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BLOWING OUR HORN

Boy, oh boy, do we have a number for you this time! From David Robinson's stampless covers to Bob McCurdy's modern USPS cancels, and from Alan Patera's classic geographical approach to the settlement and postal history of the Sand Hills to Ted Gruber's and Dick Long's postmark

cataloging of Nevada and Washington Territory, we have a wonderful feast of high-quality postal history research. This is exactly the kind of fascinating and varied content that I have long hoped to see in the pages of *LA POSTA*. To all of you who have authored and edited material for this particular issue, my sincere thanks. The combination of your special talents in our pages has



raised *LA POSTA* to a new level of excellence. This number represents a new yardstick, against which we will be able to measure our progress in the future.

Before I begin receiving reports from readers living in "the earlier time zones", I will hasten to add that the content of this issue does have a slightly Western bias. The bias results primarily from Ted Gruber's massive effort in cataloging the postmarks of Elko County, Nevada. Elko is the largest -- in terms of number of offices -- of Nevada's counties, and Ted and I were most desirous of presenting the entire county in one piece, rather than breaking it up into two or more installments. The result, when combined with the work of Dick Long and Tim Boardman in Washington Territory, is a Western Section about twice as long as normal.

These postmark cataloging projects are, in my opinion, extremely important basic postal history research. Naturally, because of their format, they do not always make fascinating reading, but they are critically important from the standpoint of solidifying our base of postal history literature. Other postmark cataloging projects are now ongoing for California (by John Williams publishing in Western Express), New Mexico Statehood (by Tom Todsen, for whose ad please see our "Classifieds" under Towns: Wanted), Arizona Statehood (soon to be released by the Western Postal History Museum), and Rhode Island (according to Larry Merolla). Projects such as these require a tremendous amount of organization, a great deal of dedication on the part of the compiler, no small measure of skill in executing proper tracings, and tons of co-operation from collectors and dealers able to contribute information. Once accomplished, however, a statewide postmark catalog provides a beacon for attracting new collectors and will stand forever as a monument to the scholarship of those who compiled it. I am all in favor of statewide postmark catalogs. We will not attempt to publish them all in *LA POSTA*, but we will certainly be pleased to offer all possible assistance to any individual or group involved in such a project.

Ken Schoolmeester informs us that plans for the Postal History Seminar at FLOREX (November 2, 1989) are well along. He has already received reservations from postal historians from as far away as Texas, Arizona and Michigan, and preliminary indications are that this should be an important and worthwhile get-together. I can promise you that at least two of LA POSTA's editors and I are eagerly anticipating the event. We will be there, and we look forward to meeting many of you there. Ah, sunny Florida in November! After our unusual cool and rainy Oregon summer this year, it sounds too good to be true.

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Elsewhere in this issue of LA POSTA you will find an advertisement announcing the availability of a new postal history publication called Windsong. The first issue of Windsong, dated June 15, 1989, has come to hand, and it is a rather unusual publication.

Issue No. 1 consists of 20 pages (8.5x11 inch booklet format) of typewriter (courier) text printed by offset machine. Only one illustration is included; a cover illustrated in both reduced and normal size by photocopy. The presentation is clear and readable, although the long lines of print on a solid page of text can be a little overpowering.

The most interesting aspect of Windsong is what it says; not how it is said. Geoffrey Remond bills his journal as "a bi-monthly commentary on American Postal History...", and, while this issue contains articles dealing with DPO collecting, postal history market mechanics, and private perforation stamps on cover, each subject is treated with a heavy dose of opinion. Opinion, or commentary, is typically restricted to editorial pages in most postal history publications. Over the years some dealers, feeling a need to speak out on a variety of subjects, have produced "house organs"; usually oneto-four page letters expanding or amplifying the dealer's position on this or that matter of concern in the hobby. Wesley A. Crozier of Fair Haven, NJ has produced one of the more widely distributed of such house organs in recent years. Windsong promises to be more than a house organ. True, Remond is a postal history dealer and part of the coverage of Windsong is given to a "Dealer's Corner", but the scope of the publication -- the range of postal history subjects considered -suggest that, over time, it might develop into a true forum for debating controversial issues within the hobby.

The articles appearing in Windsong No. 1 are well-written.

Remond is quite articulate, and, while one may not always agree with his opinions on a particular subject, the reader will find his arguments carefully reasoned and thoughtfully presented. Remond's prose occasionally drops into the vernacular, but this reviewer found that to be no great distraction.

My overall impression of the first issue of Windsong is favorable. The subscription price of \$3 per number and \$18 per year seems a shade high, but perhaps the informational content of Remond's expertise in a wide variety of fields will justify the expense... Opinions, as we have long been led to believe, are cheap, but useful knowledge is worth almost any price.

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BEECHER RESPONDS TO HELBOCK'S ARTICLE ON DOMESTIC AIR RATES

Henry Beecher of Portland, Oregon, took the time to write a lengthy and detailed critique of Richard Helbock's article, "U.S. Surcharge Air Mail Fees to Europe and Beyond" of which Part I appeared in the June-July issue of *LA POSTA*. Henry's comments are keyed to the pages which contained the article as follows:

p. 26: American countries not enjoying 2-cent letter rates in 1924 included Chile (not until 13 Aug 25), Venezuela (30 Jul 28), Martinique (not after 31 Jan 23), and the following never: St. Pierre & Miquelon, French Guiana, Surinam and Guadalupe. "Spain" included the enclaves on the north coast of Africa (Cueta, Melilia, etc.) as they have always been, politically and postally, an integral part of Spain, and the Sp. PO in Tangier, and Andorra, but no protectorates or colonies until the 1930's.

p. 27: CAM 5 was discontinued 10 Apr, resumed 1 Jun 1926. CAM 8 connected spatially with the Govt. route. but not temporally, so circumstances in which use of both routes would be expeditious were few, CAM 10 was inaugurated 1 Apr between Jacksonville and Miami; extended to Atlanta 15 Sep; discontinued 31 Dec 26. CAM 13 went only between Philadelphia and Washington; discontinued 10 Oct when CAM 15 inaugurated. (There was service between NY and Phila, for one week starting 4 Sep in connection with the Sesquicentennial Expo., but it was not a CAM route; it was treated as an extension of the Zone 1 part of the Govt. transcontinental route.) CAM 15 was discontinued 30 Nov 26.

p. 27: Because of schedule time, the overnight service between NY and Chicago had no utility in connection with any further Govt. service, but only in connection with some CAM routes terminating in Chicago. For letters to foreign countries it would be expeditious only for some mail deposited to make the right connections eastbound (possibly westbound in a few cases to some western Canadian destinations).

p. 27: On CAM service, the rate variation was not by the total number of miles a letter was carried on CAM route, but according to the total length of each CAM route. All except CAM 8 were less than 1,000 miles, so rate was 10 cents on each route except CAM 8, on which it was 15 cents (regardless of distance carried). No 20 cent rate was ever in effect. [Don't ask me for the rationale for charging more to go 100 miles on the long route than 900 miles on the shorter routes. The language in statute and PMG Order is ambiguous enough that for a few years I thought the rates varied by total miles carried, and supposed that FFCs on CAM 8 flown from Medford to Seattle and bearing 15 cents postage were overpaid.]

p. 27: The July 1926 Guide is the annual complete volume, not a Supplement. See both pp. 83 and 198 for clue for deducing the surcharges.

p. 30: Again, July 1928 not a Supplement. The earliest publication of the new rates was in the Aug 28 Supp., because the July volume was not published until later. The 6 Jul 32 tariff was also in the July annual volume.

p. 30, col. 2: All the 2-cent international rates ended between Sep 31 and Apr 32. So, by Jul 32, the only reduced rates were 3 cents/ounce (only to PUAS members). You are not quoting from Jul 38 Supp., but from the *Guide* Part II annual volume.

By the 1938 surcharge scheme, the charge to UPU-rate countries did not remain at 8 cents/ounce, but 8 cents for first ounce. For 2-ounce letter, the total charge which had been 16 cents became 11 cents. There was much greater effect (reduction) for categories of Postal Union mail other than letters. There was not in 1938 "an unnecessarily complicated rewording", but the adoption of a different and fairer basis. I would guess that complaints had come through the UPU International Bureau that the US was not complying with provisions of the UPU convention.

Note 1: The exceptions were Spain and its "possessions on the north coast of Africa" (Ceuta, etc.), which are not "colonies", the Spanish protectorate in Morocco (from 2 Dec 32), and the colonies of Guinea and Rio de Oro (from 7 Feb 38).

pp. 30-31: The charge for air service within the US for mail going abroad did not remain the same from 21 Jun 38 through Sep 46: effective 26 Mar 44 (when domestic airmail rate went from 6 cents to 8 cents/ounce) this charge became 8 cents/ounce, ordi-

nary (surface) postage included (PB 18703, 21 Mar 44); and effective 1 Oct 46 it became 7 cents/ounce (PB 18963, 17 Sep 46). The service was not discontinued until 1 Jul 48 (PB 19144, 29 Jun 48).

[ED: LA POSTA is indebted to Henry Beecher for sending along the corrections and additions to set the record straight. Author Helbock, far from cowering in a corner licking his wounds, will be back in the next issue with a discussion of the surcharges required on US mail to provide air service by foreign carriers in Europe.]

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ERROR 4-BAR REPORTED

Ronald Ward sends along an illustration of a prominent spelling error recently in use on a 4-bar hand-stamp.



NEW HANDSTAMP FLAG DISCOVERED

Richard Helbock reports discovery of a previously unlisted handstamp flag cancel from Juniper, Oregon. Up until now, the only handstamp flag reported from Oregon was a device used at Helix in Umatilla County. Juniper Post Office, which closed in 1912, was located only six miles from Helix, and it must be assumed that the Juniper postmaster was so favorably impressed with the Helix flag that he decided to use one of his own.

The two discovery examples of the Juniper flag date from Oct 19, 1908, and Feb 6, 1909; a period which coincides with the known use of the Helix flags. Helix postmaster S. T. Isaac was compensated \$501 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. Juniper postmaster Charles E. McLellan received \$29 for the same year.

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A NOTE ON THE BENNINGTON, IND. TER., TYPE 1 DOANE

Larry Merolla, a student of Indian Territory postmarks, reports that he has some doubt that the Type 1 Doane illustrated in *LA POSTA*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (June-July 1989) is actually a "pure" Doane cancel. According to Larry, the double circle datestamp has been recorded with dates of Nov. 4 and Dec. 9, 1904; and Dec. 11, 1906. In each of these cases the dcds appears with a cork or target killer -- not the Type 1 Doane bars! Furthermore, upon close inspection, the bars appear a bit high with respect to the postmark dial (see illustration).

Larry's conclusion is that the example is a composite postmark made up from the local attachment of a non-standard dcds and the bars from a Doane-type handstamp. Unfortunately, no other 1905 examples of Bennington postmarks are known, and we must await their discovery for further evidence.



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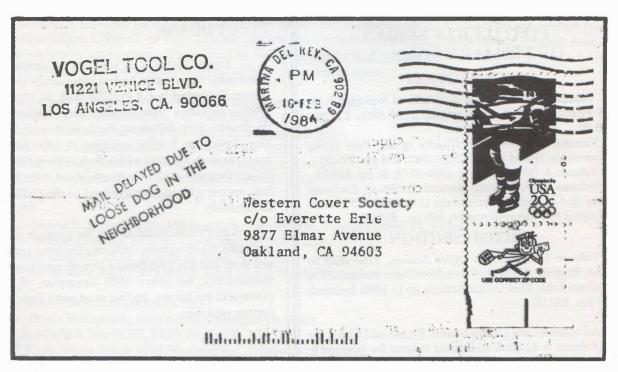


Figure 1. A "loose dog" cover dating from 1984.

AUXILIARY MARKINGS

POSTMAN'S BEST FRIEND?

By Randy Stehle

One of the most popular areas currently pursued in auxiliary markings is interrupted mail. This broad field includes such diverse items as crash covers (air, sea and land),

LA POSTA is pleased to welcome back Randy Stehle, who continues his popular series on Auxiliary Markings after a year and a half hiatus. Randy has been working on a multi-part series on Nonstandard 20th Century Townmarks, which will begin appearing in our pages shortly. The Auxiliary Marking Series will also appear from time to time.

damaged mail, stolen mail, and mail delayed by postal strikes. In some cases its truly amazing that the post office has delivered such pieces after what they have been through.

The markings discussed in this article fall under the general heading of interrupted mail. They were probably detained for a shorter period and arrived in better condition than any other type of interrupted mail. The cover illustrated in Figure 1 was mailed from southern California to Oakland in 1984. The marking, "MAIL DELAYED DUE TO/LOOSE DOG IN THE/NEIGHBORHOOD" appears to the left of the address. The addressee, Everett Erle (Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Cover Society), is an acquaintance of the author, and it can be stated as fact that the dog in question belonged to Mr. Erle's neighbor.

The 1913 edition of *Postal Laws* and *Regulations* (*PL&R*) states in Sec. 710:

Carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large. Persons keeping such dogs must call at the post office for their mail.

The 1924 PL&R contains a similar regulation, except the requirement that the offending postal patron pick his mail up at the post office is gone. Wording in the PL&Rs of 1932, 1940 and 1948 is identical to that in the 1924 edition. The current Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) does not address the loose dog issue at all, but the exact date upon which the subject was dropped from the official rules in unknown. The presence of markings related to this subject on mail of recent vintage indicates that an "unofficial"

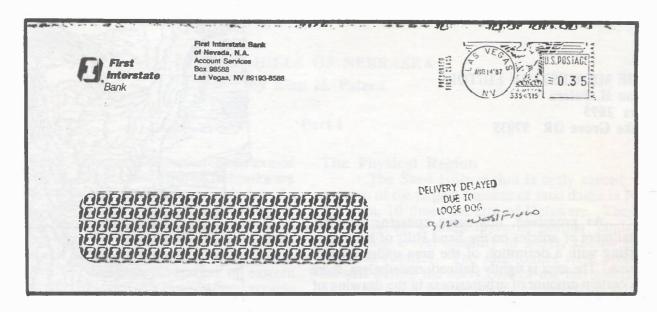


Figure 2. A "loose dog" cover from 1987.

procedure still exists when it comes to dangerous dogs.

Figure 2 illustrates a cover mailed within the City of Las Vegas in 1987. The marking reads, "DELIVERY DELAYED/DUE TO/LOOSE DOG/ 3120 West Field." The last line is in the carriers handwriting. The person who acquired this cover informed the author that the letter was addressed to his parents. The address on the cover -- 3120 West Field -- was not that of his parents, but of the offending dog, a white pit bull terrier.

While regulations in the older edi-

tions of PL&R dealt with only the residence of the loose dog, these two covers were addressed to neighbors of the dog. Figure 3 illustrates a cover that may have been delayed by the addressee's dog. The manuscript marking reads, "Dog at Mailbox/Mailman". There is also a handstamped date on the cover, which was sent locally in Maine in 1987. Of course, the dog at the mailbox still could have been a neighbor's dog.

The only other marking of this type which the author has seen was featured on the cover of the July 1953 issue of Covers magazine, the now defunct publication of Van Dahl Publications of Albany, Oregon. The cover in question was mailed within Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1946, making it the earliest such cover known to the author by almost four decades. The marking is a manuscript reading, "Gen Dely/Vicious Dog/carrier's initials." This reference to a General Delivery suggests a throwback to the 1913 PL&R, which required the patron to pick up his mail at the post office. Quite likely, this practice is still followed today in some localities.

There should be many more "loose dog" markings around given the huge number of dogs and the current popularity of pit bulls and other potentially dangerous breeds. In 1985 alone, 6,312 mail carriers were bitten by dogs. The author would appreciate any comments on this article or suggestions for future articles. Write him at 16 Iris Court, San Mateo, CA 94401.

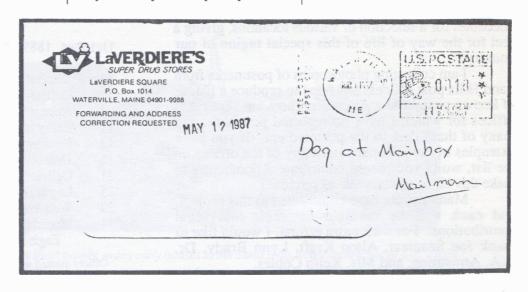


Figure 3. "Dog at Mailbox/Mailman".

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As promised, this issue contains the first installment of articles on the Sand Hills of Nebraska, starting with a definition of the area under consideration. The area is tightly defined; nonetheless, there is a certain amount of arbitrariness in the drawing of any definitive boundary. It was tempting to select only complete county units, but this would either include large areas that are not properly Sand Hills, or would exclude areas of large counties that really are within the Sand Hills. Many of the river valleys in the eastern part of the area have extensive incursions into the sandhills, but their post offices have been included anyway; however, many market centers for ranchers in the Sand Hills scattered about the periphery have been excluded. There is no way to draw a line that is satisfactory to everyone concerned, but hopefully by drawing a tight boundary and enumerating those offices thus included there will be an acceptance of this definition of the Sand Hills as a collectable unit.

This first section includes the definition of the study area with an historical introduction to the Sand Hills. There will likely be two continuation articles in future issues dealing with individual towns and post offices. Rather than giving a short statement about each office - which would likely be extremely repetitive - there will be descriptions, photos and anecdotes for a selection of various locations, giving a feel for the way of life of this special region of our country.

I am collecting photocopies of postmarks from Sand Hills post offices, and hope to produce a listing of known postmarks. At present there are about 200 offices for which I have no reported postmark, and many of these date to the postcard era. If you have examples of the postmark from any of the offices on the list, won't you please contribute a photocopy to make this effort as complete as possible?

Many people have contributed to this project, and each will be credited for their individual contributions. For their extra efforts, I would like to thank Joe Seacrest, Alton Kraft, Lynn Brady, Dr. A.A. Armstrong, and Mrs. Keith Cobles.



Post Office Centennials

September 1889-1989

- 5 Hartfield* VA
- 6 Gilboa WV
- 11 Guinda CA
- 12 Wolcott CO
- 13 Baird MS
- 14 Summerland CA
- 16 Davis Station SC
- 17 Minturn CO
- 28 Erskine MN

October 1889-1989

- 1 Humboldt* MN
- 5 Ordinary VA
- 7 Auburn WY
- 11 Bixby MN, Woody CA
- 12 Newcastle WY
- 16 Dver NV
- 21 Ogilvie* MN, Wilbur WV
- 25 Lagrange WY
- 29 West Warwick* RI
- 31 Montchanin DE, Hovland MN, Lindsay CA, Eagle Mills AR

Offices marked with an asterisk (*) were established under a different name.

SAND HILLS OF NEBRASKA by Alan H. Patera

Part 1

Most physiographic or climatic regions extend into several states, but the Sand Hills of Nebraska are an entity unto themselves within the boundaries of a single state. Collectors of the postal history of Nebraska find the state managable enough to collect state-wide, but much of the available material and all of the Territorial and Early Statehood period postal history is confined to the settled areas of eastern Nebraska and a few selected places elsewhere, notably along the Oregon Trail.

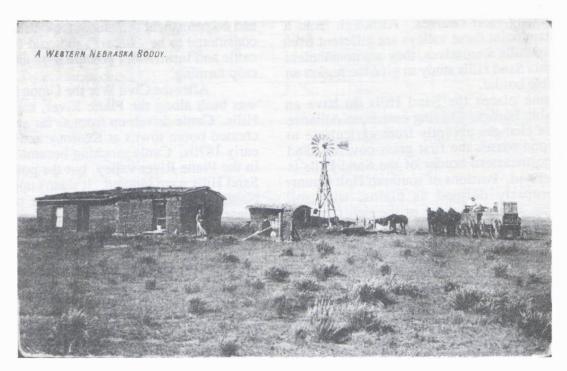
To the north of the Oregon Trail in central and western Nebraska is a vast area that was not settled until very late and never supported a very large population. The area under consideration contains several counties with fewer than 1,000 people in 1980. The postal material available is recent, but not abundant; collecting it is fun, and generally

inexpensive.

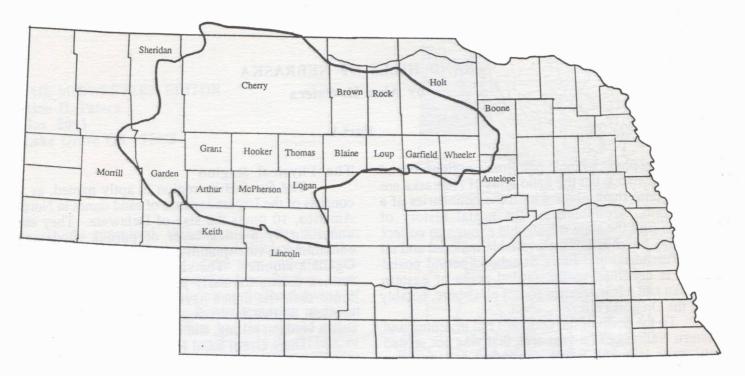
The Physical Region

The Sand Hills region is aptly named, as it consists of the largest expanse of sand dunes in North America, 10 times the size of Delaware. They are underlain by a thick layer of porous sandstone containing a vast quantity of water, known as the Ogallala Aquifer. The sand dunes were probably formed during the early part of the last glaciation. Since then the dunes have been stabilized by lush grasses, so that in driving through them today one sees a verdant, rolling, and treeless landscape.

The western Sand Hills are characterized by many small lakes in the valleys between the sand ridges. These lakes have no outlets, and many are alkali. The eastern Sand Hills are drained by a number of small rivers that flow northeastward to the Niobrara River or southeastward to join the Platte, notably the Dismal River and the various branches of the Loup River.



With trees for lumber in short supply, many early houses in the Sand Hills were constructed of sod, which supplied excellent insulation.



The Sand Hills region of Nebraska as defined by this study project.

The river valleys were originally lush grassy areas and marshlands, with extensive stretches of woodland. The valleys were settled for agriculture, and many of the longer-lived settlements were established along their courses. Although from a vegetative standpoint these valleys are different from the grassy sandhills themselves, they are nonetheless included in this Sand Hills study to give the region an easily definable border.

In some places the Sand Hills do have an easily definable border. Driving east from Alliance the landscape changes abruptly from agriculture to ranching as one passes the first grass-covered sand dune. The northeastern border of the Sand Hills is less easily defined. Portions of southern Holt County are more properly defined as plains, with soil characteristics similar to those of the rich farmland south of the Platte River. However, these areas are ringed and have sandy areas interspersed between them, so they also are included in this study of the Sand Hills. Amelia and Chambers, two of the 35 post offices still operating in the Sand Hills, are located in areas more suitable for crop agriculture than where the sandy hills predominate. Again, most areas north of Ainsworth and Bassett in northern Brown and Rock counties have been designated as part of this study, although some maps have excluded these areas.

The History

The Sand Hills were ignored by settlers until late in the 19th century. Located just north of the main route of westward migration, forays into them were done only for the purpose of hunting buffalo, and no permanent settlement took place. The area was considered to be "desert", too cold in the winter for cattle and insufficient precipitation and poor soils for

crop farming.

After the Civil War the Union Pacific Railroad was built along the Platte River, south of the Sand Hills. Cattle driven up from as far away from Texas created boom towns at Kearney and Ogalalla in the early 1870s. Cattle ranching became well developed in the Platte River valley, but the possibilities of the Sand Hills were ignored. It wasn't until 1879 that the Newman Brothers discovered the potential of the "desert". They were running a cattle ranch on the northern fringe of the Sand Hills to serve the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. During a severe snow storm some of their herd wandered south into the Sand Hills; when they were rounded up in the spring the cattle were found to be in excellent condition, better nourished than the ones that had not been lost. This precipitated the establishment of ranches during the 1880s in this forgotten area of Nebraska, followed by a few small towns, and the formation of a number of new counties to administer the needs of the rural population.

Since that time the enduring economy of the Sand Hills area has been cattle ranching. The river valleys have supported farming, and thus has encouraged the growth of a few small towns, particularly in the eastern portions of the Sand Hills. Indeed, except for a few merchants and the railroads, there has been little other employment in the Sand Hills since the days of the potash industry. The ranches tend to be large, with 91% of the area in landholdings of over 1,000 acres (1969 data).

Settlement

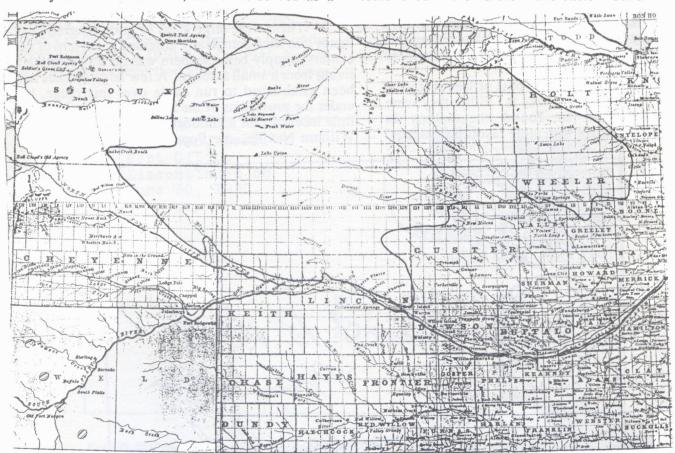
The earliest post office to be established in the Sand Hills was at Willow Springs in 1873, in what became Garfield County. Settlers located along the bottom lands of all the rivers flowing out of the eastern Sandhills, where the rich bottom lands were well-suited to agriculture. The post office of The Forks, also in Garfield County, was established in 1875; it became Burwell in 1884 and was designated the county seat of Garfield County. Burwell's location in the bottom lands in the southwestern corner of the county technically places it outside the boundary of the Sand Hills, but as it serves as a

supply center for the ranches in the hills that surround it - and as it occupies the only niche of Garfield County not in the Sand Hills - Burwell has been included in the statistics for this study. Thus accepted, Burwell with its 1400 residents becomes the third largest town in the Nebraska Sand Hills, the first-place honor going to Valentine.

