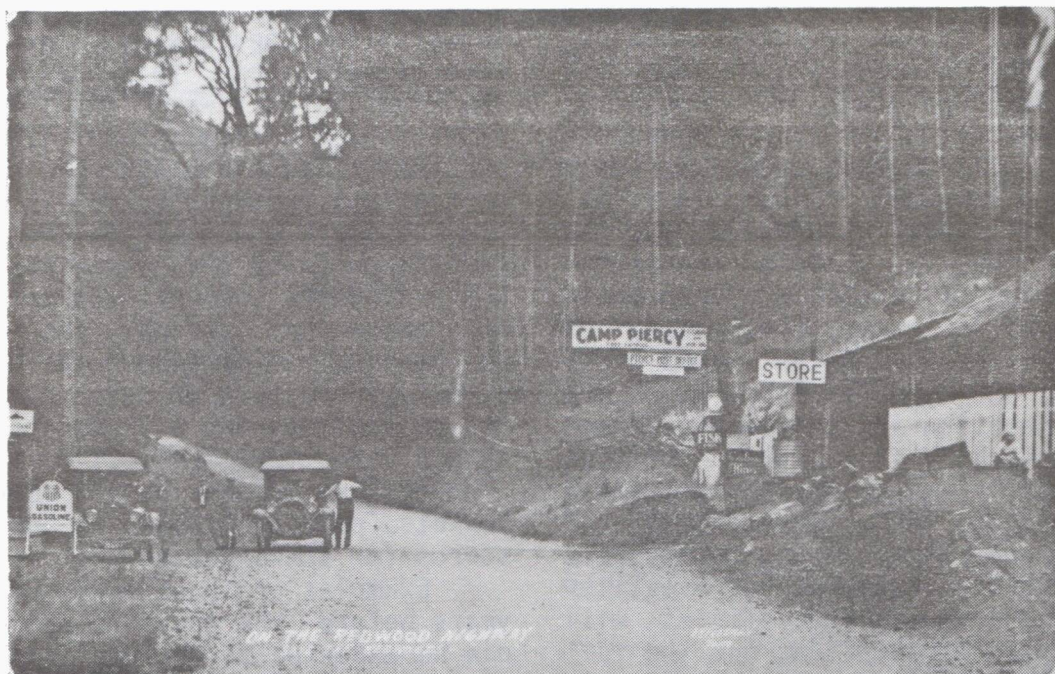
Ukiah in the Upper Russian River Valley is, and always has been, the seat of Mendocino County. Originally part of the 1845 grant to Cayetano Juarez, a native Californian, the community was first settled about 1856 by one S. Lowry. When Mendocino County was separated from Sonoma County in 1859, there were only about 100 people in the entire Upper Russian Valley, but, probably due its relative centrality, Ukiah was chosen the county seat. The name of the community is a phonetic spelling of the Indian word, *yokaya* which means "deep valley between high hills."

Settlement of the Sanel Valley, 14 miles south of Ukiah, was also related to an early land grant. In 1844 Fernando Felix was awarded a large tract along the Russian River, and here he built an adobe house. Gradually a small community grew up around the Felix home, and was known by 1859 as Sanel. Construction of a toll road along the opposite bank of the river drew most businesses away from Sanel, and the new community called itself Hopland, after its principal agricultural crop. Still later, the railroad was built along the river on the side of the original Sanel, and transport oriented businesses

were pulled toward the rails. The history of post office names in this community illustrates these forces. Sanel post office was established in 1860, and in 1875 the office moved one mile east (across the river) and its name changed to Hopland. Then, in 1889, the post office moved one mile west (back across the river) and its name changed to Sanel. At that point the two sides of the town apparently decided that enough was enough. They combined into one town, and the post office moved back across the river to be renamed Hopland.

COLLECTING MENDOCINO COUNTY POSTMARKS

A total of 118 names appear on the list of Mendocino County post offices. Of these, 13 result from changes in name of the same post office, and four of the offices were rescinded before they began actual operations. There are 23 offices still operating in the county. These statistics suggest that the person wishing to build a collection of Mendocino County postmarks has the advantage of having nearly a quarter of the county's different post offices still in operation, but is faced with the challenge of finding



Camp Piercy Store and Piercy Post Office, ca. 1920

MENDOCINO COUNTY POST OFFICES ACCORDING TO SCARCITY GROUP

OPERATING OFFICES	GROUP I OFFICES	GROUP III OFFICES	GROUP IV OFFICES	GROUP V OFFICES
Albion	Bell Springs	Bentley	Anderson	Calpella (60-68)
Boonville	Calpella (20-71)	Calpella (72-20)	Andersonia	Capehorn
Branscomb	Caspar	Christine	Arthur	Comptche (1877)
Calpella CLBR.	Cummings (00-60)	Cummings (88-99)	Bucknell	Conway's Landing
Caspar CPO	Dos Rios	Duffey	Cahto	Eden
Comptche	Hearst	Farley	Carey	Fish Rock (71-73)
Covelo	Longvale	Fish Rock (85-10)	Cleone	Fort Bragg (58-62)
Cummings CPO	Nashmead	Hardy	Comfort	French
Dos Rios CPO	Navarro (14-67)	Henlock	Cuffey's Cove	Glenmark
Elk	Rockport (38-57)	Inglenook	Fairbanks	Haran
Fort Bragg	Spyrock (15-64)	Irmulco	Gracy	Jeram
Gualala	Spyrock R.S.	Iverson	Hermitage	Kanuck
Hopland	Westport	Kenny (07-24)	Hopland (75-90)	Little Lake
Laytonville		Laughlin	Kenny (88-03)	Low Gap (77-78)
Leggett	GROUP II OFFICES	Melburne	Kibesillah	Manchester (71-76)
Little River	Glenblair	Moody	Largo	Manzanita
Manchester	Little River (65-29)	Northspur	Low Gap (81-93)	Miller (73-80)
Mendocino	Miner	Northwestern	Miller (83-08)	Noyo River
Navarro CPO	Orr (8-33)	Ornbaun	Monroe	Pomo (70-71)
Philo	Vichy Springs (98-36)	Orrs (89-11)	Navarro (88-02)	Russian River (54-55)
Piercy		Outlet	Navarro Ridge	Sanel (69-75)
Point Arena		Pomo (82-11)	Pieta	Sawyers
Potter Valley		Redwine	Pomo (72-81)	Scottsville
Redwood Valley		Ridgewood	Poonkiny	Sherwood Valley
Talmage		Rockport (26-34)	Punta Arenas	Signal
Ukiah		Salsig	Rockport (88-03)	Signal Port
Westport CPO		Sherwood	Sanel (60-69 & 89-91)	Spyrock (10-11)
Willits		Sylvandale	Two Rivers	Tilly
Yorkville		Wendling	Ulco	Tolson
			Usal	Tomki
			Vichy Springs (93-98)	Tomkiah
			Weltmer	Whitehall
			Whitesboro	
			Woodman	

postmarks from a large number of discontinued offices. If one considers the addition of rural branches, contract and classified branches and non-continuous periods of operation, then Mendocino postmark collecting could easily become a lifetime pursuit. What follows is an attempt to offer some guidelines for the person who wishes to build a representative collection of Mendocino County postmarks. Listed in under the heading of "Operating Offices" are the names of 29 post offices and named branches which are currently operating in the county. Examples of postmarks from these offices should be fairly easy to obtain, and a polite request to their postmasters and clerks-in-charge should bring the desired result. Naturally, examples of earlier day postmarks from these offices will prove a bit harder to find, but the fact that they are still operating indicates that they have long been relatively busy places which generated a fair amount of

mail. In addition, since they are still in operation, dealers of postal history material will tend to price examples of their postmarks lower than those from discontinued offices. For example, for operating Mendocino post offices, which were around during the 1905-15 post card era, postmark examples on post cards may usually be found for less than \$2 unless there is some special attraction which might make them unusual. Many, in fact, can be acquired for about the same amount of money necessary to send a letter to the postmaster with a stamped envelope to return a postmark for you, i.e., \$0.44. Shop dealers "cheap cover" boxes, flea markets, postcard shows, and antique stores for these postmarks.

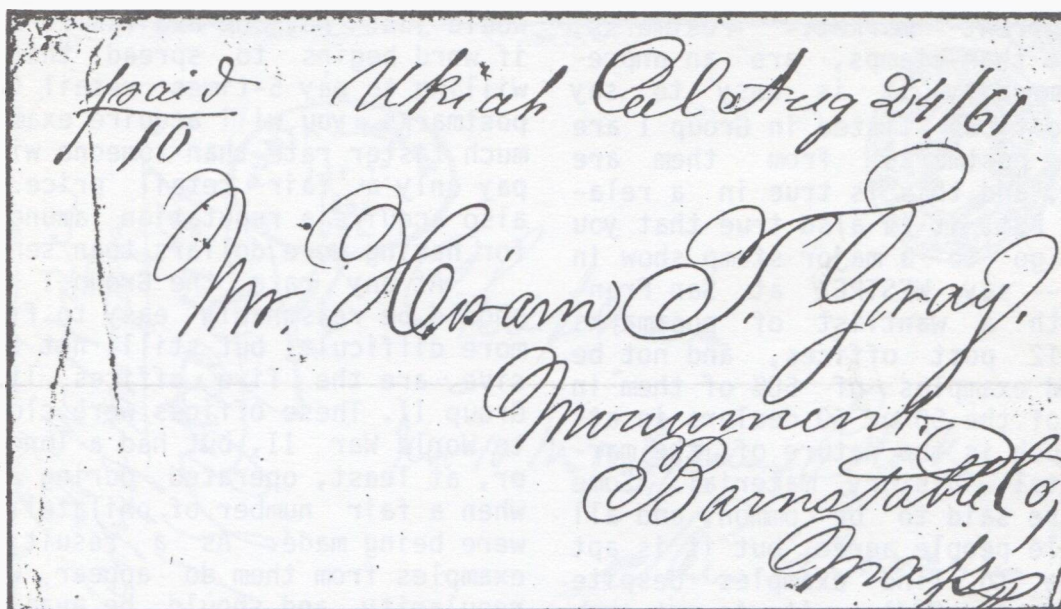
Examples of postmarks dating from years before the postcard era (pre-1905) can be expected to command a premium, even for currently operating post offices. Such examples will appear on covers or postal cards, and the survival rate of



Mendocino's fancy 'whale' cancel on 1898 registered cover.

these artifacts has been no where near what it has been for the collectible picture post cards. When you consider that populations were often quite small in many communities, and literacy was not as universal as it is today, it is surprising that any postmark examples have survived from some of these early post offices. For many offices, the known number of early postmarks is quite small, and knowledgeable dealers in such material will price them accordingly.

The 12 post offices and one rural station listed in Group I have mostly been discontinued since World War II. Examples of postmarks from these DPOs are apt to be relatively plentiful, and ought to be available from the same sources mentioned above for less than \$5 apiece. In saying that they "ought to be available" I hasten to add that it is unlikely that any dealer maintains a stock sufficient to provide even these fairly common Group I postmarks on demand. What is



Ukiah manuscript dating from 1861.



Two examples of county postmarks from Mendocino County.

really meant, is that if you find one of these postmarks in a dealer's stock, a fair price for it will be less than \$5 given the current market. Postmarks, much more so than stamps, are an unpredictable commodity. It is easy to say that those offices listed in Group I are "common" and postmarks from them are "plentiful", and this is true in a relative sense. But, it is also true that you or I could go to a major stamp show in the region -- say, WESTPEX at San Francisco -- with a wantlist of postmarks from those 12 post offices, and not be able to find examples of 50% of them in the stocks of the 50 or 60 dealers in attendance. Such is the nature of the market for postal history material. Some postmarks are said to be common, and all knowledgeable people agree, but it is apt to take time to find examples despite their commonness. Oddly, it is not even completely a function of money. If you went to WESTPEX with the same wantlist

and were willing to pay five times the "going" price for those 12 offices, you would still come up empty handed for they would just not be available. Naturally, if word begins to spread that you are willing to pay 5-times retail for common postmarks, you will acquire examples at a much faster rate than someone willing to pay only a fair retail price. You will also acquire a reputation among dealers for having more dollars than sense.

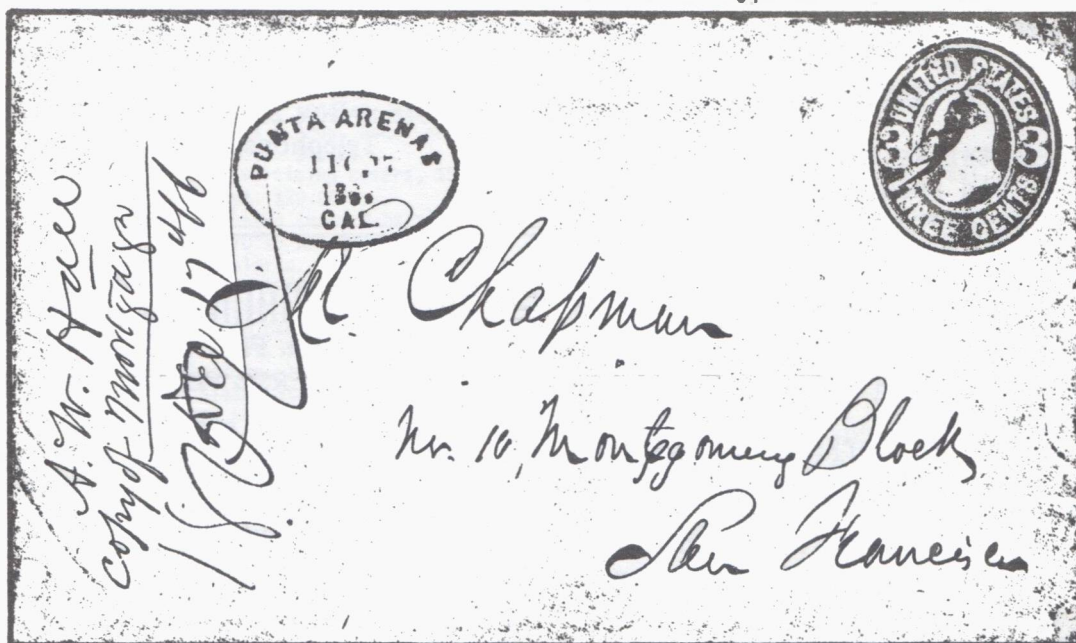
At any rate, the Group I postmarks should be reasonably easy to find. A bit more difficult, but still not too expensive, are the five offices listed in Group II. These offices were closed prior to World War II, but had a long history, or, at least, operated during a period when a fair number of philatelic covers were being made. As a result, postmark examples from them do appear with fair regularity, and should be available for less than \$10.



