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Nut, Bolts and (Gully) Washers

Seasons greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1991 to all our readers from the staff here at *La Posta*. Our hearts go out to all of you with loved ones in the Gulf, and we hope and pray that that dangerous situation can be resolved peacefully and soon.



Before proceeding to the more prosaic topics of this column, please let me offer a tip of the cap to our readers in Washington state who have recently undergone terrible flooding. We hope that this finds you all high and dry now, and that the worst has past. For our readers who were so kind as to express their concerns for us here in Oregon, let me express my thanks, but hasten to add that the flooding was confined to areas in western and central Washington.

Next issue will be Volume 22, Number 1, and it will include our annual updated nationwide listing of Type 1 Doanes. Many readers have continued to send along new Doane discoveries throughout the year, and these have been filed away safely (I hope) in a folder for inclusion in the annual update. I am grateful for all of these reports, and I hope you have not interpreted my silence up to now as indifference. I continue to think the Type 1 Doane census is a very worthwhile project, and without your help it could not proceed. If anyone has reports of Type 1 Doanes (towns or date extensions for any state) which were not included in the Vol. 21, No. 1 listing, please drop me a note listing same before January 31, 1991.

A few words are about the Subscribers' Auction are in order. The popularity of this *La Posta* feature continues to grow. Indeed, sometimes I have the feeling that the "tail" has begun to wag the "dog." While I am delighted that the auction has proven to be so popular, it does take a tremendous amount of time, and I have yet to figure out exactly how I can shift some of the time required to accomplish the more routine activities off my shoulders. I will be experimenting with some options during 1991.

It looks like we will be able to conduct at least four, and possibly five Subscribers' Auctions during 1991, with the first one closing in late March. In the past some of you have received news of deadlines for submitting material too late to do you any good. From now on, please consider submission of lots for all Subscribers' Auctions to be open ended. Send material at your convenience, and we will include it in

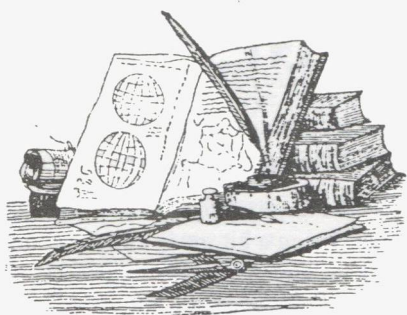
the next available sale. Please remember, however, that there is a maximum of 20 lots per subscriber per sale.

Because of the large amount of material which is being submitted, we are being a bit more choosy about what is included in the sales and what is returned. Here are some guidelines. 1) Condition is important. These are mail sales, and since most buyers never see the material, clean cards and covers are favored over dirty, creased, or otherwise damaged specimens. 2) First days, first flights and other philatelic covers are respectfully declined. This is also true for unused postal stationery, stamps, seals and the like. 3) Items which can be adequately described in a short sentence are favored over those which require long, complicated descriptions. 4) Generally specking, over-sized (#10 or legal-sized) covers are not accepted. There are, obviously, a few exceptions, but they have to be pretty unusual. 5) Although the average estimated value of lots has probably been increasing, we continue to accept lots with a realistic minimum value of \$2.00. It should be noted, however, that if it takes the same amount of work to lot a \$2 lot as it does a \$10 lot, and a limit exists on the number of lots accepted, which do you suppose will be returned?

The editorial offices of *La Posta* will be closed from mid-February until March 10th while Cathy and I renew our love affair with Southeast Asia. I apologize for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and, given the fact that we will have Subscribers' Auction 35 on going, there may be some delay in filling requests for photocopies. Photocopies will receive top priority after our March 10th return, and everyone should have them in hand in plenty of time to bid before the auction closing.

Richard W. Hellock





BOOKS IN REVIEW

Barr-Fyke: Machines and Early Postal Markings, Vols. I - III, by Reg Morris and Robert J. Payne. Published by the Machine Cancel Society as Specialized Study No. 3, 1990. Available from Art Hadley, Secretary, Machine Cancel Society, 2407 N 925 E, Hope, IN 47246. Price \$26.00 (Set of 3) postpaid.

Authors Morris and Payne have obviously not been resting on their laurels since publication of *The Barry Story*, their three volume work detailing the Barry machine cancels last year. Although the current effort lacks the production polish of *The Barry Story* -- it appears loose-leaf and was "set" in 10-point elite type on a standard typewriter -- it is none-the-less impressive from the standpoint of content.

Volume I, which runs 124 pages, covers the history of the Barr-Fyke Company and illustrates their patents for canceling machines. Experimental machines and their postal markings are also identified.

Volume II introduces a dial/canceller/service marking guide, and offers a catalog of the Barr-Fyke markings for the 1898-1905 contract period. This volume also includes special sections on the "tassel flag" markings and the East Cambridge Station flag cancel. The 166 pages of Volume II conclude with a cancellation chronology and a master index and value guide.

Volume III concerns Barr-Fyke machines used outside the United States. A rarity guide accompanies the 97-page text which details Barr-Fyke use in Australia, Mexico, New Zealand and Norway, as well as, the Paris Exposition of 1900.

The books may be ordered separately at \$10.00 each postpaid, but the \$26.00 ask for the set of three is really quite a bargain. Barr-Fyke machine cancels might be just the thing for someone looking for a new specialty. There are many examples which can be added at modest prices, and yet there are some really difficult and challenging specimens in the woodwork. Reg Morris and Bob Payne have given us an excellent set of guide books with which to pursue them. I am pleased to recommend this work to anyone with interest in machine cancels, or anyone attempting to build a working postal history reference library.

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The Postal History of the A.E.F. 1917-1923, Second, Revised Edition edited by Theo. Van Dam. Published by The War Cover Club & The Printer's Stone, Ltd., 1990. 265 pp., offset 8.5x11" format, hard cover. Available from The Printer's Stone, P.O. Box 30, Fishkill, NY 12524. Price \$46.00 postpaid in US.

The original A.E.F. handbook was published in 1980 by the APS and has been out of print for several years. When Theo. Van Dam began talking about a revised new edition, I was frankly somewhat skeptical given the confused state of affairs through which the War Cover Club has muddled in recent years. Let me say that my skepticism was misplaced, for Theo and Art Groton and the others involved in the production of this book have done a masterful job.

First of all, the entire book has been expanded in scope as well as revised throughout. Four new chapters have been added on subjects such as prisoner of war mail, Red Cross and the Army Medical Department and patriotics used by AEF members. The key chapter on postal markings by Theo. Van Dam has been thoroughly revised, and -- happiness for those of us who tend to loose separate price guides -- the Valuation Guide is neatly bound into the volume in pages 257-264.

The books looks just great! The print job is quite adequate, and, while illustrations are mostly photocopies rather than halftones, they are clear and easy to interpret. I particularly like the 8.5x11-inch format. It lends itself much better to cover illustrations, maps, and so forth than the 7x10-inch format used in the first edition.

For anyone who missed the first edition, this book is a must have! Even if you don't like those nasty, ratty WWI covers that fall apart when you pick them up because of the cheap paper, this is a key U.S. postal history reference boo, and it belongs in your library. If you bought the first edition, then you'll have a tougher time determining whether you should spend the \$46 (\$42 for War Cover Club members) for this edition. There's no doubt that its better, but is it that much better? This would make a great Christmas gift. If only the publicity could have gotten out a bit earlier...

Personally, I think Theo. and Art and the other troops deserve a heartfelt tip of the cap. Well done, gentlemen, AEF II is a real winner!

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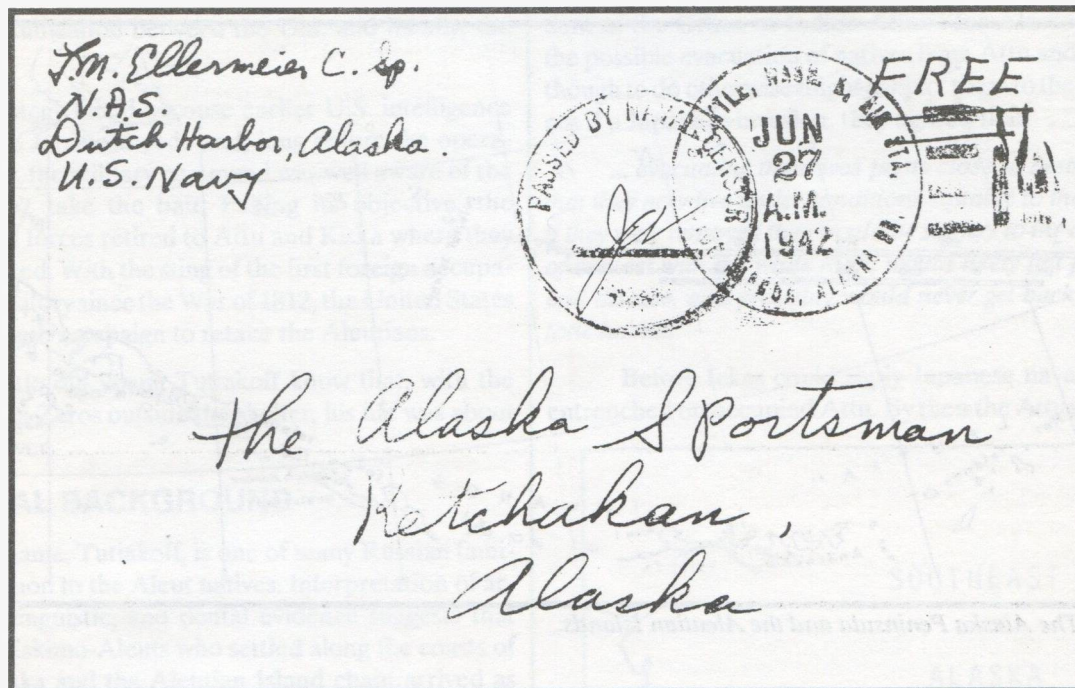


Figure 1. This cover was mailed by a sailor stationed at the Dutch Harbor, Alaska, Naval Air Station about three weeks after the Japanese bombing of that facility.

RELOCATION OF ALEUTS TO SOUTHEAST ALASKA IN WORLD WAR II

By Louis Fiset

Aleut survivors of World War II recently began receiving \$12,000 payments from the federal government as partial redress for losses this community suffered during its forced evacuation to southeast Alaska. This relocation resulted from Japan's invasion of Attu and Kiska, in the outer Aleutian chain.¹

Few have questioned military necessity as justification for the relocation. However, the Government failed to plan the evacuation in advance of what military intelligence knew was an imminent attack on the Aleutians, provided squalid living conditions with rundown facilities and inadequate protection and medical care, and delayed returning the Aleuts to their homes long after the threat of the enemy had passed. The failed policy left 10 per cent of the community dead and wreaked physical and emotional hardship on the survivors. Upon returning to their islands, the Aleuts found their homes pillaged and, in one case, an entire village razed, by American military personnel.

For 45 years the story of the Aleut relocation has barely surfaced. Moreover, the philatelic literature is silent on this episode, apparently with even the most devoted Alaska Territorial philatelists unaware of its details.

Recently, however, a seven volume collection of relevant primary resource material has been published by

the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association.² Gathered by John Kirtland and John Coffin, counsel to the Association, these materials were assembled in preparation for hearings in 1981 before the Wartime Commission on Relocation and Internment of Civilians. Established by Act of Congress in 1980, the Commission was directed, in part, to

*... review directives of the United States military forces requiring the relocation and, in some cases, detention in internment camps of American citizens, including Aleut civilians, and permanent resident aliens of the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands; and ... recommend appropriate remedies.*³

This assemblage contains official records and correspondence and three volumes of depositions by Aleuts from all affected islands. The records provide the reader with an opportunity to learn of this wartime episode through the participants' own words. Much of what follows is drawn from these records and personal accounts.