By the end of the 1870s there were 9 post offices in the Sand Hills, all of them in the eastern part and six of them established in 1879. For the next several years there were several new communities begun each year, all in the eastern fringes of the area.

In 1885 the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad was constructed along the Niobrara River valley to Chadron, passing through the northern edge of the Sand Hills. This railroad was eventually to enter Wyoming to provide rail service to Casper and the Wind River Valley, but through rail service was unnecessary for the boost the line gave to settlement in the northern Sand Hills. As the railroad progressed westward post offices were established for the new towns of Bassett, Ainsworth, and Valentine - all to be county seats within a year.

By 1883 there had been 33 post offices established in the northern and eastern Sand Hills, of



A portion of an 1879 map of Nebraska with the Sand Hills border superimposed upon it. In 1879 there were no settlement features shown in the entire area.

which 7 are still operating. The potential of the area for agriculture had become apparent, and the next five years encompass the first boom in settlement as evidenced by post office establishments. By the end of 1888 there had been 74 more post offices established, of which 20 are still in operation. The single most important year for establishments was 1886, when 21 new offices were place in operation; and they were not only on the fringes. Brewster and Purdum in Blaine County were established in 1884, and by 1888 the CB&Q had built their railroad through the heart of the Sand Hills, giving rise to post offices at Dunning, Thedford, Hyannis, Bingham and Lakeside. Mullen, destined to become the metropolis of the central Sand Hills, joined the other towns along the rail line in 1889.

Original settlement was done under the Homestead Act, which allowed farmers to claim a section of land by constructing improvements and residing on the land. This program worked fine for the rich farmland of eastern Nebraska, where hard work enabled a family to support themselves from the land. In the Sand Hills there were very few areas that could be profitably farmed on that small an area, so after an initial influx of settlers settlement activity subsided. Only 52 more post offices were added before the end of the century. In the years 1893-1895, during the period of President Benjamin Harrison's administration, only four post offices were established in the Sand Hills.

Of course, some of the post offices that were being established did not make it. Either they were unsuitably located, or found themselves in competition for settlers with more favorably situated

Counties of the Sand Hills No.	of Post Offices	Now Open
Antelope - SW corner	3	0
Arthur - all	18	1
Blaine - all	14	3
Boone - NW corner	1	0
Brown -all	29	3
Cherry - all but Sparks in NE corner	91	7
Garden - all north of N. Platte River	10	0
Garfield - all	14	1
Grant - all	11	3
Greeley - northwest corner	1	0
Holt - southern half	18	2
Hooker - all	7	1
Keith - all north of N. Platte River	3	0
Lincoln - north of N. Platte River	5	0
Logan - all	12	_ 1
Loup - all	17	1
McPherson - all	17	1
Morrill - northeastern third	2	0
Rock - all but along Niobrara River	24	3
Sheridan - southeastern half	17	3
Thomas - all	10	3
Wheeler - all	18	2
Total	347	35

rivals. Or perhaps the reasons for failure were more personal, as the postmaster moved on to other activities. Of the 132 post office established before 1900, 42 had already been discontinued by the end of the century.

There were large areas of grass covered sand dunes that were completely unsettled at the turn of the century, simply because there was no way to make a living from a small acreage. A few large ranches had been established to run cattle over this range, but under the provisions of the Homestead Act there was little incentive for additional settlers to enter the area. William Neville, the Populist representative from



A fancy cancel from Ainsworth, Nebraska, July 7, 1884. Any 19th century postmark from the Sand Hills is uncommon. (Courtesy of Lynn Brady)

Nebraska's 6th District, introduced legislation in 1902 that would allow the claiming of 1,280 acres, but the bill died in committee.

Moses Kincaid of O'Neill defeated Neville in the 1904 election, and continued pursuing the same land policy. He entered legislation designed to permit the homesteading of 640 acres in 37 western Nebraska counties. Known as the Kincaid Act, the provisions enabled settlers to raise cattle in areas where dry-land agriculture was impractical. The result was an additional and final surge of settlers in the heart of the Sand Hills, and because of the increased population additional post offices were established throughout the area.

Starting in 1905 the Sand Hills experienced its second boom in post office establishments. In one sense this is curious, in that the experiment with Rural Free Delivery had been inaugurated, and many areas of the country were having their number of post offices decimated. Not so for the Sand Hills. The years 1906 and 1909 each saw 18 new post offices, and 1910 topped them with 19, rivalling the record

year of 1886.

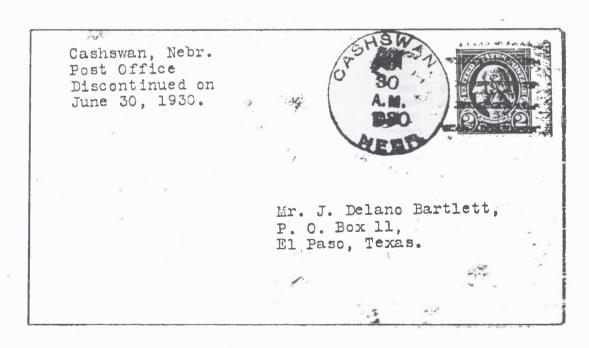
Post offices established after 1900 generally did not aspire to be towns. Most of them were on ranches in the Sand Hills, far removed from the railroads or even all-weather roads. The life expectancy of these offices was short - the last of the 19 offices established in 1910 closed in 1944. In fact, of the 174 offices established after 1900, only three

are still in operation as post offices, plus Rose, which still clings to life as a Community Post Office. Of the three survivors, Arthur and Stapleton managed to capture the county seat of their respective counties. If you think being the seat of county government is of little importance, reflect on the fact that Arthur is the only post office in Arthur County, and Stapleton is the only post office in Logan County. The third survivor is Ashby, which found itself a suitable location on the CB&Q line in northwestern Grant County.

Many of the post offices established in the Sand Hills were named by the postmaster after himself, or after other families in the area. Usually the names denote the family name, although on occasion a given name of a family member was used. In the case of Cashswan, in Cherry County, there is little doubt of the origin of the name -- the postmaster

for all its 12 years was Cash Swan.

One of the factors that makes collecting the postal history of Nebraska Sand Hills so appealing are the many offices that didn't make it. Of just those offices established after 1900 there are 170 that are closed, all of which should theoretically be represented by postmarks on post cards. Many of these offices closed after two or three years, but many others lasted for decades. Their volume of mail may have never been very large, but the opportunity for locating postmarks for a collection of the Nebraska Sand Hills exists for all these offices.



Even in 1930 there were collectors obtaining Last Day cancels. Do you know how Cashswan got its name? (Courtesy of Lynn Brady)

POST OFFICES OF THE NEBRASKA SAND HILLS

Office	County	Estab	_Disc		Office	County	Estab	Disc
Abby	Grant	1888	1894		Cedar	Holt	1912	1921 OP
Ainsworth	Brown	1882*	OP		Chambers	Holt	1884	1926
Aksarben	Rock	1919	1921		Chandler	McPherson	1909 1907	1940
Alkali	Brown	1909	1910		Cherry	Cherry	1896	1923
Almeria	Loup	1884	1984		Chesterfield	Cherry	1896	1914
Altai	Brown	1909	1918		Cleman	Morrill	1886	1889
Amelia	Holt	1885	OP		Clement	Cherry	1909	1927
Anderson	Brown	1884	1886		Climax	Custer	1886	OP
Antioch	Sheridan	1891	1980s		Cody	Cherry	1899/	1924
Arabia	Cherry	1883	1919		Colelesser	Sheridan	1909	1929
Arden	Boone	1881	1918		Collins	Arthur	1889	1902
Arlena	Cherry	1909	1910		Compton	Cherry Holt	1884	1888
Arthur	Arthur	1914	OP		Conley		1888	1892
Ashby	Grant	1908	OP		Conquest	Cherry	1913	1934
Audacious	Cherry	1916*	1918		Conterra	Cherry	1885	1908
Augustus	Logan	1886	1886		Cooleyton	Loup	1906	1914
Badger Lake	Cherry	1910	1919		Cooper	Blaine	1895	1900
Bailey	Cherry	1891	1925		Cooper	Cherry	1885	1887
Baird	Wheeler	1902	1906		Crane	Loup Hooker	1911	1911
Balfe	Cherry	1914	1944		Crescent		1886	OP
Ballagh	Garfield	1890	1945		Crookston	Cherry	1910	1916
Banner	Cherry	1903	1915		Cullinan	Arthur Wheeler	1880	1937
Bartlett	Wheeler	1886	OP		Cumminsville		1902	1929
Bassett	Rock	1882	OP		Curlew	Cherry	1916	1923
Bayonne	Cherry	1914	1934		Dandale	Cherry	1915	1916
Beardwell	Brown	1909	1945		De Witty	Cherry	1907	1920
Benawa	Grant	1917	1919		Dean	Gherry Holt	1879	1911
Bertha	Keith	1901	1933		Deloit	Garfield	1905	1933
Big Creek	Cherry	1908	1925		Deverre	Cherry	1911	1916
Bingham	Sheridan	1888	OP		Dewey Lake	Thomas	1916	1920
Blake	Garfield	1902	1933		Dismal	Hooker	1907	1922
Bliss	Holt	1884	1939		Donald	Logan	1882/	1901
Boiling Spring	Cherry	1879	1885		Dorp	Cherry	1919	1934
Bone Creek	Brown	1879	1882"		Dougboy	Rock	1892	1953
Boulware	Cherry	1888	1890"		Duff Dumas	Garfield	1905	1934
Braden	Arthur	1906	1928		Dunning	Blaine	1887	OP
Brewster	Blaine	1884	OP		Dunwell	Hooker	1909	1933
Brighton	McPherson	1910	1916		Easton	Garfield	1901*	1905
Britt	Cherry	1898	1911		Eclipse	Hooker	1905	1923
Brownlee	Cherry	1888	OP		= Edith	Blaine	1885	1917
Bucktail	Arthur	1916°	1973		Edward	Arthur	1909	1919
Buell	Rock -	1906	1908		Eli	Cherry	1909	1982
Buffalo	Wheeler	1883	1895		Elizabeth	Cherry	1906	1928
Burgan	Brown	1907	1908		Elliott	Rock	1888	1889
Burge	Cherry	1904	1937		Ellsworth	Sheridan	1897	OP
Burwell	Garfield	1884°	OP		Elsmere	Cherry	1899	OP
Butka	Rock	1886	1933		Elva	Grant	1911	1919
Calamus	Loup	1908	1917		Enderslake	Brown	1908	1929
Calora	Arthur	1912	1951		Ericson	Wheeler	1887	OP
Capay	Rock	1887	1890		Erik	Cherry	1908	1923
Capwell	Cherry	1915	1919		Erina	Garfield	1880	1921
Carman	Arthur	1911	1945		Ethel	Cherry	1913	1921
Carson	Garfield	1906	1916		Evergreen	Brown	1881	1883
Cascade	Cherry	1899	1955		Fay	Cherry	1914	1914
Cashswan	Cherry	1918	1930		,			

Dates followed by an asterisk indicate a name change.

Office	County	_Estab	_Disc
Fee	Cherry	1916	1918
Ferguson	Loup	1902	1929
Fern	Cherry	1909	1922
Fetterman	Grant	1916	1918
Flats	McPherson	1909	1972
Fora	Arthur	1915	1933
Ford	Logan	1907	1913
Fort Niobrara	Cherry	1880	1906
Fox	Loup	1914	1920
Francis	Wheeler	1883	1917
Frank	Blaine	1907	1920
Gables	Garfield	1909	1929
Gallop	Cherry	1891	1901
Gandy	Logan	1886	1976
Gard	Cherry	1919	1940
Garfield	Lincoln	1884	1916
Gem	Logan	1908	1923
Giles	Brown	1896	1931
Glenrose	Arthur	1906	1925
Goldville	Blaine	1906	1913
Goodland	Garden	1913	1922
Grace	Brown	1886	1893
Gracie	Rock	1905	1934
Grayson	Sheridan	1889	1928
Greenvalley	Holt	1896	1910
Gregory	Cherry	1897	1903
Gurney	Rock	1912	1912
Halsey	Thomas	1892	OP
Halstead	Brown	1888	1892
Hamilton	Sheridan	1908	1911
Hammond	Rock	1887	1937
Harlan	Cherry	1892	1921
Harmony	Cherry	1908	1925
Harold	Holt	1896/	1912
Harrington	Wheeler	1880	1888
Harrop	Loup	1912	***
Hawley	Blaine	1880	1898
Hazelton	Sheridan	1913	1914
Headquarters	Wheeler	1908	1917
Hecla	Hooker	1887	1944
Hewett	Garden	1910	1913
Hickory	Morrill	1910	1932
Hilldale	Garden	1911	1912
Hillside	Athur	1908	1933
Hinchley	Sheridan	1911	1930
Hire	Cherry	1911	1943
Hoagland	Logan	1912	1944
Hoffland	Sheridan	1916	1927
Homestead	Greeley	1904	1918
Hood	Cherry	1914	1919
Horsefoot	Rock	1905	1930
Huffman	Brown	1906	1914
Hunter	Sheridan	1910	1917
Hutchinson	Garden	1889	1913
Hyannis	Grant	1888	OP
Imhof Inez	Thomas Holt	1919	1933 1930
	Rock	1886 1886	1895
Ingaliston Irwin	Cherry	1900°	1954
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Office	County	Estab	_Disc
Jennings	Sheridan	1913	1920
Jess	Sheridan	1890	1913
Johnstown	Brown	1883°	OP
Jordan	Garfield	1884	1901*
Josie	Holt	1911	1940
Junod	Cherry	1910	1912
Kennedy	Cherry	1886	1969
Kenomi	Sheridan	1907/	1920
Kent	Loup	1876	1907
Kewanee	Cherry	1888	1896
Key	Garfield	1905	1913
Kilgore	Cherry	1890°	OP
King	Cherry	1902	1933
Kirsch	Logan	1910	1915
Kola	Holt	1906	1935
Koshopah	Brown	1920	1957
Ladora	Blaine	1884	1888*
Lake	Cherry	1904	1922
Lakeland	Brown	1896	1917
Lakeside	Sheridan	1888	OP
Lakeview	Garden	1912	1915
Largo	McPherson	1891	1894
Lavaca	Cherry	1884	1944
Leat	Cherry	1915	1920
Lemley	McPherson	1891	1907
Lena	Arthur	1891	1960
Lewanna	Cherry	1907	1933
Lilac	McPherson	1891	1936
Linscott	Blaine	1887	1921
Lisle	Wheeler	1907	1922
Little	Holt	1881	1913
Logan	Logan	1884	1950
Long Pine	Brown	1881	OP
Lucky Valley	Grant	1911	1920
Lucy	Blaine	1905	1915
Lund	Cherry	1911	1930
Mabelo	Brown	1886	1895
Malvern (1)	Rock	1898	1913
Malvern (2)	Rock	1920*	1930
Marmora	Cherry	1891	1895
Martha	Holt	1904	1933
Martindale	Cherry	1910	1916
Mary	Brpwm	1908	1938
Matteson	Cherry	1912	1916
Mayflower	McPherson	1906	1919
McCann	Cherry	1879	1915
McPherson	McPherson	1889	1894
Meldon	Cherry	1892	1895
Melpha	Cherry	1925	1937
Melrose	Arthur	1910	1935
Mentorville	Antelope	1882	1903
Merriman	Cherry	1886	OP
Metzinger	Rock	1925	1934
Middleport	Wheeler	1883	1888
Midvale	Brown	1885	1922
Moffitt	Garden	1907	1915
Moore	Hooker	1912	1933
Moran	Wheeler	1881	1890
Moulton	Loup	1883	1940

Office	 County	Estab	Disc	0	Office	County	Estab	_Disc
Mullen	Hooker	1889	OP	Se	eneca	Thomas	1888	OP
Mumper	Garden	1896	1943	Sh	hamrock	Holt	1886	1888
Munson	Loup	1879	1880*	Sh	hebesta	Rock	1909	1920*
Myrtle	Lincoln	1886	1914	Sh	heridan	Wheeler	1885	1935
Natick	Thomas	1887	1888	Sh	herman	Brown	1898	1899
Nattick	Thomas	1910	1916	Sh	hidler	Thomas	1914	1915
Nenzel	Cherry	1888	OP	Si	imeon	Cherry	1884	1953
Nesbit	Logan	1890	1922	Sp	pade	Sheridan	1908	1923
Newboro	Wheeler	1896	1935	•	pear	Lincoln	1909	1913
Newport	Rock	1884	OP		pragg	Rock	1888	1912
Newton	Cherry	1897	1928	St	tapleton	Logan	1912	OP
Ney	McPherson	1907	1912	St	thraal	Loup	1880	1883*
Noark	McPherson	1914	1916	St	toner	Rock	1912	1914
Norway	Thomas	1887	1935	St	trickland	Antelope	1880	1881
Nunda	Loup	1884	1889	St	trohl	Loup	1883*	1887
Oasis	Cherry	1892	1918	Su	ummit	Thomas	1912	1935
Omega	McPherson	1888	1919	St	unflower	Thomas	1909	1911
Ono	Wheeler	1885	1907	St	unnyside	Brown	1906	1919
Oren	Keith	1906	1919	St	urvey	Cherry	1909	1934
Orlando	Garden	1891	1930	Si	wan	Holt	1886	1923
Ovitt	Loup	1911	1941	S	ybrant	Rock	1895	1932
Pass	Cherry	1894	1900	S	ystem	Cherry	1917	1917
Pawiet	Garden	1891	1920	Ta	aylor	Loup	1880*	OP
Pearson	Cherry	1894	1896	TI	hacher	Cherry	1884	1889
Penbrook	Cherry	1884	1912	TI	he Forks	Garfield	1875	1884*
Perch	Rock	1886	1907	TI	hedford	Thomas	1887	OP
Pershing	Brown	1916	1922	T!	helma	Garden	1912	1915
Pibel	Wheeler	1892	1916	Th	hompson	Holt	1883	1887
Pike	Brown	1906	1932	TI	hune	McPherson	1924	1951
Pineglen	Brown	1884	1895	Th	hurman	Rock	1886	1919
Ponylake	Rock	1910	1929		ioga	Cherry	1914*	1921
Prentice	Cherry	1906	1927		onawanda	Holt	1904	1929
Prime	Loup	1890	1899		onic	Holt	1892	1914
Pritchard	Claine	1905	1914		riangle	Keith	1906	1910
Pullman	Cherry	1890	1919		rouble	Cherry	1916	1921
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Putnam	Cherry	1888	1891		urnip	McPherson	1910	1911
Rackett	Garden	1910	1944		alentine	Cherry	1882	OP
Ranger	Logan	1914	1918		alleyview	Loup	1914	1937
Rankin	Blaine	1908	1912		alyrang	McPherson	1907	1932
Raven	Brown	1906	1922		elma	Arthur	1914	1943
Read	Arthur	1908	1916		ervine	Grant	1916	1932
Red Deer	Cherry	1910	1917		an	Cherry	1910	1935
Reilly	Wheeler	1882	1886	Vii		Antelope	1886/	1912
Reno	Sheridan	1888	1891		agner	Logan	1906	1919
Rex	Cherry	1914	1915		arren	Garden	1912	1921
Rice	Arthur	1910	1933		eir	Grant	1887	1889
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CLOVERPORT, KENTUCKY REVISITED by Louis Cohen

The post office of Cloverport, in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, was established October 16, 1828 with George La Heist as its first postmaster. He is credited with the postmarks shown here through the 1850s. Cloverport apparently was named for the abundance of clover in the area.

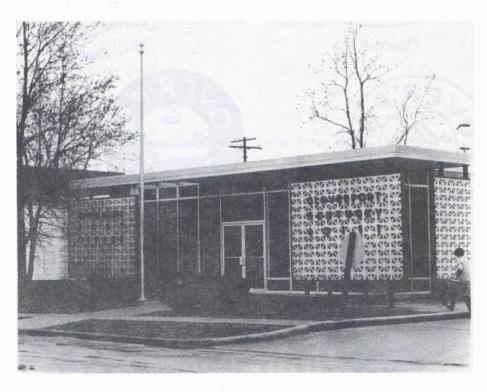
The postmarks are presented here in categories of general shape and configuration rather than chronological. It is simpler to form a "checklist" of these unusual marks by general shape. The three shapes are straight-line, oblong, and circular date stamp. I have made reference to Simpson (Simpson's U.S. Postal Markings 1851-61) by tracing number and the page; for example, Figure 2 is tracing 80, page 25 under the Simpson column. Similarly I have made reference to Atkins (Postmarked Kentucky); for example, Figure 2 is number 113, plate 7, under the Atkins column. The rarity is generally that indicated by Simpson.



I have neglected the sizes because the measurements on the same marks vary, depending on who has done the measuring.

The idea for this attempted complete illustration of the Cloverport marks came from "Fancy Townmarks of Cloverport, Kentucky" by David L. Jarrett in *The American Philatelist*, October 1975.

Corrections and additions are earnestly sought.



Cloverport, Kentucky in 1980. Photo by Alan Patera.



Figure 1



Figure 3



Figure 5



Figure 7



Figure 9



Figure 11

CLOVER PORTKY.

Figure 2

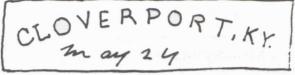


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Figure 12

FIGURE-YEAR	SIMPSON	ATKINS	RARITY				
Straight Line							
1-1857	78 p25		9 (2 to 3)				
2-1860	80 p25	113 p17	UNIQUE				
3-1851(?)	79 p25		UNIQUE				
4-1847	CLOVR inked in		UNIQUE				
5-1860	81 p25	112 pl7	BLUE/GREEN (2 to 3)				
6-1852		Eagle(?)	UNIQUE				
	Oblor	<u>19</u>					
7-1858	82 p25	111 p17	7 (7 to 10)				
8-1860s(?)	83 p25	117 p17	7 (7 to 10)				
9-1860	84 p25	116 p17	8 (4 to 6)				
	Circle Date	e Stamps					
10-1853	89 p51	114 p17	9 (2 to 3)				
11-?	Thurman Collection,	The Filson Club					
12-1860	88 p51	115 p17	8 (4 to 6)				
13-1860	90 p51		8 (4 to 6)				
14-1860	76 p135	Clover only	6 (11 to 15)				
15-1860s(?)							
16-1856	91 p51	118 p17	8 (4 to 6)				
17-1855	Different style lette	ers from Fig. 18					
18-1848		47 pl3					
19-1852							
20-1849		48 pl3					
21-1850							
22-1870s							
23-1899	Negative W						
24-1884	Shield						
25-1880s							

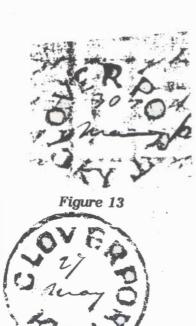


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

With summer's heat and Virginia humidity in full force, my thoughts are straying towards Orlando in November. I am very much looking forward to the Postal History Seminar in Orlando.

My airline tickets have been purchased with a "non-cancellation" clause so there is no turning back now. This will be a very fine for us Southerners to show host to the rest of the Country. My good friend Ken Schoolmeester has done a wonderful job. If you have any questions about the agenda or have any hesitation at all about going, please call or write.

Unfortunately, I must issue another plea for articles. The regular readers of the Southeastern section should take note as we are clearly being shown up by the Western boys and girls.

Frank Stewart is exempted from this general ization as this month's section features another fine article of his on small town Maryland Postal History. If you at all have an article that you are thinking of or have one in draft form, let's talk.

In addition to Frank Stewart's article on Jerusalem, Maryland, your editor has written a Primer on Richmond, Virginia straight line markings. I have been very fortunate over the years to acquire several very nice straight line cancellat ions used in the 1790's and have written an illustrative study of their markings and particular uses. I hope you find it interesting.

I want to call your attention to the SOUTHEASTERN COVER OF THE MONTH this month, as it is the result of a 12 year search on my part. (You FLOREX judges please take note, this IS in my exhibit now.)

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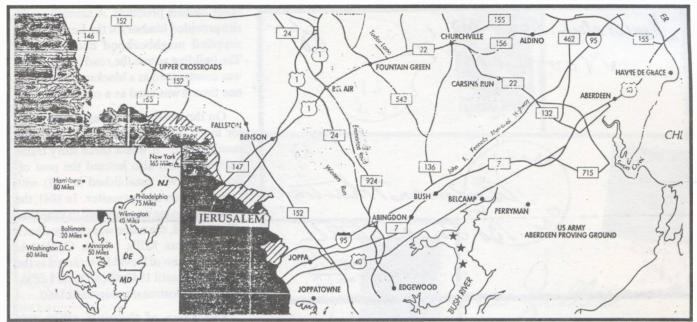


Figure 1. Jerusalem, Gunpowder State Park and surrounding Hartford County, Maryland, with inset showing location of Hartford County.

JERUSALEM MILL, MARYLAND: A POSTAL HISTORY, 1841 TO 1923

BY FRANK M. STEWART

Jerusalem Mills, located on the Harford County side of the Little Gunpowder River, (SEE FIGURE 1) is known for its buildings with splendid architectural design and its beginnings which date to the Colonial period. The mill site is about five miles north of where the Little Gunpowder River enters the Gunpowder River at Joppatowne.