Whitesboro's fancy 'belt buckle' postmark, 1884.

The Group III listing contains 29 names of post offices, most of which operated during the great post card era. Examples of postmarks from these offices tend to be found on post cards, and, while not common, it should be possible to assemble a fair representation of the listed offices in a year or two. Retail prices will vary a good deal for examples of postmarks from this group, but \$25 is a good rough maximum under current market conditions.

The phrase "current market conditions" has been used a good deal here. What is meant by it is that figures quoted are reasonable given the existing demand. In addition to the earlier mentioned peculiarities, the postal history market tends to be quite narrow for any given geographic area. There are perhaps as many as 20 people -- I do not personally know more than 3 -- who collect postmarks from Mendocino County. Not all of those hypothetical 20 are willing to



Punta Arenas, an oval from the mid-1860's.

pay top dollar to add another postmark to their collection, but that is a situation which changes from time to time. The phrase "current market", then, reflects this situation. If 100 people began seriously collecting postmarks of Mendocino County, the current market would be knocked into a cocked hat. More typically, if two dozen examples of a scarce postmark suddenly come onto the market, what do you suppose that does to the value of that postmark?

There are 34 post offices listed in Group IV. These are the tough ones. For the most part they closed prior to the post card era, or operated only a brief time thereafter. Postmarks from most, or all, of these offices exist, but they can only be found with great effort, or by paying considerable money. Prices for good, clean postmarks on covers or cards can run as high as \$50, and even more for exceptional examples, but it will take more than a deep pocket book to assemble a representative collection of Group IV postmarks.

In Mendocino County we have 32 post offices which are considered so difficult to find postmarks from that they have been listed in Group V. For the most part, these offices operated only very briefly, or were opened for only a few years during the pioneer days of settlement in the county. It should be possible to find examples of postmarks from some of these offices, but it is possible that postmarks from some others have not survived.

The representative Mendocino County postmark collection should contain examples from all the operating offices, all offices of Groups I and II, perhaps two-thirds of those in Group III and a third of those in Group IV. That would give a total of about 75 different post offices, counting branches and different periods of operation. Naturally, the collector would want to add postmarks of differing types, rural free delivery markings, and perhaps express covers, auxiliary markings, rates, military and naval covers, railway postal markings, corner cards and advertising covers, and so forth. The result could easily fill several good sized binders, and occupy a lifetime of spare hours spent in a happy and rewarding collection. Anyone tempted?

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- 195 N.Y.& VALP.S.S.SANTA CLARA/U.S.SEAPOST,1940, VG dplx on cacheted cover Est. \$4.00
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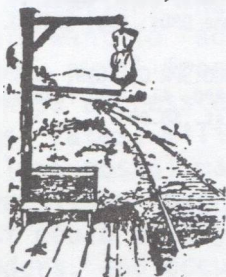
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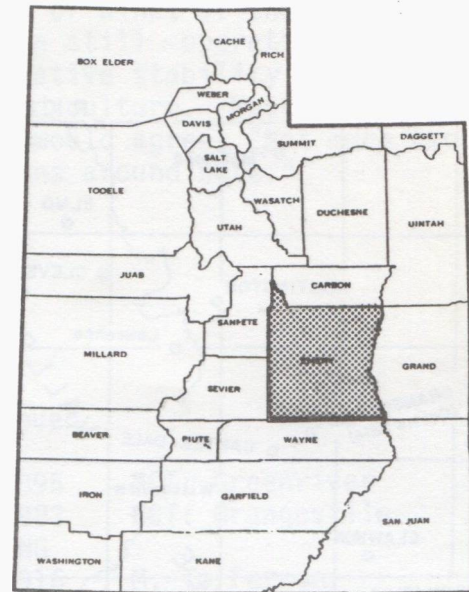
By Dan Meschter with Arthur E. Rupert

Part XXIV: Emery County

Emery is the only Utah county named for a former governor. George B. Emery of Tennessee was appointed Territorial Governor in mid-1875 and served until January 1880. Unlike his predecessors, who felt constrained either to persecute the Mormons or to apologize for them, Emery maintained a policy of strict neutrality between the Mormon and Gentile factions. That meant he was roundly abused by the Gentile press for not imposing anti-Mormon restrictions, and was welcomed with relief by the Mormons, who were left undisturbed by a competent Federal appointee for the first time. The Utah Legislature expressed its respect for him by changing the proposed name for the next new county it erected within weeks after he left office from Castle to Emery.

Emery County is bounded on the east by the Green River and on the west by a line which follows the approximate crest of the Wasatch Mountains. The western part of the county is dominated by the Castle Valley -- a broad lowland drained by the San Rafael River -- with abundant water for irrigation from tributaries heading in the mountains. The San Rafael Swell, in the central part of the county, is a broad highland dissected by gorges and canyons, one of which provides the San Rafael River an escape route from Castle Valley. The land here is dotted with vividly colored buttes and pinnacles in a sea of green pine and juniper, and, set against a background of clear blue sky, the prospect can inspire awe. It is said that some parts of the Swell are still unexplored. In the southeast corner of the county is a semi-arid desert that is a paradise for the amateur geologist, botanist, and photographer.

The earliest settlements were in the Castle Valley and generally date from the late 1870's, although it is likely that settlers pushed into the valley to carry on general agriculture and stock-raising



a decade before that. Possibly the first settlement was Ferrons City, established in 1877, and named for A.D. Ferron, a surveyor. At about the same time Huntington was founded and named, it is believed, for the explorer William Huntington. Records of this time are fragmentary, however, and it is entirely possible that Castle Dale, which later became Orangelville, or even Wilsonville was actually the earliest Castle Valley settlement.

The concentration of post offices in Castle Valley, beginning with the first Castle Dale(1879) and continuing through Rochester in 1920, reflects agricultural development culminating with land reclamation projects in the first two decades of this century. Many of these post offices were at small farming communities, and, with the use of motor vehicles and rural free delivery, they have disappeared. Adding to the decline has been a decrease in rural population as farms became larger and families moved to towns.

The only major exception to Emery County's concentration of post offices in Castle Valley was Blake -- now known as Green River. This community was founded at the spot the Rio Grande Railroad



bridged Green River, and continues as an active vendor of travel services to this day. Woodside, Cliffs, and Mounds were also railroad station post offices, and they owed a degree of permanence to local stock-raising.

Castle Valley was known to contain vast coal resources from the earliest times, but, except for local use, the deposits were too remote from major markets to attract large-scale development. Only at Mohrland was there important produc-

tion as an extension of operations in Carbon County when the terminus of a spur line railroad was moved south from Hiawatha. Remoteness vanished in recent years, however, when the Utah Power and Light Company built a four-unit, coal-fired power generating plant near Castle Dale.

Other non-agricultural developments have yet to occur in Emery County. The San Rafael Swell was extensively prospected for uranium and vanadium deposits in the 1950's without enough success to jus-

tify permanent settlements or processing plants such as would have required postal service.

Emery County has had 27 post office names of which five were name changes. One-third, or nine, of the county's post offices are still operating, a testament to the relative stability of the county's economy and culture. Most Emery County residents would agree, "Not much exciting ever happens around here."

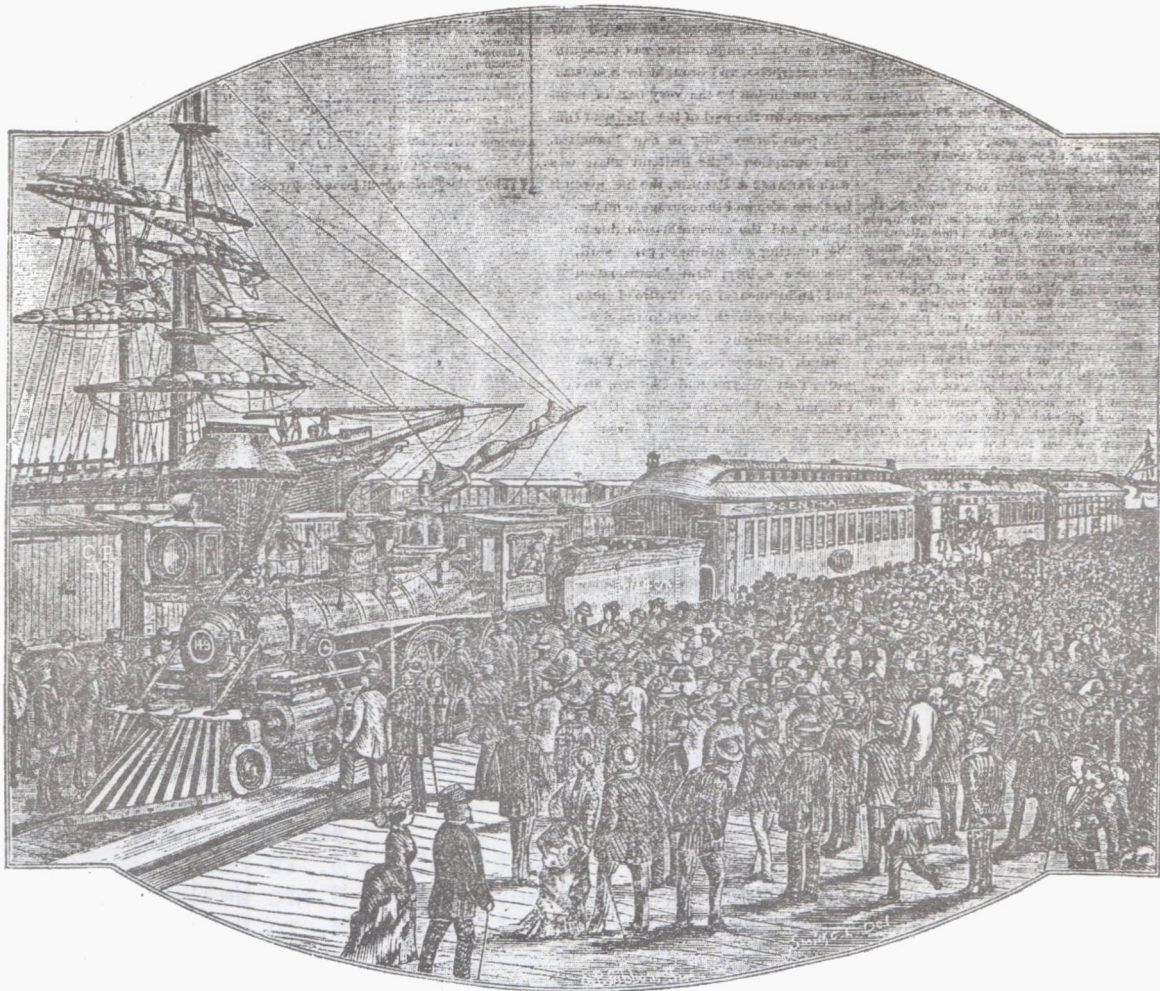
UTAH POST OFFICES

Emery County

Post Office	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Blake	16 Feb 1880	5 Dec 1895	NCT: Greenriver
Castle Dale	8 Apr 1879	6 Mar 1883	NCT: Orangeville
Castle Dale	8 May 1883	OPERATING	
Clawson	15 Apr 1912	30 Nov 1916	M. To Ferron
	8 May 1928	OPERATING	
Cleveland	23 Jan 1889	OPERATING	
Cliff	22 Jan 1906	15 Apr 1907	M. to Price
Desert Lake	16 Feb 1898	30 Sep 1913	M. to Victor
Elmo	31 Oct 1911	31 Jan 1925	M. to Cleveland
	6 Aug 1925	OPERATING	
Emery	8 Jun 1888	OPERATING	
Ferron	11 Sep 1888	OPERATING	Was Ferrons City
Ferrons City	25 Jun 1879	11 Sep 1888	NCT: Ferron
Green River	26 Jan 1951	OPERATING	Was Greenriver
Greenriver	5 Dec 1895		Was Blake
		26 Jan 1951	NCT: Green River
Huntington	25 Mar 1880	OPERATING	
Lawrence	27 Jun 1891	31 May 1914	M. to Huntington
Mohrland	17 Jun 1910	30 Apr 1925	M. to Hiawatha
	9 Feb 1927	30 Sep 1938	M. to Hiawatha
Molen	30 Jun 1892	14 Apr 1904	M. to Ferron
Moore	1 Feb 1940		Was Rochester
		22 Oct 1965	M. to Ferron
Mounds	7 Dec 1910	30 Nov 1925	M. to Wellington
	11 Feb 1928	31 Jul 1945	M. to Price
Muddy	12 Sep 1882	19 Nov 1887	M. to Ferrons City
Orangeville	6 Mar 1883	OPERATING	Was Castle Dale
Peacock	5 Jan 1885	11 Nov 1887	M. to Castle Dale
Rochester	24 Dec 1920	1 Feb 1940	NCT: Moore
San Rafael	26 Mar 1907	29 Apr 1916	M. to Greenriver
Victor	28 Jun 1911	30 Apr 1935	M. to Elmo
Wilsonville	26 Sep 1879	18 Jul 1882	M. to Ferrons City
Woodside	23 Dec 1884	24 Feb 1967	Conv. to RB of Price
Woodside Rural Br.	24 Feb 1967	11 Mar 1972	RB of Price

THE SECOND SECTION

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The Southern Pacific Terminal at Oakland wharf.

CALIFORNIA TRANSFER CLERKS AND TERMINAL RPOS

by
Rod Crossley

CALIFORNIA RAILWAY POST OFFICE MONOGRAPH,
Part V: TRANSFER CLERKS AND TERMINAL RPOS
By Rod Crossley

In the first four parts of this work we have examined California railway postal history with an emphasis on the southern part of the state. Our first section, "The Tourist Lines" (16/4) did contain details of some of the short lines in the San Francisco area, but in Part II, "The Boom Town RPOs" (16/6) we concentrated on eastern California and Nevada, in Part III, "The Pacific Electric" (17/1) we examined the interurbans of the Los Angeles Basin, and in Part IV, "RPOs in the Land of Sunshine" (17/4 & 17/5) we detailed routes into and within southern California. It is now time to turn our attention northward to consider those railroads which entered California from the north and from the east through the Sierras, but before moving on it seems appropriate for us to consider briefly the Transfer Clerk and R.P.O. Terminal operations in California.