THE EVENT

Thirteen-year old Philemon Tutiakoff, an Unalaska village Aleut, poked his head outside the community bomb shelter to watch the excitement going on around him. Many years later he was to reflect on this June 1942 scene remembering

Zeros ... strafing the hillside and the town of Unalaska. A bomb hit one end of the Bureau of Indian Affairs hospi-

obstruct communication between the U.S. and its ally, the Soviet Union.⁵

The strategy failed because earlier U.S. intelligence had broken the Japanese code and, long before the operation took place, the military command was well aware of the plan. It didn't take the bait. Failing its objective, the Japanese naval forces retired to Attu and Kiska where they dug in and waited. With the sting of the first foreign occupation of U.S. territory since the War of 1812, the United States began a 15-month campaign to retake the Aleutians.

And little did young Tutiakoff know that, with the swarming of the Zeros outside the shelter, his life was about to change forever.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The surname, Tutiakoff, is one of many Russian family names common to the Aleut natives. Interpretation of archaeological, linguistic, and dental evidence suggests that the ancestral Eskimo-Aleuts who settled along the coasts of mainland Alaska and the Aleutian Island chain arrived as the third wave of New World settlement around 10,000 years ago.⁶ When Vitus Bering and his Russian expedition arrived at the Aleutian Islands in 1741, they discovered a society rich in art, technology and medicine. Nearly 20,000 Aleuts populated villages on almost every island in the chain. Soon, however, Russian fur traders invaded and plundered the islands, systematically exterminating or enslaving their inhabitants.

By 1867, when Alaska was sold to the U.S., the population had diminished to 2,000. With the coming of the Americans, a second alien culture forced itself upon the people. But it would be the third invasion of the islands, the wartime clash between the U.S. and Japan in 1942, which would threaten the very existence of Aleut society.

Following the Japanese attack the Government ordered the Interior Department and its Fish and Wildlife Service to evacuate 881 Aleuts from their homelands west of Dutch Harbor, on Unalaska Island. They were to be relocated to camps in the alien forests of southeast Alaska. The experience of this evacuation and relocation permanently changed nearly every aspect of Aleut life. The 1982 report of the Commission contains the following statement:

*Evacuation meant irreversible cultural erosion, destroying their means of pursuing a traditional subsistence way of life. They lost artifacts, but also the ability to recreate them. They lost (or found much reduced) animals and sea creatures that had been essential to traditional subsistence.*⁷

EVACUATION

Territorial Governor Ernest Gruening himself could have drafted such a statement. On June 4, 1942, he wrote to Interior Secretary Ickes outlining his discussions with the Commander of Alaska Defense Forces and the Superinten-

dent of the Office of Indian Affairs for Alaska concerning the possible evacuation of natives from Attu and Atka. Even though to do otherwise might subject them to the consequences if a Japanese invasion, they agreed that

*... evacuating them was pretty close to destroying them; that they now live under conditions suitable to them; and that if they were removed they would be subject to the deterioration of contact with the white man, would likely fall prey to drink and disease, and probably would never get back to their historic habitat*⁸

Before Ickes could reply Japanese naval forces had entrenched on occupied Attu. By then the Attuans had been

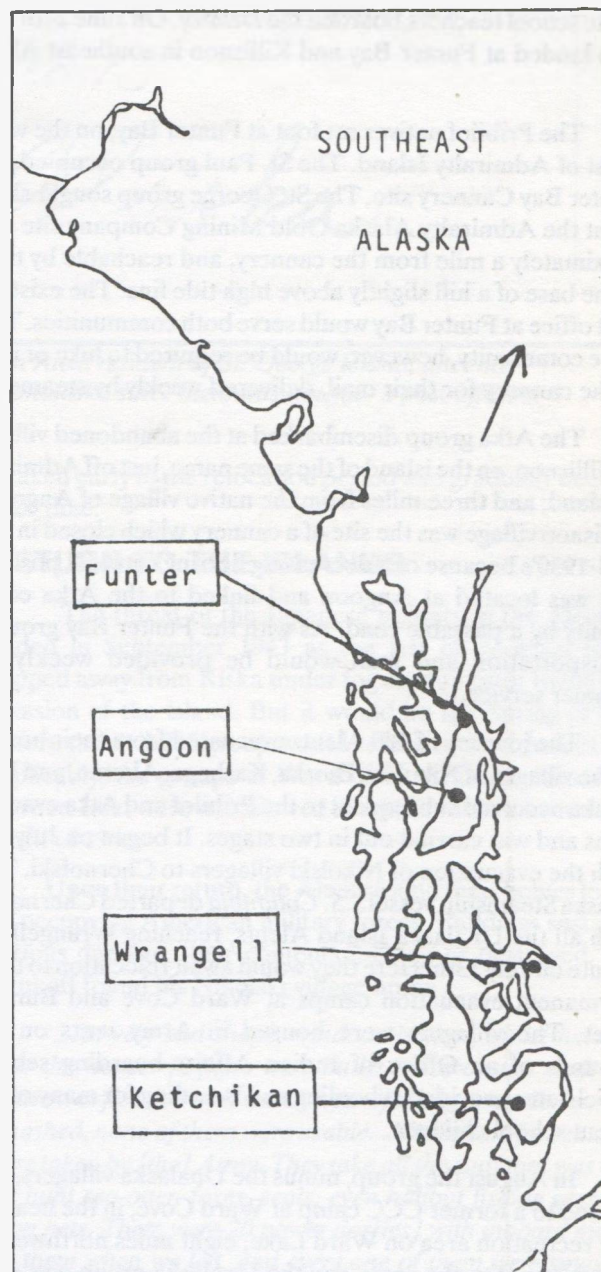


Figure 4. During World War II 881 Aleuts were relocated to southeast Alaska following Japan's invasion of the Aleutian Islands.

taken from the island and would later be transported to Otaru, Japan, for the duration of the war.⁹ Ickes' Jun 22nd reply stated:

*... the Navy is in the process of evacuating the natives of Atka and of the Pribilof Islands. Arrangements are in progress for settling the evacuees during whatever period may be necessary in Southeastern Alaska.*¹⁰

On June 16th, 12 days after Japan's attack, the USAT *Delarof* left the Pribilof Islands with 477 Pribilof natives (294 from St. Paul; 183 from St. George) and a dozen government employees, and headed for Dutch Harbor to pick up additional human cargo. Two days later 83 Atka Aleuts and two white school teachers boarded the *Delarof*. On June 24th the ship landed at Funter Bay and Killisnoo in southeast Alaska.

The Pribilof natives set foot at Funter Bay, on the west coast of Admiralty Island. The St. Paul group occupied the Funter Bay Cannery site. The St. George group sought shelter at the Admiralty Alaska Gold Mining Company site approximately a mile from the cannery, and reachable by trail at the base of a hill slightly above high tide line. The existing post office at Funter Bay would serve both communities. The mine community, however, would be required to hike or row to the cannery for their mail, delivered weekly by steamer.

The Atka group disembarked at the abandoned village of Killisnoo, on the island of the same name, just off Admiralty Island, and three miles from the native village of Angoon. Killisnoo village was the site of a cannery which closed in the mid-1930's because of a decreasing herring catch. A post office was located at Angoon and linked to the Atka community by a passable road. As with the Funter Bay groups, transportation and mail would be provided weekly by steamer service.

The journey of 160 Aleuts evacuated from their homes in the villages of Nikolski, Biorka, Kashega, Akutan, and Unalaska occurred subsequent to the Pribilof and Atka evacuations and was carried out in two stages. It began on July 5th with the evacuation of Nikolski villagers to Chernofski. The Alaska Steamship vessel *S.S. Columbia* departed Chernofski with all the Unalaska Island Aleuts, reaching Wrangell Institute on July 13th. Here they would await relocation to their permanent evacuation camps at Ward Cove and Burnett Inlet. The villagers were housed in Army tents on the grounds of an Office of Indian Affairs boarding school, which later provided schooling and boarding for many of the Aleut school children.

In August the group, minus the Unalaska villagers, was moved to a former CCC camp at Ward Cove, in the heart of the recreation area on Ward Lake, eight miles northwest of Ketchikan. On the same day the Unalaska group was relocated to an abandoned cannery at Burnett Inlet on Etolin Island near Wrangell, which would be served by weekly steamer.

HOUSING

The existing structures at the Funter Bay communities had been unoccupied for over a decade and were used only for storage. The few buildings available for housing required many families to sleep dormitory-style and in shifts due to crowding. These structures sagged in the rotting wet weather. Boots often fell through spongy floorboards.

The living conditions of the Ward Cove and Burnett Inlet groups were not much better. Many of the dwellings, described by Ward Cove relocatee Perfinia Plettnikoff as "12 by 14 shacks,"¹¹ were constructed by the evacuees themselves from scrap lumber. In addition to crowding, there was no electricity and often no running water.

Doris Krukoff described her living quarters at Burnett Inlet as "...a small shack with 2 other families. There was no lights. We used wood stoves."¹²

Unforgivingly, Victor Gordaiff stated that his family was

*...placed at a Burnett Inlet old cannery -- poor conditions - no indoor toilets or no running water, no doctor, no clinic, etc.*¹³

HEALTH

Conditions at the camps, it must be concluded, were unsuitable for human living. In addition to crowding, little privacy, and no electricity or running water, sanitary conditions bred disease. Many fell ill with tuberculosis, measles and other infections, which proved fatal to 80 of the evacuees, mostly the older ones. After inspecting the Funter Bay communities, Henry Roden, Attorney General of Alaska, pleaded to Governor Gruening:

*I have no language at my command which can adequately describe what I saw; if I had I am confident you would not believe my statements.*¹⁴

But Gruening had also visited the Funter Bay camps and was equally shocked. To Ira Gabrielson, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Department of the Interior, he wrote:

*I am convinced that a winter in the Pribilofs would be infinitely preferable to another winter at Funter Bay.*¹⁵

Dr. Bernetta Block's October 1943 report to Gabrielson for the Territorial Health Department was more graphic:

As we entered the first bunkhouse the odor of human excreta and waste was so pungent that I could hardly make the grade ... The buildings were in total darkness except for a few candles here and there which I considered distinct fire hazards since the partitions between rooms were made mostly of hangings of woolen blankets. The overcrowded housing condition is really beyond description since a mother and as many as