This old mill was built in 1772 by David Lee, a Quaker millwright from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who came to Maryland looking for suitable water power sites on which to establish mills. Since the agricultural economy of Maryland at that time was largely dependent on tobacco, these millers contributed materially to the cultivation of grain, increasing the food supply for the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Lee purchased parts of land tracts known as "Bond's Water Mill" and "Jerusalem" on which the mill is located. Lee also bought more than ten other land tracts, totalling several hundred acres, which he used for growing wheat.

The mill's two tiers of alternating dormer windows which provide light for the upper story are believed to be the only ones of their type in Maryland. The lower level of the mill is constructed of stone, the upper part is finished in wood planking and the whole is crowned by a high-peakedroof which was covered with wood shingles until about 1940 when a metal roof was installed (SEE FIGURE 2). The ceiling and floors are supported by giant hand ewn white oak beams

and girders. Instead of being operated by a ponderous overshot or undershot wheel which turned vertically, the mill is thought to have been powered by a horizontal wheel in the basement to which the millrace channeled water through one side of the building and another end. This was an efficient but rare method of powering water mills in Maryland. When the entire mill was in operation, the surrounding area shook like an earthquake was in progress.

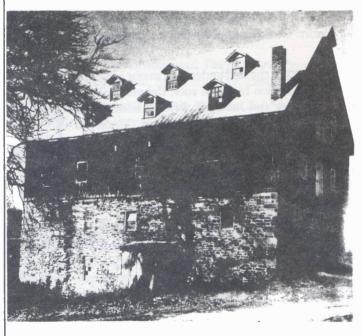


Figure 2. Jerusalem Mill.

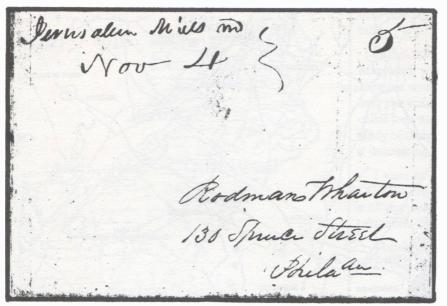


Figure 3. A Jerusalem Mill manuscript marking on an 1845 folded letter.

Upon the death of David Lee in 1815, he was succeeded in the milling business by his son, Ralph Lee, who expanded the market for flour by custom grinding it for the Passover feasts of the Jewish people in the City of Baltimore. Ralph Lee was succeeded by his soon, David Lee, II, and under his management, the business flourished to attain its War Between the States peak.

In 1886, the mill was sold to Ezra Phillpis, thus ending a period of one hundred and fourteen years of ownership by the Lee family. During the next four decades, the mill was owned successively by Willima Wilson, A. Werner and Alexander Hurley before being purchased in the late 1920's by Harry S. Pyle. These gentlemen operated the mill for the patronage of the farmers of a wide section of Harford and Baltimore Counties during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

About 1940, the mill underwent major repairs and alterations. In addition to a new roof, the mill was converted to

electric power and James O. Bridges became the last miller to operate the ancient mill. Upon the death of Bridges, the operation of the mill ceased, closing out an era of almost two centurines of service to the surrounding communities. Since 1960, the mill has been a part of the Gunpowder State Park.

Soon after the mill was originally established, a settlement grew up in the area of the mill with other industries being operated. The two-story stone building which is still standing to the rear of the mill was used as a gun factory. By the end of the Revolutionary War, the building also had become a crafts shop, turning out chair and table rungs and

other custom products. A sawmill on the site provided lumber for the Lees and also supplied neighborhood needs as well. The building across the road from the mill was constructed as a blacksmith shop. At one time it was used as a canning factory.

On the north side of Jerusalem Road for more than a century stood the community store. It was a three story frame building which also housed the post office, which was established in 1841 with James Herron as postmaster. In 1841, the post office name was changed to Franklinville. In 1844, the name was changed back to Jerusalem Mills. John C. Walsh, brother-in-law of David Lee, served as the postmaster until 1849 when David Lee assumed the postmastership until 1860.

The name of the post office was changed to "Jerusalem" in 1895 when David Lee's daughter, Elizabeth R. Lee, became postmistress. Upon her retirement in 1923 at the age of 85, the post of-

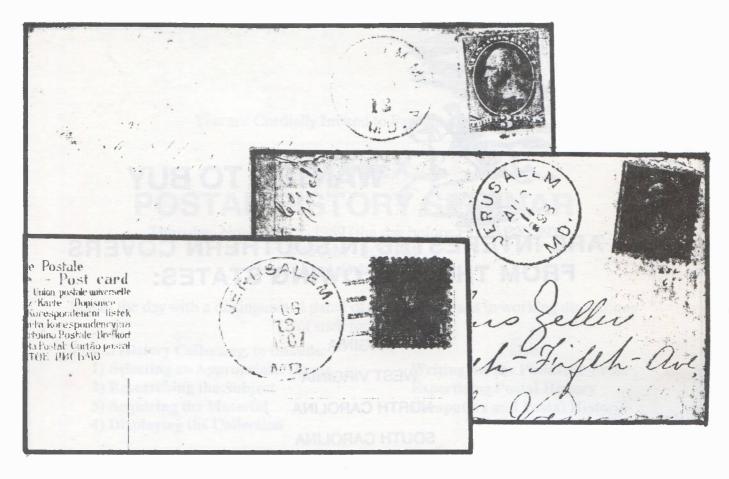
fice was discontinued and merged with Franklinville. The store was closed in 1939 and converted into apartments. The building no longer stands.

In 1841, when the post office was first established, the mail was received from a train at Magnolia. William McClaskey had a contract with the Post Office Department to carry the mail from Magnolia to Jerusalem Milld and on to Bel Air three times a week and from Magnolia by Abingdon and back thrice weekley. McClaskey was paid the sum of \$988.00 per year for his performance under the contract. Mail was carried in four hourse post coaches.

Throughout the four score years of operation of the Jerusalem post office, numerous cancellations were in use. During the stampless period, manuscript cancels were applied to letters posted during the period of 1844 to 1851. FIGURE 3 illustrates an example of a manuscript marking applied to an 1845 folded letter.



Figure 4. Early 1850's Jerusalem Mills fancy circular datestamp.



Figures 5, 6, and 7. Postmarks of Jerusalem Mills and Jerusalem from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Between 1851 and 1855, a fancy circular datestamp, FIGURE 4, was used with red ink. The illustrated usage of this scarce cancellation was actually used in combination with a "PAID" marking and a-manuscript "3 cts. paid" as there were no postage stamps available on this particular day in Jerusalem Mills.

During the 1860 to 1890 period, various circular datestamps were used with both black and blue inks at various times. FIGURE 5 illustrates an 1878 envelope usage with the datestamp in blue ink. The cover bears a three cent banknote.

FIGURE 6 illustrates a cover bearing an 1898 Jerusalem datestamp and accompanying target cancellation.

Doane cancels were used at Jerusalem during the early 1900's. FIGURE 7 illustrates a post card with a 4-bar Doane "2" 1907 cancel.

Since 1923, the few homes in the Jerusalem area have had their mail delivered by rural carriers out of either Franklinville (Baltimore County) or Joppatowne (Joppa Post Office).

Even though the Jerusalem Post Office has been discontinued, the history of the mill building continues. In 1980, an organization was formed to generate interest in preserving

and restoring the mill, currently in an advanced state of deterioration. Funds have recently been appropriated by the State of Maryland for the design of the required repair work. In late 1989, the actual restoration work is expected to begin. Once the mill is restored, it will be added to the list of State of Maryland historical sites when completed in 1991.

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A RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, STRAIGHT LINE PRIMER

By David B. Robinson

Augustine Davis was appointed Richmond's second postmaster by President George Washington on February 16, 1790 and served until July 1, 1802. A fire destroyed the Richmond Post Office in 1808. Davis may have actually held a first term as postmaster from 1786 to 1790 that is attributed to James Hayes who served from 1782 to 1786. The records that would establish the correct succession of postmasters were destroyed in the 1808 fire.

Augustine Davis was editor and publisher of the bi-weekly Richmond Gazette in addition to being postmaster. Davis held his office until the administration of Thomas Jefferson appointed a new postmaster. It has long been thought by students of Richmond Postal History that Davis used excess printing type from the newspaper to make the cancellation devices that he used to mark mail that originated or passed throught the Richmond Post Office. Davis would use individual characters of type and form them together to make the device. The method was similar to "hot lead" type. While a number of the straight-line markings differ only in the placement of the letters and border lines, each straight line marking is unique in one or more ways as Davis would destroy or modify the previous day's marking to make the current day's marking.

Dan Warren in the 1973 American Philatelic Congress Book complied original research that formed the basic straight line reference for Richmond Students. The Virginia Postal History Society's Catalog has expanded on the Richmond markings.

It has always been my belief that each Richmond straight line is a unique cancellation because of the fact that Davis modified the device the next day. Warren catalogs sixteen different types according to the type style, abbreviation of the city name and number of border lines.



FIGURE 1 illustrates a 57x7mm black 1789 straight line sent to Philadelphia. The 2.16 rate paid the 200 to 300 mile charge under Continental Congress postal rates. This rate represented 2 pennyweights and 16 grains of silver. The letter was posted as a "way letter," one which was received by a mail carrier on his "way" between post offices and was delivered to the next one that he came to for entry into the postal system.

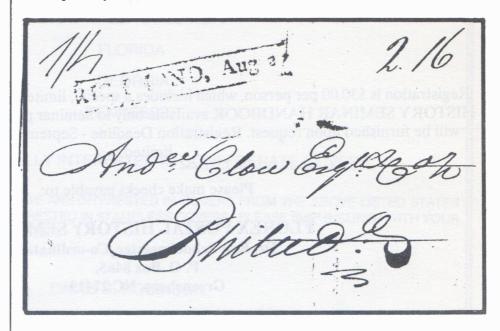


FIGURE 2 illustrates a 56x9mm black 1790 straight line on a folded letter sent to Philadelphia. The rate and usage is the same as that shown in FIGURE 1 except that the cancellation device is very different.

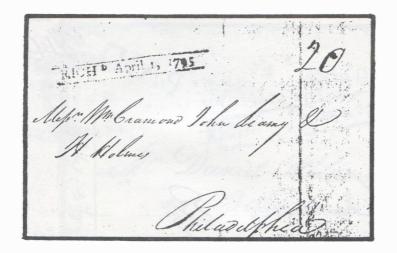


FIGURE 3 illustrates a 58x6mm black 1795 straight line on a folded letter to Philadelphia. The 20 cent manuscript rate represented an over 250 but less than 350 mile distance rate under Postage Rates of 1792. Because of the absence of a "paid" marking, it is known that the sender chose to have the addressee pay the letter's rate upon receipt.

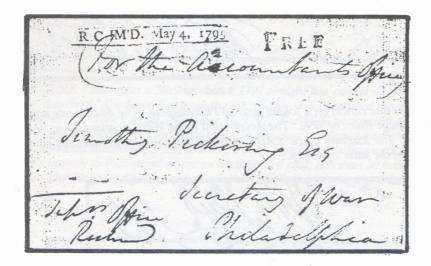


FIGURE 4 illustrates a 53x6mm black 1795 straight line with an accompanying 21x7mm black "FREE." The letter was sent to the Secretary of War in Philadelphia. Under Postage Rates of 1792, mail to certain high-ranking government officials was allowed to travel without charge. The manuscript notation, "For the Accountant's Office" denoted that the letter was from the Accountant's office for the State of Virginia."

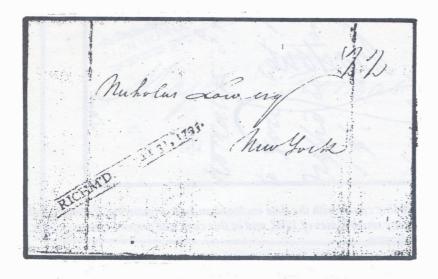


FIGURE 5 illustrates a 59x6.5mm black 1795 straight line on a folded letter sent to New York City. The 22 cent rate represented the 350 to 400 mile distance rate under Postage Rates of 1792. The letter travelled "unpaid" as evidenced by the lack of a "paid" marking.

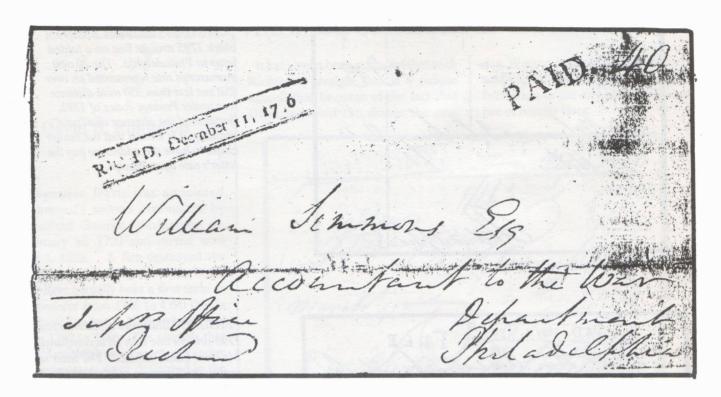


FIGURE 6 illustrates a 59x10mm black 1796 straight line cancel on a folded letter to Philadelphia. The 40 cent rate paid a double 20 cent, 250 to 350 mile distance rate under Postage Rates of 1792. The Accountant to the War Department was not a named office that could receive "free" mail at this time. The 25x8mm black "PAID." denoted that the postage had been paid by the sender to the Richmond postmaster in advance of the letter's journey.

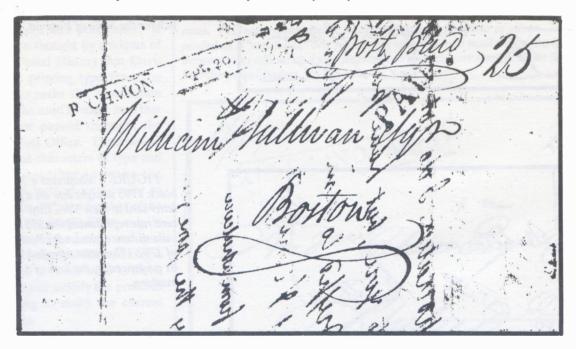


FIGURE 7 illustrates a 59x9mm black 1797 straight line cancel with the date enclosed and accompanying 25x6mm black "PAID." The 25 cent rate represents the over 450 mile rate under Rates of 1792, and in this case was prepaid because of the presence of the "paid" marking. The letter travelled to Boston.

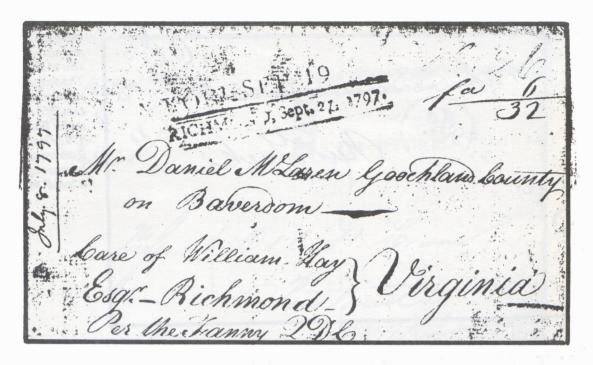


FIGURE 8 illustrates a 59x9mm black 1797 straight line cancel with two lines each above and below the dateline. This letter, datelined "Aberfoyle, England, the 8th of July, 1797," crossed the Atlantic by the sailing vessel "Fanny, QDC" and arrived in New York City on September 19, 1797. The NYC postmaster applied a brown "N. YORK SEP 19" receiving mark and charged a 26 cent rate for its journey. The 26 cent rate represented the 22 cent, 350 to 400 mile rate under Rates of 1792 plus the 4 cent surcharge for letters brought in by a private ship that were to be further forwarded. The 26 cent rate paid for the letter's journey to Richmond where an additional 6 cent, less than 30 mile rate was added, making the total unpaid rate 32 cents. The Richmond postmaster struck the straight line marking as a routing mark.

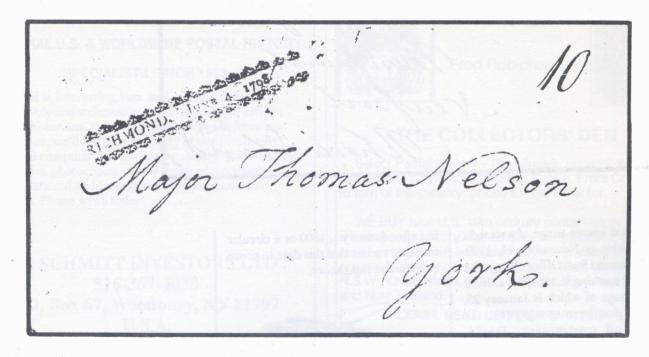


FIGURE 9 illustrates a 61x9mm black 1798 straight line cancellation between two rows of 15 ornaments. The manuscript ten cent rate was assessed as the 60 to 100 mile distance rate under Postage Rates of 1792. By the absence of a "paid" marking, it is known that the addressee paid the postage upon its arrival in Yorktown.

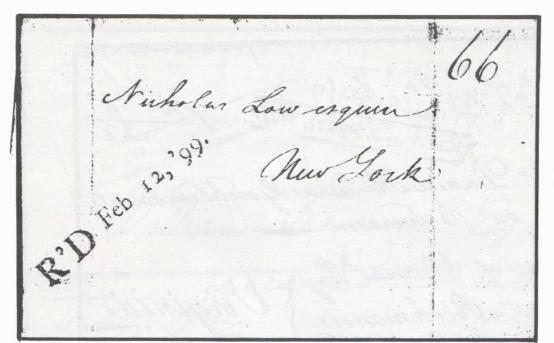


FIGURE 10 illustrates a 55x7mm black 1799 straight line cancel with a manuscript "66" cent rate sent to New York City. The sixty-six cent rate represented a triple 22 cent, 350 to 450 mile rate under Postage Rates of 1792. It is known that the letter travelled unpaid because of the absence of a "paid" marking.

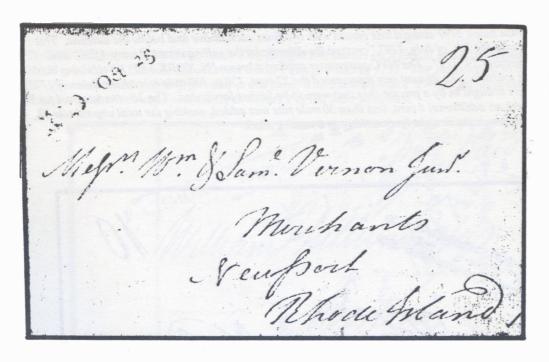
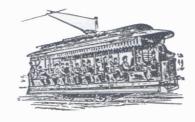


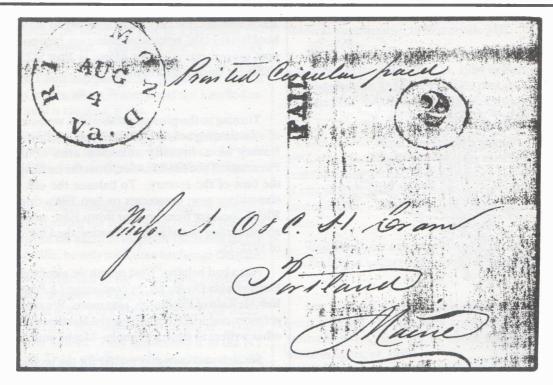
FIGURE 11 illustrates a 34x6mm black 1799 straight line cancel. The 25 cent rate represented the over 500 mile distance rate under Postage Rates of 1799. By the absence of a "paid" marking, it is known that the letter travelled "unpaid" to Newport, Rhode Island.

The latest known usage of a straight line marking is November 11, 1799. The Richmond Post Office changed to a circular marking in 1800, the earliest known usage of which is January 25, 1800. It has been thought that the Richmond postmaster, Davis, changed to a circular marking as a result of "good feeling" for the new century. Richmond Postal Historians have long sought a straight line mark-

ing after January 1, 1800 or a circular marking earlier that this date to prove or disprove this theory.



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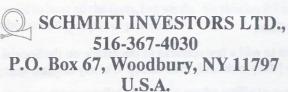


THE TERRIBLE TWO. A 35mm bright red circular datestamp with an accompanying 16x4mm "PAID" and 18mm circle-enclosed "2" handstamps. The two cent circular rate represented a double one cent, less than 500 mile circular rate. The circular was considered a "double" not because of the number of sheets, but because of distance. Under Postage Rates of March 3, 1851, printed circular rates were calculated in multiples of one cent for every 500 mile increment. As the circular travelled over 500 miles but less than 1000, it was considered a "double." If the sender had not prepaid the postage, the rate world have been double the two cent rate.

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NORTHEASTERN SECTION

Tom Clarke, Editor Box 290-145 Davie, FL 33329

A lot seems to be happening in the world of Northeastern postal history. The *Rhode Island Postal History Journal* has made its appearance under the editorship of Thomas E Greene, Box 3822, North Providence, RI 02911. He has three bi-monthly issues under his belt to date, containing ten articles. The most recent number is wholly devoted to the PH of the town of Centerdale (1849 to date), loaded with collateral engravings, covers, documents, ledgers. The Journal is a carefully and thoughtfully compiled creation and readers are encouraged to write to Tom regarding membership.

New Hampshire also has entered the ranks of journaled societies with the appearance beginning last June of *Granite Posts*, Journal of the NHPHS. Interested readers please contact Russell White IV, Box 4516, Manchester NH 03108-4516 for further information. Articles contained in the first four quarterlies include a list of unknown-on-cover POs, current Bicentennial commemorative cancels, various area and local postal histories, RFD, an auction, etc, etc.

Both journals make very interesting reading and we hope to have some of the very capable writers belonging to each to help contribute to future pages of *La Posta*.

The *Empire State PH Bulletin* quarterly has had a irregular past two years, but now is back on track, edited since the Fall 1988 issue by *La Posta* contributor Martin Margulis.

The ESPHS goes back to 1967, and contains a quite respectable roster of members. The *Bulletin* contains a healthy 100 + item auction each issue, a list of ESPHS PH books and booklets for sale, articles on collecting, rare postmarks, town post offices, etc. Contact Marty at Box 5475, Albany NY 12205 for further information

Turning to the present publication, we have the first part of a fascinating article by Philadelphia collecting "Dean" Ed Harvey on a virtually unknown area of investigation, Pneumatic Tube Mail Service, from the bustling days around the turn of the century. To balance the old, we have two somethings new, comments on two 1980s due covers from Rick Lancaster from up near down East, and an analysis of an interesting postal history frontier: the USPS style cancels of 1971-75.

Not a bad helping. Next month we also begin the lengthy Pennsylvania Doane list, by continuing *La Posta* contributor **Bob McKain** of Pittsburgh, plus more. We shall endeavor to get more material from all over the Northeast, and introduce other writers to the La P family. Maybe you.

Scratch your own gray matter for the inclination to write up a favorite cover, request information about an irritating mystery item, enshrine your own hometown's PH, gloss it with old photos from your childhood, get misty-eyed to see your personal ould sod in print. Write me about your idea for an article, and write me with suggestions, recriminations, commendations, or just enclose large sums in small denominations. But WRITE!

P.S. Anyone made plans yet for the Postal History Seminar at FLOREX in Orlando FL November 2? Even if it snows.

LETTERS:

[John Kay, who has helped mastermind the several state Postal History books, which have opened up much more intelligent collecting, has the encyclopedic knowledge and years of experience that allow him to make insightful, detailed comments on just about every topic postal. Here is another friendly reconstruction. For someone to spend money for covers which help to garner medals in one thing. More awards need to go to knowledge-leaders like John.]

Dear Tom,

I want to add a few remarks to the article on the Special Delivery [story in the July 1989 issue]. Use any of it you wish.

The post office, where a Special Delivery messenger attempted to deliver the letter, applied the handstamp "Fee Claimed by Office of First Address" to show that the Special Delivery Fee had been paid to the messenger, and was no longer available [for further payment].

Special Delivery letters, until 1944, were postmarked on the reverse side, by every post office which handled the individual letter. When the letter was part of a packet of letters it was not backstamped. This letter has no postmark between the Pitts & St Louis RPO and Waco TX, meaning that the Pitts & St Louis had placed the Special Delivery on top of a packet of letters, all for Waco, it was not handled individually again until it reached Waco.

Here is an explanation of the postmarks on the letter. The Geigertown postmark is in error, it should read Feb 1/PM or Feb 2/AM; this is shown by the first of the postmarks on the reverse.

The error in the Geigertown postmark was probably due to the postmaster receiving the letter as he opened the post office for the day. In his haste to dispatch the letter on the Reading & Coatesville, he only took time to change the date.

The letter was dispatched to the Reading & Coatesville RPO, Tr 701, which stopped at Geigertown at 6:11 AM and arrived at Reading at 6:50. They dispatched it to the Reading & Lancaster RPO, Tr 901, which left Reading at 7:00 and arrived in Lancaster at 8:40. They dispatched it to the NY & Pittsburgh RPO, Tr 15, which served Lancaster, at 10:28, and arrived in Pittsburgh at 6:50 PM.

It was then dispatched to the Pitts & St Louis RPO, Tr 155, leaving Pittsburgh at 7:25 PM and arrived in St Louis at 8:30 AM on Feb 3. The letter arrived in Waco at noon on Feb 4th, was stamped "Fee Claimed...," and was delivered. The "12 M" equals midday.

Thus, the letter traveled a total of 1760 miles in 54 hours.