TRANSFER OFFICES

When the railroads began to carry the mail in the mid-1800's, the Post Office Department assigned personnel to many of the stations in larger cities and main line junctions. Termed Local Agents, these people sorted and transferred mail from arriving trains to other trains or local post offices. In California the only local agent was assigned to San Francisco, and this occurred during the late 1870's.

In 1882 Congress reorganized the Railway Mail Service, and as part of the reorganization Local Agents became known as Transfer Clerks. Duties remained much the same, except that transfer clerks were now expected to cancel mail which was collected from station mail boxes or personally handed to them by patrons. The designation "Transfer Clerk" survived until the 1950's, at which time the POD changed the title to Transfer Office.

In addition to Transfer Clerk opera-

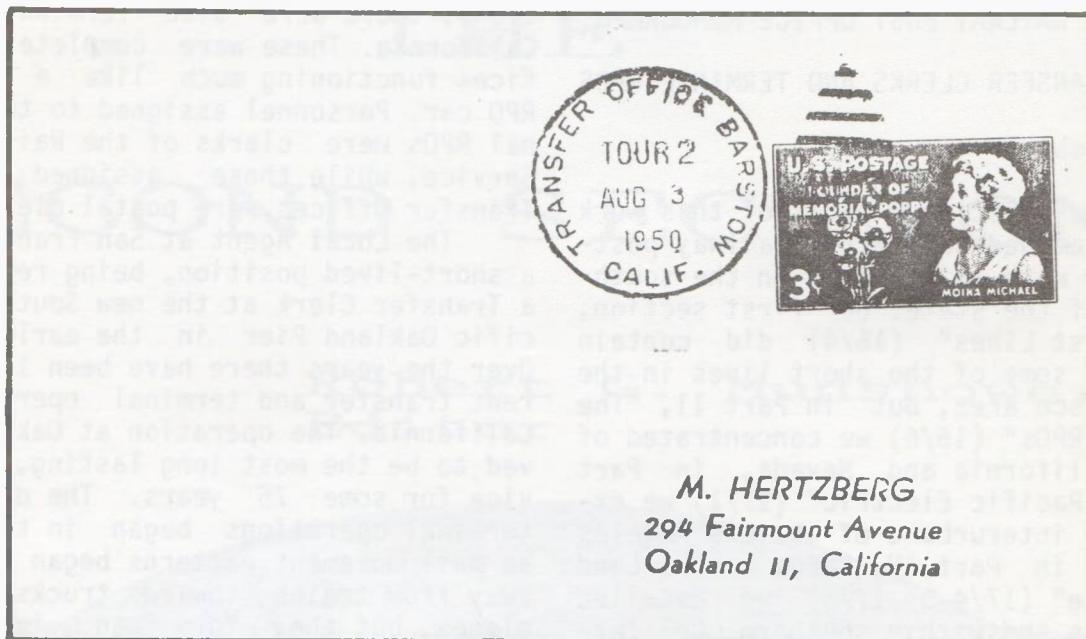
tions, there were also Terminal RPOs in California. These were complete post offices functioning much like a railroad RPO car. Personnel assigned to the Terminal RPOs were clerks of the Railway Mail Service, while those assigned to the Transfer Offices were postal clerks.

The Local Agent at San Francisco was a short-lived position, being replaced by a Transfer Clerk at the new Southern Pacific Oakland Pier in the early 1880's. Over the years there have been 15 different transfer and terminal operations in California. The operation at Oakland proved to be the most long lasting, in service for some 75 years. The decline of terminal operations began in the 1930's as mail movement patterns began to shift away from trains toward trucks and airplanes, but they form an interesting chapter in the history of California railway mail, as well as, an interesting sub-specialty for the RPO collector. We will consider these operations here in alphabetical order of their locations.

1911 LISTING

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SPENCER L. TOLL	Arcade Depot, Los Angeles, Cal.
HORACE C. BRASHER, Assistant.		
.....		La Grande Depot, Los Angeles, Cal.
CHAS. B. MCKENZIE, Assistant.		
JOHN F. HARRIS	.....	Oakland Pier, Cal.
FRD J. SVENSON, Assistant.		
LEWIS W. MITCHELL, Assistant.		
WILLIAM E. LINSLEY, Assistant.		
ORANGE LENON	.....	Ogden, Utah.
WILFORD DANVERS, Assistant.		
WILLIAM G. CAREY, Assistant.		
ALBERT E. SAXEY, Act'g Assistant.		
JOHN B. ATCHISON	.....	Port Costa, Cal.
G. E. LITTLE	.....	Sacramento, Cal.
C. T. PARK, Assistant.		
BERNARD F. POSCH, Assistant.		
CURTIS C. KIMBALL, Assistant.		
JACOB A. HEINE	.....	O. S. L. Depot, Salt Lake City, Utah.
RALPH HOYT, Act'g Assistant.		
THOMAS ORCHARD	.....	D. & R. G. Depot, Salt Lake City, Utah.
S. L. PRITCHARD	.....	San Bernardino, Cal.
MICHAEL J. MALONEY	.....	3d and Townsend Sts., San Fran., Cal.
R. I. AULD	.....	Union Ferry Depot, San Francisco, Cal.
Assistant.		
FRANK C. GIVENS, Assistant.		
HARRY K. THAUWALD, Assistant.		
B. F. RICHARDS	.....	San Jose, Cal.
H. W. COLBY, Assistant.		



I. BARSTOW

This Transfer Clerk operation was located in the Santa Fe Railroad station at Barstow, and was the last one to be established in California. The operation was begun in 1948, and operated only six years before being closed in 1956.

II. LOS ANGELES

Three of the state's transfer and terminal operations were located within one miles of each other in downtown Los Angeles. This was the greatest concentration of such operations anywhere in California.

A. Southern Pacific Transfer Clerk

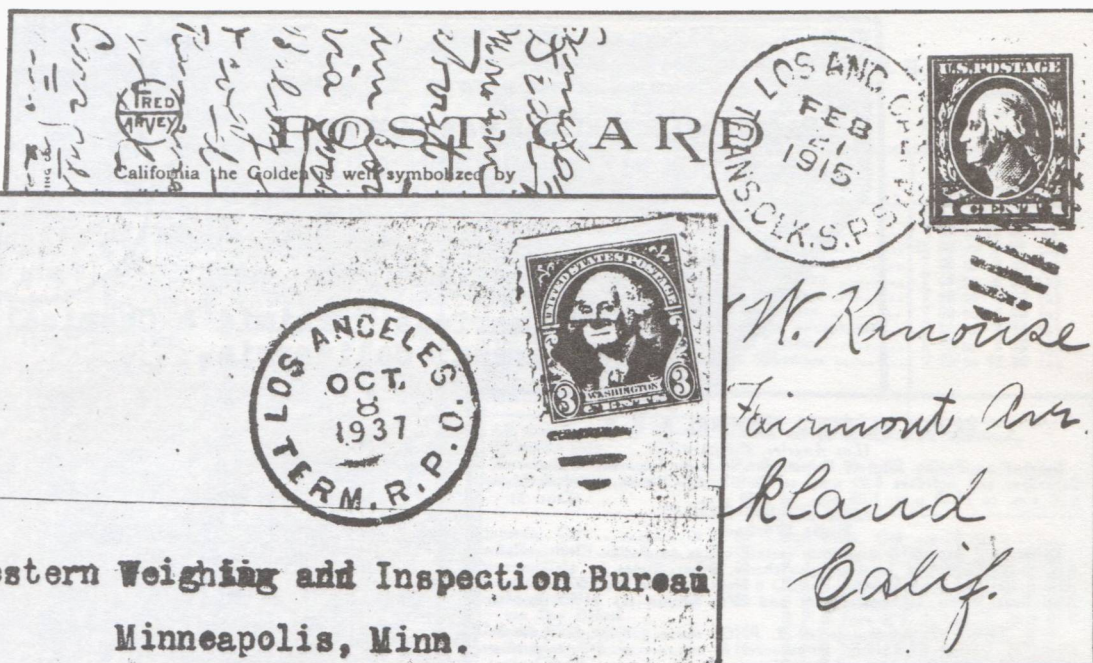
Begun in 1900 at the Southern Pacific Arcade Station, this was the first such operation in Los Angeles. When the new SP-UP station on Central was opened in 1915, the Transfer Office moved there. In 1939 the office was moved to the new Los Angeles Union Passenger Depot and the name of the office changed to the Los Angeles Transfer Clerk. In 1953 this title was again changed to become the Los Angeles Transfer Office, and in the early 1960's the office was combined with the Los Angeles Terminal RPO. Thereafter, until they were discontinued in 1967, both operations used the Transfer Office postmark.

B. Santa Fe Station Transfer Clerk

The Santa Fe Station Transfer Clerk was established in 1901 at La Grande Station in Los Angeles. In the early 1920's the operation was upgraded to a Terminal RPO, and thus became the first such in the state. When the new Union Station opened in 1939, Santa Fe Railroad moved its passenger service to the new location, but its terminal operation remained at the old site. Finally, in 1941, Santa Fe moved the Terminal RPO to the new Post Office Terminal Annex, which was located about 300 yards north of Union Station. The operation was closed in the early 1960's, being combined with the Transfer Office in Union Station.

C. Pacific Electric Terminal RPO

This, the third operation in Los Angeles, was located at 6th and Los Angeles streets on the southeastern side of the massive Pacific Electric Terminal building. The Terminal RPO was established in the 1920's to service on of the Pacific Electric RPO routes plus the many closed pouch routes radiating from the station. By the mid-1930's all of the P.E. RPO routes had been moved to the Terminal, and the operation continued until 1950 when the last P.E. RPO route was discontinued.



LOS ANGELES UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL

TIME TABLE

Effective July 10, 1949

ARRIVING			LEAVING		
TRAIN	TIME	NAME	TRAIN	TIME	NAME
SP 56	6:30 AM	Tehachapi	AT 70	12:30 AM	San Diego Local
SP 5	6:50 AM	Argonaut	SP 71	6:00 AM	S. F. Passenger
SP 43	7:00 AM	Cherokee	SP 51	7:50 AM	San Joaquin Daylight
UP 37	7:00 AM	Pony Express	AT 72	8:00 AM	San Diego
AT 21	7:30 AM	El Capitan	SP 99	8:15 AM	Morning Daylight
AT 3	7:45 AM	California Limited	AT 42	10:10 AM	Local
SP 70	7:45 AM	Coaster	SP 40	10:30 AM	Imperial
AT 45	8:15 AM	Local	UP 4	11:00 AM	Utahn
AT 19	8:30 AM	Chief	AT 74	11:45 AM	San Diego
AT 17	8:45 AM	Super Chief	UP 2	12:01 PM	Los Angeles Limited
SP 60	8:45 AM	West Coast	SP 97	12:15 PM	Noon Daylight
UP 103	9:00 AM	City of Los Angeles	AT 20	12:30 PM	Chief
SP 76	9:00 AM	Lark	SP 4	12:30 PM	Golden State
SP 1	9:25 AM	Sunset Limited	SP 2	1:00 PM	Sunset
AT 51	9:30 AM	Local	AT 22	1:30 PM	El Capitan
UP 1	10:40 AM	Los Angeles Limited	AT 24	1:30 PM	Grand Canyon
AT 23	10:40 AM	Grand Canyon	AT 76	3:30 PM	San Diego
AT 71	10:45 AM	San Joaquin	UP 104	5:00 PM	City of Los Angeles
SP 58	10:55 AM	Owl	AT 54	5:30 PM	Local
AT 73	2:30 PM	San Diego	AT 4	7:00 PM	California Limited
SP 39	3:00 PM	Imperial	AT 78	7:30 PM	San Diego
UP 3	3:20 PM	Utahn	UP 38	7:30 PM	Pony Express
SP 3	5:15 PM	Golden State	SP 59	7:30 PM	West Coast
SP 98	6:00 PM	Morning Daylight	SP 69	7:40 PM	Coaster
AT 75	6:00 PM	San Diego Local	SP 57	7:50 PM	Owl
AT 77	6:30 PM	San Diego	AT 18	8:00 PM	Super Chief
AT 7	7:00 PM	Mail and Express	SP 44	8:10 PM	Cherokee
SP 32	7:25 PM	San Joaquin Daylight	SP 6	8:30 PM	Argonaut
SP 96	9:35 PM	Noon Daylight	SP 75	9:00 PM	Lark
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①Distribution performed in Arcade Station, Los Angeles post office by clerks of Los Angeles Terminal R. P. O.
②Letters and newspapers.

III. OAKLAND

Oakland was home to two transfer and terminal operations. Of these, the most important was the Oakland Pier, or as the Southern Pacific called it, the "Oakland Mole."

A. Oakland Pier Transfer Clerk

This was California's first transfer clerk operation. Begun in the 1880's, it was located at the pier to service Southern Pacific trains. Later, the Transfer Clerks also serviced trains of the Santa Fe and Western Pacific railroads. The operation continued until October 1960, some 18 months after the last ferry boat for San Francisco had sailed.

B. Oakland Terminal RPO

Following World War II a Terminal RPO operation was established on the pier and it operated concurrently with the Transfer Clerk. In 1951 the facility was moved to the Southern Pacific's 16th Street Station in Oakland. The operation was later redesignated a Transfer Office, and was closed in the early 1960's.

OAKLAND PIER CALIF., TERMINAL R. P. O.		
Located at Oakland Pier, Calif.		(Dist. 8)
Continuous from 7.30 am to midnight.		
MAILS WORKED		
Mails Worked	Class of Mail	Hours of Distribution
California	All	7 30 to 12 00 (a)
Colorado	① Letters	11 30 to 4 30 (a)
Eastern States	Parcel Post	7 30 to 8 30 (a)
Idaho	① Letters	7 45 to 8 00 (a)
Montana	① Letters	7 45 to 8 00 (a)
N Y City	Letters	7 30 to 4 30 (a)
Oregon	All except newspapers ..	8 10 to 4 30 (a)
Wash State	Letters	8 10 to 4 30 (a)
Mixed States	① Letters	7 30 to 12 00 (a)

All distribution by General Scheme except as otherwise indicated.
 ① Direct only. ② Standpoint.
 Terminal pouches on all R. P. O. trains 30 min. prior to scheduled time of departure from Oakland Pier.