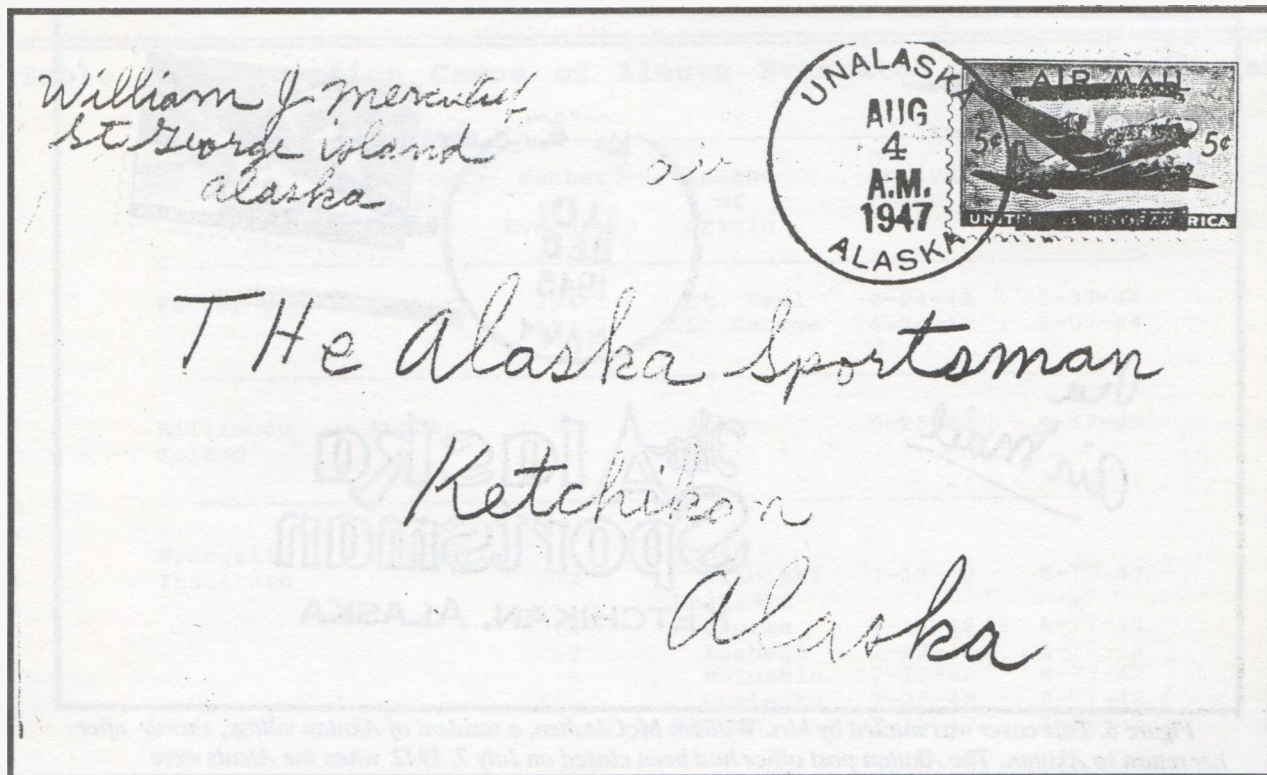


Figure 5. This cover was mailed by William J. Mercurief, an Aleut resident of St. George Island, after his repatriation following the war. The cover was postmarked at Unalaska since there was not yet a post office at Saint Paul Island.

three or four children were found in several beds and two or three children in one bunk...¹⁶

Fearing the point hadn't yet been driven home, Assistant Fisheries Supervisor Frank Hynes reported to his Division chief on the conditions he found at Funter Bay:

*[W]e are convinced that unless adequate measures are taken to improve conditions before the arduous winter months begin there is more than a possibility that the death toll from tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza, and other diseases will so decimate the ranks of the natives that few will survive to return to the islands.*¹⁷

Despite this strong language, crowding and poor sanitary conditions appear to have persisted at Funter Bay and the other camps, and medical treatment was generally unavailable until nearly a year and a half following evacuation.

WORK

Unlike the Japanese American internees behind barbed wire in the lower 48 states¹⁸, the Aleuts were free to move about. Many men left the camps altogether. Most sought work in forests, construction, in canneries, or repairing boats for the Government. In the summer of 1943, the Pribilof men were permitted to resume sealing operations in their home waters.¹⁹ Some Ward Cove families moved to Ketchikan to find work and escape the isolation of camp life. The younger men were drafted. Thus, camp populations

peaked early in the relocation period and gradually declined over time.

RETURN TO THE ISLANDS

The threat of the Japanese military in the Aleutians ended in September 1943 as the last of its naval forces slipped away from Kiska under fog shroud prior to the U.S. invasion of the island. But it would be the Spring of 1944 before the Pribilof group would return to their homes. Inexplicably, the groups at Ward Cove, Killisnoo Island and Burnett Inlet were not allowed to return to their homes until April of 1945.

Upon their return, the Aleuts found their homes looted by occupying American military forces. Buildings sustained serious damage, their contents missing or destroyed. Dan Krukoff found his Nikolski village home

*...in very bad shape, windows broken, bullet holes all over the house. [T]here were bullet holes on the roofs and house was flooded with water. Lots of things, even dories, were smashed, none of them were usable... The spears for sea otters were taken by [the] Army. They take all the stuff that was used for hunt sea otter, foxes, seals, even halibut fishing gear, salmon nets. There were 20 power dor[ies] with inboard motors on them when we left, and every one of them were smashed, not one dory was good to use.*²⁰

Material losses included treasured Russian Orthodox icons and other irreplaceable family heirlooms. Houses, fur-

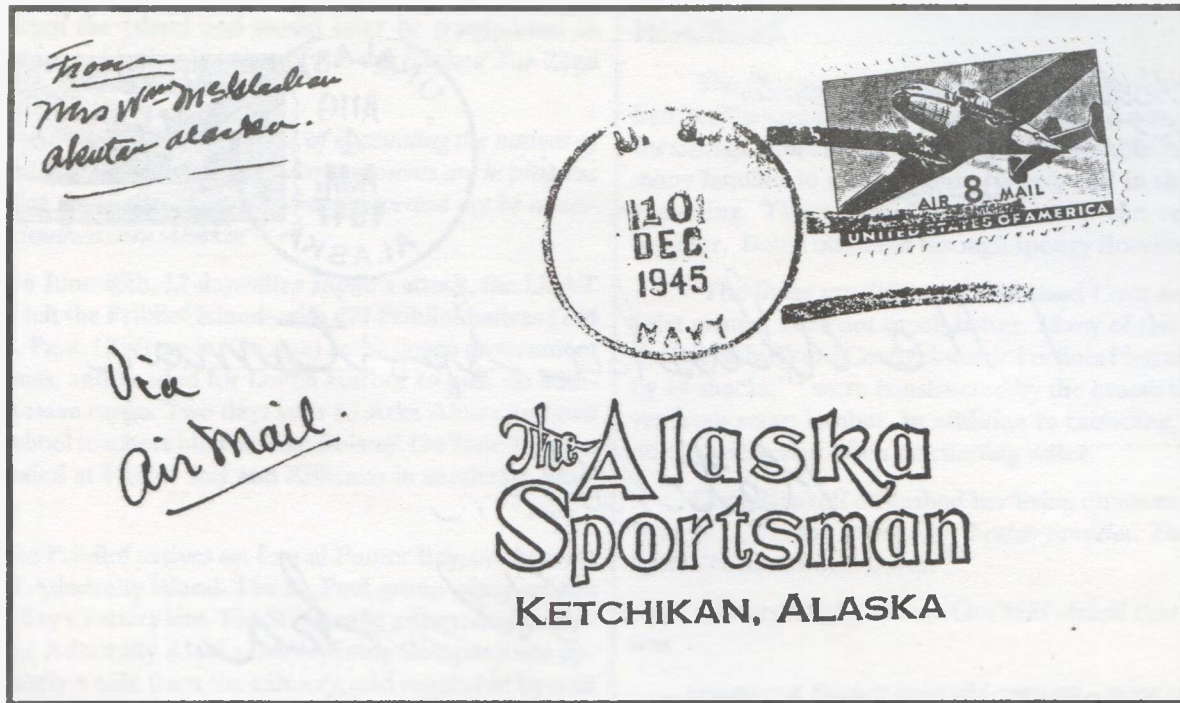


Figure 6. This cover was mailed by Mrs. William McGlashen, a resident of Akutan village, shortly after her return to Akutan. The Akutan post office had been closed on July 7, 1942, when the Aleuts were relocated to Ward Cove. It was reopened October 17, 1945, but, as this cover attests, the mail was still being postmarked with a U.S./NAVY Type 3 handstamp in December. During the 1945-45 period, the Navy set up a refueling station for ships being transferred to the Soviet Union on Akutan. Navy Branch Number 629 served the facility.

niture, sealing and fishing gear were lost or destroyed. But, compared with even these losses, the Atka Aleuts fared worse. When the left, a unit of sailors set fire to their village, including the Aleut church, ostensibly to prevent Japanese troops from using the homes. Their community was a total loss.

POSTAL HISTORY

For a time civil censorship imposed by the Office of Censorship enabled the Government to keep the lid on its embarrassing relocation policy. Hynes wrote, "Censorship has kept the press off our necks thus far but this line of defense is weakening rapidly."¹⁷

During the war, all mail between Alaska and the continental United States was subject to examination by the censors. Alaska covers documenting the Aleut relocation are thus difficult to recognize among all censored Alaska mail of the period. This may explain why, to date, none have been reported in the philatelic literature. However, Tables 1 and 2 may offer assistance in identifying these elusive documents. The data were gathered from several sources; ship passenger lists²¹, historical narratives³, and other personal accounts^{2,4}. Table 1 provides data on each camp location, the nearest post office, island of origin, peak population, and arrival/departure dates. Table 2 lists family names of both Aleuts and government personnel evacuated from each village. The latter include teachers and Fish and Wildlife Service employees.

The ethnic origins of the surnames in Table 2 are reminders of the tragedy of a people resulting from outside influences which began over two centuries ago. From all appearances, the Aleut experience during World War II has continued to endanger a traditional way of life. Following enactment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, Congress authorized \$12,000 in direct payment to each Aleut survivor, and an additional \$21.4 million in compensation for community losses, and the loss of Attu Island.²² But no amount of money can restore a past that is lost forever.

*The evacuation ... destroyed many of the Aleuts' ties to their personal and religious pasts. America, proud of its cultural diversity, thereby lost a distinctive part of itself.*²³

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Table 1. Relocation Camps of Aleuts Evacuated during World War II.

Camp	Nearest Post Office	Number of Evacuees*	Island of Origin	Arrival Date	Departure Date
Funter Bay	Funter	294 183	St. Paul St. George	6-24-42 6-24-42	5-07-44 5-07-44

Killisnoo Island	Angoon	82	Atka	6-25-42	4-17-45

Wrangell Institute	Wrangell	72	Umnak		
			Nikolski	7-13-42	8-??-42
		18	Unalaska		
			Biorka	7-13-42	8-??-42
		20	Kashega	7-13-42	8-??-42
		9	Makushin	7-13-42	8-??-42
		111	Unalaska	7-26-42	8-??-42
		41	Akutan	7-13-42	8-??-42

Ward Cove (Ward Lake)	Ketchikan (160)	transfer from Wrangell Institute (except Unalaska village)		8-??-42	4-17-45

Burnett Inlet (Etolin Island)	Wrangell (111)	transfer from Wrangell Institute (Unalaska village)		8-??-42	4-17-45

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* An additional 50 Aleuts were evacuated to the Seattle-Tacoma area.