Two Returned for Postage Letters by Rick Lancaster

Rick Lancaster, who wrote about some covers for us last time, has a few more for the reader's thoughts and perusal. (He then goes on to suggest that he's not really good enough of a writer for *La Posta* yet. I disagree!)

If you can talk to your wife on the phone, then you can write an article. The only difference is that your wife may not want to hear all the facts, but we do. So thanks, Rick, for another useful glimpse of postal life.

Dear Tom.

Enclosed are two covers mailed without postage in the 1980s. Each, with no return address, is handstamped "Returned For Postage." The receiving post office sent the covers to the Dead Letter Branch in Boston MA.

Opened there, and still not finding a return address, the letters were then forwarded postage due to the addressee, Medical Supplies Inc, in Waterville ME.

The first cover, posted during the 20 cents rate period, was machine canceled Nov 11, 1984 in Portland ME, on the reverse, and was charged 90 cents postage due. This equals 20 cents plus the 70 cents handling fee for the forwarding service.

The second cover was posted, most likely, after Feb 17, 1985, when the first class rate increased to 22 cents. The 70 cents handling fee had been eliminated (probably at the time of rate change, but I don't know for sure--perhaps a *La Posta* readermight). The cover was forwarded postage due 22 cents.

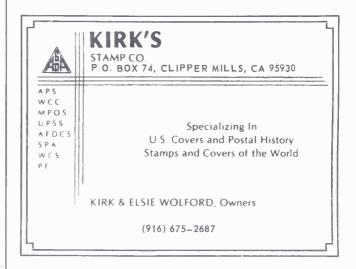
Well Tom, that's the story behind these two covers. Hope you find them interesting enough for *La Posta*.

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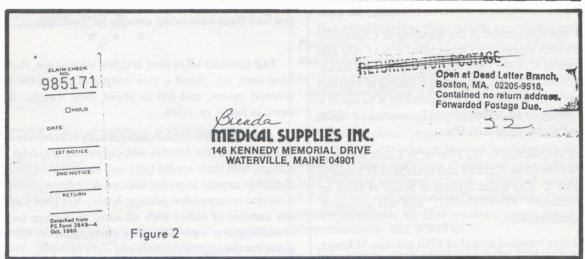
Just consider all of your articles, mini or not, that haven't been sent, yet. Send a nice couple of out-of-the-ordinary xeroxed covers, and tell us about their travels. See your name in lights, er, print.

And far as Modern Postal History is concerned, it may lack the allure that follows with encrusted, hundred year old stamps, with their sordid tales and limited availability, but I challenge anyone to go out tomorrow and consciously locate a current returned-for-postage letter. Yet I bet you can buy any number of oldies with all sorts of postage on them.... Humbling in a way. There's a lot of "gold" in the modern arena for those with the flair and care to see it.

It's good to see modern goodies called to our attention, too.









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The Unpopular "USPS" cancels.

by Bob McCurdy

In 1970 the US Post Office Department became the US Postal Service. It was consecrated, as it were, July 1, 1971, a day on which all post offices were supposed to offer a special cacheted envelope with the new postmark. These first days are still a popular collecting interest to some. Whatever else happened in those tempestuous years, we at least have postmarks to study and collect.



Any significant change in postal operations is likely to be accompanied by some noticeable change in postmarks. In this case, the USPS developed a postmark without town name, but with its own name plus the state abbreviation and three-digit ZIP. The earliest date of use that I have found

Bob McCurdy works at the Philadelphia Mint and has an astounding collection of 20th century US postmarks. He has written a couple of articles for the *Post Mark Collectors Club Bulletin*. To quote him "I do not study post offices, postal history, canceling machines, etc, except insofar as I can avoid it. My business is with postmarks."

The Editor thinks Bob IS a postal historian, at least as far as the following topic is concerned. Bob is modest and quiet, pleasant, and verbally generous with his time and knowledge. Perhaps he will teach us more about modern cancels in future issues?

True, this article is not properly "Northeast" except insofar as I have been very happy to have Bob's input regarding my forthcoming Philadelphia catalog, and the fact that what he says certainly pertains to the populous cities and busy post offices located there.

Bob says, "I am sure many [postal history] collectors include modern material in their collections, as a matter of course." If not now, then perhaps after realizing the challange that resides with modern cancels, you will.

for any of these USPS postmarks is Nov 1970, from Macon GA. That would have been "U.S.Postal Service, GA 310."





Fig 2 Providence RI (02&xx) lost its name too during the USPS purge of 1971-5.

In this 1971-75 period, USPS types appeared in nearly every major post office. Only a few of the larger offices escaped, such as Chicago, and only one state never used them-Alaska. I have collected over 1360 different USPS cancellations from 49 states and Puerto Rico, as well as the countless slogans that accompany them.

The appearance of USPS postmarks was met with sorrow, dismay, and indignation by collectors, and with indifference or wonder by the rest of the public. Yet many people complained, understandably, about the loss of identity. Collectors bemoaned the apparent loss of town name postmarks. The reason for the change was that the USPS had largely begun the now common practice of canceling most mail generated in a region at a Sectional Center, where there was equipment to handle the quantity.

Apparently, this was supposed to achieve faster sorting and routing and cost savings, even if a letter mailed to a neighbor had to go fifty miles to a Sectional Center to be canceled, sorted, and returned to the local post office for delivery.

As for the postmarks themselves, the first question was, Why were such new types needed? If all the mail from Philadelphia PA for example was canceled "U.S.Postal Service, PA 191," why not at least use the name of Philadelphia? Most likely, since the canceling was being done at one place for a larger region, a common, generalized type seemed the best--automated--way to go.

However, by 1975, the Postal Service seemed to have realized that these postmarks were very unpopular, and it was decided that a number of test post offices, approximately twenty, would go back to using original names, but would retain the ZIP area designator in the dial. The Main Offices included those of Buffalo, San Francisco, Atlanta, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Louisville, and so on: Thus "U.S.Postal Service, CA 940" became "San Francisco, CA 940."



Fig 3 Philadelphia's USPS type dial with the Sectional Area ("zip code range") designation ZIP, 190, later changed to 191, the specific Philadelphia ZIP code.

The experiment met with unqualified public approval, and in that year, 1975, the official end came for all USPS type postmarks. But some are still seen even now, including new types never before used. For instance, Detroit has never stopped using them. From that office can be found "U.S.Postal Service MI 481," and "482" and the same without the state letters, as well as the replacement type, "Detroit, MI 481" and "482." No other office presents a picture so confused.

Within a year, all the larger post offices were using the new dies. Most had the ZIP area where the Sectional Center was located. Those offices which had already changed over during the experimental period, however, now had postmarks which showed the wrong ZIP area. Using the same example, "San Francisco, CA 940" had to be changed to "CA 941", because 941 is the specific ZIP for that city. Some offices never completely made this change. In spite of a depressing uniformity, a few new and inter

esting types emerged, and a few non-uniform dies were used. At least three USPS dies featured a full ZIP code: "NY 10001," "NJ 070601," and "TX 75261."

Of the standard Mark II type postmarks, two were seen only in the U.S.Postal Service format. They were "CO 804" (Golden) and "SC 293" (Spartanburg).

One of the strangest features of the USPS postmarks was the omission, in some types, of the state letters. An example would be "U.S.Postal Service, 446." At the time, the same type of postmark could be seen with the state letters included--OH 446. I have not been able to learn the reason for this difference, aside from perhaps a simple engraving error.

When first introduced, USPS postmarks were thought by many to be the postmarks of the future. I, for one, did not think so, because there was no permanent type; some new variety was seen each year. The five types which are the most common are my Types 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8. (See chart following.)

Now, many years after the general withdrawal of these USPS postmarks, we can see the importance of collecting something current. They were very unpopular for several reasons, and so the USPS types were passed up by most collectors. Even when current, many of them were not easily found. I have seen some only once in 18 years. Instead of marking the path to the future, they are a page in postal history.

[ED: I thought it would be good to append to Bob's interesting, though brief, analysis of this interesting aspect of modern postal history, portions of a letter he sent me, which included more information, for my sake, concerning Philadelphia. It follows.]

Dear Tom:

Your letter of the 24th is here, and I see that it will be best if I answer it in parcels, so to speak. That may even help you keep things sorted out.



Fig 4 The ubiquitous Mark II machine cancel; a) as appeared prior to the USPS creation; b) and c) examples of the replacement version with town name returned to the dial (after 1975).

I will tell you about USPS types and ZIP area types this time. I am sure you are certain you are familiar with "U.S.Postal Service" type postmarks, where Fort Lauderdale would be seen as "U.S.Postal Service, FL 333." The current ZIP area type you see every day: "Ft. Lauderdale, FL 333." The USPS type postmarks were used almost everywhere in the US 1970-75, some types still showing in some areas, though the practice was generally discontinued in 1975.





Fig 5 New style, unpopular USPS postmark without town name. This one has the erroneous "19(" ZIP.

"U.S. Postal Service, PA 190" fist appeared in Dec 1974 to my knowledge. The original die--the Mark II type--actually had the 190 like this: "19(," the last digit appearing to

be a zero doctored to appear as a 1. In Mar 1975 I decided to ask what it was supposed to be. A whole month later, I received a reply, but no information. Apparently as a result of my inquiry, the die began to appear as a clear "190." The "19(" type disappeared. The 190 itself disappeared not long after. Other 190 and 191 USPS types were last seen by me in 1979.

When I first started to study and collect USPS types in 1970, I needed some way to identify them to other collectors and keep track of them myself. So I assigned type numbers to them as I went along. I did not know then what machines many types were [canceled with]. I will send you a type chart for SOME types (there are at least 35 of them in all).

These are the only known USPS types used from Philadelphia:

	EKU	LKU
U.S.P- S-, PA 190 Type 1	Dec 12 1974	Jul 6 1975
U.S.P- S-/PA 190 Type 6	Dec 19 1978	Dec 10 1979
U.S.P- S-/PA 191 Type 6	Mar 11 1975	Dec 7 1979
U.S.P- S-/PA 191 Type 16	Oct 20 1975	May 9 1976

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE OUR REF: VJL: A.E. Lazzaro; dt 597-5481 DATE April 21, 1975 summer: Poor Postmarks PACU Mr. Robert J. McCurdy 2125 South 63rd Street Philadelphia, PA. 19142 Dear Mr. McCurdy: Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter concerning your observation of the illegible Zip Code as it appears on the envelopes cancelled at the Philadelphia Post Office. This matter was made the subject of an investigation and immediate corrective measures were taken to alleviate any doubt of the Zip Code included in the postmark cancellation. Your interest in the postal service in bringing this matter to my attention is appreciated. Sincerely yours, VincentUJ. Logan -Postmaster

1975 Post Office response to my letter of inquiry.











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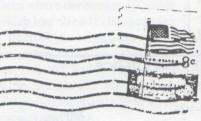
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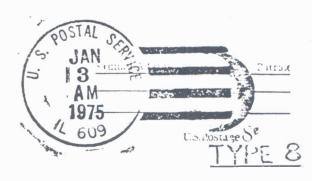
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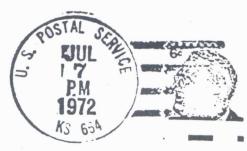




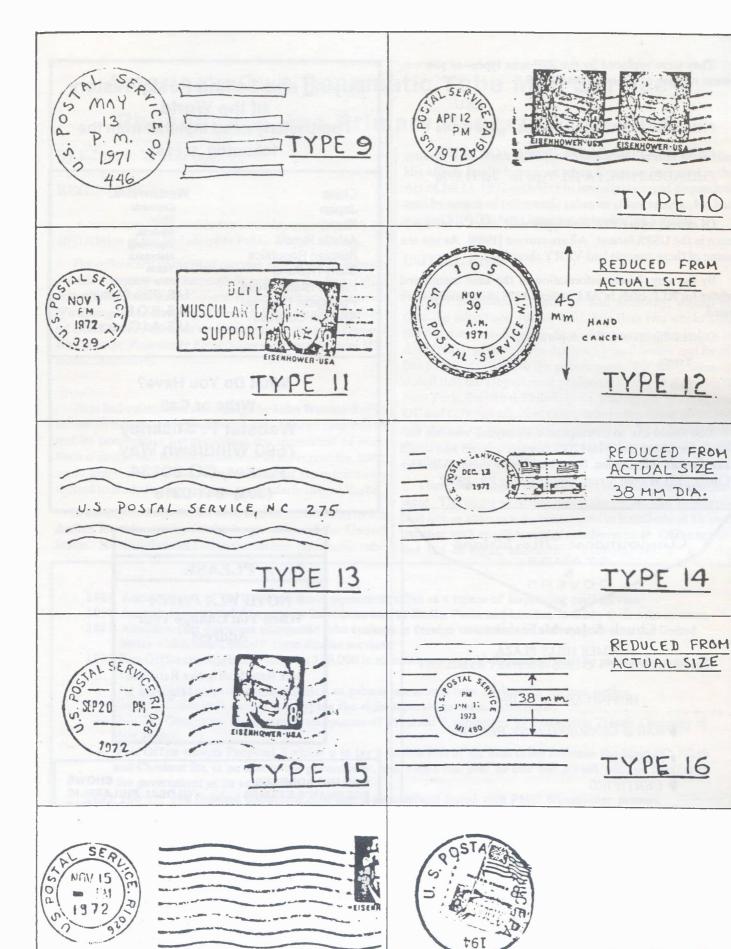
TYPE 6







TYPE 8A



TYPE 17

TYPE 19

They were replaced by the ZIP area types--as you see, some running at the same time:

EKU

PHILADELPHIA, PA 191 Type 1 Apr 7 1974 PHILADELPHIA, PA/191 Type 6 Oct 22 1974 PHILADELPHIA, PA 191 Type 16 Jul 11 1976

Of course, other ZIP area types exist which were never seen in the USPS format. All are current [1988]. As you see some of these cancels had VERY short lives.

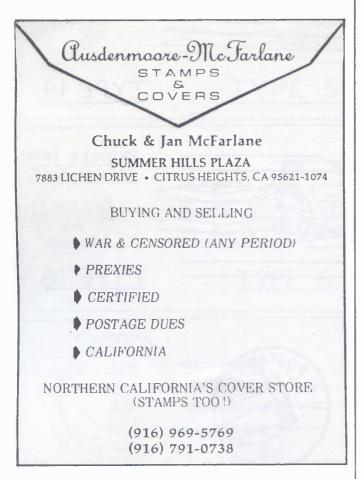
By the way, I have information of the kind mentioned above for ALL cities in ALL states where such cancels were used.

Other subjects to follow separately,

Yours,

Bob

Bob would like to correspond with anyone who has further information about his USPS types, or anyone who would like further information from him about them: Bob McCurdy, 7221 Walnut Street, Upper Darby PA 19082.



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America's Own Pneumatic Tube Mail Service--Philadelphia, the Primary User, 1893 to 1918

By Edward T. Harvey

BEGINNINGS

A news item appeared in the Saturday morning, Feb 18, 1893 edition of the Philadelphia Public Ledger stating:

The official test of the mail carrying tube of the Pneumatic Transit Company was successfully made at the Post Office yesterday by Postmaster-General Wanamaker in the presence of a distinguished company. Dinner followed at the Continental Hotel where addresses were made by Postmaster-General Wanamaker, Postmaster Field, Supreme Court Justices Williams...and others.

Thus had culminated a campaign by John Wanamaker to secure an experimental pneumatically operated tube line to test its possibilities for expediting the movement of mail. Such a design was briefly mentioned in his report for 1889, again urged in 1890 and Wanamaker sent representatives abroad to study foreign systems, particularly that of Berlin.

In his report for 1891, he went into more detail as to his desires for tube service in the larger cities of the United States. He included data on many foreign pneumatic tube

systems with much specific information on that of Berlin. His efforts finally bore fruit when Congress included in the Act of Jul 13, 1892 authority to investigate rapid dispatch of mail by means of pneumatic tubes or other means. He had wanted \$100,000 but Congress only allotted \$10,000.

INITIAL BIDS

PMG Wanamaker, once he had authority, wasted no time--he advertised Jul 26, 1892, less than two weeks after the Act authorized him to do so, for no-cost submissions of descriptions of pneumatic devices for mail matter and for offers to test at no cost to the government. The advertisement stated that the Department preferred testing in the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, or Washington, DC and between adjacent cities, or between a post office and sub-station or transportation terminal. The descriptions were to be accompanied by proposals offering to lease or sell the line to the United States.

There were eight submissions based on this advertisement. The terms were that unless the bidder had an acceptable line in existence, he would have to install one at his own expense, with no guarantee of reimbursement. Only one bidder out of eight, submitting "Proposal No. 3," had the

- 1889 Annual report of the PMG mentions pneumatic tubes as a means of improving mail service.
- 1890 Annual report stated that experts have been sent to Berlin, Paris, and London to study their tube systems.
- 1891 Annual report describes pneumatic tube systems in foreign countries and surveys cities on the United States which could benefit from similar services.
- 1892 Post Office appropriation includes \$10,000 to examine more rapid dispatch of mail by means of pneumatic tubes.
- Jul 26, PMG advertises for proposals to submit pneumatic tube devices for no cost testing.
- Sep 15, Committee named to examine the eight separate proposals received.
- Sep 29, Committee recommends acceptance of Proposal 3, submitted by Pneumatic Transit Company of New Jersey.
- Post Office accepts Proposal 3 which is to lay a double line of six inch tubes between the Main PO, Ninth and Chestnut Sta, at no cost to the government, and with a one year no cost test period, with no liability to the government at its expiration.
- 1893 Feb 17. The finished pneumatic tube line is successfully tested with PMG Wanamaker present.
- Mar 1, Official use begins for one year period at no cost to the government.
- 1894 Mar 1. The no cost period expires and a four year contract is signed for use of the pneumatic tubes.

Thus did the pneumatic tube mail begin in the United States. There were several year's delay expanding the system in Philadelphia and to other cities, delays caused by the desire of the postal authorities to choose standards best suited to their needs. Eventually there would be additions in Philadelphia's networks of tube mail and they will also be established in NYC, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, and St Louis.

Fig 1: Chronology of the beginning of Pneumatic Tube Mail transport in the United States.

temerity to accept the own-expense challenge. As outlined by the committee in its report of Sep 29, 1892 which examined the merits:

No. 3: Pneumatic Transit Company of New Jersey

Will put down line between main post office in Philadelphia and sub-station at Third and Chestnut Streets, without cost to Government and without obligation to purchase or lease. After one year's trial will lease or will sell at cost if desired by Government.

MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS

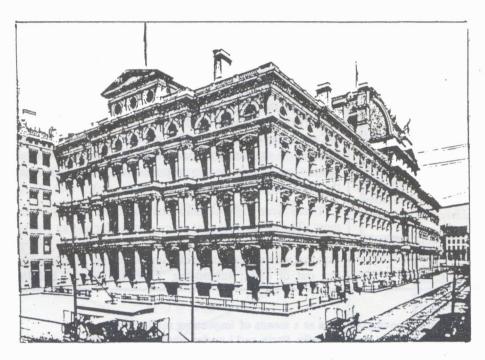


FIG 2: Federal Building; the public area of Main PO, first floor on Ninth Street. This view about 1900. The PO moved here in 1884.

The main post office was in the Federal Building at Ninth Street which extended from Market to Chestnut Street. The sub-station was at East Chestnut Street Station (near the future Bourse Building) at 323 Chestnut Street, somewhat closer to Fourth Street than to Third. In the experiment the choice for connection was logical as it would require only slightly over half a mile length and would be in a straight line down Chestnut, bending only for entry at each terminus. It might have been more than coincidence that this was the connection suggested as a possibility two years before, first by Philadelphia Postmaster Field, and echoed by Philadelphian PMG Wanamaker.

It is understandable that, taking all of the risk, the Pneumatic Transit Co. of New Jersey (in some reports referred to as the New Jersey Rapid Transit Co.) would choose the least expensive route. However, the selection of a sub-station such as East Chestnut did not result in as fair a test of the system's desirability as would have one of the rail stations, either the Reading Terminal or Broad Street Station. The mechanical feasibility of tube systems had been proven in Berlin, Paris, and Vienna. It should have been more important to prove whether, with larger diameter tubes, the large volume between important points could be handled. East Chestnut was not an important station. Its volume was not sufficient to employ carriers; it was used as a collection point and for registry and money orders.

In any event, the Pneumatic Transit Co. (PTC) went ahead with a double line of parallel tubes, each with an in-

side diameter of about 6-1/8/ inches, at an estimated cost to them of \$25,000 (later claimed to be closer to \$50,000). Originally scheduled for completion by Dec 1, 1892 (local ordinance usually forbade breaking paving after Dec 1 or the first heavy frost), the line was finally tested on Feb 17, 1893. Motive power came from steam supplied from the excess available at the Main PO by permission of the Treasury Department, which had jurisdiction over the building.

After the test the system was officially opened by the POD Mar 1, 1893 and operated without cost to the government for one year. A contract was then written for a four year term starting Mar 1, 1894, at a rental of \$3,450 per annum. Till Jul 1, 1896 this cost was paid by the PO out of the appropriation for mail messenger service.

A copy of the original proposal of Sep 2, 1892 by the PTC and details of the construction is shown. Except for carrier sizes, the text of the details section gives a good general idea of how all pneumatic postal systems operated in the United States.

THE PNEUMATIC RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY

The Pneumatic Transit Company, the owner and operator of the new Philadelphia system was newly incorporated as of Jan 8, 1892 under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with authorized capital of 1,000,000, divided equally into 50,000 shares each of common and preferred stock with a par value of \$10/share. Their proposal was signed by William J Kelly, President and C T Harrop, Secretery. Horace Geiger was Treasurer. According to a Postal Inspector's

PREUMATIC TRANSIT C

Subject --- No. 906 WALNUT STREET.

RAPID DISPATCH OF MAILS.

Philadelphia,

Hon. John Wanamaker,

Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

In response to advertisement made by you relating to proposals for rapid dispatch of mail matter by means of pneumetic tubes, etc., the PNEUMATIC TRANSIT COMPANY submits the following statement and proposal:

STATE SENT.

The Pneumatic Transit Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and its charter bears date January 7th, 1892.

The Company owns by purchase the right to use in the State of Pennsylvania that system of pneumatics covered by the Letters Patent of Henry Clay and Chas. A. Lieb,

The Letters Patent issued to Henry Clay are deted Nov. 4, 1884 and numbered 307,437; and the Letters Patent issued to Chas. A. The POSTMASTER GENERAL

THE PROPOSITION OF THE PNEUMATIC TRANSIT OO. IN RESPONSE TO ADVERTISEMENT OF JULY, 26, 1892.

PROPOSAL

This company proposes to lay pneumatic tubes, each with an inside diameter of about 61 inches, in Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, connecting the main post office at Ninth and Chestnut Streets with the sub post office on Chestnut Street, below Fourth Street.

This company will pay all expanses connected with the introduction of the system into streets and post-office buildings, and the maintenance and operation of the same while there, and removal from post-office buildings when requested by your depart-

All damage done to the buildings or property in any way will be paid by the

company.

The work of laying the tubes and introducing the system will commence immediately after this proposal has been accepted, and will be completed as soon as possible, say within 10 weeks.

When completed, we propose the Government shall test the system for a period of one year, this test to be without cost to the United States. This company waives all claim against the United States for any expense attending the construction, tests or preparation for said tests, or any expense attending the same. We request, however, the use, not exceeding 50 horsepower, of the surplus steam in the boilers in the post-office building at Ninth and Chestnut Streets during the period of said

After the system has been given a fair trial, we will lease the same from year to year to the United States, or will sell, assign and transfer to the United States at cost, the plant so constructed, with the right on the part of the Government to operate it.

For a more detailed description of the system and its capacity for rapid mail delivery, we submit as a part of our proposition the following:

We will lay in the bed of Chestnut Street at a depth of, say, 4 feet, so as to get below the frost line, two parallel iron tubes, each with an exterior diameter of 62 inches and an interior diameter of 61 inches. These tubes will be made with great care to obtain the greatest possible uniformity in dimensions, and a smooth surface, especially on the interior. They will be coated inside and out with material to prevent oxidation and render them smooth. Especial pains will be taken in the construction of joints to have them smooth on the interior to avoid the escape of air or the entrance of moisture and to allow for expansion and contraction due to changes of temperature. These tubes will be laid solidly, and in a method satis-

changes of temperature. These tubes will be laid solidly, and in a method satisfactory to the director of the department of public works.

A continuous current of air, supplied by steam air compressor, will flow from the main post office through one tube to the sub post office, and return through the other tube, there being no openings for escape of air at any point in this loop of tube until it reaches the end at the main post office where it is discharged in front of the supply pipe of the air compressor. To maintain a perfectly steady flow of air, and to collect any moisture that may be present, a reservoir or closed chamber will be interposed detween the air compressor and the line of tube.

Cylindrical carriers containing mail matter will be placed in the tube without interrupting the flow of air or allowing it to escape by means of a simple device termed a transmitter. Immediately on entering the tube the carrier is carried along by a current of air and upon its arrival at the sub post office it automatically operates a device known as a receiver, which allows it to pass out of the tube with

the escape of only a slight puff of air.