CLOSED POUCH LIST.

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Berkeley, Cal	11 45	San Francisco, Cal D&D ..	8 45
Denver, Colo	11 00	S F & Barstow 4	9 00
Dunsmuir, Cal D&D	8 10	S F & Barstow 6	10 00
Eureka & S F 4	8 00	S F S Jose & L A 120-78 ..	1 20
via San Rafael		S F S Jose & L A 72 No 3 ..	12 00
Klamath Falls, Ore	8 10	S F S Jose & L A 116	9 30
Los Angeles, Cal	8 10	S F S Jose & L A 75 No 3 ..	7 45
via CP 62		via CP 74 and San Jose ..	
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Oakland, Cal D&D	12 00, 4 30, 8 30, 11 00		
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The diesel-powered, stainless steel CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR, daily between Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco, features five thrilling VISTA-DOME cars. This train operates via the Burlington, Rio Grande, and Western Pacific railroads through the Colorado Rockies and Feather River Canyon ... the Scenic Way Across America.

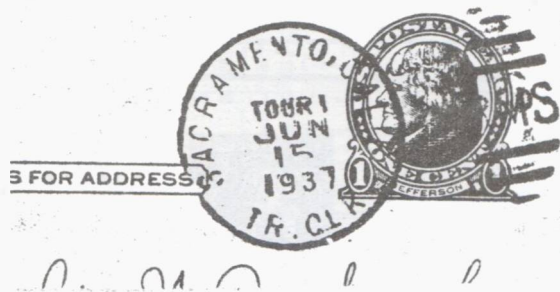
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IV. PORT COSTA

Port Costa was the place where the Southern Pacific loaded trains on the car ferry "Solano" for the trip across the Straits of Carquinez on the way from Oakland to Sacramento. A Transfer Clerk operation was established here in the early 1900's, but was closed prior to World War I.

V. SACRAMENTO

The Southern Pacific Station in Sacramento is the hub of the SP system in northern California. Thus it was only natural that a Transfer Clerk should be established here. The office commenced operation in the late 1890's, and was closed with the end of RPO service in 1967.



VI. SAN BERNARDINO

The San Bernardino Transfer Clerk was a short-lived operation which began about 1908 and was closed around 1912. It was located in the Santa Fe station of San Bernardino.



VII. SAN FRANCISCO

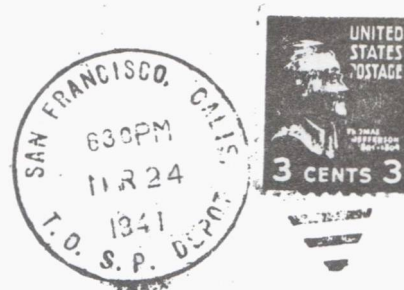
San Francisco was the home of two transfer clerk operations, which included the pioneer Local Agent office mentioned earlier.

A. SAN FRANCISCO WHARF TRANSFER CLERK

The Local Agent office was established in the late 1870's on the wharf at the foot of Market Street. In the 1880's the operation was closed, and replaced after the reorganization of the Railway Mail Service by the Oakland Pier Transfer Clerk. In the late 1890's a Transfer clerk office was re-established on the wharf. Later, the wharf became known as the Ferry Building. This office serviced the local street RPOs of San Francisco, the Trans-Pacific mail, and the overland trains originating at the Oakland Pier. The office was closed by the POD in the mid-1930's.

B. SOUTHERN PACIFIC 3RD STREET TRANSFER CLERK

Located in the Southern Pacific's 3rd and Townsend Street Station, this office was opened in 1901 and continued in service until 1967, when RPO operations were terminated on the Coast Line. The original designation of Transfer Clerk was changed to Transfer Office in the 1950's.



VIII. SAN JOSE

The San Jose Transfer Clerk office was located in the Southern Pacific Depot in San Jose. Established in the early 1900's, the operation was discontinued about 1915.



SUMMARY TABLE OF CALIFORNIA TRANSFER CLERKS & TERMINAL RPOS

Location Station	Type	Postmark Known	TMS#	Notes
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Los Angeles SP Station	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 B-5	
Union Station	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 B-8	
	Transfer Office	Yes	999 B-11	
ATSF Station	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 B-4	
	Terminal RPO	Yes	999 B-1	
P.E. Terminal	Terminal RPO	Yes	999 B-3	
Oakland SP Pier	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 F-2	
	Terminal RPO	Yes	999 F-1	
SP Depot	Transfer Office	Yes	999 F-5	
Port Costa	Transfer Clerk	No	-----	
Sacramento	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 G-2	
	Transfer Office	Yes	999 G-4	
San Bernardino	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 H-1	
San Francisco S.F. Wharf	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 E-1	Local Agent 1870's
SP 3rd St. Sta.	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 E-3	
	Transfer Office	Yes	999 E-4	
San Jose	Transfer Clerk	Yes	999 I-1	

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P.O. Box 13911
Boulder, Colorado 80308

RAILROAD

- 281 1909 German Bahnpost-Coln (Rhine) Hann-
over. Two excellent oval strikes on PPC
- 282 Camden & Rockland 15-A-1 1910 PPC
(Electric)
- 283 Columbus & Albion 1910 PPC 938-D-1 into
design
- 284 Dallas, Wax & Houston 1939 on card
475-A-1
- 285 Detroit Mich. Marine PO (see illustration)
- 285 L.S.&T.V. R.R. 1870's, Blue, Ohio bank cc
- 287 Newton & Ft. Worth 1908 PPC 924-C-1
- 288 Oklahoma & Alva 1908 PPC Emb, RPO Lite
- 289 Olwein & Omaha 775-F-1, Dubuque & Chamb
W.D. 761-T-1 Mnpls & Co Bluffs 870-J-1 as
B/S on legal size Spec Del cover 1909 E-6
- 290 Philadelphia & Manayunk PH-2-C 1898 on
UX14 lite stains
- 291 Pitts, Akron & Chi 1918 PPC exc strike
557-A-2
- 292 Seattle & Seattle SE-1-A (see illustration)
Electric
- 293 St. Louis MO South B'Way SL-15-B 1910 UX19
Exc strike
- 294 Wash DC Pa Ave WA-1-B 1913 PPC (see illus)

ARIZONA, COLORADO, UTAH

- 295 Humboldt Ariz 1915 Duplex ties 1¢ Parcel
Post
- 296 McCabe Ariz 1909 4 bar on PPC
- 297 Jefferson Colo 1909 4 bar on PPC
- 298 Log Cabin Colo 1926 4 bar Avg strike
- 299 Lorretto Colo 1911 4 bar on PPC into
design
- 300 Piedra Colo 1908 Doane, unfortunately over
struck by Neosho Mo Duplex
- 301 Ridgway Colo Magenta 4 bar partially over-
struck by Emporia Kans machine cancel
- 302 Radium Colo 1941 4 bar on PPC not phila-
telic
- 303 Russel Colo 1910 Doane as rec mk on pic-
ture side of PPC. Cancel is clear of
picture
- 304 Sugar Loaf Colo 1917 4 bar PPC Magenta 10¢
off at top
- 305 Yoder Colo two fair strikes on two PPC's
1913/1923

RFD

- 306 Cozad Neb 1909 PPC (see Illus) Type 8 BC
RARE
- 307 Cozad Neb 1909 PPC as above Type 8 BC RARE
- 308 Brockport NY RFD, Magenta 1901, early use
- 309 Bellvue Colo Mans RFD about 1908 (see il-
lustration)
- 310 WX5 Seal and US #331 tied by Herkimer NY
Flag, PPC
- 311 U.S.S. Wisconsin Four 1909 PPC's w/avg-
good strikes
- 312 Real Photo PPC of four Yaquis Indians
being led to their execution by Mexican
Federales. 1906 "a disgraceful murder of
innocents" El Paso & ??? RPO
- 313 Shipwrecks - four photolith PPC's of
wrecks, fires and other disasters to
Duluth oreboats about 1906. fine cond.

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- 314 Feldpost - 2 cards, 1916-18 double circle
H/S (84th inf div) and (Kompanie 2/111th
inf) censor marks. One card shows German
infantryman

POSTAGE DUE

- 315 US #720 used in place of 3¢ postage due
on shortpaid legal envelope to Falls City
Neb Rare Provisional Use
- 316 US #720 as above. Both have straightline
Postage Due 3 Cents (Magenta) not phila-
telic
- 317 US #F-1 on U411 tied by Derby Ohio 4 bar
1914
- 318 FRAUDULENT Magenta handstamp on 1938
cover from Philadelphia to Milwaukee (see
illustration)
- 319 Unique usage of US #300, indistinct Colo
Duplex (see illus) one-of-a-kind item
- 320 Columbian - Fourth day of use US #231
(see illustration)
- 321 Columbian - Registered cover to "World's
Fair" Post Office, Chicago. Red/Magenta
World's Fair Station Registry cancel.
Hotel & elevated RR cornercard. Ten cent
Columbian tied by indistinct cancel (see
illustration)

DOANE CANCELS

- 322 Del Rosa Cal 1905 PPC
- 323 Pittville Cal 1910 on PPC
- 324 Playa Del Rey 1911 on PPC
- 325 Leonard Bridge Conn 1907 PPC
- 326 Ashland Ga 1907 as B/S
- 327 Alamo Ind 1910 PPC
- 328 Lawrence Ind 1906 PPC into design
- 329 Radley Ind 1908 PPC
- 330 Vandalia Ind 1911 PPC
- 331 Fairport Kans 1908 PPC
- 332 Penokee Kans 1908 PPC
- 333 Ravann Kans 1908 PPC
- 334 Chenalt Ky 1909 PPC cancel into design
- 335 Brantock Mass 1908 PPC
- 336 Saum Minn 1910 PPC
- 337 Georgetown Mo 1911 PPC
- 338 Passo Mo 1908 PPC
- 339 Bradley Ny 1909 PPC cancels stamp
- 340 Clare Ny 1908 PPC
- 341 Bainbridge Oh 1906 PPC
- 342 Twin Lakes Pa 1911 PPC as rec mark
- 343 Bebee W Va 1909 Emb PPC

COLORED CANCELS

- 344 Cleveland Mont 1910 Magenta 4 bar PPC
- 345 Fayetteville Pa Purple star (large) and
town cancel as rec mark
- 346 Flugstad Iowa 1909 Magenta 4 bar PPC
- 347 Friedensburg Pa 1928 Magenta 4 bar on
cover
- 348 Jelloway Ohio 1912 Magenta 4 bar
- 349 Lakemont NH 1879 Magenta CDS (large)
- 350 Phillips Nebr 1914 Bright Purple 4 bar,
into design
- 351 Poland Ny 1886 Purple CDS ties 2¢ Brown
- 352 Sanford Ny 1917 4 bar ties 2¢ Red,
Magenta cancel
- 353 Star Idaho 1911 4 bar PPC, Magenta
- 354 Westport Point Mass 1912 4 bar PPC
Magenta

ZEPELLIN

- 355 1937 Paraguay four good strikes, Blue
pictorial cancel showing Zepp and glider
"Asuncion-Paraguay Correo Arreo" ties 2
copies C63, 2-C87, 2-C67, 2-C52, 1-C42,
1 copy #288, 1 copy #298

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321 REGISTERED

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World's Fair Station,
CHICAGO, ILL

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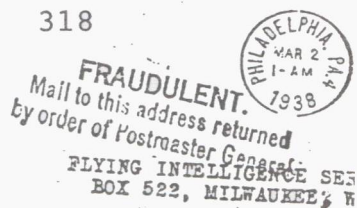
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- 206 AKUTAN, 1950, F Ty2 on phil. card. Est. \$4.00
- 207 BARROW, 1940, VG purple Type 10 on cover. Est. \$5.00
- 208 CHENEGA, 1959, VG Ty1 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 209 COLLEGE, 1930, Ty1(Later) on unused 1-ct. wrapper. E\$8
- 210 FAIRBANKS, 1938, VG Ty19 on cacheted FFC. Est. \$4.00
- 211 GILMORE, 1911, G 4-bar ("ORE" on lct. green) on PPC.
Scarce PO (1906-11) Est. \$250.00
- 212 GUSTAVUS, 1959, F Ty3 on LD Terr. cach.cvr. Est.\$5.00
- 213 HOLY CROSS, 1959, VG Ty4 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$4.00
- 214 HOMER, 1947, G+ Type 5 on non-phil. cover. Est. \$8.00
- 215 HOONAH, 1943, VG Ty5 on POD Penalty env. Est. \$5.00
- 216 HOT SPRINGS(Ty3) & MANLEY HOT SPRINGS(Ty1), 1957, FDC/
LDC on same #10-size env. w/cachet & pm autograph. E.\$6
- 217 HOT SPRINGS, 1957, F Ty2 & MANLEY HOT SPRINGS, Ty1 on
same cacheted LDC/FDC. Est. \$8.00
- 218 HOT SPRINGS, 1957, F Type3 on cachet LDC. Est. \$5.00
- 219 HYDER, 1959, G Ty5 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$4.00
- 220 IGLOO, 1946, VG Type2 on cachet "dog team" cvr. E\$5.00
- 221 JUNEAU(Ty30) & FAIRBANKS(Ty19), 1938, on two matched
#10-envelope FFC w/proper cachets. Est. \$6.00
- 222 JUNEAU, 1937, VG Ty28 on uncacheted FDC of #800. E.\$4
- 223 KETCHIKAN, 1906, G+ Type6 on cvr. to Douglas. E.\$8.00
- 224 KING COVE, 1959, VG Ty3 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 225 KING SALMON, 1959, VG Ty2 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 226 KIPNUK, 1959, VG Ty3 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 227 KLAWOCK, 1949, F Ty6 on cml. cvr. Est. \$6.00
- 228 KWIGILLINGOK, 1950, F Ty1 on phil. card. Est. \$4.00
- 229 LASSEN, 1941, VG Ty1 on Reg.Rct.Card. Est. \$12.00
- 230 LEVELOCK, 1952, G Ty2 on non-phil. cvr. Est. \$5.00
- 231 METLAKATLA, 1959, VG Ty6 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$4.00
- 232 MINTO, 1959, VG Ty1 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 233 NABESNA, 1935, G(o'strk) Ty1 on Emerg.Flt.cvr. E.\$8.00
- 234 PALMER, 1936, VG Ty2 (Valentines Day) on cvr. Est. \$10.
- 235 PETERSBURG, 1906, F Ty2 (DOANE) as b/s on cvr. Also
WRANGELL/REC'D as forwarding mark. Est. \$8.00
- 237 PORTAGE JUNCTION, 1958, F Type2 on phil.GPC. Est. \$4.00
- 238 RED DEVIL, 1958, VG Ty1 on POD Pen. Env. Est. \$4.00
- 239 SEATTLE/FT.MEARS BR., Mar 1942, VG Ty1 on #7-size cvr
w/PROVISIONAL CENSOR TYPE 1. Non-philatelic. Est. \$40.
- 240 SKWENTNA, 1959, VG Ty1 on LD Terr. cach. cvr. E.\$5.00
- 241 TALKEETNA, 1959, VG Ty3 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 242 TENAKEE SPRINGS, 1950, G Ty2 on cml. cvr. Est. \$4.00
- 243 TETLIN, 1959, F Ty3 on LD Terr. GPC. Est. \$5.00
- 244 TREADWELL, 1909, G+ Type 1 on PPC(Chilkoot Summit)E\$12
- 245 U.S.NAVY/163 BR., 1949, G+ 4-bar on cvr w/ATTU r.a.E.\$6
- 246 UGASHIK, 1950, VG Ty2 on phil. card. Est. \$4.00
- 247 WRANGELL, 1929, G+ Type5 on PPC. Est. \$8.00