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Table 2. Surnames of Aleuts and Government Personnel Relocated during World War II

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Funter Bay (Funter) Camp

St. Paul Island Natives

Bourdukofsky
Buterin
Deleon
Emanoff
Fratiss
Galaktionoff
Galanin
Gromoff
Hanson
Hapoff
Kochergin
Kochutin
Kozerooff
Kozloff
Krukoff
Kushin
Lekanoff
Lestenkof
Mandregan
Melovidov
Mercurieff
Misikin
Oustigoff
Pankoff
Penakoff
Petikoff
Philemonoff
Rukovishnikoff
Sedick
Shabolin
Shaishnikoff
Stepetin
Swetzof
Tetoff
Zacharoff

St. George Island Natives

Galanin
Hapoff
Kashevarof
Krukoff
Lakanof
Lekanof
Lestenkof
Malavansky
Melovinov
Mercurief
Nederazof
Nozekof
Philemonof
Prokopiof
Shane
Stepetin
Swetzof
Zacharof

Government Personnel

Baranof
Benson
Burnberg
Hellbaum
Hoverson
Hurd
McMillin
Merriott
Oberg
Porter
Schetzle
Smith
Stacy

Killisnoo Island (Angoon) Camp

Atka Island Natives

Creveden
Dirks
Gardner
Golley
Golodoff
Kudrin
Mercheenen
Nevzoroff
Prokopeuff
Sands
Snigaroff
Zaachney

Ward Cove (Ketchikan) Camp

Kashega Village Natives

Borenin
Denesoff
Gordaoff
Kudrin
Moller
Yeahchminoff

Biorka Village Natives

Ermeloff
Galiktionoff
Lukenin
Makiran
Yeahchminoff

Makushin Village Natives

Borenin
Lekanof
Olsen

Burnett Inlet (Wrangell) Camp

Unalaska Village Natives

Chercasen
Dushkin
Dyakanoff
Ermeloff
Gordaiff
Lekanoff
Newell
Robinson
Savaroff
Shapsmikoff
Stepetin
Svarny
Tutiakoff
Zakuroff

Government Personnel

Bauer
Beebe
Kaklen
Magee

Nikolski Village Natives

Bezezakoff
Chercasen
Dushkin
Ermeloff
Krukoff
Lazanas
Pletnikoff
Sovoroff
Talanoff

Akutan Island Natives

Berskin
McGlashen
Mensoff
Pettikoff
Shellikoff
Tcheripanoff

Government Personnel

Geeslin
Nastasiou
Whitfield

Government Personnel

Long

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20th CENTURY NON-STANDARD POSTMARKING & CANCELING DEVICES

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Part 5 - Altered and Composite Devices

In Part 4 of the series [*La Posta* Vol. 21, No. 5] damaged and repaired devices were discussed. One of the country's most knowledgeable collectors and scholars of postmarker handstamps, Dr. Frank Scheer, Curator of the Railway Mail Service Library, has taken the time to write me with some comments which clarify points discussed in Part 4. Dr. Scheer describes exactly how the rubber-die postmarking devices were constructed. The rubber-die portion is only about 4 mm. thick and is attached with rubber cement to a rubber cushion which is about 8 mm. thick. The cushion is then affixed to a metal plate at the end of a wooden handle.

Dr. Sheer has never seen a broken wooden handle of the type which I attributed to the damaged postmark in Figure 8 (page 9), Bluestone, Ohio. It is Dr. Sheer's opinion that the damage occurred when the killer bars became unglued, and not because the handle broke. As rubber cement was often not available in small towns served by 4th Class post offices, repairs were sometimes made by using a rubber band to hold the cushion to the metal plate at the end of the handle (figure 11, La Plata, PR).

Dr. Sheer goes on to explain the appearance of the postmark in Figure 13 from Pitcairn, PA. I had stated that the metal rim could become detached, but Dr. Sheer states that this could not happen. Instead, he offers two possible explanations for this rimless device. First, rimless steel handstamps were supplied as standard equipment to some offices during the 1880's. The Pitcairn device may have been originally issued 25-odd years previously. Many towns used the same device for several decades, or resurrected an old handstamp to use in an emergency. Second, some postmasters altered steel handstamps issued with a rim by chiseling or filing off the rim. Dr. Scheer explains that they did this because they believed that the rim contributed to clogging up the device. Felt, ink and dust accumulated in all the recessed areas (including spaces between the rim and lettering) if the handstamps was not cleaned with a petroleum solvent and stiff brush at regular intervals. The author wishes to thank Dr. Scheer for sharing this information with us.

Postmark impressions made by damaged and repaired devices -- those considered in Part 4 -- are considered by the author to be standard postmarks despite the fact that their appearance may be anything but standard. They were, after all, impression made by equipment issued by the Post Office Department. On the other hand, postmarks made by altered and composite equipment, such as those discussed in this ar-

ticle, will usually be considered to be nonstandard. The logic goes like this. Despite the fact that these postmarks were made by equipment which was originally supplied by the POD, that equipment has been so modified by its users that the resulting impressions no longer conform to postmarks of standard design, and furthermore the modifications have been made not as an attempt to repair a standard device, but to alter the basic design.



Figure 1.

The exception to the nonstandard rule is found among altered devices which change spelling. Figure 1 shows a 4-bar postmark from Westminster West, VT. There is a noticeable gap in the lettering between "N" and "S" where an "I" originally appeared (examples exist which show the extra "I"). Someone has removed the "I" to correct the spelling of the town's name. When an alteration is made to correct an error in a POD-issued device, postmarks made by the corrected device shall be considered standard. Such postmarks are akin to those discussed in Part 4 in that the modification was made with the intent of correcting an error, and the POD should not object to this type of alteration.



Figure 2.

Another type of alteration is shown in Figure 2. This Type C/1 4-bar from Jones Store, VA, has had the ends of its upper and lower killer bars beveled off. The postmaster may have been expressing his individuality by making the

killer a little fancy, but the POD probably would not approve of this kind of modification. Any alteration of the killer portion of a postmarker/canceler increases the chances that the stamp may not be completely canceled. Partially canceled stamps increase the probability that they may be reused by certain unscrupulous individuals.

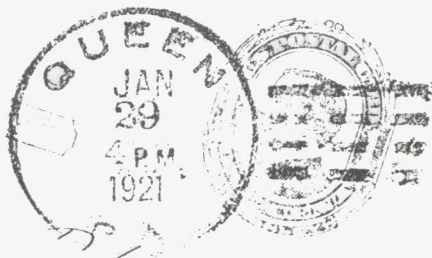


Figure 3.

Figure 3 illustrates an impression made by an altered device used at Queen, PA. The second, third, and fourth killer bars have had two gaps cut into them, creating a dashed appearance. Any device altered in such a way to make its impressions look "fancy", as in Figures 2 and 3, will be considered nonstandard.



Figure 4.

Composite devices are made from the parts of two, or more, different handstamps. Usually these parts come from two different standard devices, but occasionally a nonstandard part may be used. Such devices are typically constructed by the local postmaster or clerk, and are used for emergency purposes to replace a lost or damaged standard handstamp. An example of a postmark created by a device consisting of standard and non-standard parts appears in Figure 4. This Salada Beach, Cal., example was used as a receiving mark on a post card. First, note that the bottom of the circular date stamp (cds) is broken. Second, note that instead of having the state abbreviation run along the bottom of the rim, it is inset a bit and in a straight line. Finally, the lettering used in "Cal." is both upper and lower case, which was never the standard in 20th century postmarks. Damage

to this device was limited to the bottom of the cds and the state abbreviation. Often the damage was such that the entire cds or killer was completely unserviceable.



Figure 5.

Figure 5 illustrates a postmark from North Madison, Ohio. Here both the cds and the killer are standard, but they were not originally constructed together. The cds is from a Type E 4-bar (circa 1930), while the killer is from a Type 2 Doane (circa 1904). This is one of the more obvious examples of this type of composite device since both parts are of readily identifiable designs. In this case the killer portion of the handstamp had to be replaced by the killer portion of an old POD- issue handstamp.



Figure 6.

A slightly less obvious example appears in Figure 6. This composite device was used in Bigfoot Prairie, ILL. in 1926. The killer is once again from a Type 2 Doane -- the hollow bars have become filled with ink -- while the cds is from a 4-bar (probably Type D). The diameter of a worn out Type 2 Doane can be as large as a Type D cds (in this case 31 mm.), but the feature which gives this example away as not being a Type 2 Doane cds is the shape of the lettering. The round "O"'s are a good indicator that this cds is not from a Type 2 Doane, which has "squat" O's, so this composite is another case where the killer portion of the current device had to be replaced.



Figure 7.

The postmark illustrated in Figure 7 from Albee, S.Dak., also consists of parts from both a 4-bar and a Doane. Here, however, the situation is reversed. The killer bars have been taken from a Type A 4-bar and the cds is that of a Type 2 Doane.



Figure 8.

Yet another variation of a composite formed from two standard devices is shown in Figure 8. Here both standard devices were Doanes. The cds has been taken from a Type 2 Doane -- note the small, 28 mm. diameter -- and the killer is that of a Type 3 Doane with solid, not filled, bars.

The composites illustrated in Figure 5 through 8 could have become necessary either because the cds or killer portion of the standard handstamps were lost or damaged. In either case, the repair made to that portion that was still usable required the postmaster to use part of a device that was supposedly "retired." One can postulate that in a time when these small offices were isolated from a source of supplies (and repair materials), that the postmaster would save his old handstamps and cannibalize them to construct a composite handstamp when the need arose.

Sometime a composite could not be made from two standard first class postmark/cancelers because there was no old device to cannibalize. In these cases some postmasters used special service markings to construct new composites. Examples of such composites exists both with and without an indication of the nature of the special service (M.O.B., Registration, Parcel Post, etc.) designation showing. In other words, sometimes a postmaster would carve out the special

service lettering from his new composite first class postmark, and sometimes he would not.



Figure 9.

Figure 9 shows an example of a composite from Mohnton, Pa. The cds is a special service received (REC'D.) marking. Since this marking was not intended to cancel stamps, it did not originally come with killer bars. But in this case the postmaster has married a set of Type 3 Doane killer bars with the cds to make an emergency postmark/canceler. A similar composite appears in Figure 10, although in this example the killer bars come from a Type A 4-bar.



Figure 10.

It is more common to find examples of composites such as these where the special service designation has been removed. These impressions are really the result of a device composed of an altered cds being combined with killer bars, and are therefore both altered and composite. We have chosen to group such markings with the composite devices. Figure 11 illustrates a postmark from Arbuckle, Cal., dating



Figure 11.

from 1914. While the style of the lettering in an arc at the top of the cds is identical with that used in the Type E 4-bars, postmarks of this design were not introduced by the POD until 1930. This examples predates that introduction by 16 years. What we have here is a composite consisting of a cds with the letters "REC'D." cut from the bottom of the dial, and mounted on a handstamp with the bars from a Type A 4-bar.



Figure 12.

A less common type of received marking has the REC'D. arranged at the top of the dial. Figure 12 shows such a cds altered to be part of a composite. This Empire, Ohio, example dates from 1931, and what appears to be five killer bars is the result of it being somewhat double struck.



Figure 13. [Tracing by John Williams from California Postmark Catalog]

Other types of special service markings have also been altered and made into composite devices. Figure 13 shows a double circle (dc) registered marking from Hazard, Calif. This dc design was also used in some post offices for parcel post and M.O.B. (money order business) services, in which case "PARCEL POST" and "M.O.B." were substituted for "REGISTERED" in the marking. The postmark illustrated in Figure 14 was made by a composite in which the special service designation at the bottom of the dcds has been removed. Sometimes the removal is not 100% complete, and the original lettering can be made out. In the case of the GuerneWood Park, Calif., composite only a few pieces of the lettering can be seen. The killer portion is probably from a Type C 4-bar handstamp.

All of these composites and altered devices have two things in common. First, they were all created to meet emergency needs. As such, the author believes that the POD



Figure 14.

would have preferred the offices to have used a straight line or manuscript marking instead of these markings. Second, these devices were all integral, that is, the postmark and killer portions were mounted on the same handstamp so they could be applied with one strike. This is in contrast to the two piece metal cds and targets which were standard issue just prior to the introduction of the first Doane handstamps in 1903. I bring this up because some postmark/cancellations may appear to be composites, yet, upon closer inspection, turn out to be impressions created by the application of two separate devices. Usually, the most obvious clue that an example is caused by two handstamp is that the killer is not on a line with the cds. Misalignment can either be too large a distance between the two, or that the killer is not centered properly. For example, in 4-bar types the bars should be



Figure 15.

parallel to the horizontal axis of the cds. Figure 15 illustrates a cancellation from Grand Island, Nebr. The cds was made by a double oval parcel post handstamp, while the killer is a flag cancel. Since the flag cancel was applied by a machine, there is no way this marking could be made by an integral device. It is a proper usage, though. The postcard was mailed by a bank and qualifies as third class mail. As such, the flag cancel will have the metal cds portion present with the date slug removed.

Next time we will publish the first of two parts on special service markings and straight line cancels. After those two installments, the illustrated catalog portion of our study will begin. We have just passed the 1,000 mark in our compilation of different nonstandard postmarks. If you can contribute any information on nonstandards postmarks which will help us improve the coverage of the catalog, please write Randy Stehle, 16 Iris Court, San Mateo, CA 94401.