In a similar manner carriers can be sent from the sub post office to the main post office in the return line of tube, thus requiring one transmitter and one receiver at each office. The carriers will be constructed of brass, or other suitable material, about 16 inches long and 5 inches in diameter inside, having packing rings upon the exterior near each end that fit the tube so as to prevent the air passing by the carrier and to allow easy movement of the carrier through the tube. Such carriers will hold at least 150 letters of ordinary size, and at least 10 such carriers conveying, say, 1,500 letters can be sent every minute, or at the rate of 90,000 letters per hour. Should it at any time be desirable to connect this line of tubes with any other office or building, branch tubes can be constructed. At the point where the branch tubes connect with the main line, a switch is placed that will deflect the carriers into the branch tube or allow them to pass on in the main line, as may be desired. This wires of a cable laid in the ground alongside of the tubes. Any number of branch tubes having electrically controlled switches may connect with the main line tubes.

Thus it will be seen that with such a system carriers can be dispatched from the central station to any substation and from any substation to the central station.

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When it is desirable to send carriers from one substation to the other, they must be sent to the central station and from there be sent to their destination.

The electrical devices for operating the switches are very simple and can be

operated by any unskilled person.

THE PNEUMATIC TRANSIT CO., WILLIAM J. KELLY, President. C. T. HARROP, Secretary.

FIG 3 and 4: Page one of the six page proposal plus the basic Proposal and Details section. Except for carrier sizes, the text of the details gives a good general idea of how all the pneumatic postal systems operated in the United States. The Details describe methods of selectively switching carriers through electrical contacts. But the state of electrical art could not handle the speeds and weights of the carriers with reliability. Later, when several stations were in line, the carriers popped out at each station and had to be reinserted for the next.

report in 1907 their statutory principal office was at 106 Market Street, Camden NJ and had a Philadelphia address at 1038 Ridge Avenue. But in 1892-3 the Philadelphia office was at 906 Walnut Street.

One particular personality connected with the PTC was a designer and inventor, Birney C Batcheller, who then and later held many patents governing the apparatus used in tube systems, particularly the larger tube sizes. The Philadelphia system was laid out and supervised by him. His patents placed such an imprint on the tube systems used in the United States POs that they are generally referred to as "Batcheller systems." The impression is that in Philadelphia he worked as a consultant for, rather than as an employee of, the PTC. Later, Batcheller became chief engineer for the American Pneumatic Service Co. which as a division of Lamson Co. controlled the subsidiaries which operated the pneumatic tube systems for POs in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, and St Louis.

BOURSE BUILDING

In early 1893 when the pneumatic mail tubes were connected to the East Chestnut Station, the Bourse Building had not yet been built. Ground was broken for it in Oct 1893. The Bourse was and still is located on Ranstead Street, which is between Market and Chestnut Sts, and extends the full block Fourth to Fifth Streets. The building was officially opened Oct 1, 1895 to serve as a mercantile exchange in a portion of Philadelphia that is still the center of financial and commercial activity.

According to Kay and Smith's Pennsylvania Postal History, the East Chestnut Station was closed Apr 1, 1895, six months before the Bourse officially opened. However, in the Public Ledger Almanac for 1896, dated Dec 1895, Station 20 is listed as being in the Bourse Building. Since the Philadelphia Bourse Building is just around the corner from 323 Chestnut Street, the reconnection of the tubes was a comparatively minor undertaking. (Wood blocks were commonly used as street paving.) Indications are that the tubes were out of operation from Apr 1 until at least the building was finished and not perhaps until the tubes were relocated. Nevertheless it seems that Station 20 was located in the Bourse sometime in late 1895.

It was classified as a Receiving Sub-Station with no regular carrier delivery. Jan 1, 1898 it was renamed Bourse Station and upgraded to Carrier Station. But it was a special kind of carrier station, perhaps unique, in that its deliveries were limited to occupants of that building alone. Bourse Station continued with the 6 inch tubes connected to the Main PO until the demise of the tube system in Philadelphia Jun 30, 1918; the Station finally closed Jun 1, 1919.



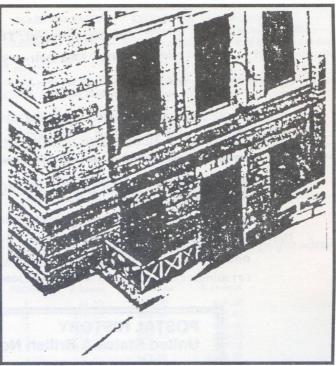


FIG 5 and 6: Bourse Building. Till NYC started up its first tube line Oct 15, 1897, the Bourse Building housed the only tube station in the US. An enlargement shows the below-street entrance to the Station at 4th and Ranstead Sts. Registered mail was canceled but regular mail was sent to the Main PO for cancels and sorting. Three carriers made deliveries to offices only within this building.





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Part XII: Elko County

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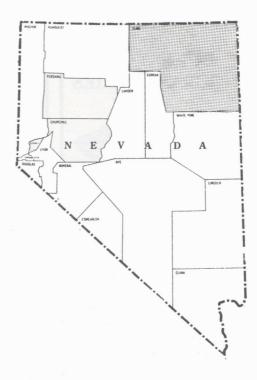
Elko County is a vast region that occupies most of northeastern Nevada. It was created from Lander County on March 5, 1869. The county boundaries were changed in 1871, when the northern part of Lander County was added to Elko County on the west, and again in 1875, when a triangular area in the southwestern part of the county was ceded to Eureka County. The area of Elko County is over 17,000 square miles, or about one-sixth the total area of Nevada.

Camp Halleck was the first post office to operate in what is now Elko County. Although the Ruby Valley post office opened more than six years earlier, it did not operate within the boundaries of present Elko County until 1869. The United States Army established Camp Halleck in July 1867 to protect emigrant traffic on the Overland and Humboldt River routes. It was also anticipated that Camp Halleck would safeguard the workers building the Central Pacific Railroad once it reached the area. The Camp Halleck post office was established in October 1868, and within a month railroad construction crews were laying track through the Humboldt River valley, passing 12 miles north of Camp Halleck.

In 1870 wood and brick buildings replaced the camp's primitive dugouts and tents, which gave the place a more permanent appearance. Throughout the 1870s and early 1880s the camp was a stabilizing force in the region and also provided economic benefits for towns and ranches in the area. Camp Halleck was officially designated a fort in April 1879, although the post office name was not changed to Fort Halleck until May 1880. The government abandoned Fort Halleck in 1886 because it was felt the expense involved in its maintenance did not justify its existence. The remaining two officers and 43 enlisted men were transferred to Fort McDermit in Humboldt County. The Fort Halleck post office continued to exist long after the fort was abandoned. As late as 1903 the post office reportedly supplied mail to 100 people in the area, but it was finally discontinued in May 1907.

The construction of the transcontinental Central Pacific Railroad through Nevada in 1868 and 1869 was largely responsible for the formation and early settlement of Elko County. As the Central Pacific built eastward, the towns of Carlin, Elko, Wells, and Toana were founded and quickly received post offices. The railroad also stimulated the development of ranching areas and new mining districts in Elko County.

The rails of the Central Pacific reached Carlin in December 1868, and the Carlin post office was established that same



month. The railroad soon selected Carlin as a division point and platted a townsite. Carlin became an important freighting center serving the mining districts at Eureka, Austin, Hamilton, and other places. In 1871 Carlin had 800 residents, but by 1880 this figure fell to half that amount. Carlin continued to exist as a railroad town of 400 to 650 people until 1965. That year the Newmont Mining Company began open-pit gold mining just north of Carlin, and this gave a needed boost to Carlin's economy. The growth that resulted from this operation has increased Carlin's population to about 1,200.

The railroad reached Elko in late December 1868. On December 29 railroad representatives surveyed a townsite and named it Elko. The Central Pacific sold townsite lots on January 15, 1869, and two weeks later the Elko post office was established. Almost immediately the new town became a busy place as freight and passenger traffic to and from Hamilton, Mountain City, Bullion, and the southern Idaho gold fields passed through Elko. The Nevada legislature created Elko County in March 1869 and made Elko the county seat. By June Elko contained businesses of all types and a population of 2,000.

As regional mining activity declined in the 1870s, Elko's importance as a freighting center did too. In spite of this, Elko was named as the first location of the University of Nevada in 1873. The university opened in October 1874 with a first year enrollment of seven students and remained in Elko until 1885, when it moved to Reno.

In 1880 the population of Elko was 800, and it stayed close to this figure until the construction of the Western Pacific Railroad in 1907 helped stimulate the town. In addition, mining activity at such places as Midas, Jarbidge, and Edgemont also brought prosperity to Elko. Civic improvements were made, including a new court house. Elko continued to grow and by 1916 had a population of 2,500. This figure climbed to 4,000 by 1940.

Today Elko is the commercial center for much of northeastern Nevada. Its 9,000 residents make it the largest city in rural Nevada. Ranching and tourism are the primary industries.

The springs and meadows known as Humboldt Wells were a popular resting place for emigrants traveling west during the 1850s and 1860s. The Central Pacific reached Humboldt Wells in February 1869 but made few improvements. The first post office established here in July 1869 was simply named Wells, but it closed in February 1870. Over the next year other businesses opened, and Humboldt Wells became the point of departure from the railroad for the Clover Valley and points southward, including Sprucemont, Schellbourne, and Egan Canyon. This increased activity resulted in the re-establishment of the Wells post office in February 1871. Although the post office was always named Wells, the town continued to be called Humboldt Wells until 1873.

Wells attained a population of 250 by 1880, and this figure has increased gradually over the years. Railroad activity has been a primary industry in Wells; after the completion of the Oregon Short Line in 1926, three railroads served the town. Because Wells is situated at the intersection of US highway 93 and Interstate 80 (formerly US 40), highway traffic has contributed to the town's economy in recent years. Wells now has about 1,200 residents.

The Central Pacific reached Toana in March 1869 and established it as its last division point within Nevada. Toana immediately became a shipping point for Hamilton, Pioche, and southern Idaho. The Toana post office opened in August 1869 but only operated for five months. It was later re-established in January 1872. Even though the post office name was always spelled Toana, several of the reported postmarks exhibit the preferred local spelling, Toano. Toana had its peak population of perhaps 250 in the 1870s and continued to function as a railroad division point until 1904. The town received its final blow in 1906 when the Nevada Northern Railway decided to build its line to Ely from the new town of Cobre, one mile to the east. In March of that year Toana lost its post office when it moved to Cobre.

Three other Central Pacific towns received post offices between 1871 and 1875. Tecoma, about three miles east of the Utah state line, had a post office from 1871 to 1872 and again from 1873 to 1921. This village of about 60 people was a small but important shipping point for ranches as far away as Idaho. Halleck was the nearest station to Fort Halleck

and has had a post office since 1873, except for a brief period in 1949 and 1950. Even after Fort Halleck closed, Halleck station served as a shipping point for area ranches. Early in this century Halleck had a population of 150. Deeth, located between Elko and Wells, obtained a post office in 1875. By 1880 several businesses and residences had clustered here, and Deeth became an important shipping point for mining districts to the north and farms and ranches to the south. The town gained more importance in 1910 when a road was constructed to Jarbidge, which enabled Deeth to obtain the valuable freight and passenger business destined for that booming mining camp. About this time Deeth had 250 residents, but after a fire destroyed much of the town including the post office in 1915, Deeth declined. Railroad and highway activity kept Deeth alive in later years, and today about 75 people still live there.

The Ruby Mountains dominate the physical geography of southern Elko County. This imposing range extends south from Wells for nearly 100 miles and rises to an altitude of over 11,000 feet. On each side of the mountains are several fertile valleys that are fed by creeks and streams whose sources are high in the mountains. Elko County's earliest settlers realized the agricultural potential of these valleys as early as 1859, and during the next decade farms and ranches were founded as the individual valleys were settled. After the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad in 1869, more farms and ranches were started in these valleys, and post offices were established to serve them. Most such post offices were located on a ranch owned by the postmaster or his family. When a postmaster retired, the office usually moved to the residence of his replacement, but in some cases it simply closed. Many of the ranch post offices were short-lived and did not generate large volumes of mail, which can be seen by examining the small number of reported postmark types from these offices. There were, however, several offices that existed well into this century, and it is not surprising that their postmarks are relatively common.

The Ruby Valley stretches for about 70 miles along the eastern edge of the Ruby Mountains. The principal settlement in the valley is Ruby Valley, whose post office is now a community post office (CPO) of Wells. During its long life, the Ruby Valley post office operated in at least six different locations. When it was established in April 1862, it was located at the Overland Mail station in the extreme southern end of the valley, in an area which is now in White Pine County. Fort Ruby was established two miles northeast of the station in September 1862 to protect the Overland Mail route; the Ruby Valley post office provided mail service to the soldiers stationed there. Traffic on the Overland Route decreased substantially after the Central Pacific Railroad was completed in May 1869, and Fort Ruby was abandoned that September. About this time the post office moved north into Elko County to serve the ranches in the central portion of the valley. The Post Office Department site location reports show five different locations for the Ruby Valley post

office between 1879 and 1943, which provides a good indication about how frequently this office changed sites.

The Arthur post office served the northern part of the Ruby Valley starting in 1881. In 1887 the post office was discontinued, but it was re-established in 1889 and operated until 1951. Some references state that the post office was named for Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States when the office was established. It is more likely that the office was named for Arthur Gidney, its first postmaster. The Post Office Department site location reports show four different locations for the Arthur post office between 1881 and 1937.

The Cave Creek post office served about 150 people in the southern part of the Ruby Valley from 1887 to 1929. Two post offices, Fair Play (1879-1893) and Schley (1898-1903), served small populations in the north-central part of the valley. Lurline was an unsuccessful Mormon farming community in the northern part of the valley and had a post office from 1915 to 1919. The Secret post office operated at the Murphy Ranch in the extreme northern part of the valley, in an area that is also known as Secret Pass.

The Clover Valley joins the Ruby Valley on the northeast. It extends south from Wells for about 35 miles and is now traversed by US highway 93. The first post office in the valley was established in October 1872 and was named Clover Valley. Even though it provided the only postal service for the 150 or so residents of the valley, the office was discontinued in September 1873.

The unusual circumstances that caused this began in April 1871 when a post office named Clover Valley was established at a small Mormon settlement that was geographically located in Lincoln County, Nevada. Even though a boundary survey completed in December 1870 showed that the area was in Nevada, the residents did not accept this survey and still insisted that they were in Utah. When the post office was established, it was thus listed in Utah records and was not correctly placed in Nevada until September 1873. On the same day the Clover Valley post office in Lincoln County was transferred to the Nevada records, the Clover Valley post office in Elko County was discontinued to avoid having two post offices in Nevada with the same name. Why officials chose to discontinue the Elko County office rather than rename it is unknown.

Several other post offices have operated in the Clover Valley. The Elaine post office operated briefly in 1880 at a stage station on the road between Wells and Sprucemount. A post office named Clover was established in 1896 at or near the site of the old Clover Valley settlement. It operated until 1903, and later from 1921 to 1924 during which time it used the original Clover Valley name. The Wood post office (1900-1902) was located on a small ranch and served about 50 people in the surrounding area. Warm Creek (1907-1909) was also situated on a ranch and reportedly supplied mail to 100 to 150 people.

Tobar was the most successful settlement in the Clover Valley. It began in 1908 as a construction camp for the Western Pacific Railroad as that line was being built across the valley. The post office was established in 1911, and by 1913 promoters were optimistically advertising the agricultural development at Tobar. Although the anticipated growth did not materialize, Tobar did become the commercial center for the valley. Its location on the railroad made it an ideal shipping point for nearby cattle ranches and mining companies. In 1918 the post office was renamed Clover City, but the name reverted to Tobar in 1921. The town gradually declined over the next 20 years, until by 1942 the post office and all other businesses had closed.

The Mound Valley is located about 35 miles south of Elko on the western side of the Ruby Mountains. Six different post offices have existed in the valley over the years. The first post office in Mound Valley was named Cottonwood and served a stage station on the road between Elko and Hamilton. The office was located at the nearby Porter Ranch, but it operated only from December 1869 to July 1870. The next post office in the valley was Dry Creek, established in February 1874 and named for its location on a small tributary of Smith Creek. The Dry Creek post office moved to a new location and was renamed Mound Valley in March 1879. Mound Valley post office existed until March 1881.

The 75 or so residents of the valley were without postal service until the Skelton post office was established in 1884. In the early 1900s the Skelton post office was located in a general store owned by John Hylton, who came to the valley in the early 1870s. He petitioned the Post Office Department to change the name of the office to Hylton, which it did in May 1911. The office operated under this name until it was discontinued in November 1913.

Albert Hankins purchased the Hylton store in 1916. Hankins did not want to perpetuate the name Hylton when he applied for a post office, and the old name Skelton was rejected because of its similarity to Shelton, Nebraska. One of Hankins' children suggested the name of the comic strip character Jiggs, and a post office so named was established in December 1918. The Jiggs post office served the valley until it closed in 1980.

North of Mound Valley is the South Fork Valley, which stretches for 15 miles along the South Fork of the Humboldt River. At the point where the Elko-Hamilton road crossed the river, George Shepherd ran a stage station that was the first stop south of Elko. The Coral Hill post office operated at Shepherd's Station from March 1870 to July 1871. When the post office was re-established in February 1874, it took the name South Fork, but in a little over two months the name was changed back to Coral Hill. The Coral Hill post office operated until March 1877.

In the upper end of the South Fork Valley several small creeks meet to form the South Fork of the Humboldt. Here the Eureka Flour Mill Company constructed a three-story grist mill in 1881. Farmers from the surrounding valleys made the mill an immediate success. A small settlement named Lee formed around the mill site and gained a post office in February 1882. Lee remained a stable agricultural town well into this century. Between 1935 and 1943 the Bureau of Indian Affairs purchased several area ranches and made Lee the headquarters for the South Fork Indian Reservation, home of the Te-Moak Shoshone tribe. The Lee post office operated until 1983.

The Lamoille Valley is situated northeast of the South Fork Valley. It extends north from the base of the Ruby Mountains along Lamoille Creek to the Humboldt River, a distance of about 15 miles. The town of Lamoille has long been the commercial center for this valley. It began in 1869 when John Walker built a small store, saloon, blacksmith shop, and hotel on Lamoille Creek at the point where the Camp Halleck road crossed the road that ran down the valley. This settlement was known as The Crossroads until the Lamoille post office was established here in August 1872. The post office operated until October 1874, again from May 1880 to August 1882, and again from May 1883 to April 1982, when it became a CPO of Elko. The only other post office to operate in the Lamoille Valley was Voight. This office was located at the Henry Voight Ranch in the lower part of the valley and operated from 1892 until 1907.

The Pleasant Valley is a small valley immediately southwest of the Lamoille Valley. The Blaine post office provided postal service to the valley's 50 residents beginning in 1884. It was located on what became the Brennan Ranch and operated until 1914.

The Huntington Valley extends south from the South Fork of the Humboldt along the western edge of the Ruby Mountains and into White Pine County, a distance of 25 or 30 miles. The first post office in the valley was Huntington, established in March 1873. It was stated on the application for the post office that the new office would serve 380 people, but this claim is most likely exaggerated. The Huntington post office operated in at least two different locations before being discontinued in 1904. The only other post office in the Huntington Valley was Sherman, which operated from 1903 to 1915 at the ranch of Valentine Walther. In 1923 the Huntington post office was re-established and operated until 1931.

In northern Elko County, several widely scattered ranches or ranching areas obtained post offices. The White Rock post office served about 100 people on ranches along Silver Creek. It operated from 1871 to 1872 and also from 1873 to 1925. The Fairlawn post office served a small ranching settlement in Squaw Valley near Midas and operated from 1888 to 1904. The North Fork post office was established in 1889 in the center of a stock-raising district along the North Fork of the Humboldt River. By 1910 North Fork developed into a community of about 75 people and a few businesses. The post office operated until 1944. The O'Neil post office operated in two periods between 1894 and 1925.

It was located about 50 miles north of Wells on one of the large sheep and cattle ranches owned by the O'Neil family and supplied mail to about 40 people in the area. The Alexander post office was on the Alexander Ranch in the lower North Fork Valley from 1895 to 1901. The Anderson post office served ranches in the Independence Valley near Tuscarora from 1900 to 1905. The Beaver post office served a ranching area northwest of Deeth from 1896 to 1908. The San Jacinto post office was located on the San Jacinto Ranch about eight miles northeast of Contact and operated from 1898 to 1938. In 1926 it became a station on the new Oregon Short Line Railroad.

Metropolis was to be the center of a large irrigation and reclamation project about 12 miles northwest of Wells. The scheme was developed by the Pacific Reclamation Company in 1910. By the end of 1911 Metropolis boasted a luxurious three-story brick hotel, an eight-mile railroad spur linking the town with the Southern Pacific's main line, and over 500 residents. The town seemed to be a place of great promise, but in 1912 legal problems over downstream water rights severely reduced the amount of land that could be irrigated. Despite this, Metropolis had its peak years in 1913 and 1914, but after that farmers began to leave because of drought and general discontent. The farms that did remain operated successfully until the late 1920s when further drought and the great depression forced the people to go elsewhere. The post office that opened in November 1911 finally closed in 1942. Afton was a smaller, less successful farming settlement about 20 miles north of Metropolis; it had a post office from 1914 to 1918.

Mining has also played a significant role in the development and economy of Elko County, although arguably not to the extent that it has in other Nevada counties. Most of the mining camps were located in the northern or eastern parts of the county. Gold and silver were the minerals of primary interest, but some districts also produced copper, lead, zinc, and other minerals.

Tuscarora was the largest and most important mining town in Elko County during the 19th century. The Tuscarora mining district formed in 1867 after prospectors discovered placer gold about two and one-half miles southwest of the present townsite. Only limited work took place until 1871, when silver veins were discovered on the east side of Mount Blitzen. This discovery resulted in a minor rush to the district, and although a townsite was laid out and a post office established, excitement soon wore off. The Tuscarora post office closed in October 1872 and remained closed until April 1873, perhaps because the postmaster decided to move elsewhere before the cold winter arrived.

Mining activity continued on a small scale at Tuscarora until the summer of 1876 when new silver discoveries were made. These rich strikes increased Tuscarora's population from about 50 to over 3,000. Even though this figure fell to about 1,400 by 1880, Tuscarora remained the largest town in Elko County with nearly twice the population of Elko, its

nearest rival. Tuscarora even made an unsuccessful bid to secure the county seat from Elko.

The mines continued to be successful, especially from 1882 to 1884, but after 1885 the boom began to settle. Production in the big mines was down, but additional discoveries were made and Tuscarora once again began to prosper. However, even these discoveries were exhausted by 1895. Attention then shifted from silver to gold, focusing primarily on the Dexter Mine, discovered in 1888. The Dexter was worked until 1905, and from then until 1912 the mine tailings were reworked using improved recovery methods. Later attempts to revive the district met with only limited success. Today about 75 people still live in Tuscarora.

The Cope mining district was organized in 1869 after a party of prospectors led by A. J. (Jesse) Cope discovered placer gold and silver ore bodies. The town of Cope, soon renamed Mountain City, formed around the activity. The initial attention focused on placer gold operations, but after the surface gold was removed, the miners realized that the silver ore bodies held more potential. Mountain City received a post office in February 1870, and by August of that year the town contained an assortment of businesses and about 600 residents. For the next two years Mountain City prospered. However, the district began to decline in 1873 with decreased production in the mines. Although mining continued until 1882, the population fell. It stood at just 50 according to the 1880 census. Later production was small and intermittent except for a modest revival from 1904 to 1907.

The discovery of copper at Rio Tinto in 1932 brought new life to Mountain City. Rio Tinto, located about two miles from Mountain City, was an orderly company town that existed until the copper deposit was exhausted. During this time Mountain City thrived as the business center for Rio Tinto. In later years automobile traffic has helped keep Mountain City alive, and even today about 100 people remain.

The area between Mountain City and Tuscarora included several smaller mining camps founded in the 1870s and early 1880s. Cornucopia was the largest of these mining towns, reaching a population of 1,000 during 1874 and 1875. It had a post office from 1873 to 1883. Columbia was the longest existing of these towns. Its post office served the Bull Run district and operated in two periods between 1879 and 1902. Falcon was an outgrowth of the Tuscarora boom and had a post office only for seven months in 1878. Good Hope and Island Mountain were smaller camps that each had post offices from 1884 to 1887.

The town of Bullion was located in the Railroad mining district in southwestern Elko County. It had a post office from 1871 to 1934. Bullion was a town of several hundred people between its peak years of 1871 to 1884. Mining stopped after 1887, and by 1890 less than 75 residents remained. Renewed interest in the mines in 1905 brought

new life to Bullion, and the mines continued to make small but regular shipments well into this century.

Mineral discoveries near Spruce Mountain in 1869 and 1870 resulted in the creation of several small mining districts that combined to form the Spruce Mountain district in 1871. A mining camp known as Sprucemont developed around the activity and soon had 200 residents. However, the mining operations were only marginally successful, and by 1880 the district's population numbered about 50. Over the years mining activity continued at irregular intervals and with varying degrees of success. The post office that served the district operated in six different periods under three different names: Sprucemount from 1872 to 1880 and again from 1880 to 1884, Sprucemont from 1886 to 1895, Spruce from 1895 to 1896 and again from 1901 to 1902, and finally Sprucemont again from 1929 to 1935.

There were several smaller mining towns in Elko County that received post offices in the 19th century. Buel was a small mining camp a few miles south of the Central Pacific tracks near the Utah state line. It had a post office from 1871 to 1878. The short-lived Silver Zone post office served the mining district of the same name east of Wells from 1872 to 1873. The Bayard post office, active from 1886 to 1889, was the first post office to serve the placer gold miners in the Charleston district. This area was then served by the Charleston post office from 1895 to 1951; in later years ranching in this region helped keep the post office alive. The Bueasta post office operated from 1896 to 1898 to serve the placer gold miners along the Bruneau River. New gold and silver discoveries near the old mining camp of Island Mountain led to the founding of Gold Creek in 1896. Gold Creek post office was established in 1897, and even though the initial mining excitement only lasted two or three years, the post office operated until 1929. The Contact post office opened in 1897 to serve a gold and copper mining area about 50 miles north of Wells. Contact was a regular copper producer after 1905, especially during World War I and World War II. Highway travel on US 93 helped keep the Contact post office operating until 1968, although during the last six years of its life it was a rural branch of the Jackpot post office.