ARIZONA

- 248 ADAMANA, 1913, VG red 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$10.00
- 249 KINGMAN, 1910, VG Ty15 on PPC. Est. \$4.00
- 250 Mesa Main St. printed PPC, pm MESA 1909, no stamp.E.\$6
- 251 PEACH SPRINGS, 1922, VG 4-bar on cvr. Est. \$3.00
- 252 YUMA, Mar. 1912, G+ dplx on PPC w/tourist promotion adv.
Est. \$4.00

ARKANSAS

- 253 CHAMPAGNOLLE, 1849, w/FREE POST MASTER, all in mss. on
SFL which has been repaired.(1846-1918) Est. \$10.00
- 254 LONE ROCK, 1910, G+ 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$4.00

CALIFORNIA

- 255 ALCATRAZ, 1902, F cds on cover. (SF 74-63) Est. \$5.00
- 256 ANTHONY HOUSE, c. 1872 on U82. (Nev.62/06) Est. \$20.00
- 257 BEATRICE, 1907, VG 4-bar as fwd.mark on PPC.(Humb.)E\$6
- 258 BETHANY, 1909, F DOANE on PPC. (San Joa.79-40) E.\$5.00
- 259 BIGGS, 1901, G+ cds on cvr w/PENTZ (64-12)b/s. Est.\$6
- 260 BLACKS STATION, 1911, G 4-bar on PPC. (Yolo 76-15) E.\$6
- 261 BULWINKLE, c.1917, G+ 4-bar on cover.(Humb.09-22) E.\$8.
- 262 CHITTENDEN, 1906, VG DOANE on PPC.(S.Crz.93-23) E.\$6.
- 263 CLEARWATER, 1909, VG DOANE on PPC. (LA 88-48) E. \$4.00
- 264 DEFENDER, 1908, G DOANE on PPC w/small tape repair.
(Amador 1900-15) Est. \$6.00
- 265 DENVERTON, 1909, VG DOANE on PPC. (Sol.58-11) Est. \$8.
- 266 DUNMOVIN, 1939, VG 4-bar on phil.cvr.(Inyo 38-41) E.\$5
- 267 FAMOSO, 1930, VG 4-bar on GPC. (Kern 95-46) Est. \$6.00

CALIFORNIA

- 268 FRODSHAM, 1916, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Sac.10-22) Est.\$7.00
- 269 GARDENA, 1894, about G cds on cvr w/illus I.O.F. cc.E\$8
- 270 GAS POINT, 1907, G DOANE on PPC w/CAMPO SECO DOANE as
rec'd. Both DPOs. Est. \$8.00
- 271 GRANGEVILLE, 1909, VG DOANE on PPC. (Kings 74-20) E.\$5.
- 272 HAMBURG, 1905, VG DOANE w/"RR" in dial on REG.CVR w/
repaired closed tear thru. pm. (Sisk.86-54) E.\$8.00
- 273 HAMMONTON, 1907, VG 4-bar on PPC(r.p.view of town)E.\$6
- 274 HARPER, 1912, about G(O'strk) 4-bar on PPC.(Or.09-20)E8
- 275 JERSEY, 1920, G+ 4-bar on REG. CVR.(C.C. 98-35) E.\$8.
- 276 LAKE PORT, c.1865 G+ cds on U59. Est. \$15.00
- 277 LETCHER, 1909, G-VG DOANE(x2) on #10 env.(Fres.86-15)E\$6
- 278 LIDELL, 1908, VG DOANE on PPC. (Napa 80-15) Est. \$8.
- 279 MARTINEZ, c.1862, F cds on U41 w/minor tears & encl.E\$12
- 280 MURPHY, 1907, VG DOANE on cover (94-35) Est. \$6.00
- 281 POINT RICHMOND, 1909, G dplx on PPC.(1902-12) E. \$6.00
- 282 REDWINE, 1908, G (o'strk) DOANE as rec'd on PPC.
(Mendocino 04-15) Est. \$8.00
- 283 ROSEDALE, 1907, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Kern 91-13) E.\$8.
- 284 SAN FRANCISCO, 185?, VG cds ties pair #11 on cover to
Maine. Enclosure. Est. \$20.00
- 285 SAN JOSE, c.1880, VG cds on cvr w/illus GLOVE mfrg.cc.
Corner off UR & back tear. Est. \$4.00
- 286 SARATOGA, 1871, mss on 3-cent entire. Est. \$12.00
- 287 SOUTH BERKELEY STA., 1908, G+ dplx on PPC. Est. \$3.00
- 288 TEHAMA, c.1888, VG cds on cvr to Wash.Terr. cut into
2-cent green at rt. Est. \$6.00
- 289 UNIVERSITY, 1889, G cds as b/s on cvr pm. PASADENA. E\$6
- 290 VINA, 1900, about G cds on cvr w/winery cc. Est. \$5.00
- 291 Lot of 3 diff. handstamps on cover, 1900-27: SAUSALITO.
VALLEY CENTER & TERMINAL(DPO), G-VG. Est. \$5.00
- 292 Lot of 4 diff cachet cvrs, 1937-49, w/VG-F 4-bars incl.
COLOMA, MONTPELLIER, JENNY LIND & WONDERLAND. Est. \$10.
- 293 Lot of 4 diff. VG-F DOANES on PPC, 1906-08 in PLAYA
DEL REY, GREENVILLE, BROWNVILLE & ECHO MT.) Est. \$10.
- 294 Lot of 4 DPOs on Reg.Rcts. (AMEDEE, BECKWITH, BOCA &
MOHAWK), 1900-11, all G-VG strikes. Est. \$15.00
- 295 Lot of 5 4-bars & 2 DOANES on 7 PPCs, 1908-20, incl.
BADGER, YANKEE HILL, SHAFTER, SPRINGVILLE, etc., G-VG. E\$10

COLORADO

- 296 CANON CITY, 1878, G cds w/odd fancy cancel on cvr.E\$15
- 297 DEUEL, 1891, about G cds on cover w/stain and opened
into embossed stamp. (83-07) Est. \$10.00
- 298 FITZIMONS, 1922, VG machine on PPC.(1921-23) Est. \$6.00
- 299 KUNER, 1913, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1908-20) Est. \$20.00
- 300 LEADVILLE, 1879, decipherable cds on cover w/beautiful
overall illus. ad for HOTEL WINDSOR. Est. \$20.00
- 301 MARSHALL PASS, 1942, F 4-bar w/REMEMBER PEAR HARBOR in
bars on cachet cover. Est. \$6.00
- 302 MONON, 1910, G DOANE on PPC. (1901-18) Est. \$20.00
- 303 TROUTVILLE, 1931, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1909-53) Est. \$5.
- 304 WALDORF, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC(town view)(08-12)E.\$10.
- 305 Lot of 4 diff handstamps on PPC, 1904-11 (NEDERLAND,
NEW CASTLE, GLENWOOD SPRINGS, WINDSOR), all VG. E. \$10.

DELAWARE

- 306 REDLION, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1827-1923) Est.\$8.00

FLORIDA

- 307 ANTIOCH, 1912, G+ 4-bar on PPC(Tampa St.scene) DPO.E\$5.
- 308 GLENWOOD, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$4.00

HAWAII

- 309 FORT SHAFTER, 1913, VG 4-bar on cover. Est. \$12.00
- 310 SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, 1912, G+ 4-bar on cvr. Est. \$12.00

IDAHO

- 311 BLACK LAKE, 1936, VG 4-bar on phil.cvr (11-49) E.\$3.00
- 312 CATALDO, 1908, VG DOANE on PPC. Est. \$3.00
- 313 CLIFFS, 1940, F 4-bar on phil. card. (1907/50) E.\$3.00
- 314 DIETRICH, 1916, VG 4-bar on PPC. (09-72) Est. \$4.00
- 315 MARYSVILLE, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (91-43) Est. \$6.00
- 316 STEWART, 1914, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1911-18) Est. \$25.00
- 317 WALLACE, 1889(Dec), VG cds on cvr w/C.Eng.cc. Est. \$8.

ILLINOIS

- 318 BUFFALO HART, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00
- 319 CHICAGO, ILL./MAD.STR.STA., 1884, VG cds on cvr w/encl.E\$5
- 320 EMINGTON, LIVINGSTON CO., 1882, bold toothed cds and
MALTESE CROSS killer on UX5. Est. \$12.00
- 321 MAZON, 1887, G+ octagon on cover. Est. \$6.00
- 322 Lot of 5 4-bars on PPC, 1908-14, incl.WADSWORTH, GERMAN
VALLEY, TREMONT, BECKMEYER, G-VG. Est. \$8.00

IOWA

- 323 BRAINARD, 1910, G 4-bar on PPC. (74-14) Est. \$6.00
 324 CALLIOPE, 1908, G+ DOANE on PPC. (62/11) Est. \$8.00
 325 DES MOINES, 1880, about G cds on U167 w/letter on stat. of 18th State General Assembly. Est. \$4.00
 326 FORT DES MOINES, 1906, VG DOANE on PPC. (1904-55) E.\$5.
 327 FORT DES MOINES, 1910, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (04-55) E. \$3.
 328 HAYWARD, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (97-20) Est. \$5.00
 329 LOCUST, 1912, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (83/36) Est. \$5.00
 330 NORTH MCGREGOR, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (66-20) Est. \$6.
 331 POLK, 1912, G 4-bar on PPC. (83-24) Est. \$6.00

KANSAS

- 332 ANNELLY, 1914, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (85-21) Est. \$6.00
 333 ELYRIA, 1919, G+ 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$4.00
 334 JERICO, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00
 335 LAWRENCE/K.T., c.1858, about G cds & PAID/3 in circle on stampless cover. Est. \$25.00
 336 WYANDOTTE, c.1863, mss. on cvr w/#65 to Major in MO. VOLS. "In the Field/Via Otterville, Mo." Est. \$20.00
 337 Lot of 10 4-bars on PPCs, 1907-18, incl. GRADAN, GLADE, CLAUDELE, ESSEX, IMPERIAL, OKETO, etc., G-VG strikes. E.\$12

KENTUCKY

- 338 GLADYS, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00
 339 GOLDBUG, 1938, VG 4-bar on phil.cvr. DPO. Est. \$5.00

LOUISIANA

- 340 ALEXANDRIA, 1887, REG. CVR. w/pen-canceled #209 on U281 but no townmark to Wash./DC. Red DC Reg.b/s. Est. \$4.00

MAINE

- 341 DOVER SO. MILLS, c.1870, mss. on cvr w/#114. DPO. E\$10.
 342 KINDUSKEAG, 1886, G cds on cover w/#210 tied by 10-in-CIRCLE killer. Enclosure. DPO. Est. \$8.00
 343 WALTHAM, 1909, VG DOANE on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00
 344 WEST PENOBSCOT, 1906, VG DOANE on PPC w/PENOBSCOT DOANE as rec'd. DPO. Est. \$6.00

MICHIGAN

- 345 DETROIT/MARINE P.O., 1910, VG dplx on PPC. Est. \$6.00
 346 KEEGO HARBOR, 1920, VG 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$3.00
 347 LAURIUM, 1903, VG dplx on early PPC(Easter) Est. \$4.00

MINNESOTA

- 348 IMOGEN, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1901-13) Est. \$8.00

MISSISSIPPI

- 349 CLAIBOURNE, c.1858, mss on 3-ct Nesbitt. (1840-87) E.\$15

MISSOURI

- 350 ARMSTEAD, 1909, VG 4-bar on cover. (1907-62) Est. \$6.
 ORWOOD, 1899, mss. on REG. CVR. w/6x#247 & 3x#248 on 2-cent entire. Odd use of stamps. DPO. Est. \$10.00
 351 HARRISTON, (73-08) 1907, VG DOANE on PPC w/OSAGE IRON WORKS (72-31) DOANE as rec'd. Nice combination. Est. \$10.00
 352 ISBELL STATION, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC. (89-41) E.\$4.00
 353 KENWOOD, 1908, G+ DOANE on PPC. (90-36) Est. \$5.00
 354 PRIOR, 1910, VG DOANE on PPC. (94-39) Est. \$5.00
 355 ST. LOUIS, c.1863, VG dcads ties #65 on cvr. Est. \$4.00
 356 TIPTON, 1890, lite, readable cds on cvr w/MORGAN CO. promotional ADVERT. Est. \$12.00
 357 Lot of 7 4-bar & 1 DOANE on 7 PPCS, 1909-22 incl. LEEDS, AVAILLA, QUEEN CITY, HOUSTONIA, etc., G-VG. Est. \$10.00

MONTANA

- 358 ALMA, 1912, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1902-35) Est. \$8.00
 360 BIG-ELK, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (82/13) Est. \$15.00
 361 BOZEMAN, 1881, G red dcads on UX5. Est. \$8.00
 362 BUTTE CITY, 1882, VG blue cds & fancy star on UX5. E\$8.
 363 CANTON, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (72-35) Est. \$8.00
 364 DEER LODGE, 1881, VG dcads & target on UX5. Est. \$10.
 365 DILLON, 1881, G+ red cds on UX5. Est. \$8.00
 366 HALL, 1908, VG DOANE on PPC. Est. \$3.00
 367 LAKE BASIN, 1916, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1913-17) Est. \$12.
 368 LIVINGSTON, 1885, G cds on UX5. Est. \$6.00
 369 LIVINGSTON, c.1892, VG cds ties #219 on Valentine Cover drop rate. Light toning & missing back flap. Est. \$5.00
 370 MILES CITY, 1884, about G cds on UX5. Est. \$6.00
 371 VALENTINE, 1906, VG cds & target on cover. (03-43) E.\$8
 372 VIRGINIA CITY, 1882, G triple cds on UX5. Est. \$10.00
 373 YELLOWSTONE, 1913, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1909-20) Est. \$5.