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THE CENTRAL SECTION

In the last issue we presented a list of known Doane postmarks for Minnesota, and this issue we have the Doane list for Wisconsin, courtesy of Andy Buckland. In the next issue we will have the South Dakota listing, and the subsequent issue will present Michigan.

Each of these lists presents a substantial amount of work by the individuals involved, and we should all applaud and support this effort. The time seems not too far distant when the compilation of known Doane postmarks will be comprehensive for the entire U.S., at which point it would be possible to publish a combined catalog on the subject. If each reader of La Posta were to check their holdings and report their unlisted Doane postmarks to the appropriate co-ordinator, we would indeed have produced a comprehensive catalog that postal history enthusiasts could be proud of. To find the listing of co-ordinators look on page 25 of the March 1990 issue.



POST OFFICE CENTENNIALS January, February and March 1891-1991 Compiled by John Gallagher

January

- 1 Seaside CA, Baroda MI
- 2 Wilbarton OK
- 3 Poyntelle PA
- 7 Rudolph OH, Lyons OR
- 9 Mesick MI, Norris MT
- 10 Dodson MT, Youngwood PA
- 12 Rudyard MI
- 14 Elgin TN
- 15 Shawnee* TN
- 16 Indianola OK
- 17 Hebron MD
- 19 Columbia Falls* MT, Hinsdale MT
- 22 Upper Black Eddy PA
- 27 Sinai SD
- 28 Fairland OK
- 30 Lake Ann MI, Whitney PA

February

- 5 Schleswig IA
- 9 Anita PA
- 12 Graceton PA
- 13 Pompton Lake NJ
- 19 Moreno CA
- 20 New Tazewell TN, Puryear TN
- 26 Patton PA

March

- 11 Freedom WY
- 13 Fanshawe OK, Marlow OK, Rose OK
- 16 Midland* MD
- 18 Ardmore SD
- 19 Far Hills NJ
- 20 Terra Bella CA
- 21 Beaverton MI
- 26 Haworth NJ, Ironside OR
- 27 Lulu FL
- 28 Yukon OK

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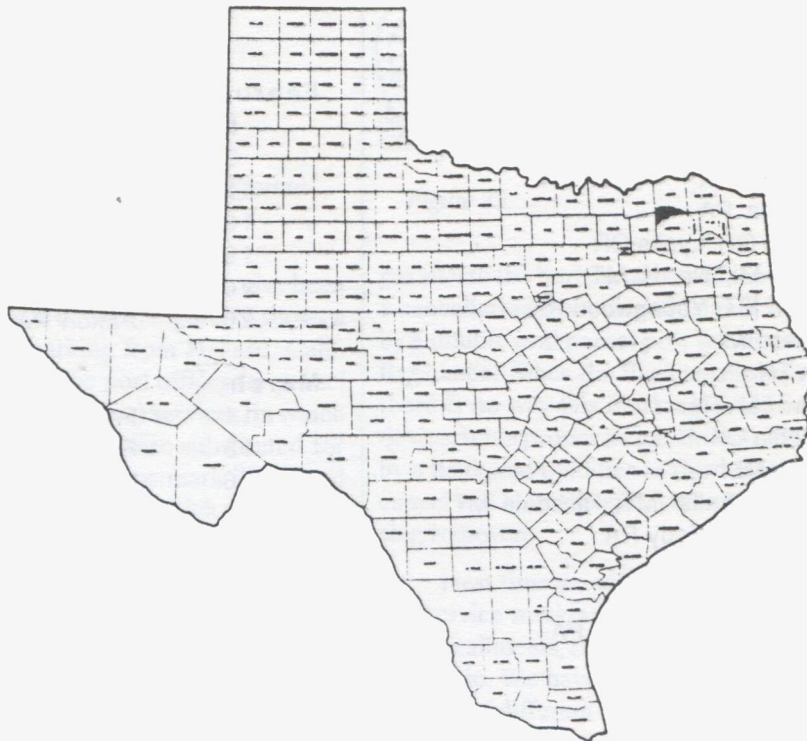
March 18 Amherst NH, Keene NH, Plymouth NH

DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS

by John J. Germann

Although bounded on the north and south by forks of the Sulphur River, the naming of Delta County had little to do with river deltas or with water at all. When in 1870 the Texas legislators created the county out of Lamar and Hopkins Counties and simultaneously organized it, they likened its irregular triangular shape to that of the greek letter "delta." A small county by Texas standards, it consists of 276 square miles of northeast Texas blackland prairie. Its population is also small, with its 1880 census of 5597 souls rising to a peak of 15,887 in 1920 and then slowly but surely declining to 4839 in 1980; the only town with a population in excess of 250 in the 1980s was the county seat of Cooper, whose 2338 residents amounted to almost half of the county.

The first settlers arrived in 1841; among the earliest pioneers was a man named Jernigan who in 1843 managed to stay lost for 12 days in a densely wooded thicket; woods such as these in the county provided asylum for game and for desperadoes through three more decades. In 1848 appeared the first post office - Odd's Creek, which soon changed to Lake Creek. The community and office of Ben Franklin (not named for the famed eighteenth century sage!) followed shortly thereafter, and takes righteous pride in its operation to the present day. In the mid-nineteenth century the stage line from Jefferson to Bonham passed through the county, with a stop at present day Pecan Gap. In 1887 the mode of transportation began to change to rail as the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad cut across the northwest corner; in the mid-1990s the Texas & Midland Railway also arrived. The business provided for the railroads was largely what it always has been in Delta County - blackland agriculture and agribusiness, centering on cotton and corn, dairy farming (particularly around Cooper), and cattle ranching.



OFFICE	ESTABL	DISCON	MAIL TO
AMY	17 APR 1894	15 JUN 1905	COOPER
BEN FRANKLIN	8 SEP 1853	(5 NOV 1866)	
BEN FRANKLIN	19 MAR 1867	23 OCT 1868	PARIS
BEN FRANKLIN	11 FEB 1869	OP	
CHARLESTON*	1 JUN 1857	22 DEC 1868	PARIS
CHARLESTON	15 JUN 1869	5 APR 1968	LAKE CREEK (RB)
CLEM	15 JAN 1903	30 APR 1907	COOPER
COOPER	7 AUG 1871	OP	
ENLOE	12 JUL 1897	OP	
GOUGH	29 MAY 1888	30 APR 1907	COOPER
HONEST	23 FEB 1900	15 MAR 1905	COOPER
HORTON	12 APR 1900	31 OCT 1901	COMMERCE
HORTON	12 MAR 1902	15 JUL 1905	COMMERCE
KLONDIKE	20 SEP 1897	OP	
LAKE CREEK*	30 NOV 1848	31 MAY 1857	CHGD TO CHARLESTON
LAKE CREEK	25 FEB 1885	OP	
MOUNT JOY	21 NOV 1876	30 APR 1907	ENLOE
NEEDMORE*	12 NOV 1886	15 FEB 1907	PECAN GAP
PACIO	12 JAN 1892	15 MAY 1905	LAKE CREEK
PECAN	13 JAN 1873	11 NOV 1886	CHGD TO NEEDMORE
PECAN GAP	24 MAR 1888	OP	
PRATTVILLE	27 JUN 1881	29 FEB 1904	COOPER
RACE TRACK	24 MAY 1888	15 JUN 1904	COOPER
RATTAN	10 APR 1893	30 NOV 1906	COOPER
UNITIA	31 MAR 1884	31 DEC 1903	ENLOE
VASCO	9 MAY 1903	30 APR 1907	LAKE CREEK
VOLNEY	25 OCT 1886	15 FEB 1888	BEN FRANKLIN
YOWELL	30 OCT 1923*	27 OCT 1943	MVD BACK TO HUNT CO



DELTA COUNTY POST OFFICES

AMY:

1ST PM: Robert Andrew Nicholson; AKA "Hobbs"
 NAME : Suggested by the POD when they refused "Hobbs"

BEN FRANKLIN:

1ST PM: Isaac B. Nelson; POP: 1888 = @300, 1980 = 75
 NAME : For Ben Franklin Simmons, owner of the townsite
 NOTE : 1) Established in Lamar County (pre-Delta)
 2) The 1st PO was a one room log building which served as
 living room, bedroom, kitchen, and post office

CHARLESTON:

* : Was Lake Creek
 1ST PM: Zachariah R. Terrell; POP: 1980 = 48
 NAME : By settlers from Charleston, South Carolina
 NOTE : Established in Hopkins County (pre-Delta)

CLEM:

1ST PM: Emmett C. Norwood; POP: 1902 = @35-40 families in the area
 NAME : For the Clem family, prominent Delta County merchants and
 lumbermen

COOPER:

1ST PM: Thompson P. Pickins; AKA "Yates Prairie"
 POP : 1871 = @75, 1890 = 629, 1920 = 2563, 1950 = 2350, 1980 = 2338
 NAME : For Texas Senator Leroy W. Cooper, a leading member of the
 state legislature in the creation of Delta County

ENLOE:

1ST PM: Jerry P. High; POP: 1897 = @100, 1980 = 113
 NAME : For J. A. Enloe who donated land for the townsite

GOUGH:

1ST PM: John C. Bailey; AKA "Bess"
 NAME : For Lycurgus Gough, a minister who helped to procure the PO
 OR for an early settler who operated a store in the area

HONEST:

1ST PM: James W. Wheeler
 NAME : By a citizen who, while discussing a name for the PO,
 happened to espy a tin of Honest Snuff

HORTON:

1ST PM: Richard L. Horton; POP: 1912 = @50
 NAME : 1st PM

KLONDIKE:

1ST PM: Joel Jefferson Hunt; AKA "Kate" & "Pleasant Grove"
 POP : 1897 = @75, 1980 = 135

LAKE CREEK:

* : Was Odd's Creek (Lamar County)
 1ST PM: John Wood; POP: 1980 = 60
 NAME : For location on said creek which is punctuated by numerous
 lakes
 NOTE : Established in Lamar County (pre-Delta)

MOUNT JOY:

1ST PM: Matthew S. Keen
 NAME : By a tired wife of a pioneer settler who rejoiced both at
 reaching the hill and also at the view from the hill
 OR for a Mr. Joy who managed a cooperative store nearby

NEEDMORE:

* : Was Pecan
 1ST PM: William M. Raymond
 NAME : For the sake of humor

DELTA COUNTY

PACIO:

1ST PM: James Porter Mote; AKA "Cuba" & "Mote's Mill"
NAME : From the Spanish word for "patio"

PECAN:

1ST PM: John W. Pratt; AKA "Pecan Branch"; POP: 1882 = @100
NAME : Presumably for the many pecan trees in the area

PECAN GAP:

1ST PM: George W. Merrill; POP: 1888 = @100, 1980 = 250
NAME : By early settlers for a gap between two stretches of prairie
lined by pecan trees

PRATTVILLE:

1ST PM: William B. Pratt
NAME : 1st PM

RACE TRACK:

1ST PM: Mrs. Louisa Jane Compton; POP: 1902 = @44
NAME : For a two-horse race track located on a half-mile open strip
there in the 1880s

RATTAN:

1ST PM: McLee Parish
POP : 1893 = no village, but a mill, gin, and 350 people total in
the area
NAME : For Clarence V. Rattan, postmaster of Cooper instrumental in
securing the post office for the area

UNITIA:

1ST PM: Lessonberry B. Enloe; POP: 1884 = country store
NAME : By John Coston, first settler, for his former home town in
Tennessee

VASCO:

1ST PM: Mrs. O. C. Anderson
NAME : By the POD which altered the application for "Velasco" in
order to prevent duplication

VOLNEY:

1ST PM: Ellen S. Billingsley; AKA "Barton"

YOWELL:

* : Formerly in Hunt County
1ST PM: Mrs. Ida V. Spears
NAME : For J. W. Yowell, owner of an early general store

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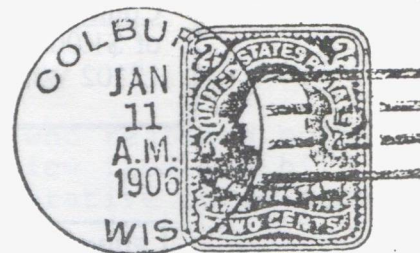
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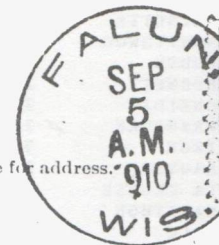
WISCONSIN DOANE POSTMARKS

Compiled by Andrew Buckland

TOWN	COUNTY	TYPE	#	IN BARS	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE
AARON	BURNETT	3	1		DEC 18, 1912	
ABRAMS	OCOUTO	3	6		OCT 27, 1909	JUL 11, 1912
ADELL	SHEBOYGAN	3	5		JAN 12, 1907	DEC 12, 1912
AFTON	ROCK	1	3		APR 25, 1906	
ALBERTVILLE	CHIPPEWA	2	2		APR 16, 1908	JUN 16, 1908
ALLENGROVE	WALWORTH	2	3		SEP 16, 1907	APR 27, 1909
ALLENTON	WASHINGTON	3	2		AUG 30, 1907	JAN 17, 1911
ALMA CENTER	JACKSON	3	3		JUL 25, 1911	
ALOIS	MILWAUKEE	3	1		APR 14, 1911	DEC 18, 1918
ANDRUS	POLK	3	?		APR 16, 1910	
ANGUS	BARRON	3	1		APR 20, 1910	DEC 1, 1910
ANIWA	SHAWANO	3	1		APR 13, 1906	JUL 28, 1909
ARBORVITAE	VILAS	2	8		DEC 28, 1905	MAR 30, 1910
ARBUTUS	ADAMS	1	1		MAY 17, 1907	
ARLINGTON	COLUMBIA	3	2		SEP 9, 1909	
ARKDALE	ADAMS	2	3		JUL 8, 1907	MAR 30, 1910
ARMSTRONG	FOND DU LAC	3	2		FEB 7, 1906	
ARNOLD	CHIPPEWA	2	1		JAN 9, 1907	JAN 12, 1917
ARPIN	WOOD	3	3		MAR 19, 1907	OCT 1, 1909
ATTICA	GREEN	3	1		MAY 11, 1908	MAY 8, 1914
AUBURNDALE	WOOD	3	4		OCT 28, 1907	MAY 6, 1917
AURORAHVILLE	WAUSHARA	2	3		JUL 31, 1908	
AURORAHVILLE	WAUSHARA	3	3		MAR 7, 1908	MAY 26, 1909
BABCOCK	WOOD	3	5		FEB 28, 1906	MAY 18, 1908
BALSAM LAKE	POLK	3	5		AUG 2, 1907	JUN 18, 1913
BARKPOINT	BAYFIELD	3	1		SEP 24, 1912	
BARRONETT	BARRON	2	3		NOV 11, 1908	FEB 23, 1910
BARNUM	CRAWFORD	2	?		JUN 19, 1907	
BASCO	DANE	2	2		AUG 18, 1905	NOV 22, 1912
BASSETT	KENOSHA	3	3		AUG 6, 1905	DEC 23, 1910
BAVARIA	LANGLADE	3	1		JUL 20, 1908	NOV 18, 1912
BEETOWN	GRANT	2	3		SEP 7, 1907	NOV 9, 1912
BELGIUM	OZAUCKEE	2	2		MAR 6, 1908	AUG 10, 1910
BELL CENTER	CRAWFORD	3	2		AUG 18, 1905	MAR 2, 1911
BENNETT	DOUGLAS	3	2		MAR 13, 1911	
BENOIT	BAYFIELD	1	2		JAN 21, 1908	APR 25, 1910
BIBON	BAYFIELD	2	4		SEP 11, 1907	
BIG FLATS	ADAMS	2	?		FEB 11, 1909	
BLACKWELL	FOREST	2	1		DEC 21, 1909	
BLOOM CITY	RICHLAND	2	3		AUG 8, 1906	SEP 5, 1912
BLUE RIVER	GRANT	2	3		FEB 13, 1907	NOV 1, 1907
BOAZ	RICHLAND	3	5		MAR 18, 1907	FEB 10, 1909
BOLTONVILLE	WASHINGTON	2	2		APR 13, 1906	
BOYCEVILLE	DUNN	2	3		SEP 7, 1911	
BRANTWOOD	PRICE	3	3		MAR 5, 1906	SEP 25, 1908
BRIGGSVILLE	MARQUETTE	2	3		NOV 24, 1904	DEC 23, 1909
BROKAW	MARATHON	3	4		JUN 13, 1908	
BROOKFIELD	WAUKESHA	1	3		MAY 15, 1905	
BROOKFIELD	WAUKESHA	3	4		DEC 10, 1907	SEP 11, 1908
BROWNING	MARQUETTE	3	1		APR 21, 1910	
BROWNSVILLE	DODGE	2	?		JUN 28, 1907	
BRUSSELS	DOOR	1	1		FEB 16, 1906	JUL 18, 1908
BRYANT	LANGLADE	2	3		NOV 6, 1907	DEC 28, 1909
BURNETT	DODGE	3	4		JUL 20, 1907	AUG 22, 1911
BUSWELL	VILAS	3	1		AUG 9, 1907	OCT 30, 1909
BYRDS CREEK	RICHLAND	3	1		OCT 26, 1909	
CABLE	BAYFIELD	2	4		JUN 4, 1904	
CALDONIA	RACINE	3	1		AUG 7, 1908	
CALHOUN	WAUKESHA	2	2		NOV 3, 1905	APR 18, 1913
CANTON	BARRON	3	3		JAN 15, 1907	
CARYVILLE	DUNN	2	1		NOV 5, 1908	DEC 23, 1911
CASCADE	SHEBOYGAN	2	5		JUL 28, 1908	
CATARACT	MONROE	3	3		MAR 23, 1907	JUL 12, 1907
CAVOUR	FOREST	2	2		FEB 8, 1906	MAR 3, 1906
CECIL	SHAWANO	3	5		JUL 12, 1906	DEC 13, 1910
CEDAR GROVE	SHEBOYGAN	2	5		AUG 4, 1907	MAR 25, 1909
CHAT	LINCOLN	2	1		MAY 8, 1909	FEB 10, 1910
CHICOG	WASHBURN	2	?		SEP 18, 1908	
CALM FALLS	POLK	3	2		APR 3, 1909	MAY 16, 1913
CLEAR LAKE	POLK	3	?		AUG 22, 1908	
CLIFFORD	PRICE	2	3		MAR 4, 1905	FEB 5, 1912
COBBAN	CHIPPEWA	2	1		APR 17, 1906	MAR 25, 1909
COLBURN	CHIPPEWA	3	2		JAN 11, 1906	
COLES	MARINETTE	3	?		NOV 4, 1907	



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CONOVER	VILAS	2	2	OCT 9, 1907	JUN 7, 1911
COON VALLEY	VERNON	2	3	DEC 22, 1905	AUG 25, 1910
COOPERSTOWN	MANITOWOC	3	3	DEC 29, 1906	FEB 4, 1908
COTTER	LINCOLN	2	3	SEP 21, 1909	NOV 9, 1909
COX	CHIPPEWA	2	2	JAN 11, 1907	APR 17, 1909
CROSS PLAINS	DANE	3	4	AUG 4, 1906	DEC 30, 1912
CURTIS	CLARK	2	6	NOV 2, 1905	JUN 26, 1907
DEDHAM	DOUGLAS	2	3	SEP 15, 1905	
DEERBROOK	LANGLADE	2	1	FEB 26, 1908	OCT 3, 1910
DENMARK	BROWN	2	2	AUG 12, 1908	AUG 31, 1908
DERONDA	POLK	2	2	MAR 30, 1907	OCT 12, 1907
DEVILS LAKE	SAUK	1	2	AUG 1, 1904	AUG 9, 1909
DILLY	VERNON	2	1	FEB 6, 1908	APR 28, 1910
DISCO	JACKSON	2	2	SEP 13, 1907	JAN 3, 1913
DIVIDE	VILAS	2	1	SEP 26, 1907	
DODGE	TREMPEALEAU	3	3	DEC 26, 1906	DEC 31, 1909
DONGOLA	BURNETT	2	1	JAN 9, 1909	DEC 7, 1909
DOUSMAN	WAUKESHA	3	?	DEC 11, 1911	
DOVER	PRICE	3	1	FEB 18, 1911	
DOWNSVILLE	DUNN	2	3	JAN 8, 1907	APR 26, 1911
DRAPER	SAWYER	3	1	JUN 25, 1909	DEC 28, 1909
DRESSER JUNCTION	POLK	3	4	DEC 31, 1907	MAR 11, 1910
DUNBARTON	LAFAYETTE	2	2	JUL 30, 1908	JUL 14, 1910
DUNFIELD	LINCOLN	2	1	NOV 16, 1906	
EAGLE POINT	CHIPPEWA	2	2	NOV 19, 1906	MAR 25, 1910
EAU GALLE	DUNN	2	3	MAY 30, 1904	NOV 8, 1907
EGG HARBOR	DOOR	3	3	MAR 3, 1906	FEB 18, 1908
ELAND	SHAWANO	3	5	JAN 17, 1907	JUL 16, 1910
ELCHO	LANGLADE	2	4	FEB 22, 1907	NOV 30, 1912
ELDERON	MARATHON	2	3	JAN 1, 1906	DEC 30, 1910
ELLISON BAY	DOOR	2	2	OCT 30, 1905	OCT 30, 1937
EMBARASS	WAUPACA	2	4	AUG 20, 1906	DEC 22, 1909
EMERALD	ST. CROIX	1	3	DEC 11, 1907	APR 15, 1908
ENTERPRISE	ONEIDA	2	1	JAN 20, 1906	FEB 6, 1911
EPHRAIM	DOOR	2	3	AUG 8, 1905	AUG 31, 1912
EXCELSIOR	RICHLAND	3	3	MAR 19, 1908	JUL 24, 1909
FAIRVIEW	BURNETT	3	1	JUN 11, 1911	DEC 17, 1912
FALUN	BURNETT	3	2	DEC 21, 1908	OCT 14, 1912
FENWOOD	MARATHON	2	3	APR 6, 1907	APR 5, 1912
FERRYVILLE	CRAWFORD	2	3	OCT 11, 1904	
FERRYVILLE	CRAWFORD	3	3	APR 14, 1908	APR 3, 1911
FLAMBEAU	RUSK	2	2	MAY 28, 1907	DEC 4, 1907
FISK	WINNEBAGO	3	3	OCT 2, 1905	NOV 13, 1912
FORESTVILLE	DOOR	2	4	OCT 5, 1906	MAR 13, 1907
FORKS	BROWN	3	1	DEC 21, 1907	DEC 29, 1908
FOSTERVILLE	VILAS	3	?	FEB 8, 1910	
FRANKLIN	SHEBOYGAN	2	3	NOV 22, 1906	AUG 27, 1907
FREDERIC	POLK	2	10	OCT 12, 1905	DEC 30, 1909
FREDERIC	POLK	2	5	FEB 12, 1910	DEC 24, 1912
FRENCHVILLE	TREMPEALEAU	2	2	JUN 3, 1904	FEB 15, 1905
GALLOWAY	MARATHON	2	1	MAR 4, 1907	JAN 11, 1909
GARFIELD	PORTAGE	2	1	FEB 2, 1905	
GENESEE	WAUKESHA	3	4	SEP 19, 1911	
GILLINGHAM	RICHLAND	3	2	AUG 5, 1906	SEP 7, 1911
GLEASON	LINCOLN	2	1	JAN 11, 1906	MAY 10, 1906
GLENBEULAH	SHEBOYGAN	2	5	FEB 13, 1906	AUG 2, 1908
GLENBEULAH	SHEBOYGAN	3	6	FEB 28, 1907	OCT 8, 1908
GLENDALE	MONROE	2	3	FEB 2, 1905	DEC 24, 1908
GLENHAVEN	GRANT	3	5	OCT 2, 1903	SEP 6, 1909
GLENROCK	WAUSHARA	2	1	MAR 7, 1908	
GLOBE	CLARK	2	1	MAR 12, 1907	
GOTHAM	RICHLAND	2	3	AUG 31, 1905	JUL 19, 1909
GRANVILLE	MILWAUKEE	2	2	NOV 10, 1905	FEB 13, 1913
GREENVILLE	OUTAGAMIE	2	3	FEB 19, 1906	MAR 6, 1911
GRIMMS	MANITOWOC	2	2	AUG 10, 1906	FEB 26, 1908
HACKLEY	VILAS	2	3	AUG 19, 1906	NOV 7, 1907
HALES CORNERS	MILWAUKEE	3	2	JUL 27, 1907	AUG 2, 1908
HAMBURG	MARATHON	2	3	JUN 29, 1907	
HANNIBAL	TAYLOR	2	1	JAN 9, 1907	JAN 20, 1908
HANOVER	ROCK	3	2	DEC 20, 1907	FEB 22, 1912
HAWKINS	RUSK	2	4	JUN 6, 1907	FEB 27, 1908
HEGG	TREMPEALEAU	2	?	JAN 9, 1905	
HEINEMAN	LINCOLN	2	1	JUL 29, 1907	JAN 2, 1908
HELENVILLE	JEFFERSON	2	3	APR 23, 1906	DEC 30, 1907
HERTEL	BURNETT	2	2	DEC 25, 1908	DEC 6, 1911
HIGHBRIDGE	ASHLAND	2	2	AUG 7, 1910	
HOCHHEIM	DODGE	1	1	DEC 28, 1906	
HOFA PARK	SHAWANO	2	1	JUN 23, 1906	FEB 19, 1912