Midas was one of Elko County's more important 20th century mining towns. Gold discoveries in 1907 resulted in the creation of the Gold Circle mining district, and the mining camp that formed around the activity was known as Gold Circle. When an application was made for a post office later that year, postal officials rejected that name because there were then eight other Nevada post offices whose names began with the word "Gold". For this reason the name Midas was selected instead. Word of the new mineral discoveries spread, and in 1908 a mining rush increased the population of Midas from 100 to 2,000. However, it soon became apparent that the town had developed far faster than the mines, and by the end of the year only about 250 people remained. The peak period of mineral production for Midas was 1916-1922 when the Elko Prince mine was active. Smaller mining

operations continued until 1942, and later that year the post office closed.

Jarbidge was another significant mining town of 20th century Elko County. This isolated town had its beginnings when gold was discovered along the Jarbidge River in 1909. Newspaper reports greatly exaggerated the potential mineral wealth of the new discoveries, and by March 1910 a mining rush brought 1,500 people to Jarbidge. However, most of them left once it became obvious that the published reports were false. By May 1910 the population fell to around 300, where it remained for most of Jarbidge's active mining life. For the next eight years small mining operations made regular shipments of gold and silver. Then, in 1918, the Elkoro Mines Company purchased many of these claims and made improvements upon them. This company operated until 1932, and during this time it made Jarbidge the largest gold producer in Elko County. In 1986 the Jarbidge post office became a CPO of the Jackpot post office and continues to serve the 50 or so residents that remain.

There were several smaller mining towns in Elko County that received post offices in this century. The Rowland post office opened in 1900 near the former site of the Bueasta post office. Rowland never amounted to more than three or four dozen people, and after 1920 most of them engaged in cattle raising. Rowland's post office operated until 1942. Edgemont was a significant gold and silver producer that received a post office in 1901. Peak years for this camp were 1905-1909, when the Montana Gold Mining Company's operations made Edgemont the largest gold producer in the county. The district continued to make small productions until 1917 when a snowslide destroyed the mill and other buildings. The post office closed the next year. The Aura post office opened in 1906 just south of the former Columbia post office after new gold discoveries were made in the Bull Run district. Aura's mines lost importance after 1909 but did produce small quantities of gold and silver until 1919. Mizpah was a small mining camp that formed after gold was discovered in the old Dolly Varden mining district in 1905. The camp had a post office for five years starting in 1907. The Pavlak post office operated from 1915 to 1921 at a small mine two miles south of Jarbidge.

Four major railroads have been constructed through Elko County. The first of these was of course the Central Pacific, which became the Southern Pacific in 1899. In this century the Nevada Northern built from the Southern Pacific main line south to the copper mines at Ely. The Western Pacific, which extends between Oakland and Salt Lake City, built across Elko County in 1907 and 1908. Finally, the Oregon Short Line extended a branch line from Rogerson, Idaho, to Wells in 1926. Several of the railroad stations on the Southern Pacific, the Nevada Northern, and the Western Pacific obtained post offices early in this century. No new stations on the Oregon Short Line gained post offices, but that railroad did service the previously existing towns of Contact and San Jacinto.

When the Southern Pacific completed the Lucin Cutoff across the Great Salt Lake in 1904, the new line bypassed the railroad division point at Terrace, Utah. The railroad established a new division point about ten miles into Nevada and named the place Bauvard. The new town obtained a post office in June 1904. The next year the Southern Pacific created the town of Montello three miles northeast of Bauvard and moved its facilities there. The Bauvard post office followed, but it retained its original name until 1912. At its peak Montello was a major railroad shipping point and had a population of 800. Over the years railroad services have kept Montello alive. Today it is a sleepy railroad town of 180 people.

The Nevada Northern Railway began construction of its line to Ely from a point on the Southern Pacific about 30 miles east of Wells in November 1905. The station at the junction was named Cobre, and it received the post office from nearby Toana in March 1906. By 1910 Cobre had grown to 60 people and was a busy little railroad community. The Cobre post office was closed from May 1927 to June 1929, but during this period the Cobre & Ely RPO continued to provide postal service for the town. As late as 1940 there were still 45 people living in Cobre, but as traffic on the Nevada Northern decreased, the town declined. The Cobre post office closed in 1956.

Several other railroad stations on both the Southern Pacific and the Nevada Northern received post offices early in this century. Ryndon, a station on the Southern Pacific 12 miles northeast of Elko, had a post office from January 1903 to March 1904. Currie, on the Nevada Northern, received a post office in August 1906. Over the years Currie remained a small railroad shipping point with 25 to 50 residents. Traffic on US 93 helped keep the post office open until 1971. Gosiute, a Nevada Northern station south of Currie, had a post office only for eight months in 1907. The place where the rails of the Western Pacific intersected those of the Nevada Northern became known as Shafter. It had a post office from 1908 to 1957.

Owyhee is the headquarters for the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. The post office was established in 1889 but was discontinued the next year. It was re-established in 1899, and at that time it was stated that the new post office would serve "20 government employees and 500 Indians, many of whom receive mail". The town of Owyhee continued to serve the Indian reservation over the years and now has a population of about 700.

A total of 94 post offices have operated in what is now Elko County. Six of these offices were established after the 1920 cutoff date for this series. Eleven post offices are presently operating in the county, not counting the three community post offices at Jarbidge, Lamoille, and Ruby Valley.

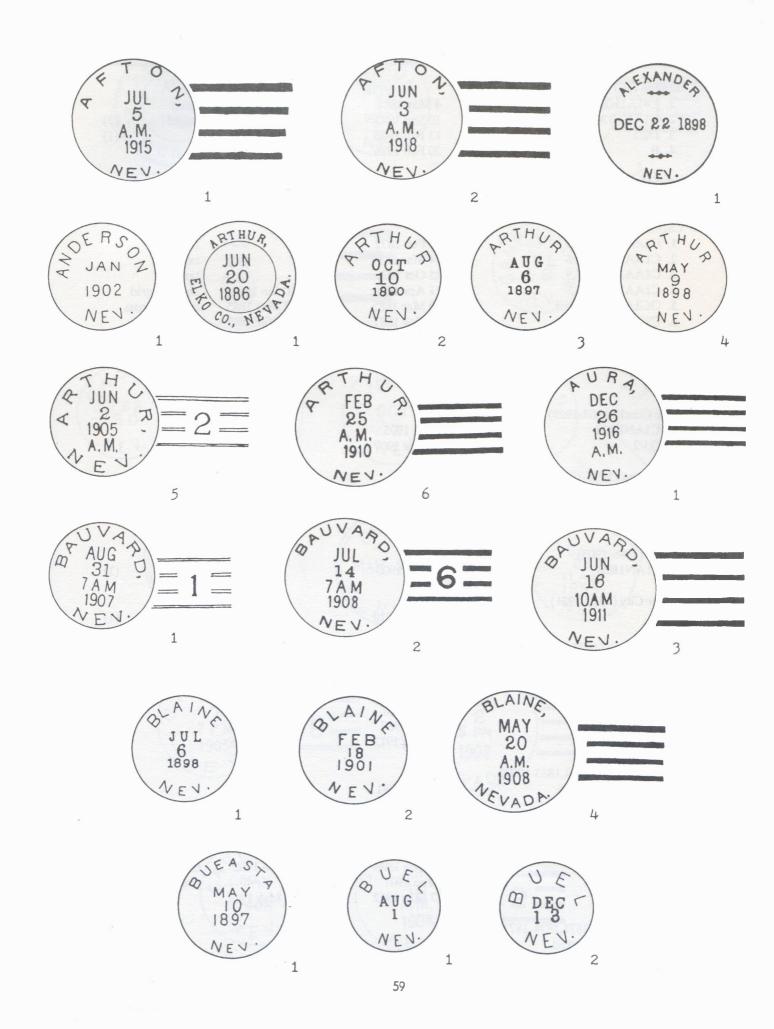
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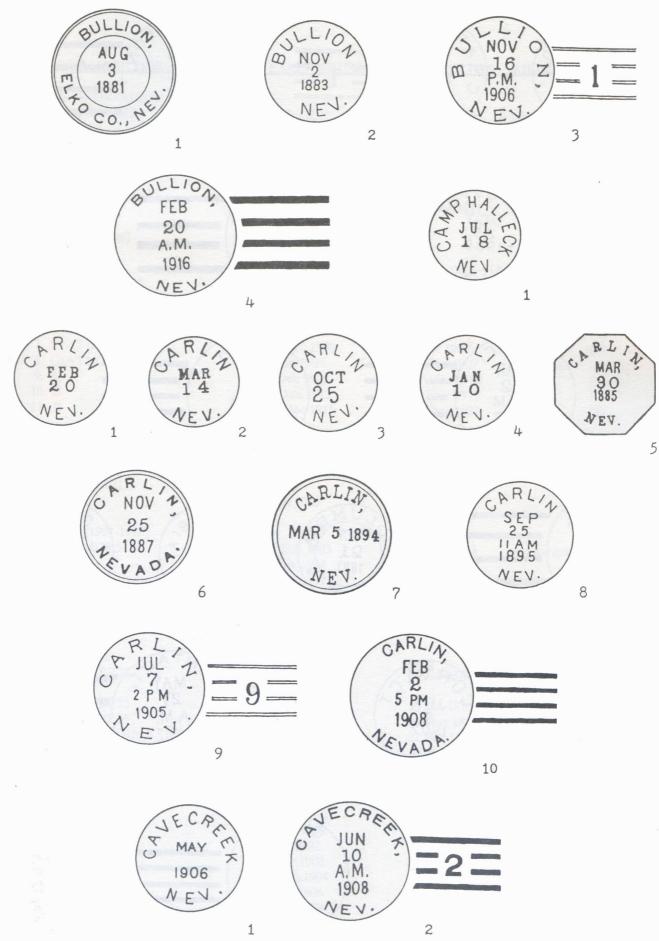
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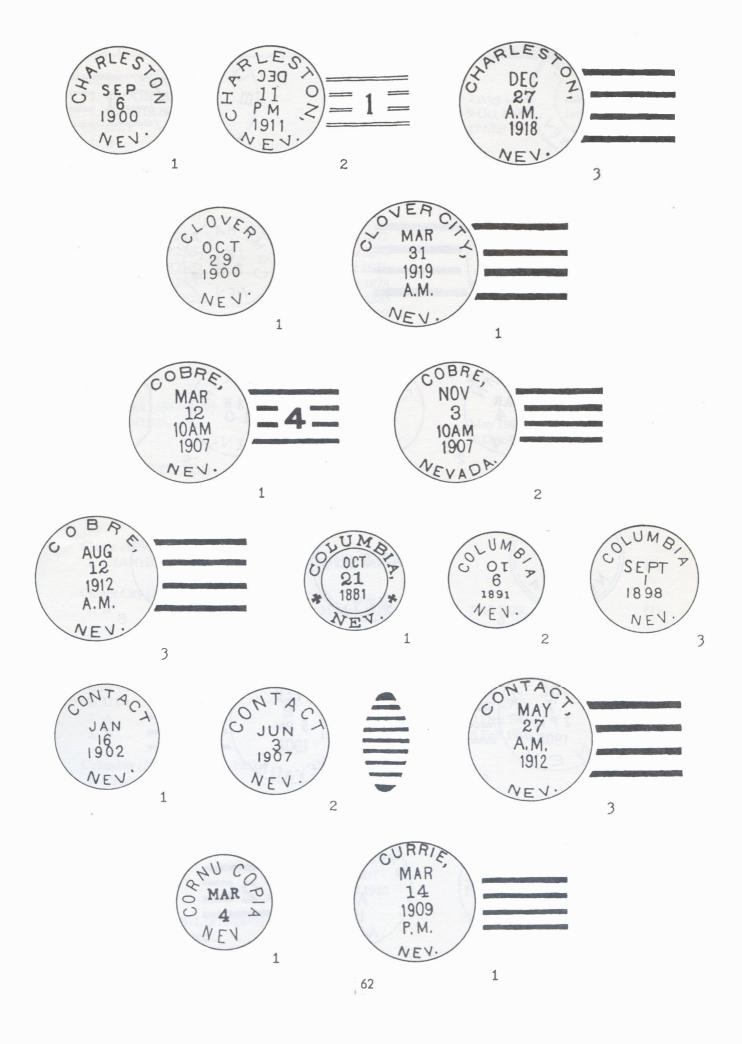
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TYPE POSTMARK CODE	EARLIEST USE	LATEST USE	KILLER	NOTES
Afton (1914-1918) 1. B 2. B	5 Jul 1915 3 Jun 1918			
Alexander (1895-1901) 1. C1A12S1B31.5	22 Dec 1898	4 Jan 1900	target	(2)
Anderson (1900-1905) 1. C1AN1B28	Jan 1902	£	target	
Annaville (1872-1874) No examples reported.				
Arthur (1881-1887,1889-1951) 1. C31B1N1RRRB29 2. C1AN1BBR27.5 3. C1AN1BBR28 4. C1AN1B28 5. D2/2 6. A	20 Jun 1886 10 Oct 1890 6 Aug 1897 9 May 1898 2 Jun 1905 25 Feb 1910	19 Jan 1910 30 Aug 1910	target	(1) (1) (1)
Aura (1906-1921) 1. A	13 Jul 1911	26 Dec 1916		
Bauvard (1904-1912) 1. D2/1 2. D3/6 3. B	7 Oct 1904 1 Jun 1908 16 Jun 1911	26 Dec 1907 13 Jan 1911 3 Feb 1912		
Bayard (1886-1889) No examples reported.				
Beaver (1896-1908) No examples reported.	ir.			
Blaine (1884-1914) 1. C1AN1BBR27.5 2. C1AN1B28 3. D2/1 4. A	3 Jul 1896 18 Feb 1901 14 Sep 1904 12 Feb 1908	6 Jul 1898 19 Feb 1912		(3) (1) (4) (2)
Brattain (1904-1906) No examples reported.				
Bueasta (1896-1898) 1. C1AN1B28	10 May 1897		target	
Buel (1871-1878) 1. C1AA1BBR24 2. C1AA1BBR24	1 Aug 1872 13 Dec 1875 58	Aug 187?	cork	

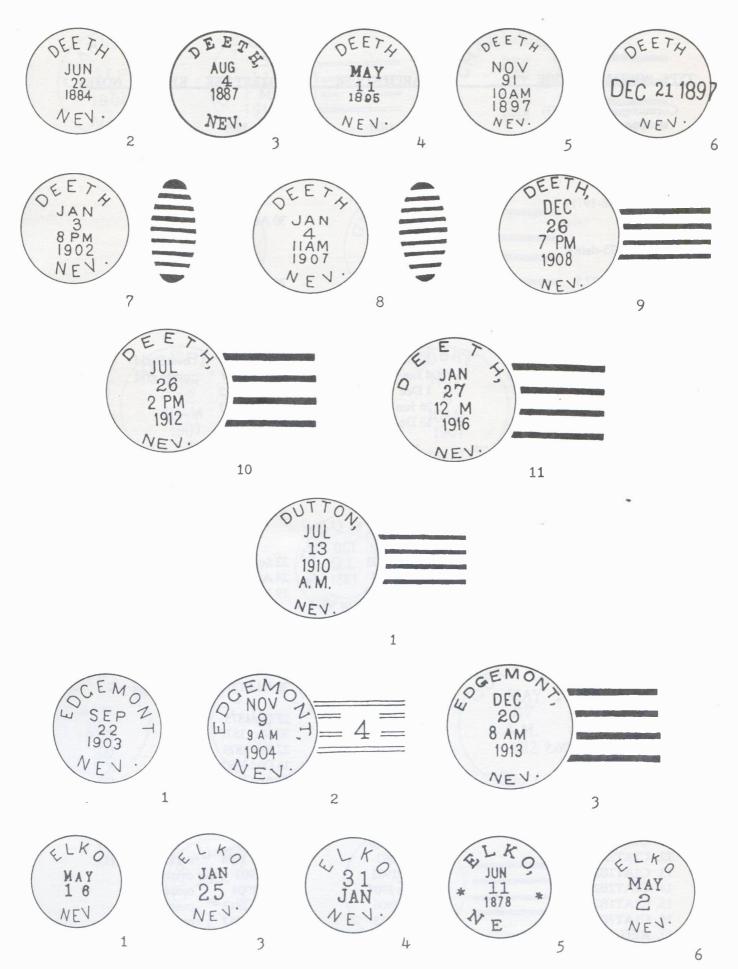


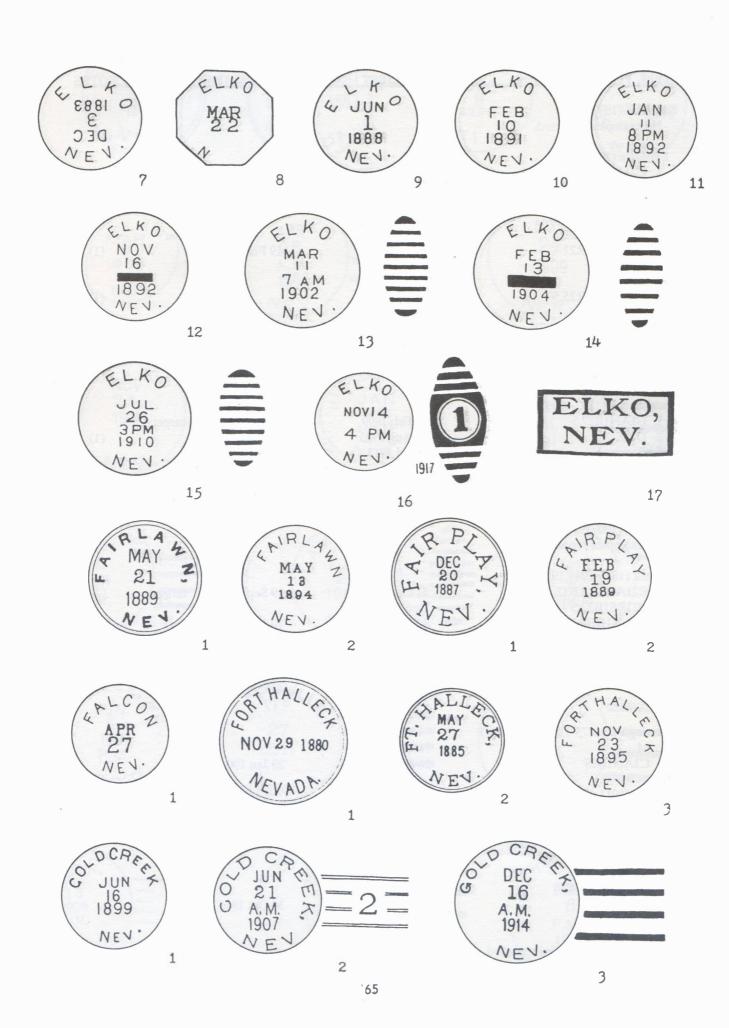
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Camp Halleck (1868-1869,1869-1880) 1. C1AA1BBR23.5	18 Jul 1870		daisy	
Carlin (1868-date) 1. C1AA1BBR24.5 2. C1AA1BBR23.5 3. C1AA1BBR25.5 4. C1AA1BBR24.5 5. OC1AN1RRB26.5 6. C21BN1B29.5 7. C21AS1RRB31 8. C1AT1B27.5 9. D2/9 10. A	20 Feb 1872 14 Mar 1874 25 Oct 1876 21 Apr 1878 30 Mar 1885 25 Nov 1887 9 Dec 1892 26 Sep 1895 30 Mar 1905 19 Sep 1907	10 Jan 1884? 13 May 1885 31 Mar 1889 9 Apr 1898 11 Oct 1911 29 Sep 1913	target target circular grid maltese cross target bars cork	(1)
Cave Creek (1887-1929) 1. C1AN1B28 2. D3/2	1 Jan 1905 30 Apr 1907	May 1906 14 Dec 1913		
Charleston (1895-1951) 1. C1AN1B28 2. D2/1 3. B	18 Nov 1897 19 Dec 1904 27 Dec 1918	6 Sep 1900 11 Dec 1911	target	(2)
Clover (1896-1903) 1. C1AN1B28	29 Oct 1900			(1)
Clover City (1918-1921) 1. B Clover Valley (1872-1873,1921-1924)	31 Mar 1919	7 Jul 1920		(1)
No pre-1920 examples reported. Cobre (1906-1927,1929-1956) 1. D3/4 2. A 3. B	1 Sep 1906 3 Nov 1907 12 Aug 1912	7 Apr 1910 20 Dec 1907 26 Feb 1916		
Columbia (1879-1882,1883-1902) 1. C31A10N1RRB26 2. C1AN1BBR25 3. C1AN1B28	21 Oct 1881 6 Oct 1891? 1 Sep 1898	20 Sep 1898		(1) (1)
Contact (1897-1962) 1. C1AN1B27.5 2. C1AN1B28 3. B	21 Dec 1898 3 Jun 1907 27 May 1912	16 Jan 1902 19 May 1917	target ovate grid	(1)
Coral Hill (1870-1871,1874-1877) No examples reported.				



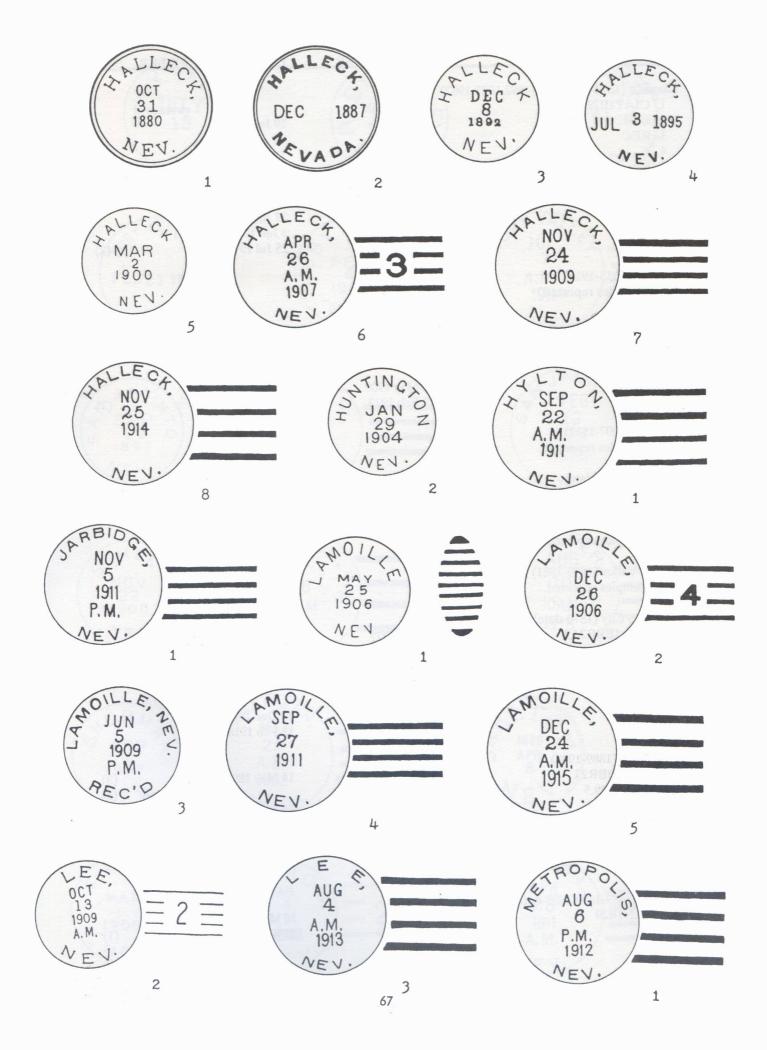


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Cornucopia (1873-1883) 1. C1AA1BBR25	29 Jul 187?	4 Mar 1879	pinwheel	
Cottonwood (1869-1870) No examples reported.				
Currie (1906-1971) 1. A	27 Jan 1908	30 Aug 1911		
Deeth (1875-date) 1. M 2. C1AN1B27.5 3. C1AN1RRB27.5 4. C1AN1BBR28 5. C1AT1B27.5 6. C1AS1B28 7. C1AT1B28.5 8. C1AT1B29.5 9. A 10. B 11. B	10 May 1881 22 Jun 1884 4 Aug 1887 11 May 1895 16 Nov 1897 21 Dec 1897 19 Dec 1900 4 Jan 1907 1 Dec 1908 26 Jun 1912 16 Dec 1915	26 Jul 1885 4 Sep 1895 3 Jan 1902 12 Oct 1907 27 Mar 1912 30 Dec 1913 24 Dec 1921	target maltese crost target ovate grid ovate grid	(1) (1) (1)
Dry Creek (1874-1879) No examples reported. Dutton (1907-1913) 1. A	2 Jul 1910	24 Dec 1921 28 Jul 1910		(1)
Edgemont (1901-1918) 1. C1AN1B28.5 2. D2/4 3. B	14 Feb 1903 9 Nov 1904 20 Dec 1913	22 Sep 1903 24 Aug 1912 19 Jul 1916	cork,target	(1) (1)
Elaine (1880) No examples reported.				
Elko (1869-date) 1. C1AA1BBR24 2. M 3. C1AA1BBR25 4. C1AA1BBR25 5. C1A11N1RRB26.5 6. C1AA1BBR26.5 7. C1AN1B27 8. OC1AN1BBR25 9. C1AN1B27 10. C1AN1B27 11. C1AT1B28 12. C1AT2B28 13. C1AT1B29.5	20 Dec 1869 29 Dec 1869 10 Jul 1873 31 Jan 187? 11 Jun 1878 12 Jan 188? 3 Dec 1883 22 Mar 188? 1 Jun 1888 10 Feb 1891 11 Jan 1892 3 Jun 1892 8 Mar 1902	20 Jul 1870 25 Jan 1875 30 May 187? 22 Feb 1879 16 Dec 188? 10 Apr 1884 22 Mar 1894 3 Jul 1903	cork,target cork cork cork cork cork	(1) (2) (1) (1)
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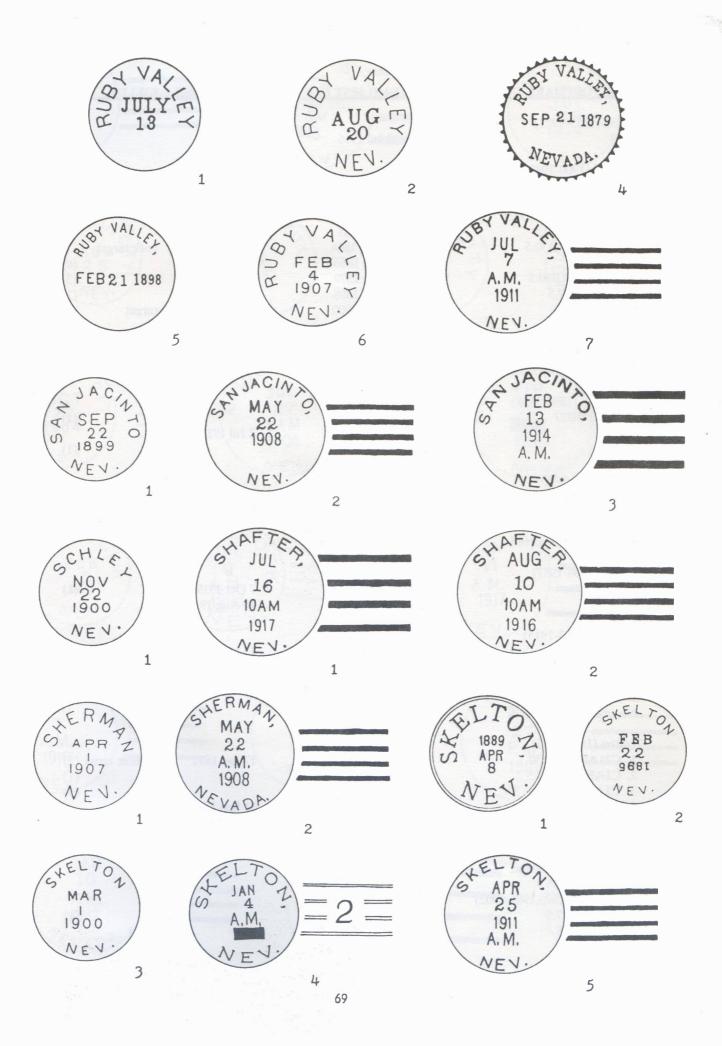