NEBRASKA

- 374 AUBERRY, 1908, G magenta STRAIGHT LINE on PPC w/part'l BROCK, NEBR/REC'D. Est. \$12.00
 376 DAKOTA, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (56-16) Est. \$3.00
 377 FORT ROBINSON, 1897, G cds on 2-ct green ent. (79-53) E\$6
 378 KING, 1908, Fine cds & target on PPC (1902-34) E.\$8.00
 379 KIRK, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (90-29) Est. \$8.00

NEBRASKA

- 380 LAKELAND, 1908, G lite DOANE on PPC. (96-17) Est. \$10.
 381 LENA, 1909, G 4-bar on PPC. (91-60) Est. \$4.00
 382 OSBURN, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC. (79-13) Est. \$15.00
 383 QUICK, 1909, G DOANE on PPC. (87-45) Est. \$5.00
 384 SAINT ANN, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (03-54) Est. \$5.00
 385 SIOUX, 1910, about G (light) 4-bar on PPC. (95-14) E.\$10
 386 TABLE, 1908, VG DOANE on PPC. (96-28) Est. \$8.00
 387 WINFIELD, 1909, VG cds & target on PPC. (86-14) Est. \$12
 388 Lot of 10 diff. 4-bar on PPC, 1909-15, all strikes G-VG, (AYR, BRUNING/REC'D, STAPLETON, WILLOW ISLAND, ERICKSON, PAGE, CLATONIA, PRIMROSE, BOSTWICK & HUNTLEY) Est. \$12.00

NEVADA

- 389 ARTHUR, 1950, VG 4-bar on cacheted cvr (81/51) Est. \$5.
 390 AURORA, 1910, VG 4-bar on Reg. Pk. Rct. (1906-19) E.\$6.00
 391 BLACK FOREST, 1943, VG 4-bar on LD card (26-43) E.\$6.
 392 LAKE MEAD BASE, 1961, VG 4-bar on non-phil cvr. Est. \$4.
 393 NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT/HAWTHORNE, NEVADA, 1934, fancy clock postmark w/big USN anchor fancy killer. Est. \$10.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- 394 EAST LEMPSTER, 1900, G cds on cvr w/illus OLD HOME WEEK in NEW HAMPSHIRE ILLUS. ADVERT. Est. \$8.00
 395 GOSHEN, 1914, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1822-1931) Est. \$4.
 396 SOUTH WAKEFIELD, c.1908, VG 4-bar on PPC. (87-11) E.\$5

NEW JERSEY

- 397 CLERMONT, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC (Newark st. scene). DPO. E\$5
 398 KAMPE, 1907, G+ cds & target on PPC. DPO. Est. \$4.00

NEW MEXICO

- 399 EAST LAS VEGAS, 1911, VG dplx on PPC (Plaza Park). E.\$3.
 400 FORT STANTON, 1911, VG DOANE on PPC. Est. \$12.00
 401 GRAFTON, 1902, (Ty4) mss on Reg. Pk. Rct. Est. \$12.00
 402 LAS VEGAS, 1880, G lite magenta Ty9 w/cross in circle killer on UX5. Est. \$10.00
 403 MOUNTAINAIR, 1909, G+ Ty3 on PPC. Est. \$12.00
 404 NOLAN, 1909, VG Ty 1 on cvr w/edge wear. Est. \$6.00
 405 NUTT, 1882, VG magenta Ty1 on Reg. Rct. Est. \$40.00
 406 RINCONADA, 1889, VG magenta Ty1 on cover. Est. \$80.
 407 SANTA FE, 1889, VG Type 40 on 2-ct green ent. Est. \$5.
 408 WAGON MOUND, 1911, VG Ty8 on PPC. Est. \$6.00

NEW YORK

- 409 EXPRESS MAIL/N.YORK, 1845, G red cds on SFL. Est. \$20.
 410 MORRISANIA/N.Y.CITY, c.1880, VG cds on cvr. (1875-81) E\$12
 411 SING SING, 1891, VG dplx on cover. Est. \$10.00
 412 Lot of 5 diff. townmarks on cvr w/3ct 57's or 61's, G-VG strikes (NUNDA, SALEM, HUNTINGTON, ALBANY, SHARON SPRS) E\$10

NORTH DAKOTA

- 413 ANDRUS, 1911, G+ DOANE as rec'd on PPC. (89-14) Est. \$6.
 414 BETHEL, 1911, VG 4-bar on GPC. (1909-13) Est. \$15.00
 415 BUFFALO SPRINGS, 1915, about G 4-bar on PPC. (07-55) E.\$3.
 416 FAYETTE, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (98-56) Est. \$5.00
 417 GRIFFIN, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1908-30) Est. \$6.00
 418 HECKER, 1909, G+ DOANE on PPC. (1905-09) Est. \$20.00
 419 HIGLEY, 1907, VG DOANE on PPC. (1905-09) Est. \$20.00
 420 MULBERRY, 1910, G 4-bar on PPC. (1908-12) Est. \$12.00

OHIO

- 421 ANDOVER, 1873, G cds w/no killer on UX3. Est. \$8.00
 422 ATHENS, 1875, VG blue cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 423 COSHOCTON, 1875, G lite cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 424 GREENVILLE, 1874, VG cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 425 HAMILTON, 1874, F cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 426 LANCASTER, 1875, VG cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 427 LOGAN, 1874, G cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 428 MADISON MILLS, 1902, VG dplx on cvr cut just into #252 DPO 1942. Est. \$8.00
 429 MARSHALLVILLE, 1875, VG cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 430 MILLERSBURGH, 1883, (old spelling) VG on lady's cvr. E\$8
 431 OLD HICKORY, c.1880, VG cds on cvr. (1836-82) E.\$15.00
 432 PLEASANTVILLE, 1881, VG cds on cvr w/encl. Est. \$8.00
 433 POWHATTAN POINT, 1888, VG cds on cvr w/#213. Est. \$6.00
 434 RAVENNA, 1874, VG cds on UX3. Est. \$5.00
 435 RIDGEVILLE CORNERS, 1900, about G cds on U362. Est. \$4.
 436 SAINT CLAIRVILLE, 1894, G cds ties #231. DPO. Est. \$8.
 437 SOUTH TOLEDO, 1879, G+ cds on UX5. (1875-87) Est. \$15
 438 THORNVILLE, 1895, G cds on cvr. Est. \$6.00
 439 WEYMOUTH, 1874, about G cds on UX3. (24-05) Est. \$10.
 440 ZANESVILLE, 1875, VG cds & 3-bar killer on UX3. Est. \$5
 441 Lot of 10 4-bars on PPCs, 1908-37, incl. GREEN CAMP, NOVA, SCOTT, HOOKSBURGH, BUCKEYE LAKE, etc., G-VG. Est. \$10.00

OKLAHOMA

- 442 DELANEY, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1909-12) Est. \$15.00
 443 Lot of 6 4-bars on PPC, 1909-11, incl. GATE, OMEGA, LUTHER DRUMMOND, GATESBY & RENFROW, G-G+ strikes. Est. \$10.00

OREGON

- 444 ANTONE, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Wheeler 10-48pd) E.\$8.
 445 BROWNSBORO, 1954, G 4-bar on LDC. Est. \$3.00
 446 COYOTE, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1904-12) Est. \$75.00
 447 GRAND RONDE, c.1872, readable Ty2 ties #147 on cvr. E\$50
 448 JACKSONVILLE, 1882, G Type 7 on cvr w/2x1ct.bnknt.E\$20
 449 KERBY, 1918, G+ 4-bar on o'all DRUG ad cvr. Est. \$8.00
 450 LAKECREEK, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Jacks.86-59) E. \$4.
 451 LONEROCK, 1912, VG-F 4-bar on GPC. (Gill.75-63) E. \$4.
 452 LONEROCK, 1911, G mag. cds w/vert.bar klr.PPC. E\$8.00
 453 MACLEAY, 1918, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Marion 82-39) E. \$6.00
 454 NEHALEM/MOHLER RUR.STA., 1959, VG dcds on GPC. Est. \$3.
 455 NEW ERA, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Clack.76-40) Est.\$6.00
 456 NYE, 1910, VG DOANE on PPC. (Umat.87-17) Est. \$10.00
 457 NYSSA (1922) & MORO (1918), 2 G-VG dplxs on cvrs.E.\$4
 458 OLEX, 1910, G DOANE on PPC. (Gill.74-59) Est. \$5.00
 459 ONA, 1910, G+ 4-bar on PPC (Linc.90-20) Est. \$8.00
 460 ORDANANCE, 1956, VG dplx on cvr. opened @ both ends.E\$4
 461 OREGON CAVES, 1931, VG 4-bar on cover. (Jacks.24-56) E.\$6
 462 ORENCO, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Wash.09-55) Est.\$5.00
 463 ORETECH, 1955, G+ dplx on cover. (Klam.49-57) Est. \$5.00
 464 ORETOWN, 1909, G cds & target on PPC. (Till.77-54).E\$4
 465 PARKPLACE, 1916, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Clack.90-54) Est.\$4.
 466 PENDLETON/PENDLETON FIELD BR., 1941, G+ dcds on phil.GPC Est. \$8.00
 467 PERRYDALE, 1913, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Polk 70-53) Est. \$4.
 468 PLEASANT HOME, 1918, G 4-bar on PPC. (Mult.13-18pd) E.\$8.
 469 PRATUM, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Marion 98-53) Est. \$5.
 470 QUINCY, 1913, G 4-bar on PPC. (Colum.92-59) Est. \$4.00
 471 RAJNEESH PURAM, 1985, VG 4-bar on phil. GPC. Est. \$4.00
 472 REEDVILLE, 1905, G+ cds on PPC. (Wash.77-54) Est. \$5.
 473 REX, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Yamh.01-43) Est. \$4.00
 474 RICHMOND, 1909, G 4-bar on PPC. (Wheel.99-52) Est. \$4.
 475 SAINT HELEN & COLUMBIA CITY, 1907-08, VG 4-bars on two PPCs. Est. \$5.00
 476 SAMPSON, 1909, G+ DOANE on PPC. (Douglas 98-12) Est. \$12.
 477 SCOTTSBURGH, 1885, G+ blue Ty6 on cover w/encl. E.\$40
 478 SHELburn, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (Linn 90-46) Est. \$5.
 479 SILVERTON, 1897, about G Ty6 on 2-ct ent. Est. \$8.00
 480 TILLAMOOK/NAV. AIR STA.BR., 1943, VG dcds on phil. GPC.E\$8
 481 TROUTDALE, 1891, VG cds (unlisted) on cvr. Est. \$20.00
 482 VALLEY FALLS, 1943, VG 4-bar on LDC. Est. \$5.00
 483 WATERLOO, 1908, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (75-74) Est. \$4.00
 484 WILLOWCREEK, 1959, VG 4-bar on LDC (Mal.37-59) E.\$3.00
 485 Two page mining letter on ltrhd. of "The Don Juan Gold Mining & Milling Co./Clifford PO, Baker Co.", 1897, good letter but no cover. Est. \$10.00
 486 Lot of 5 diff. handstamp pms., G-VG, on covers, 1909-12, GEARHART, WOODBURN, NEWBERG, McMINNVILLE & WALDPORT, all w/letters in same correspondence. Est. \$8.00

PENNSYLVANIA

- 487 DEODATE/Dauphin Co., 1889, bold toothed oval on cover w/2-cent green. Est. \$15.00
 488 KEMPTON, 1906, VG DOANE ties #300 on cover. Est. \$3.00
 489 STREET ROAD, 1860, F cds on cvr w/#26 tied & WESTTOWN LOCAL stamp on reverse. Nice enclosure. Est. \$40.00
 490 SUGAR GROVE, 1891, VG cds & STAR-IN-CIRCLE klr on cvr. w/Jamestown, NY/TRANSIT & SUMNER/WASH oval b/s. E.\$15.
 491 Lot of 10 4-bar on PPCs, incl. WHITE MILLS, GIBSONIA, ROARING CREEK, LAKE CAREY, BERNVILLE, etc., G-VG. E. \$10.