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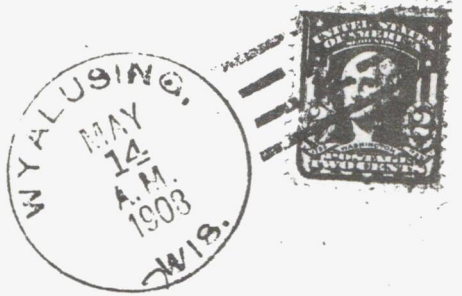
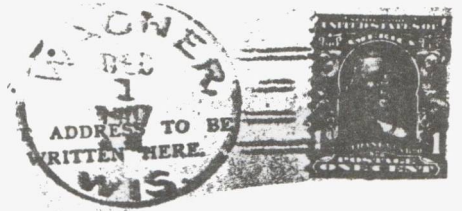
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HOGARTY	MARATHON	2	1	---	--	1907	DEC 27, 1910
HOLCOMBE	CHIPPEWA	3	3	AUG	14,	1908	MAR 5, 1910
HOLMEN	LA CROSSE	2	3	AUG	2,	1907	AUG 24, 1912
HORSEMAN	RUSK	2	1	SEP	24,	1908	
HUBBLETON	JEFFERSON	3	3	MAR	18,	1907	DEC 21, 1911
HUB CITY	RICHLAND	2	2	FEB	9,	1909	JUL 14, 1910
HUBERTUS	WASHINGTON	2	1	AUG	16,	1906	NOV 28, 1911
IRONTON	SAUK	2	2	APR	29,	1908	OCT 16, 1912
IRON RIDGE	DODGE	3	4	DEC	27,	1906	DEC 9, 1907
ITHACA	RICHLAND	3	2	JUN	29,	1907	NOV 23, 1911
JONESDALE	IOWA	3	2	JUN	15,	1909	SEP 22, 1909
JUNCTION	PORTAGE	3	4	AUG	20,	1908	AUG 13, 1909
KADLEC	OCONTO	2	1	JAN	6,	1906	JUL 2, 1906
KARLSBORG	BURNETT	1	1	MAY	17,	1908	NOV 10, 1910
KENT	LANGLADE	2	2	JUN	17,	1906	
KESHENA	SHAWANO	2	3	MAY	12,	1906	MAY 2, 1907
KEYSTONE	CHIPPEWA	3	2	AUG	2,	1907	
KIMBALL	IRON	2	1	DEC	24,	1907	DEC 1, 1912
KLEVENVILLE	DANE	2	?	MAR	30,	1907	
KOEPENICK	LANGLADE	2	2	NOV	23,	1907	FEB 13, 1911
KONZ	TAYLOR	2	1	FEB	10,	1904	
LAKE CHURCH	OZAUKEE	1	?	OCT	26,	1906	
LAKEWOOD	OCONTO	3	3	DEC	7,	1907	
LANEY	SHAWANO	2	2	MAY	26,	1909	
LANGLADE	LANGLADE	2	2	APR	12,	1912	NOV 10, 1912
LANNON	WAUKESHA	2	1	JUN	7,	1906	
LAONA	FOREST	3	5	MAR	4,	1909	DEC 31, 1912
LARSEN	WINNEBAGO	3	2	JUL	3,	1906	NOV 15, 1910
LEHIGH	BARRON	3	1	FEB	13,	1908	
LENA	OCONTO	2	3	FEB	19,	1906	JUL 1, 1907
LEON	MONROE	3	3	JUL	3,	1905	NOV 15, 1910
LIMA CENTER	ROCK	3	3	JAN	7,	1908	DEC 23, 1908
LOGAN	OCONTO	3	2	FEB	28,	1910	
LONDON	DANE	2	?	NOV	26,	1910	
LOOMIS	MARINETTE	3	1	AUG	21,	1911	
LORAINE	POLK	3	?	AUG	28,	1908	
LYONS	WALWORTH	3	4	JUN	29,	1907	MAY 7, 1912
MANITOWISH	IRON	2	3	AUG	16,	1909	--- --- 1912
MANLEY	DOUGLAS	3	1	AUG	19,	1908	
MAPLEHURST	TAYLOR	2	1	JUL	8,	1905	OCT 13, 1909
MAREK	MAINETTE	2	1	FEB	17,	1908	MAY 4, 1908
MARIBEL	MANITOWOC	3	1	NOV	25,	1908	DEC 9, 1910
MARSHVILLE	DODGE	2	2	SEP	5,	1906	JUL 23, 1907
MAY	BURNETT	2	1	AUG	8,	1907	FEB 10, 1909
McCORD	ONEIDA	3	1	APR	23,	1909	JUN 10, 1909
MENAH	WASHBURN	2	1	NOV	8,	1906	OCT 19, 1912
MERCER	IRON	3	4	NOV	13,	1906	
METEOR	SAWYER	3	1	JUN	23,	1912	
MIDWAY	LA CROSSE	2	3	DEC	14,	1906	AUG 8, 1911
MILAN	MARATHON	3	2	AUG	9,	1909	NOV 25, 1912
MILLTOWN	POLK	2	2	DEC	23,	1907	DEC 19, 1909
MINDORO	LA CROSSE	3	4	OCT	23,	1906	JUL 24, 1907
MIKANA	BARRON	2	2	JAN	17,	1905	FEB 8, 1905
MINER	JUNEAU	2	1	APR	19,	1907	OCT 21, 1910
MONROE CENTER	ADAMS	2	2	OCT	14,	1907	
MORGAN	OCONTO	3	1	OCT	25,	1906	DEC 19, 1907
MORO	BURNETT	2	1	JAN	??,	1908	
MORRISON	BROWN	2	2	OCT	3,	1905	APR 16, 1912
MORRISONVILLE	DANE	2	5	AUG	12,	1907	NOV 29, 1911
MOUNT IDA	GRANT	3	2	JUN	5,	1908	
MOUNT STERLING	CRAWFORD	2	3	DEC	23,	1907	APR 5, 1912
MOUNT TABOR	VERNON	3	2	JAN	6,	1907	OCT 13, 1909
MUSKEGO	WAUKESHA	3	2	MAY	17,	1909	AUG 11, 1911
NASHVILLE	FOREST	3	3	DEC	4,	1906	APR 27, 1907
NENNO	WASHINGTON	2	?	JUL	7,	1907	
NEOSHO	DODGE	3	5	JAN	24,	1908	MAY 30, 1912
NESHKORO	MARQUETTE	2	2	DEC	15,	1903	AUG 31, 1905
NESHKORO	MARQUETTE	3	2	MAR	28,	1907	APR 2, 1908
NEW FRANKEN	BROWN	2	1	JUL	3,	1907	SEP 3, 1908
NEWBURG	WASHINGTON	3	3	JAN	5,	1907	APR 20, 1915
NIEBULL	ADAMS	3	1	MAY	6,	1909	
NOBLETON	WASHBURN	3	?	APR	4,	1907	
NORTH CAPE	RACINE	3	3	FEB	15,	1908	
NORTH FORK	PRICE	2	1	JAN	13,	1907	MAR 22, 1908
NORTH FREEDOM	SAUK	3	1	SEP	30,	1909	
NORTH LAKE	WAUKESHA	2	3	JUN	9,	1905	MAR 5, 1909
OKAUCHEE	WAUKESHA	2	1	JUL	15,	1905	AUG 28, 1908
ORANGE	BURNETT	3	1	MAR	9,	1911	