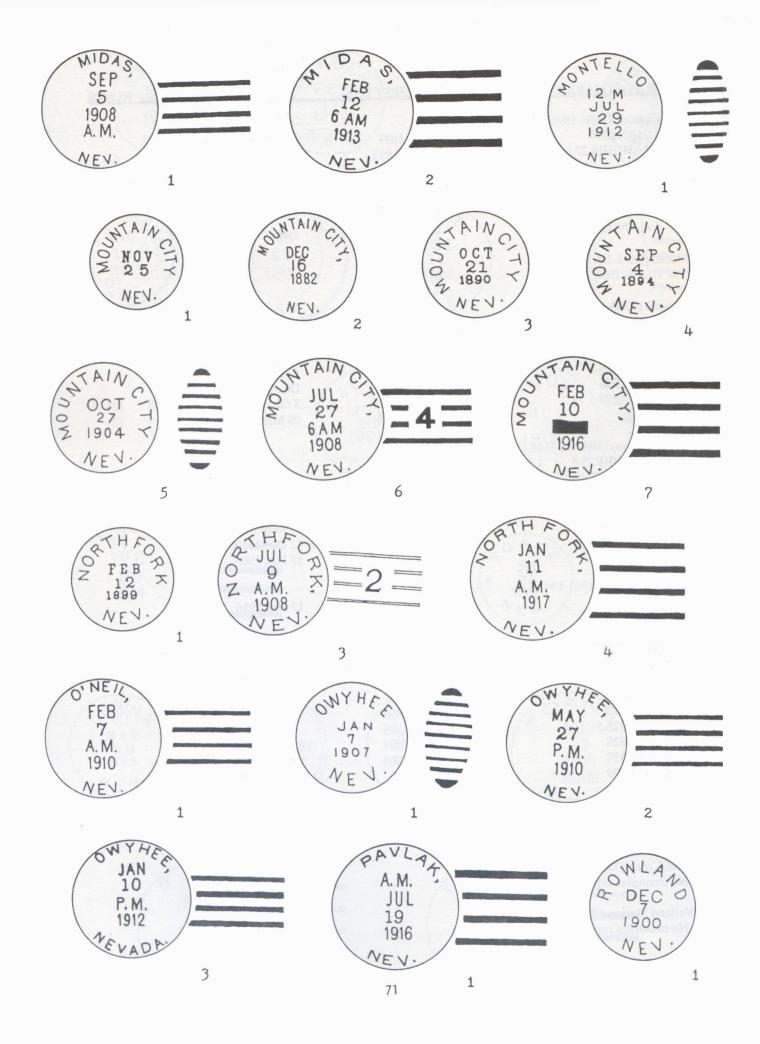
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Fairlawn (1888-1904) 1. C21AN1B29,5	21 May 1889		target	
2. C1AN1BBR27.5	Jan 1894	13 Mar 1894	turget	2
Fair Play (1879-1893) 1. C21AN1RRB30	20 Dec 1887		star	
2. C1AN1BBR27	10 Jul 1888	19 Feb 1889	Star	(1)
Falcon (1878) 1. C1AA1BBR25.5	27 Apr 1979			(1)
	27 Apr 1878			(1)
Fort Halleck (1880-1907) 1. C21BS1B33	29 Nov 1880	1 Nov 1887	target	
2. C21AN1RRB27	4 Nov 1884	27 May 1885	target	
3. C1AN1B28	23 Nov 1895	27 112dy 1000		(1)
Gold Creek (1897-1929) 1. C1AN1B27.5	22 Feb 1899	20. Aug 1004	torget	
2. D2/2	17 Aug 1905	20 Aug 1904 13 Oct 1911	target	(1)
3. B	18 Jul 1913	7 May 1917		(1)
Good Hope (1884-1887) No examples reported.				
Gosiute (1907)				
No examples reported.				
Halleck (1873-1949,1950-date)		10.7		(=)
1. C21AN1RRB32 2. C21BS1B32.5	31 Oct 1880	19 Sep 1883	target	(2)
2. C21B31B32.5 3. C1AN1BBR28	Dec 1887 8 Dec 1892	10 Jun 1894	cork	(1)
4. C1AS1RBB28.5	3 Jul 1895	10 Juli 1094	scarab	(1)
5. C1AT1B27.5	2 Mar 1900		target	
6. D3/3	19 Jun 1906	21 May 1907	U	
7. A	2 May 1909	22 Feb 1910		
8. B	25 Nov 1914			
Huntington (1873-1904,1923-1931)				
1. M	Nov 189?			
2. C1AN1B28	26 Nov 1903	29 Jan 1904		
Hylton (1911-1913)				
1. B	22 Sep 1911	20 Dec 1911		
Island Mountain (1884-1887) No examples reported.				
Jarbidge (1910-1986)				
1. A	20 Jun 1911	30 Oct 1916		
Jiggs (1918-1980) No pre-1920 examples reported.				



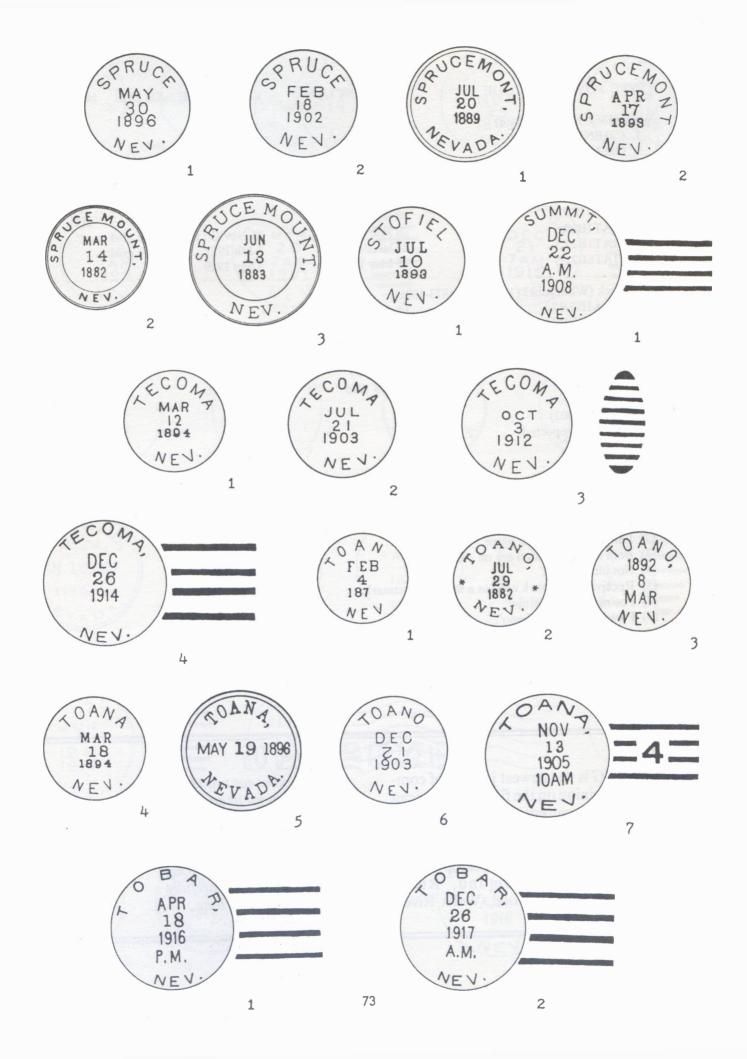
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Lee (1882-1982) 1. M 2. D1/2 3. B Lurline (1915-1919) No examples reported.	19 Aug 1888 22 Apr 1904 4 Aug 1913	27 Jun 1892 3 Jan 1910 25 Jul 1917		(2)
Metropolis (1911-1942) 1. B Midas (1907-1942) 1. A 2. B Mizpah (1907-1912)	6 Aug 1912 16 May 1908 12 Feb 1913	1 Mar 1915 15 Apr 1910 22 Feb 1921		(2)
No examples reported. Montello (1912-date) 1. C1AT1B30 Morton (1890-1892) No examples reported.	29 Jul 1912	26 Jan 1915	ovate grid	
Mound Valley (1879-1881) No examples reported. Mountain City (1870-date) 1. C1AA1BBR24.5 2. C1AN1B28 3. C1AN1BBR27.5 4. C1AN1BBR27 5. C1AN1BBR27 6. D3/4 7. B	25 Nov 187? 9 Dec 1882 21 Oct 1890 31 Oct 1893 27 Oct 1904 6 Feb 1908 10 Feb 1916	28 Jul 1883 11 May 1898 30 Dec 1911 13 Feb 1918	target star target ovate grid	(2) (1)
North Fork (1889-1944) 1. C1AN1BBR27 2. C1AN1B29.5 3. D2/2 4. B O'Neil (1894-1897,1898-1925)	30 Nov 1898 May 1905 20 Jun 1905 11 Jun 1912	14 May 1899 16 Jan 1910 23 Oct 1924	cork ovate grid	(3) (4)
1. A Owyhee (1889-1890,1899-date) 1. C1AN1B29 2. A 3. A	7 Feb 1910 7 Jan 1907 20 Jan 1909 10 Jan 1912	20 May 1907 27 May 1910	ovate grid	(1)



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Pavlak (1915-1921) 1. B	19 Jul 1916			(1)
Rowland (1900-1942) 1. C1AN1B28	7 Dec 1900	1 Jun 1910	manuscript	(1)
Ruby Valley (1862-1983) 1. C1XA1BR29.5 2. C1AA1BBR30.5 3. M 4. C2BS1RRB30.5 5. C1AS1B29.5 6. C1AN1B28 7. A	13 Jul 1863 20 Aug 1864 15 Sep 1866 21 Sep 1879 21 Feb 1898 16 Apr 1900 24 Dec 1909	23 Jan 1867 12 May 188? 4 Feb 1907 9 Dec 1915	cork,target	(6) (3) (1)
Ryndon (1903-1904) No examples reported.				
San Jacinto (1898-1938) 1. C1AN1B27 2. A 3. B	22 Sep 1899 22 May 1908 13 Feb 1914	2 Jul 1913		(1)(1)
Schley (1898-1903) 1. C1AN1B27.5	22 Nov 1900			(1)
Secret (1916-1918) No examples reported.				
Shafter (1908-1957) 1. B 2. A	15 Apr 1915 4 Aug 1916	7 Oct 1919 10 Aug 1916		(1)
Sherman (1903-1915) 1. C1AN1B28 2. A	14 Dec 1906 12 Feb 1908	13 May 1907 5 Aug 1910		*
Silver Zone (1872-1873) No examples reported.				
Skelton (1884-1911) 1. C21AN1RRB30 2. C1AN1BBR27.5 3. C1AN1B28 4. D2/2 5. A	8 Apr 1889 22 Feb 1895 1? Mar 1900 3 Jun 1904 31 Jan 1910	17 Jan 1892 24 Sep 1908 25 Apr 1911	maltese cross	(2) (1) (1)
South Fork (1874) No examples reported.				
Spruce (1895-1896,1901-1902) 1. C1AN1B27.5 2. C1AN1B28	30 May 1896 18 Feb 1902		target	(1)



TYPE POSTMARK CODE	EARLIEST USE	LATEST USE	KILLER	NOTES
Sprucemont (1886-1895,1929-1935)				
1. C21BN1B30	6 Aug 1887	20 Jul 1889	star	
2. C1AN1BBR27.5	17 Apr 1893	18 Sep 1894	target	(1)
Sprucemount (1872-1880,1880-1884)				
1. M	1 Jun 1873			
2. C41AN1B27	14 Mar 1882			
3. C41AN1RRB34	13 Jun 1883	target		
Stofiel (1891-1897)				
1. C1AN1BBR27.5	10 Jul 1893			(1)
Summit (1908-1909)				
1. A	22 Dec 1908			(1)
Tecoma (1871-1872,1873-1921)				
1. C1AN1B26.5	12 Sep 1883	12 Mar 1894	target	
2. C1AN1B28	21 Jul 1903	Dec 1907	target	
3. C1AN1B28.5	3 Jul 1909	3 Oct 1912	ovate grid	(2)
4. B	26 Dec 1914	29 Mar 1916		(2)
Toana (Toano) (1869-1870,1872-1906)				
1. C1AN1BBR23.5	4 Feb 187?			
2. C1A11N1RRB24	18 Oct 1880	2 Jun 1886	star	(7)
3. C1AN1B26	8 Mar 1892			(1,7)
4. C1AN1BBR27	18 Mar 1894		cork	(1)
5. C21BS1RRB31	11 Mar 1895	19 May 1896	target	(1)
6. C1AN1B28	20 Feb 1901	12 Dec 1903		(7)
7. D3/4	13 Nov 1905	19 Dec 1905		
Tobar (1911-1918,1921-1942)				
1. B	20 Jul 1915	12 Dec 1916		
2. B	26 Dec 1917			
Tuscarora (1871-1872,1873-date)				
1. C1AA1BBR25.5	19 Dec 1882?	15 Jul 1884	cork	
2. OC1AN1BBR25.5	8 Dec 1886	8 Apr 1889	cork	
3. C1AN1B28	25 Jun 1891	16 Sep 1893	cork	(1)
4. C1AN1B29	29 Nov 1893			(1)
5. C1AT1B28.5	29 Nov 1895	Mari Lat	cork	
6. C1AT1B28	25 Dec 1897	20 Aug 1898	cork	
7. C1AT1B29	20 Mar 1901	31 Mar 1901	ovate grid	
8. C1AT1B29	8 Apr 1909	21 Dec 1916	ovate grid	
Voight (1892-1907)				
1. C1AN1B27.5	Sep 1898			(1)
2. D1/?	30 Nov 1904			(1)
Warm Creek (1907-1909)				
No examples reported.				
Weiland Station (?)				
No examples reported.				



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Wells (1869-1870,1871-date)				
1. C21BN1RRB27	2 Jun 1879	25 Feb 1882	star	
2. C1BN1RRB27	19 Apr 1883	15 Jul 1888	target	
3. C21B1,12S1RBBB32	16 Jan 1887		Ü	(1)
4. C21B1S1RRBB33.5	5 Apr 1889	7 Nov 1892?	target	` '
5. C1AN1B28.5	26 Sep 1893		cork	(4)
6. C1AN1B27.5	12 Aug 1898			(1)
7. C1AT1B29.5	28 Mar 1907	21 Nov 1913	ovate grid	
8. C1AT1B29.5	2 Dec 1915	7 Jun 1917	ovate grid	
9. C1AT6B21.5	25 Mar 1919	4 Sep 1919		
F 56				
White Rock (Whiterock) (1871-1872,187	73-1925)			
1. C1AA1BBR24	14 Aug 187?			(1)
2. C1AA1BBR24.5	18 Jun 188?	11 Nov 188?	cork,target	
3. C41BN1B27.5	19 Oct 1882	4 Oct 1884	circular grid	1
4. C1AN1BBR27	21 Mar 1891	23 May 1891		(3)
5. C1AN1B27	9 Feb 1905			(4)
6. B	15 Feb 1915	10 Jul 1916		

Wood (1900-1902)

No examples reported.

Notes:

(1) Earliest example is on piece.

(2) Latest example is on piece.

(3) Both examples listed are on piece.

(4) Not illustrated.

(5) Receiving postmark used as a sending postmark.

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Thompson's Carson Valley Express in an oval adoms this cover postmarked in Carson Valley, Nevada, in April 1858. The cover, part of the famous Pardon Brown correspondence discovered by the late Len Persson, was carried by Snowshoe Thompson across the Sierra Nevadas. One of only two Thompson Express covers known, this cover was sold in January 1989 by Richard C. Frajola, Inc., at a hammer price of \$27,000. This illustration appeared in the catalogue of the sale.

CARRYING MAIL ON SNOW SHOES

[Reprinted from West Shore, No. 188 (Jan. 11, 1890)]

In many places in the mountains of the west communications is maintained between isolated valleys by means of snow shoes at times when severe storms prevent any other mode of transportation. This is a more common occurrence in California, in the Sierra Nevada (Snowy mountains), which received their name from the early Spanish residents of California. They are, indeed, snowy mountains, and well it is for the Sacramento valley that they are, for their melting snows keep the rivers full of water and fertilize what would otherwise be a most barren and desolate region.

Snow falls in the Sierra Nevada to great depth, often thirty feet, and all routes of travel are for a time blocked and all landmarks obliterated. It is wonderful what a transformation is effected by a deep fall of snow. Little depressions are filled up and the contour of the surface of the ground is completely changed. Familiar trees are buried so deep that their appearance is altered, and, in fact, the forest is transformed into a thicket of tree branches, all the trunks beings covered from sight by the white drapery from the sky. One must be very familiar with the mountains to cross them at such times, and more than one has lost his way in attempting it, losing

his way in the wilderness of tree tops and finally perishing from exposure.

Regular stage lines cross the Sierra Nevadas in a number of places, maintaining connection between the valley towns and those of the summit ridges. When snow falls the wheels are taken off and the stage is mounted upon runners. or else an open sled is used. Snow shoes are fastened upon the horses' feet, otherwise they could make no progress through the deep snow. These consist of an iron plate about ten inches square, which is firmly secured to the shoe, one upon each foot. Before this device was adopted, about 1865, when the first plates, made of wood, were tried, the stage line was stopped on some routes for weeks at a time, though when a heavy crust had formed upon the snow, regular trips across its frozen surface were unsafe or impossible. On the route from Quincy to Oroville, for seven or eight years, a sled drawn by dogs was the only method of carrying mail or express until the horse snow shoe was invented. Even now there are times when communication by stage is entirely cut off for several days, and at those times the lighter mails are carried by men on snow shoes. There are mail routes in the mountains that in summer time are carried by mounted messenger, and in winter he discards his horse for the more serviceable snow shoe. For many years Snowshoe Thompson carried the

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mail across the summit between Placerville, California, and Carson City, Nevada, only abandoning it when the completion of the Central Pacific across the mountains opened a more serviceable route. His shoes, upon which he had made hundreds of trips across the Sierra summit near Lake Tahoe, and by means of which he had rescued many people from almost certain death in the snow, now hang, or did a few years ago, as an ornament in the dining room of a Carson City hotel.

The snow shoe used in our western mountains is not the one made so familiar to readers of illustrated papers and magazines in the east by descriptions of Canadian snow shoeing clubs and of life and adventures in the forests of Maine and Canada. The Canadian, or Indian, shoe is simply a network of threads or sinew, in a frame of wood, and when fastened upon the feet the wearer makes progress by walking, the shoes keeping his feet from sinking far into the snow. Quite different is the kind used in the west. This is the Scandinavian shoe, or skate, a strip of wood six to ten feet long and four inches wide, turned up in front like a sled runner, and slightly grooved underneath. With these upon his feet the wearer glides over the surface of the snow somewhat like a skater on ice. He carries a long, stout pole, which he uses as a brake and a rudder in going down hill and as a means of propulsion in climbing an acclivity.

The skill and speed of an accomplished snow shoer is simply marvelous. Care must always be taken to keep the skates perfectly parallel, for the least deviation would spread them, and the consequences would be a confused heap in the snow, the most prominent part would be the skates, the wearer being invisible below the surface. In some portions of the Sierras there are communities where snow shoeing is as much a sport as skating on the eastern ponds and rivers. Men and women, boys and girls, indulge in the sport, and racing down the steep mountain sides is a pastime much indulged in.

On the first page of this issue of West Shore [also the cover of LA POSTA] is an engraving that shows the least pleasant side of the snow shoer's life. A storm is raging in the mountains and he has undertaken the task of conveying mail across the summit. A selection of the most important portion of the mail has been made, and with this securely strapped upon his back, and his feet warmly wrapped in gunny sacks, he has started upon a journey that involves much exposure and fatigue, with a brave heart and a determination to succeed in his undertaking. Such trips are not unattended with danger, as snow shoes sometimes break and leave their wearers in a sad plight, and small avalanches rush down the mountain sides and threaten death to every unfortunate creature in their path. The snow shoe plays an important part in the winter life of our western mountains.