RHODE ISLAND

- 492 BRIDGETON, 1903, VG cds on 2-ct ent. (93-43) Est. \$4.00
 493 HOMESTEAD, 1914, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1913-50) Est. \$4.00

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 494 ASHCROFT, 1910, G 4-bar on PPC. (89-19) Est. \$12.00
 495 BIJOU HILLS, 1916, about G 4-bar on PPC. (77-57) E.\$3.00
 496 COLINA, 1911, G+ magenta 4-bar on PPC. (1909-12) E.\$20
 497 EDDY, 1907, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1904-13) Est. \$15.00
 498 GRANDFIELD, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1908-17) Est. \$12.
 499 LE BEAU, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (82-25) Est. \$10.00
 500 NORDEN, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1907-12) Est. \$15.00
 501 OMATOMMA, 1913, G 4-bar on PPC. (1909-14) Est. \$10.00
 502 SIOUX FALLS, 1898, G+ dplx ties 2-ct Trans-Miss. Est.\$4
 503 WEST SIOUX FALL RUR.STA./SIOUX FALLS, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$6.00
 504 WHITE DEER, 1914, readable 4-bar on PPC. (11-31) E.\$4.00

TENNESSEE

- 505 SEVIERVILLE/GATLINBURG RUR.STA., 1935, F 4-bar. cvr.E\$3

TEXAS

- 506 DIES, 1938, G+ 4-bar on phil. cvr. DPO. Est. \$4
 507 FOWLER, 1904, VG cds on REG CVR to MEXICO w/scarce LAREDO EXCHANGE LABEL. File holes @ left. Est. \$10.00
 509 GRAYBURG, 1929, REGISTERED cover w/horiz. crease. E\$6
 510 SISTERDALE, 1918, G+ 4-bar on cover. DPO. Est. \$5.00

VIRGINIA

- 511 CRAB NECK, 1908, VG cds & bars-in-oval klr.PPC.DPO.E.\$5
 512 INDIAN CREEK, 1908, G+ 4-bar part'l o'strk. DPO. Est. \$4.
 513 LONG GLADE, c.1880, mss. on U163. DPO. Est. \$10.00
 514 MOUNT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC, 1906, VG DOANE on PPC.E.\$4
 515 SKYLAND, 1937, VG 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$3.00
 516 STATE TAVERN, c.1858, mss on 3-ct Nesbitt. DPO. E. \$10
 517 UNIVERSITY of Va., 1959, VG blue cds ties #26 on cvr.E\$8

WASHINGTON

- 518 ALBION, 1952, VG 4-bar on cvr w/ltr re-new PO bldg.E.\$4
 519 BREMER, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC w/cnr.crease. (90-23) E.\$5
 520 CAMANO, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1903-24) Est. \$10.00
 521 CARBONADO, 1901, F duplex on GPC. Est. \$4.00
 522 CATLIN, c.1907, G+ cds on PPC. (92-09) Est. \$10.00
 523 CENTER, 1911, F 4-bar on 2-cent entire. Est. \$10.00
 524 CHAMOKANE, 1910, about G 4-bar on PPC. (1907-11) E. \$20
 525 CHARD, 1907, F 4-bar on PPC. (87-11) Est. \$15.00
 526 CHAUTAUQUA, 1909, G DOANE on PPC. (88-12) Est. \$10.00
 527 CHOPAKA, 1915, VG 4-bar on cover. (1908-43) Est. \$10.
 528 CLEVELAND, 1898, VG cds on GPC. (81-15) Est. \$15.00
 529 CLIFFS, 1909, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (1907-50) Est. \$5.00
 530 CLYDE, 1913, VG 4-bar on PPC. (91-34) Est. \$8.00
 531 COLUMBUS, 1907, G DOANE on PPC. (72-22) Est. \$10.00
 532 CREOSOTE, 1912, G 4-bar on PPC. (08-56) Est. \$4.00
 533 DELRIO, 1917, VG 4-bar on Reg.Rct. (1904-34) Est.\$8.
 534 DOT, 1909, G 4-bar on PPC. (85-22) Est. \$6.00
 535 DOUGLAS, 1909, VG DOANE on PPC. (88-68) Est. \$6.00
 536 DRYAD, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (92-57) Est. \$6.00
 537 ELGIN, 1894, G cds on cvr w/minor edge wear. (92-36) E\$8
 538 ELLISPORT, 1916, VG 4-bar on PPC. (12-43) Est. \$5.00
 539 FLORENCE, 1908, G 4-bar on PPC. (84-49) Est. \$4.00
 540 FOREST, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC. (96-34) Est. \$5.00
 541 HARVEY, 1911, VG magenta DOANE as b/s on cvr. (87-25) E\$5
 542 KEYSTONE, 1911, G+ 4-bar on PPC. (Adams 01-26) Est. \$6
 543 LADU, 1912, G(worn) DOANE on PPC. (95-13) Est. \$5.00
 544 LAURIER, 1930, VG purple cds w/unusual 7-vert.bar klr on philatelic cover. Est. \$5.00
 545 NEW WHATCOM, 1892, G cds on litely soiled cvr. Est.\$8.
 546 NEWCASTLE, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC. (94-35) Est. \$4.00
 547 OLYMPIA, 1889(Apr), G+ cds on cvr opened just into 2ct. green. Enclosure. Est. \$8.00
 548 PACIFIC, 1922, VG 4-bar on 2-ct entire. (06-71) E.\$4.
 549 POINT ROBERTS, 1910, VG handstamp FLAG on PPC. Est. \$10.
 550 RICHMOND, 1908, VG magenta DOANE on PPC. (89-10) E. \$6.
 551 SEATTLE/BROADWAY STA., 1910, G+ dplx on PPC. (07-10).E\$4
 552 SPOKANE(YARDLEY RUR.STA.), 1914, readable 4-bar on PPC Scarce Rural 1913-20. Est. \$10.00
 553 Lot of 5 diff TERRITORIAL pms on fronts, 1885-86, G-VG strikes: CHENEY, WAITSBURG, DAYTON, COLFAX & WALLA WALLA Est. \$20.00
 554 Lot of 5 diff VG duplex pms., 1907-12, on PPC: ORTING, LYLE, MONTESANO, NEWPORT & PARKLAND. Est. \$8.00
 555 Lot of 13 diff. 4-bars on PPCs, 1907-17, incl. ILWACO, ROY, HUNTERS, SEAVIEW, BURTON, OLALLA, etc., G-VG. Est. \$15.

WEST VIRGINIA

- 556 NORTH MOUNTAIN, c.1880, G cds on 3-ct ent. DPO. Est. \$12.

WISCONSIN

- 557 ST.CROIX FALLS, 1882, G+ trip.cds & bar klr on UX5 in need of cleanup. Est. \$8.00
 558 YELLOWLAKE, 1908, VG DOANE on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00

WYOMING

- 559 CHEYENNE, WYO./REG'Y DIV., 1910, VG purple dcds on #10 REG. cover w/strip of 3 #303. Est. \$8.00
 560 FILMORE, 1935, VG mag. 4-bar on LDC. Est. \$6.00
 561 FORT WASHAKIE, 1944, G+ 4-bar on #10 penalty env. w/ Wind River Indian Agency return address. Est. \$4.00
 562 GOLDEN PRAIRIE, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC. (1908-16) E.\$40
 563 GRAMM, 1925, readable 4-bar on cover. (1915-26) E.\$8
 564 HOLMES, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC. (93/50) Est. \$8.00
 565 HOLMES, 1950, VG 4-bar on LDC. (93/50) Est. \$4.00
 566 LOLT, 1930, VG 4-bar on phil GPC. (05-36) Est. \$5.00
 567 ISHAWOOA, 1930, VG 4-bar on phil. GPC. (02-44) E.\$6.00
 568 LANDER, 1894, VG cds on U349. Est. \$8.00
 569 LARAMIE CITY, c.1880, G cds on 3ct. green ent. E. \$10
 570 LITTLE HORSE CREEK, 1910, G DOANE on PPC. (95-19) E.\$15.
 571 MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, 1900, Fine dplx on #10-size Pen. env. w/cc of U.S.Engineer Office. (80-02) Est. \$10.00
 572 TIPPERARY, 1940, VG 4-bar on LDC. Est. \$5.00

POSSESSIONS

- 573 CANAL ZONE #110 on 1937 Sibert cacheted FDC. E. \$8.
 574 SHANGHAI, CHINA/U.S.POSTAL STA., 1905, VG dplx on cvr.E\$8

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

- 575 ACKLEY/IOWA,1906, Rt.4, VG Type 1 on PPC. Est. \$8.00
576 Adrian/MO., 1909, Rt.6, Ty11 on PPC. Est. \$5.00
577 ALMYRA/ARK.,1906, Rt.2, VG Ty2F on cover. Est. \$12.00
578 ARLINGTON/VT.,1907, G Ty1A on PPC. Est. \$5.00
579 Aurora,OR.,c.1908, Rt.4, TypellF on PPC. Est. \$8.00
580 BARDWELL'S FERRY/MASS,1908, G+ Ty 1R on PPC. Est.\$5.
581 ELPASO/ILL., 1902, Rt.1, G+ Ty 2F on cover. Est. \$8.00
582 FRANKFORT/ILL.,1909, VG Ty2PAA on PPC. Est. \$6.00
583 GOSSVILLE/NH.,1907, G Ty2FD on PPC. Est. \$5.00
584 GREENVILLE/NY.,1907,G Ty2F on PPC missing UL cnr.E.\$3
585 HAMPTON FALLS/NH,1907, G+ Ty1J o'strk by BOSTON FLAG
also FORWARDED on PPC. Est. \$4.00
586 Keats/KS, c.1909, Rt.1, Ty1ID on PPC. Est. \$5.00
587 METHUEN STA./LAWRENCE,MASS.,1906,VG red Ty1A.PPC.E\$10.
588 Muenster/TX., 1907, Rt.2, Type 11 on Ppc. Est. \$8.00
589 WARRENTON/VA.,1900,Rt.1, VG Ty1 on GPC w/corner creases
Unlisted type. Est. \$10.00
590 Wellsville/MO.,1909, Rt.3, Ty11C on PPC. Est. \$4.00
591 WEST POINT/IOWA,1909, Rt2, G+ Ty1 on PPC. Est. \$6.00
592 Lot of 4 diff. KANSAS mss RFDs on PPC. (Kanopolis,
Glasco, Redfield & Solomon) Est. \$12.00

RAILWAY POST OFFICES

- 593 ALBQ. & WILLIAMS, 1907, VG (964-K-1) on PPC. Est. \$15.
594 ASHLAND & SAN FRAN.,1915, G+ (894-I-1) on PPC. E\$4.00
595 BAYVIEW & GRANDRAP.,1913, VG (632-B-1) on PPC. Est. \$6
596 BEMIDJI & SALK CENT.,1909,G+ (878.1-A-1) PPC. Est. \$6.
597 BUTTE/MONT TRAIN LATE/MAIL DELAYED,1907, o'struck on
NEWARK/NJ machine on PPC. Est. \$4.00
598 CHANUTE & MADISON,1911, F (909-L-1) on PPC. Est. \$10.
599 COFFEYVILLE & L. ROCK,1910,G (453-E-2) on PPC. Est. \$5.
600 DENV. & LEADVILLE/AGT.,1880, G (954-A-1) on cvr.E.\$50.
601 DODGE & TRINIDAD,1920, VG (911-T-1) on cover. Est. \$5.
602 EL RENO,OKLA/TRANS.CLK.,1910, VG on PPC. Est.\$4.00
603 EXHIBIT CAR,SPG. MASS.,1925,G+ (69-D-4) on cvr. Est. \$6.
604 FORT DEFIANCE,VA./VALLEY RAIL ROAD,G (273-S-9) on cvr
w/1-cent banknote. Light toning. Est. \$30.00
605 FT.WORTH,TEX/TRANS.CLK.,1907, about G on PPC. Est.\$3.
606 HORICON & PORTAGE,1907, VG (840-F-2) on PPC. Est. \$6.00
607 JACK & ENT./FAST M.,1887,G+ (1-9-c) on cover w/overall
HOTEL ad on reverse. Minor closed tears. Est. \$20.00
608 JACKSONVILLE,FLA/TRANS.CLK.R.M.S.,1917,VG dplx PPC.E\$4
609 JUNEAU & SITKA,1938, G Ty3 on phil.cvr. Est.\$10.00
610 K.CITY & HOISINGTON,1932, VG (920-M-1) on cover. E.\$8.
611 K.CITY & PUEBLO,1907, F (920-Q-1) on PPC. Est. \$6.00
612 LA JUNTA & ALBQ.,1886,about G (911-Q-2) on cvr. Est.\$5
613 MADEIRA & FAIRMONT,1909, VG (870-H-1) on PPC. Est. \$10.
614 MINN. & GREEN./AGT.,1878, VG blue (845-B-1) GPC. E.\$20.
615 NEWT. & PUEBLO/AGT.,1878, G (911-C-1) on cvr. Est.\$20.
616 OGDEN,UTAH/TR.CLK.,1926, G+ on PPC. Est. \$2.00
617 PENTWATER & MUSK.,1910, VG (623-T-1) on PPC. Est. \$4.
618 RICHHILL & GENESEO,1909, VG (920-AB-1) on PPC. Est. \$4.
619 ROCKY MOUNT & BEAUFORT,NC/HPO,1950, First Trip cvr.E\$3.
620 SAN FRAN. & SANTA CRUZ,1912, VG (980-L-2) on GPC. E.\$6.
621 ST.VINCENT & ST.PAUL,1912, G+(869-AW-1) on cvr. E.\$8.
622 SUMAS & SEATTLE, 1916, about G (901/L-C-1) PPC. E.\$8.
623 TR.CLK.OAKLAND PIER/CAL.,1907,G+ cds on PPC. Est. \$4.
624 TUCUMCARI & EL PASO,1912, VG (969.3-F-4) on PPC. E.\$6
625 WILLISTON & SPOK./E.D.,1918,VG (869-B-1) on PPC. E\$5

TROLLEYS

- 626 BROOKLYN CIRCUIT RPO on 3 1905-06 PPCs w/#300.Tr.4,12
and 20. Est. \$8.00
627 CHICAGO N.CLA.ST.R.P.O./ILL.,Car 1, 1908, G dplx on
cvr opened into 2-cent red. Est. \$4.00
628 ST.L.GD.AVE.CIRCUIT, 1900, VG (SL3-E) on cvr. Est.\$8.

SHIPS AND NAVAL RELATED

- 629 MARINE'S LETTER/ACT of 3 OCT 1917/SECTION 1100 in 3
lines on cover to New York. Est. \$12.00
630 POSTED ON BOARD/MS GRIPSHOLM.SWEDISH-AMERICAN LINE,1969
fancy, illus. postmark on PPC of ship. Est. \$3.00
631 USS ARIZONA, 1928, VG dplx (Ty6) on cover. Est. \$6.00
632 USS CALIFORNIA,1914, w/MAZATLAN/MEXICO btwn 3-bars of
killer, VG strike on PPC missing piece lower center.E\$4
633 USS CALIFORNIA,1930,VG dplx (Ty6) on cover. Est. \$4.00
634 USS LOUISIANA, c.1910, about G 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$4.
635 USS RHODE ISLAND,1911, G 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$4.00
636 USS UTAH, 1924, G+ 3-bar on PPC w/crease. Est. \$4.00
637 USS VIRGINIA, 1910, G+ 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$5.00
638 Lot of 3 diff. on phil. cvr.,1956, VG-F strikes: SIERRA,
POLARIS & MANSFIELD. Est. \$5.00

FLIGHTS

- 639 25TH ANNIV. FLT.,pm KITTY HAWK/NC,1928 w/#650. E\$4.00
640 CANADIAN AIR - SYDNEY-MONCTON FLIGHT,1929, #C1 on cach.
cover. Est. \$10.00
641 FAM 18 (NYC-MARSEILLE),1939, cach.cvr C24. Est. \$8.00
642 FAM 18 (NYC-MARSEILLE),1939, cach.cvr C7,8 & UC4. E\$6
643 LINDBERGHIANA, CAM2, MILWAUKIE machine ties #642 & C10
on cacheted 1928 FFC. Est. \$15.00
644 MIXED FRANKING, CUBA #C1 & US #C12 pm HAVANA to NYC on
1930 flight non-philatelic flight cover. Est. \$6.00
645 WASH./DC INT'L CIVIL AERONAUTICAL CONF. slogan ties
#649 on 1928 philatelic cover. Est. \$3.00

MILITARY

- 646 PHILIPPINE STATION/SA FRANCISCO,1898, VG purple dcds on
"Soldier's Mail" cvr opened roughly just into pm. Also
"POSTAGE DUE,2 CTS." & 2-ct due stamp. Est. \$10.00

EXPOSITIONS

- 647 COLUMBIAN OFF.PPC,Ser.1,Design 5, pm. WORLD'S FAIR STA,
Oct.3 1893. Flattened creases. Est. \$8.00
648 EXPOSITION STA./OMAHA,NEBR.,1898?, VG cds (no year date)
or killer on UX14. Probably 098-01. Scarce. Est. \$25.00
649 PHILADELPHIA,1899, NAT'L EXPORT, G+ BARRY MACHINE
(P99-06) on cover w/heating co. cc. Est. \$10.00

MACHINE CANCELS

- 650 CLEVELAND,1894,VG INTERNATIONAL on U349 w/cc of FAUCET
Co. Est. \$2.00
651 ELLENSBURG/WASH,1910, G+ FLAG on PPC (A-14) Est. \$2.00
652 HANCOCK/MICH,1903, F DOREMUS on cvr w/ITHACA,MICH
PERFECTION backstamp rec'd. Est. \$6.00
653 HOLTON/KANS.,1915, VG DOREMUS on cover. Est. \$3.00
654 OGDEN/UTAH, 1901, VG FLAG on 2-ct red entire. Est. \$3.
655 OSWEGO/NY,1909, VG BARRY (LA-S-1) fancy letters.PPC.E\$5
656 RECEIVED IN/PACKAGE BOX COLLECTION, GRAND CENTRAL STA.,
NY, 1915, G+ INTERNATIONAL on PPC. Est. \$5.00
657 ROCHESTER/MICH.,1913, VG PERFECTION as b/s on cvr pm
MOORE/TEX 4-bar. Est. \$4.00
658 SOUTH BETHLEHEM/PA, (DPO),1918, Fine FLAG on cvr.E\$4.
659 WINONA/MINN,1903 & 07, 2 FLAGS tie #300 on Deposit cds:
one Pvt.Mailing Card; one Post Card. Est. \$4.00
660 Lot of 3 LEAVITTS on GPC,1885-86, all VG: ST.LOUIS"B";
KANSAS CITY "B" & BALTIMORE "C". Est. \$5.00
661 Lot of 5 BOSTON AMERICANS,1885-90, incl. the rare
1885 TRANSIT (VG) as a b/s on cover. Est. \$20.00
662 Lot of 12 FLAGS (Langford=162 pts)cut 2x4 & remounted
on envelopes. Est. \$2.00

AUXILIARY MARKINGS

- 663 ADVERTISED/MERCED,CAL.,1912, in magenta dcds on cvr
pm. STOCKTON PAN-PACIFIC slogan. Est. \$5.00
664 "T/SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL/DOUBLE POSTAGE REQUIRED" in on
large cvr w/9-cent PREXY tied by N.Y. & BUENOS AIRES
SEA POST/S.S.URUGUAY, 1939, dplx. Unusual. Est. \$8.00

STAMPS ON COVER

- 665 #462a booklet pane w/selvedge on cvr pm CLEVELAND. E\$10
666 Block of 8 of 1-cent Wash.(A140) canceled by BOMARTON,
TEX/M.O.B. on cover. Est. \$6.00
667 #1030 strip of 5 w/DES MOINES precancels on LOOK MAG.
envelope. Est. \$3.00
668 #1338G MECHANICAL ERROR (MISPERF) on 1973 non-phil. cvr
pm U.S.POSTAL SERVICE, NM870. Est. \$5.00
669 C21 & C22 on non-phil. 1937 flight cvr Richmond/VA to
Sydney via Hong Kong (b/s) Clipper. Est. \$10.00
670 C22 (4) + C9 (2) on 1940 #10 size air cover NYC to
Argentina/ Est. \$8.00
671 Lot of 5 REGISTERED COVERS, 1905-14, stamps incl.#306,
307,336(pair),379(pair). Nice lot. Est. \$30.00
672 SPECIAL DELIVERY,1915-1944, lot of 4 covers: 2 w/E9 &
2 for LD 10ct. & FD 17ct. rates. Est. \$12.00

ADVERTISING COVERS

- 673 COIN COLLECTING, illus. cc of Am.Numismatic Soc. on cvr
pm. JERSEY CITY, 1908. Est. \$5.00
674 COWS, illus Feed & Grain dir cvr pm MONTCLAIR/NJ,1923
missing back top flap. Est. \$5.00
675 GENERAL STORE, illus. CHAS.ILFELD, Las Vegas,N.M.Terr.,
ad on cvr pm LAJUNTA & ALBQ./RPO, 1899. Est. \$12.00
676 HOTEL, lot of 3 illus. covers,1916-29, for hotels in
Portland/OR, Kansas City & Vancouver/BC. Est. \$10.00
677 HOUSEHOLD GOODS: (Window shade & Heater) on 2 illus
covers franked w/#300, 1903 BOSTON machines. Est. \$8
678 HOUSING CONTRACTOR, illus. ad cvr pm LAWTON/OKLA. FLAG
(poor) 1918. Est. \$8.00

ADVERTISING COVER

- 679 LOCOMOTIVE, illus BLF&E Union cc on cvr pm LITTLE ROCK, ARK., 1907, part '1 DIAMOND-IN-BARS machine, encl. E. \$15.
- 680 PIANO FACTORY, illus. overall ad cvr pm SAN FRANCISCO, 1885 duplex. Est. \$15.00
- 681 RUBBER GOODS, 2 diff illus ad cvrs, 1908 w/#300 tied by machine cancels. Est. \$10.00
- 682 SHOE FACTORY, illus. cover pm BALTIMORE, 1882. Est. \$8.
- 683 STEAM PUMP, illus cover pm SAN FRAN. c.1880 cut into 3-cent green banknote at right. Est. \$6.00
- 684 TIRE, illus Auto Tire ad on cvr pm SACRAMENTO, 1919. E\$6
- 685 TOW BOAT, illus cc for Cox's Towing Line, pm ELIZABETH, NJ, 1900 FLAG. Attractive. Est. \$10.00
- 686 WINE, overall Winery ad on cvr pm. SAN FRAN. 1882. E\$8.
- 687 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP, illus medal on cvr pm GLEN ELLEN, CAL., 1911. Est. \$10.00
- 688 Lot of 4 covers, 1875-82 w SAN FRAN corner cards incl. one w/o' all illus. ad for gold scales on reverse. Condition only fair to good. Est. \$15.00
- 689 Lot of 4 diff. SAN JOSE/CAL. ccs., incl. one illus., 1921-23. Est. \$5.00
- 690 Lot of 4 fancy return cc. (hotel, groceries, magazine & addressing co) on cvrs w/#300, 1904-07. Est. \$8.00
- 691 Lot of 9 diff CALIFORNIA ccs. on cover, 1895-1927, most SAN FRAN. & 3 are fancy. Est. \$5.00

MISCELLANY

- 692 AUTOGRAPH, Mrs. Robert H. Goddard, on FDC w/Plate Block of Goddard airmail stamp, 1964. Est. \$5.00.
- 693 CAPETOWN (S. Africa), 1926, on cvr to Mary Pickford. E. \$4
- 694 FDC # 726, pm SAVANNAH/GA., 1933 w/cachets. Est. \$4.00
- 695 FDC, #688, pm DRADDOCK, PA w/handstamp cachet. Est. \$6.
- 696 MAP, 9x11", handcolored Middle Atlantic States, c.1880, from Colton's Geography. VG cond. Est. \$10.00
- 697 MAP, 9x11", handcolored Midwest (DAK. Terr.-OHIO) c.1880, from Colton's Geography. Good cond. Est. \$10.00
- 698 PANAMA RAILROAD CO. cc. cover, 1901, franked w/PANAMA #18 tied AGENCIA POSTAL NACIONAL to NYC. Mss. "per SS Admiral". Est. \$15.00
- 699 POSTAL NOTE, 1887, pm. YREKA/CAL MOB. Est. \$5.00
- 700 SFL postmarked BELLEVILLE/ILLINOIS, 1844, VG dcdds w/ great letter telling of death of member of SANTA FE EXPEDITION. Fragile cond., but great piece! Est. \$75.
- 701 STEAM, bold 35x6mm St. Line (ST. LOUIS) ties #26 on cvr to Maine. est. \$20.00
- 702 TELEGRAPH, cc. of EXCELSIOR FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, pm. MOUNT VERNON/OHIO, c.1880 (poor) Est. \$4.00
- 704 WX24 tied by MAINE 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$3.00
- 705 WX26 tied by SALT LAKE CITY machine on PPC. Est. \$3.00
- 706 WX31 tied by OSHKOSH/WIS machine on PPC. Est. \$3.00
- 707 YELLOWSTONE NAT'L PARK, 1909, ltr from Supt. to Supt. of Yosemite Park re-Sierra Club. In Penalty env. but no postmark; probably hand carried. Est. \$10.00
- 708 Lot of 13 ADVICE of MONEY ORDER FORMS, 1897-98, from 12 diff CALIF. P.O.s. All bear M.O.B. pms. Better P.O.s incl. CINNABAR, STENT, MOTT & GOLDENGATE. Est. \$25.00
- 709 Lot of 5 diff. POD WARNING CARDS, 1916-17 to postmasters warning of stolen currency, money orders, etc. Est. \$10
- 710 Lot of 7 WELLS FARGO & CO. station cards, 1907-10. E\$5

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ABBREVIATIONS COMMONLY USED:

PPC - picture post card
 GPC - government postal card
 cds - circular date stamp
 dcds - double circular date stamp
 sfc - stampless folded cover; no letter
 sfl - stampless folded letter
 dplx - duplex postmark & cancel
 b/s - backstamp
 rec'd - received marking
 LDC - last day cover

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103	3.50	206	3.00	308	9.50	412	13.00	514	4.00
104	2.00	207	3.50	309	14.00	413	8.50	515	8.00
105	2.50	208	9.50	310	10.00	414		516	5.50
106	6.50	209	2.00	311	24.00	415		517	11.00
107	9.00	210	13.00	312	9.50	416		518	11.00
108	4.50	211	22.00	313	11.00	417	4.50	519	2.00
109	4.50	212	14.00	314	26.00	418	46.00	520	
110	4.50	213	4.00	315	4.50	419		521	5.50
111	55.00	214	260.00	316	4.00	420	2.50	522	2.00
112	5.00	215	6.50	317	3.00	421		523	
113	5.00	216	3.00	318	3.50	422	11.00	524	12.00
114	3.00	217	7.50	319	16.00	423	2.50	525	8.50
115	3.00	218	3.00	320	22.00	424	9.50	526	7.50
116	16.00	219	2.50	321	32.00	425	4.50	527	14.00
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153	13.00	256		358	7.00	462	4.50	564	
154	9.50	257	2.00	359	65.00	463	15.00	565	5.50
155	95.00	258	5.50	360	24.00	464		566	2.50
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191		294	4.50	396	11.00	500	8.50	602	7.00
192		295	9.50	397	8.50	501		603	8.50
193	4.00	296	16.00	398	2.50	502	32.00	604	15.00
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195	13.00	298	13.00	400	5.50	504	11.00	606	9.00
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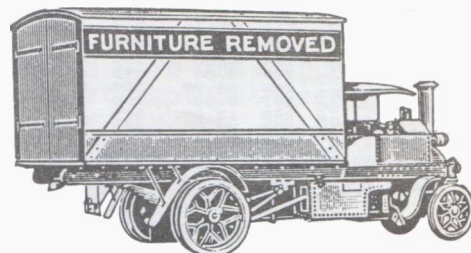
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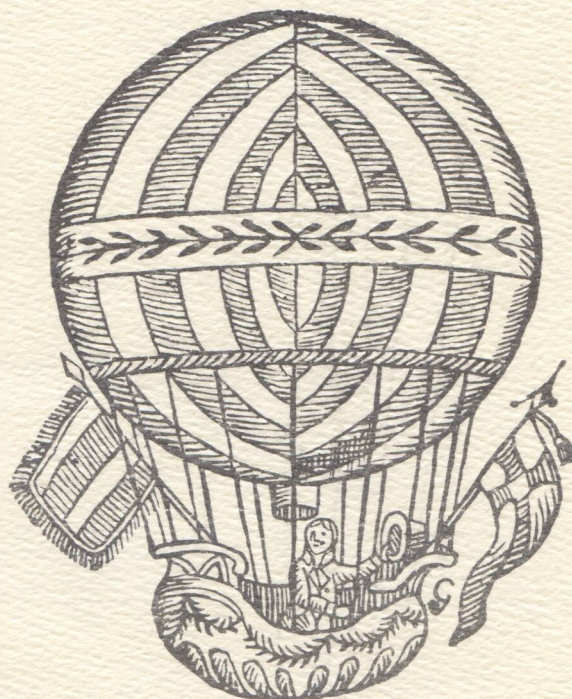
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