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 27. NAPA SODA SPFINGS, 1928 F 4-bar on PPC (82-29) E\$4
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 52. CHEROKEE PARK, 1814 G light 4-bar on PPC (hotel) (13-19pd) E\$5
 53. CONIFER, 1911 F 4-bar on PPC (94-29) E\$8
 54. DOVER, 1910 F Doans on PPC (05-31) E\$8
 55. ELKTON, ca. 1810, G duplex on PPC (95-26) E\$6
 56. PRIMERO, 1907 F 4-bar on PPC (01-33) E\$6
 57. PROWERS, ca. 1810 G light 4-bar bar (98-33) E\$5
 58. TURRET, 1904 VG target on PPC (98-39) E\$8

FLORIDA

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 58. CELERY CITY, 1912 G spotty 4-bar on PPC (11-13) E\$12

 60. CORONADO, 1911 VG 4-bar on PPC (84-23) E\$4

 61. EGMONT, 1910 G 4-bar on PPC (17 not struck) (00-10) E\$6

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 63. FOGARTYVILLE, 1906 G Doane on PPC (99-15) E\$6

 64. HAWKS PARK, 1911 F 4-bar on PPC (94-24) E\$4

 65. HIBERNIA, 1814 F 4-bar on PPC (49-31) E\$4

 66. HOLLER, ca. 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC (93-24) E\$6

 67. LEVON, 1907 F 4-bar on PPC (93-24) E\$6

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 71. PINELEVEL, 1912 VG 4-bar (repaired by P.O.) on PPC. DPO. E\$4

 72. RIVERDALE, 1911 VG 4-bar on PPC (09-33) E\$5

 73. THE SPRINGS, 1893, VG target on cvr. w/lear @ rt. not affecting cancel. c/c of local store (80-88) E\$8 store (90-99) E\$8 74. WAYLONZO, 1913 VG target on PPC (89-16) E\$5
- 75. WILSON, 1916 VG 4-bar on PPC (15-33) E\$5

- 76. ROCKVILLE, 1910 F target on PPC (85-09) E\$8 77. SOUTH BOISE, 1910 G light 4-bar on PPC (07-15) E\$6 78. WARM RIVER, 1909 F 4-bar on PPC (07-24) E\$8

MINNESOTA

- 79. CYPHERS, 1911 F 4-bar on PPC (09-33) E\$4 80. ERIE, 1911 F 4-bar on PPC (05-38) E\$4 81. JEVNE, 1909 G target on PPC (02-24) E\$4

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- 82. NORTH SAINT PAUL, 1908 F 4-bar on PPC (87-36) E\$4 83. RICH VALLEY, 1908 VG 4-bar on PPC (95/29) E\$4 84. SYLVAN, 1909 VG 4-bar on PPC (95/29) E\$4

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 85. BALM, 1907 F Doane on PPC (85-10) E\$5

 86. NOWEN, 1908 F 4-bar on PPC (07-23) E\$4

 87. CLAYTON, 1910, F duplex on GPC (85/13) E\$4

 88. CRITTENDEN, 1909 VG 4-bar on GPC (97-31) E\$4

 89. EVE, 1890 G target on GPC (84-14) E\$5

 90. FREDERICKSBURG, 1913 VG 4-bar om GPC (83-22) E\$4

 91. HAHATONKA, 1924 VG 4-bar on PPC (95-37) E\$3

 92. LEEDS, 1918 VG 4-bar on PPC (90-29) E\$4

 93. LIGHT, 1916 F 4-bar on PPC (94-23) E\$4

 94. RUEGG, 1913 F 4-bar on PPC (03-38) E\$4

 95. WARDSVILLE, 1911 VG Doane rec'd on PPC (81-33) E\$3

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 102. EDHOLM, 1908 F 4-bar on PPC (92-33) E\$4
 103. GOODWIN, 1910 VG Doane on PPC (92-40) E\$4
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 106. OREN, 1908 F 4-bar on PPC (96-19) E\$10
 107. ROKEBY, 1914 G 4-bar on PPC (94-19) E\$8

NORTH DAKOTA

- 108. ADDISON, 1911 VG light 4-bar on PPC (88-20) E\$5 109. BERDELLA, 1910 F 4-bar on PPC (09-16) E\$10 110. BURKEY, 1914 F 4-bar on PPC (05-16) E\$8 111. HOMEN, 1912 VG 4-bar on PPC (95-33) E\$4
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- 116. BIGS, 1912 VG 4-bar om PPC (86-54) E\$3
 117. BONITA, 1917 G 4-bar on PPC (09-43) E\$4
 118. SOUTH FOREST GROVE, 1908 VG 4-bar on PPC (06-14) E\$8
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 120. WOODSTOCK, 1907 F Doane on PPC (91-12) E\$5

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 121. BIGBEND, ca.1911, VG 4-bar on PPC (09-13) E\$12 122. COX, ca.1911, G 4-bar on PPC (08-23) E\$5
- 123. SEIM, 1908 VG light 4-bar on PPC (01-18) E\$8 124. VESTA, 1908 G cds on PPC (95-09) E\$8 125. WATERBURY, ca.1911 clear watery 4-bar on PPC (83-13) E\$4

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 130. CLYDE, 1908 VG 4-bar o/s on PPC (91-32) E\$4
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 133. EVANS, 1908 VG target on PPC (03-20) E\$8
 134. FORT CASEY, 1911 VG 4-bar on PPC (00-32) E\$5
 135. FT. LAWTON STA., 1909 G duplex on PPC (05-09) E\$8
- 138. KRUPP, 1811 G 4-bar on PPC (01-18) ES4 137. PUGET, ca. 1911 F 4-bar on PPC (04-28) E\$5 138. SHERLOCK, 1909 Vg Doane on PPC (191-15) E\$4 139. SUMMIT, ca. 1908 VG 4-bar on PPC (78-10) E\$8

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Island & San Juan Counties

By Tim Boardman

Island County was one of the original eight counties that were in existence when Washington Territory was created in 1853. The name is descriptive of the county terrain. Today it is the second smallest county in Washington, however, at the time of its formation, the county included land that would become Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties. Today both San Juan and Island are the only two Washington counties that are comprised solely of islands.

Brought into existence on January 6, 1853, Island County was the last of five counties formed between January of 1852 and January 1853. It was parcelled from part of King County that three weeks prior to this time was part of Thurston County. The islands in the county include Whidbey, Camano, Smith, Ben, Ure, Hackney, Deception, and Minor. The most significant of these is Whidbey island which is the second largest island in the lower 48 states and houses the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station.

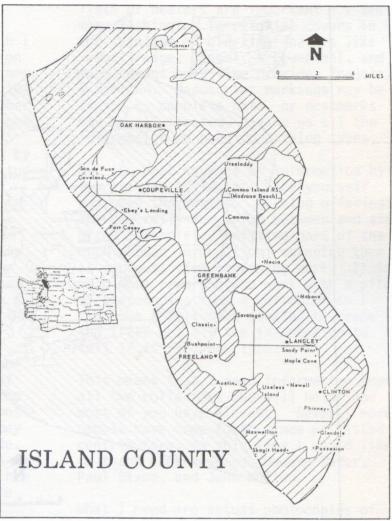
The earliest settler on Whidbey Island was Colonel Isaac Ebey who is credited with giving Olympia, the State Capitol, its name. Ebey set up a trading post on the island opposite Port Townsend and enjoyed a thriving business. He also served as U.S. customs agent which probably contributed to what became known as the *Pig War* which will be discussed later with San Juan County.

Probably the most memorable incident involving

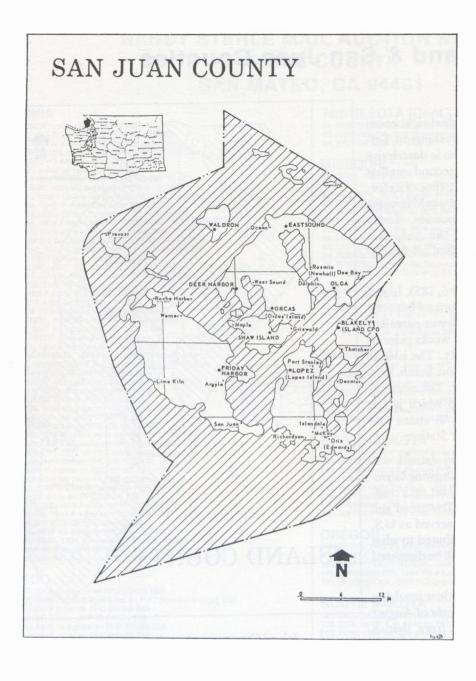
Colonel Ebey was his death. On the night of August 11, 1857 a band of Haida Indians from British Columbia attacked him, killed him and took his head as a trophy of their conquest. The Indians were seeking revenge for the death of one of their chiefs due to a skirmish with the USS Massachusetts at Port Gamble. Apparently, the only thing that would satisfy their anger was the head of a white chief. Unfortunately for Colonel Ebey the Indians perceived him to fit that bill. The perpetrators escaped and kept the head until a Hudson's Bay employee, at great risk to his men and himself, successfully negotiated the return of the head. In honor of Ebey and his contributions, the town of Ebey's

The only surviving post offices from territorial days are Coupeville (1864-Op), and Oak Harbor (1861-1862,1876-Op). Coupeville was named after its founder Thomas Coupe and is the county seat. In its early days Coupeville proved to be a popular haven for retired sailors and earned a nickname as being *The Port of Sea Captains*. Oak Harbor was so named for the number of Oak trees found in the area.

Landing (1861) was named in his memory.



Island County may have been established early in the history of Washington, but San Juan County almost became a British possession. Officially, all of what would become San Juan County was part of Whatcom County. The truth was that this area was a no-man's land that both America and Great Britain claimed and at times hotly disputed. The incidence that became known as the Pig War was one such incident. Initially the parties involved included an American, Lyman Cutler, an Englishman, Charles Griffin, and Griffin's pig. The incident occurred on June 15, 1858 on San Juan island. Apparently, Cutler had planted potatoes on his land to see how they would fair in the region. Griffin had a pig that must have had free reign to roam the island. This irritated Cutler who warned Griffin to keep his pig out of his potatoes. Griffin response was for Cutler to keep his potatoes out of his pig. Well, Cutler did just that for the next time the marauding pig came into Cutler's potato patch he shot the pig dead. This infuriated Griffin. Cutler offered to pay for the pig, but Griffin would have nothing of the trans-



action threatening that he was going to send for a gun boat from Vancouver Island and have Cutler arrested and tried in a British court. An attempt to arrest and fine Cutler pursued which proved unsuccessful. When General Harney visited the Americans on the island the ordeal was fervently relayed to him along with a request for troops to protect the settlers for which Harney sent 68 men. The same day the Americans arrived, a British war ship arrived. The whole incident escalated almost to the point of war until both sides saw the folly in the argument over a dead pig and decided to agree to joint occupation of the regions. This joint occupation continued until 1872 when Emperor William I of Germany sat in arbitration over the issue. On October 21, 1872

the decision was made that the San Juans were indeed the possession of the United States. One year later on October 31, 1873 Washington's smallest county, San Juan, was formed.

San Juan County encompasses 172 named islands with another 300 or so unnamed rocks. The name comes from the Spanish explorers who traveled through the region between 1775 and 1790. The County seat is Friday Harbor (1876-Op) and is one of two territorial offices still in existence. The town was named after a Hudson's Bay employee that came from Hawaii who chose John Friday as his English name. The other operating office from the territorial period is Waldron (1880-Op) so named for Thomas W. Waldron who was a captain's clerk on the U.S.S. Porpoise.

The two counties studied in this issue contain a fascinating history that in this limited space can only be briefly touched upon. The variety of names used throughout the region

displays the diversity of cultural and ethnic influence responsible for these labels. The Spanish were the first to explore the region and names such as Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan are evidence of their influence. The English followed and some of the names they left are still evident such as Waldron, Blakely, and Richardson. Finally the native Indians, who were the first inhabitants, left their mark upon the region with names such as Skagit, Samish, and Utsaladdy. The background and diversity of the area make both counties a fascinating historical study and an interesting region to collect.

POSTMARKS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY

By Richard A. Long

ISLAND & SAN JUAN COUNTIES

This is the third in a series in which I am cataloging all the postmarks used on first-class mail in Washington Territory. The format is similar to that generally used by authors who have worked on other states like New Mexico, Alaska, & Oregon.

It is convenient to arrange postmarks by county, and in our first article we studied Franklin County after making some remarks about our format. Then Cowlitz County appeared, and this time we look at a pair that are usually associated with each other, Island & San Juan. As you will see, postmarks from these two counties are scarce, and even the ones we are familiar with, like Coupeville & East Sound, are missing from many of the collections that we have studied.

Each postmark of a town is given a number, in chronological order by date of first use. It should be noted that the numbers may be permanent if all the postmarks have been discovered, or they may be changed later if new finds are made. All catalogs like these are more like progress reports than final ones, as new discoveries are made from time to time.

After the number assigned to a postmark you see a formidable combination that we call the Postmark Code. This is a device that we use to describe postmarks, and it is particularly useful when we have no drawing or photo to go by. It is just a thing to fall back on when it is needed, and it is not something that a person needs to consider unless it is useful to know things like the shape & diameter of the marking or the way that the territorial name appears.

In assigning 18 letters of the alphabet to the different territorial designations I left a few blanks in case new ones were discovered, and now I must use letter P for WASH TERRY - add this to your catalog.

A project like this one depends upon the gathering of information from many sources. Auction catalogs and price lists of dealers are important - I see many Washington Territorial covers in the catalogs of old-time dealers like Samuel Paige, Siegel, & Lewenthal, and more recent ones like McBride, Frajola, & Spelman. Manuscript markings may be listed by complete date, or postmarks may be illustrated, giving us all the information we need to catalog types.

But the best sources of information by far are the collectors like yourself who have the covers. Catalog offerings are generally few & far between and are often incomplete, omitting part of the much-needed information; scanning them is tedious, time-consuming work. It is much more rewarding to work with a pile of photocopies from a collector so I can have a full-size marking to trace and I can get all the information to tell if it is a new type.

This means that I need information from all the collectors who will help, and most of you have already. Several more people have come forth since we listed contributors, so this time I would like to thank Lane Woodard, Howard Mader, Paul Dixon, and John Mullen.

What I need are actual photocopies of covers with postmarks from Washington Territory - these will be dated from earliest 1850's through Nov 11, 1889. Often the back of an envelope has a receiving mark or forwarding mark from the Territory too. If the postmark has only day & month but no year, the year can sometimes be gotten from a letter enclosed, or from a receiving mark.

Even a single cover or small group is worthwhile, for we never know which one will extend our date range for the type. Please send copies to me at PO Box 472, Bandon OR 97411. If you have a large collection and you'd rather work with me by county, my next article will be about Pacific & Wahkiakum Counties.

ISLAND COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

COUPEVILLE (1864-date) 1. M 2. C1HA1BBR26.5 3. C41JN1B27.5 4. C21LN1RRB27.5 5. C1JN1B27.5 6. C1JN1BBR26.5 7. C1JS1B32 8. C101S1B33	7 Mar 1866 19 May 1871 7 Dec 1880 15 May 1883 11 Sep 1883 27 Jan 1888 18 Nov 1888 27 Nov 1888	27 Jan 1869 27 Nov 1883 23 Feb 1888 10 Aug 1889	Manuscript Target Fancy Cork Target Target Target
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PHINNEY (1884-1892) No examples reported			
SKAGIT HEAD (1858) No examples reported			185
USELESS (1883-1893) No examples reported			
UTSALADDY (1865-1910) 1. M 2. M 3. C1JA1BBR24.5 4. C21LN1RRB27.5 5. C21ZS1B32.5 6. C21LN1RRB34	6 Jan 1867 Feb 1867 3 Apr 1873 7 May 1879 27 Feb 1883 15 Jun 1885	14 Feb 1870 19 Nov 1873 2 Jan 1881 18 Aug 1883	Manuscript Target Star in Circle

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COUPEVILLE 1 is scarce but not too difficult; I have recorded 6 so far.

COUPEVILLE 2 is quite rare, with 3 noted. Year is certain on just the one.

COUPEVILLE 3 appears to be very rare; just 1 noted in a collection.

COUPEVILLE 4 is rare; 1 noted in a collection.

COUPEVILLE 5 is rare; 1 in a collection and 1 illustrated in the Landis catalog.

COUPEVILLE 6 appears rare for a late one, with just 2 noted in collections.

COUPEVILLE 7 - The only example I have was sold in McBride auction November 1983.

See the catalog for a photo at about 50% size.

COUPEVILLE 8 appears in auctions & collections; I have recorded 7 so far. It was used after statehood with the TY deleted.

COVELAND 1 is very rare; I have only the 1 report from a collection.

COVELAND 2 is not so rare, with 5 recorded. Attribution by year is difficult.

OAK HARBOR 1 is very rare, with just a single example recorded.

OAK HARBOR 2 is also rare, with 2 recorded.

OAK HARBOR 3 - Just the single example in a collection.

OAK HARBOR 4 must exist as a territorial marking but I have recorded just 1 dated after statehood with the territorial designation deleted.

UTSALADDY 1 appears in our records 6 times, and I note a 7th in the Chase-Cabeen catalog dated 19 Feb 1878. Is this supposed to be 1870? I show 2 styles.

UTSALADDY 2 is cataloged separately because it is similar to a county postmark.

See Chase-Cabeen: "Utsalady Puget Sound Whitney Island Washington Ter".

UTSALADDY 3 is not difficult - I note at least 7 in collections so far.

UTSALADDY 4 is another for which I note 7 examples in collections.

UTSALADDY 5 is rare, with only 2 recorded to date.

UTSALADDY 6 is very rare - only the Chase-Cabeen illustration is recorded so far.

SAN JUAN COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

ARGYLE (1886-1912) 1. C21JN1RRB33	26 Mar 1887	
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FRIDAY HARBOR (1876-date) 1. C1J-BBR26.5	22 Sep 1886	Target
LIME KILN (1879-1888) No examples reported		
LOPEZ ISLAND (1873-1898) 1. C1DM2BBM25.5 2. C1JA1BBR25.5 3. M 4. C1KN1RRB26		Manuscript Manuscript Maltese Cross
MAPLE (1886-1892) No examples reported		
MC KAY (1880-1881) No examples reported		
ORCAS ISLAND (1873-1898) 1. C1JN1BBR27	13 Nov 1883	Target
RICHARDSON (1887-1953) 1. 0V22D1S1RRB38	10 Sep 1888	
ROCHE HARBOR (1882-1964) 1. C41JN1IIB30 2. C1JN1	4 Oct 1886 28 Sep 1888 or 9	
SAN JAUN (1861-1866) No examples reported		
SAN JUAN (1873-1886) 1. C41JN1B30	19 Apr 1883	
WALDRON (1880-date) No examples reported		



ARGYLE 1 is unique - I have recorded only the one.

EAST SOUND 1 is very scarce, with just 3 recorded covers so far.

EAST SOUND 2 is somewhat scarce, but is not too difficult.

EAST SOUND 3 appears about as scarce as ES 2, is similar in appearance, but has very different spacing between T and S, and is about 1mm larger in diameter.

FRIDAY HARBOR 1 appears rare - I note just the single example.

LOPEZ ISLAND 1 is rare; I have just the one, on a 3¢ envelope U82.

LOPEZ ISLAND 2 is rare; I have just the one.

LOPEZ ISLAND 3 comes from the Landis catalog illustration. An 1886 example in an old auction on a registered cover may be the same one.

LOPEZ ISLAND 4 is somewhat scarce, but I have recorded several in collections.

ORCAS ISLAND 1 is rare; I note just the one.

RICHARDSON 1 appears in my records from the Landis catalog illustration at about 80% of size. One described as a sawtooth oval and dated 1888 was offered in the December 1956 Paige auction of the Darlington collection - perhaps the same cover?

ROCHE HARBOR 1 is very rare; I note just the single example in a collection. ROCHE HARBOR 2 is taken from a crude drawing in the Landis catalog.

SAN JUAN 1 is in my records as just the single example so far.

THE SECOND SECTION

Robert G. Munshower, Jr. Editor

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

EIGHTH DIVISION

Foreign Mails, Steamboat Service and

LIST OF EXPRESS POUCHES

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APRIL, 1909

Schedule of Mail Trains

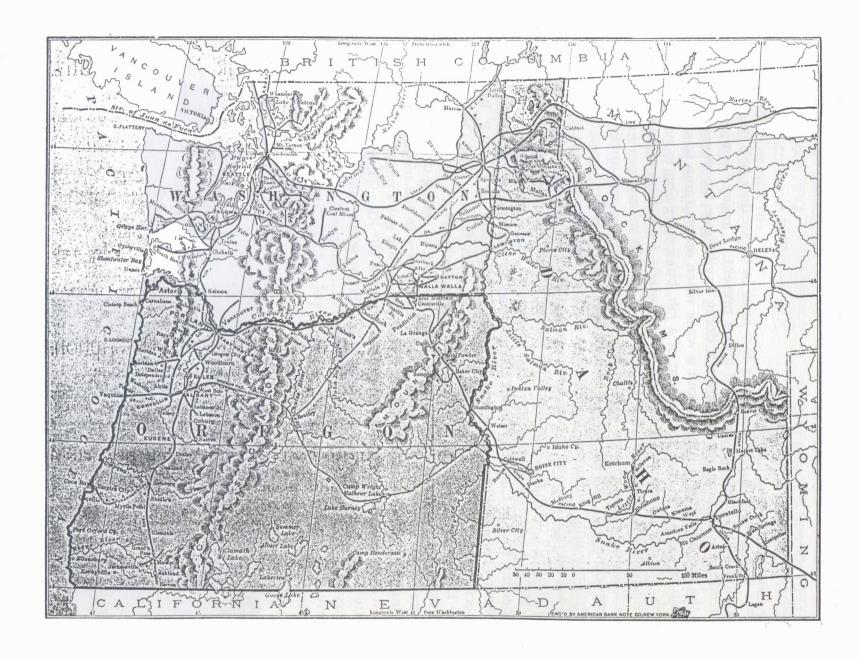
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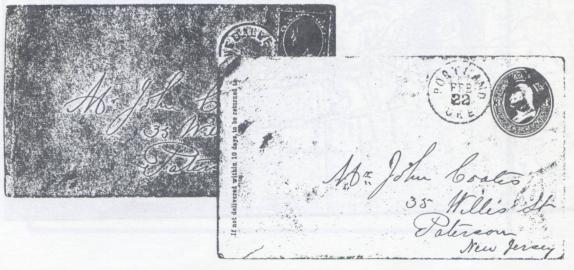
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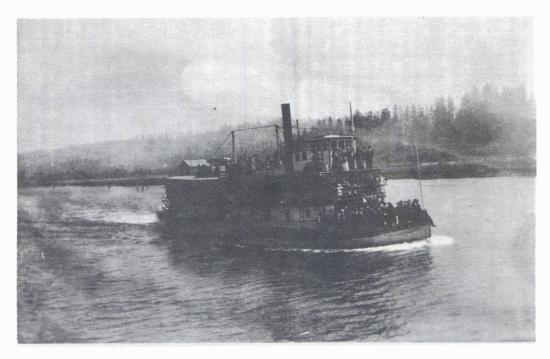
I take this chance of writing you a few lines in hopes they will find you all enjoying good health as Joe and I are at present. I am not working on the Northern Pacific now, as they are not doing anything in the shops. I got up all the machinery and run it about a week when orders came to shut up the whole concern. So that left me out of a job, but I am going to work soon I think, for the Oregon Central RR which starts from here running south connecting with the O&C RR at Junction City 110 miles from hear. I am figuring on getting charge of two pile driving engines out at the front (of construction, Ed). If I get it I will make 6 or 7 dollars per day. I can not tell for a certainty until tomorrow or next day wether I will get it or not. We have had a great deal of rain the past few days and the river has raised about 15 feet and is nearly up in the town and still raising. Joe is still working in the O&C RR shop. They are not very busy at present. J. Lotor has gone on an inspecting tour at Coos Bay about 200 miles south on the coast to inspect a lot of steam boilers. They have got 25 miles of track laid on the N.P. RR and expect to lay it to the Sound next summer 40 miles farther. The O&C RR is now 136 m long. The O.C. 25 and expect to lay 85 this year. There will be lots of business in RR building this year. I am thinking of taking up a homestead or pre-empting some land on the Sound somewhere in the nieghborhood of Bellingham Bay where the coal mines are. I have not got a paper for 3 weeks but it is on account of the snow blocade on the UP RR. They have had a pretty rough time there this winter. Do you know where James is and how is Henry getting along in the oyster business?...... I must close for now as it is nearly time for the boat to sail. I will send you a small book of a description of Portland and vicinity and a paper once in a while.





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- 11. Park City & Salt Lake City RR
- 12. Phoenix & Maricopa RR
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- 003 Ark City & Lind 930.2-A-1 1907 ppc stamp dam.
- 004 Atchison & Stockton 908-F-1 1936 TR 512
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- 007 Bad Axe & Huron 639-D-1 1935 TR 62
- 008 Blaine & Seattle 903-A-1 1935 TR 355
- 009 Breck & Aberdeen 878.3-A-1 1935 TR 192
- 010 Bristol & Sx Falls 886-C-1 1934 South
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TOWNS: WANTED

MINNESOTA - OTTERTAIL and Wilkin County DPOs including: Aastad, Arthur, Aurdal, Axel, Balmoral, Bangor, Basswood, Bateman, Beaver Dam, Berkey, Brushvale, Burau, Candor, Center Grove, Childs, Dania, Dibley, Dora, Drexel, Edwards, Effington, Elizabethtown, Elmo, Erhards Grove, Essex. Faust, French, Friberg, Grand, Grenier, Gresham, Hepsy, Hillview, Hobart, Hoff, Ibsen, Inman, Joyce, Lake Lizzie, Lawndale, Lida, Mauston, Miller, Miller's Station, Monitor Falls, Myhre, New Rose Lake, Oscar, Paddock, Parkdale, Pearce Prairie, Phelps, Ramsdell, Redington, Roberts, Rush Lake, St. Oloff, Scambler, Spirit Lake, Ten Mile Lake, Trondheim, Town Site, Tumuli, Turtle Lake, Urbank, Vida, Wall Lake, Waseata and Woodside. Gary Anderson, 698 E. Hoyt Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106 [21-3]

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NORTH CAROLINA postal history wanted All small towns, DPOs, RFD's, Stampless, Doanes, CSA. Especially need New Bern, Edenton, Salem, Winston, and Winston-Salem. Ken Schoolmeester, P.O. Box 8465, Greensboro, NC 27419. [21-4]

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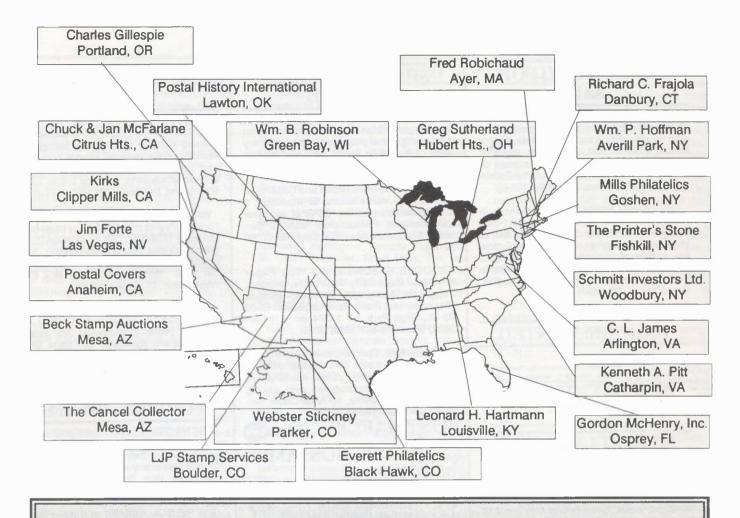
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