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PADUS	FOREST	3	1		SEP 6, 1906	MAY 19, 1918
PANSY	BURNETT	2	1		OCT 3, 1910	NOV 26, 1911
PAOLI	DANE	3	2		JUL 16, 1906	
PATCH GROVE	GRANT	2	3		OCT 16, 1906	DEC 9, 1909
PELICAN LAKE	ONEIDA	2	3		AUG 19, 1906	
PETERSBURG	CRAWFORD	3	2		FEB 10, 1908	OCT 21, 1911
PICKETT	WINNEBAGO	2	3		AUG 1, 1904	DEC 23, 1911
PIGEON FALLS	TREMPEALEAU	3	4		FEB 15, 1909	NOV 11, 1911
PINE RIVER	WAUSHARA	2	3		NOV 22, 1907	
PINE RIVER	WAUSHARA	3	2		MAR 31, 1908	
PLAINVILLE	ADAMS	3	1		SEP 27, 1907	DEC 24, 1912
POPLAR	DOUGLAS	1	3		MAY 17, 1904	
PORT EDWARDS	WOOD	3	3		APR 10, 1906	
POUND	MARINETTE	2	5		JUL 14, 1907	JAN 13, 1914
POWERS LAKE	KENOSHA	3	3		JUL 30, 1906	
POYSIPPI	WAUSHARA	3	4		MAR 29, 1907	APR 20, 1911
QUINCY	ADAMS	2	1		MAY 9, 1907	SEP 11, 1911
RANGE	POLK	3	1		JUN 20, 1907	MAR 23, 1910
REDGRANITE	WAUSHARA	2	5		FEB 6, 1907	SEP 30, 1910
REEDSVILLE	MANITOWOC	3	2		OCT 13, 1909	
RESERVE	SAWYER	3	1		JUL 21, 1909	JUL 3, 1910
RICHFORD	WAUSHARA	3	1		MAR 16, 1908	
RIDGELAND	DUNN	3	4		OCT 3, 1907	JUL 2, 1913
ROCHESTER	RACINE	2	4		AUG 15, 1907	DEC 23, 1911
ROCK FALLS	DUNN	3	2		SEP 19, 1906	NOV 8, 1907
ROCKLAND	LA CROSSE	3	?		SEP 27, 1910	
ROLLING PRAIRIE	DODGE	1	2		SEP 25, 1905	AUG 3, 1908
ROSELAWN	SHAWANO	3	2		NOV 23, 1907	JUL 2, 1912
ROSHOLT	PORTAGE	2	2		MAR 17, 1907	JAN 17, 1908
RUDOLPH	WOOD	3	4		FEB 13, 1904	JUN 28, 1907
RUSH LAKE	WINNEBAGO	2	2		AUG 7, 1907	
SAINT JOSEPH	LA CROSSE	2	1		JAN 3, 1910	DEC 8, 1911
SAINT NAZIANZ	MANITOWOC	3	4		MAY 4, 1906	JAN 26, 1911
SAMPSON	OCONTO	2	2		JUN 21, 1906	JAN 12, 1907
SAND CREEK	DUNN	2	3		MAY 8, 1907	DEC 25, 1911
SANDROCK	IRON	2	1		NOV 18, 1913	
SANDUSKY	SAUK	3	3		APR 15, 1907	OCT 14, 1908
SARONA	WASHBURN	2	2		JUN 28, 1913	NOV 11, 1914
SAKEVILLE	WAUSHARA	2	2		MAR 28, 1907	NOV 28, 1910
SENECA	CRAWFORD	2	3		AUG 8, 1906	
SEXTONVILLE	RICHLAND	1	2		JAN 8, 1906	NOV 22, 1907
SHANAGOLDEN	ASHLAND	2	1		SEP 26, 1904	
SHANAGOLDEN	ASHLAND	3	2		MAR 3, 1908	NOV 10, 1908
SHERRY	WOOD	3	1		APR 3, 1908	DEC 31, 1912
SIREN	BURNETT	2	2		JAN 6, 1909	DEC 30, 1912
SOLO SPRINGS	DOUGLAS	2	3		MAR 23, 1904	MAY 1, 1906
SOMERS	KENOSHA	3	4		OCT 17, 1907	OCT 31, 1911
SOPERTON	FOREST	2	1		OCT 21, 1907	APR 17, 1908
SOUTH GERMANTOWN	WASHINGTON	2	4		DEC 20, 1906	AUG 17, 1915
SPLIT ROCK	SHAWANO	2	5		OCT 31, 1904	
SPRINGFIELD	WALWORTH	2	5		AUG 16, 1905	
SPRINGLAKE	WAUSHARA	2	2		OCT 5, 1906	AUG 14, 1907
SPRUCE	OCONTO	2	?		OCT 22, 1907	JAN 20, 1908
STARK	BROWN	2	2		OCT 14, 1907	
STAR LAKE	VILAS	2	10		JUL 19, 1905	AUG 22, 1910
STATE LINE	VILAS	2	3		JUN 25, 1910	
STOCKBRIDGE	CALUMET	2	4		SEP 24, 1906	DEC 20, 1910
STRONGS PRAIRIE	ADAMS	3	3		DEC 23, 1910	
SUAMICO	BROWN	1	1		JUN 21, 1907	OCT 3, 1910
SULLIVAN	JEFFERSON	3	5		MAY 7, 1907	MAY 21, 1907
SUMMIT LAKE	LANGLADE	3	2		--- -- 1908	OCT 23, 1910
SYMCO	WAUPACA	2	1		OCT 16, 1906	
TAYCHEEDAH	FOND DU LAC	2	1		JUL 11, 1906	
TELL	BUFFALO	2	1		DEC 8, 1907	AUG 20, 1909
TILLEDA	SHAWANO	3	1		DEC 6, 1907	JUL 13, 1914
TOMAHAWK	LINCOLN	2	1		SEP 1, 1906	AUG 20, 1909
TOMAHAWK LAKE	ONEIDA	2	1		APR 23, 1906	AUG 27, 1909
TRADE LAKE	BURNETT	3	3		FEB 21, 1907	AUG 27, 1910
TREVOR	KENOSHA	2	3		JAN 10, 1906	
UNDERHILL	OCONTO	2	3		JUN 15, 1905	MAY 7, 1906
UPSON	IRON	2	3		JUL 9, 1906	MAR 23, 1910
VALDERS	MANITOWOC	3	4		JUL 19, 1906	JUN 24, 1909
VALLEY	VERNON	3	3		FEB 13, 1908	
VALTON	SAUK	2	2		AUG 28, 1905	MAR 21, 1910
VAN DYNE	FOND DU LAC	3	3		NOV 30, 1906	AUG 13, 1913
VETERAN	BURNETT	2	1		APR 6, 1908	JUN 25, 1912
VICTORY	VERNON	2	2		MAR 21, 1907	FEB 28, 1911



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WAGNER	MARINETTE	2	3	JAN 17, 1908	
WALDO	SHEBOYGAN	2	2	AUG 22, 1906	
WALDO	SHEBOYGAN	2	5	DEC 26, 1906	JUN 28, 1911
WALSH	MARINETTE	3	2	APR 25, 1908	APR 5, 1909
WALTON	MARINETTE	2	?	JAN 25, 1908	
WASHINGTON HARBOR	DOOR	3	2	JUL 21, 1908	AUG 1, 1910
WAUKAU	WINNEBAGO	2	3	NOV 5, 1906	AUG 10, 1910
WAUZEKA	CRAWFORD	3	?	JUL 28, 1910	
WEBSTER	BURNETT	2	2	MAR 10, 1905	MAR 13, 1909
WENTWORTH	DOUGLAS	2	1	OCT 30, 1907	
WEST PRAIRIE	VERNON	2	2	FEB 2, 1908	MAY 16, 1912
WERLEY	GRANT	3	2	JAN 8, 1908	APR 17, 1909
WHEELER	DUNN	2	3	DEC 13, 1903	MAR 4, 1907
WHITE CREEK	ADAMS	2	1	MAR 28, 1907	FEB 9, 1911
WHITELAW	MANITOWOC	3	3	APR 21, 1907	NOV 2, 1910
WHITE MOUND	SAUK	3	1	SEP 7, 1910	JUL 30, 1912
WILSON	ST. CROIX	3	4	FEB 20, 1908	JUL 7, 1911
WINEGAR	VILAS	3	4	OCT 26, 1914	MAR 12, 1917
WINTER	SAWYER	2	1	--- --- 1907	FEB 19, 1910
WOLF CREEK	POLK	3	3	APR 16, 1908	JUN 7, 1910
WOODFORD	LAFAYETTE	3	?	AUG 14, 1907	
WOODLAND	DODGE	2	3	OCT 23, 1905	DEC 23, 1918
WOODMAN	GRANT	3	4	FEB 19, 1906	DEC 31, 1912
WYALUSING	GRANT	3	1	APR 21, 1908	DEC 21, 1910
YELLOW LAKE	BURNETT	2	1	SEP 4, 1908	MAR 18, 1911
ZENDA	WALWORTH	3	3	JUL 18, 1907	



Wisconsin Doane Postmarks by County

ADAMS CO. (8)

ARBUS
BIG FLATS
MONROE CENTER
PLAINVILLE
QUINCY
STRONGS PRAIRIE
WHITE CREEK

ASHLAND CO. (2)

HIGHBRIDGE
SHANAGOLDEN

BARRON CO. (5)

ANGUS
BARRONETT
CANTON
LEHIGH
MIKANA

BAYFIELD CO. (4)

BARK POINT
BENOIT
BIBON
CABLE

BROWN CO. (6)

DENMARK
FORKS
MORRISON
NEW FRANKEN
STARK
SUAMICO

BLFFALO CO. (1)

TELL

BURNETT CO. (15)

AARON
DONGOLA
FAIRVIEW
FALUN
HERTEL
KARLSBORG
MAY
MORO
ORANGE
PANSY
SIREN
TRADE LAKE
WEBSTER
YELLOW LAKE

CALUMET CO. (1)

STOCKBRIDGE

CHIPPEWA CO. (8)

ALBERTVILLE
ARNOLD
COBBAN
COX
EAGLE POINT
HOLCOMBE
KEYSTONE

CLARK CO. (2)

CURTIS
GLOBE

COLUMBIA CO. (1)

ARLINGTON

CRAWFORD CO. (6)

BARNUM
BELL CENTER
FERRYVILLE
PETERSBURG
SENECA
WAUZEKA

DANE CO. (5)

BASCO
KLEVENVILLE
LONDON
MORRISONVILLE
PAOLI

DODGE CO. (8)

BROWNSVILLE
BURNETT
HOCHHEIM
IRON RIDGE
MARSHVILLE
NEOSHO
ROLLING PRAIRIE
WOODLAND

DOOR CO. (6)

BRUSSELS
EGG HARBOR
ELLISON BAY
EPHRAIM
FORESTVILLE
WASHINGTON HARBOR

DOUGLAS CO. (6)

BENNETT
DEDHAM
MANLEY
POPLAR
SOLON SPRINGS
WENTWORTH

DUNN CO. (8)

BOYCEVILLE
CARYVILLE
DOWNSVILLE
EAU GALLE
RIDGELAND
ROCK FALLS
SAND CREEK
WHEELER

FOND DU LAC CO. (2)

TAYCHEEDAH
VAN DYNE

FOREST CO. (6)

BLACKWELL
CAVOUR
LAONA
NASHVILLE
PADUS
SOPERTON

GRANT CO. (6)

BEETOWN
BLUE RIVER
GLENHAVEN
MOUNT IDA
PATCH GROVE
WERLEY

GREEN CO. (2)

ATTICA
KIMBALL

IOWA CO. (1)

JONESDALE

IRON CO. (4)

MANITOWISH
MERCER
SANDROCK
UPSON

JACKSON CO. (2)

ALMA CENTER
DISCO

JEFFERSON CO. (3)

HELENVILLE
HUBBLETON
SULLIVAN

JUNEAU CO. (1)

MINER

LA CROSSE CO. (5)

HOLMEN
MIDWAY
MINDORO
ROCKLAND
SAINT JOSEPH

LAFAYETTE CO. (2)

DUNBARTEN
WOODFORD

LANGLADE CO. (8)

BAVARIA
BRYANT
DEERBROCK
ELCHO

KENT

KOEPENICK
LANGLADE
SUMMIT LAKE

LINCOLN CO. (6)

CHAT
COTTER
DUNFIELD
GLEASON
HEIEMAN
TOMAHAWK

MANITOWOC CO. (7)

COOPERSTOWN
GRIMMS
MARIBEL
REEDSVILLE
SAINT NAZIANZ
VALDERS
WHITELAW

MARATHON CO.(7)

BROKAW
ELDERON
FENWOOD
GALLOWAY
HAMBURG
HOGARTY
MILAN

MARQUETTE CO.(3)

BRIGGSVILLE
BROWNING
NESHKORO

MILWAUKEE CO.(3)

ALOIS
GRANVILLE
HALES CORNERS

MONROE CO.(3)

CATARACT
GLENDALE
LEON

OCONTO CO.(9)

ABRAMS
KADLEC
LAKEWOOD
LENA
LOGAN
MORGAN
SAMPSON
SPRUCE
UNDERHILL

ONEIDA CO.(4)

ENTERPRISE
McCORD
PELICAN LAKE
TOMAHAWK LAKE

OUTAGAMIE CO.(1)

GREENVILLE

OZAUKEE CO.(2)

BELGIUM
LAKE CHURCH

PORTAGE CO.(3)

GARFIELD
JUNCTION
ROSHOLT

POLK CO.(11)

ANDRUS
BALSAM LAKE
CLAM FALLS
DERONDA
DRESSER JUNCTION
FREDERIC
LORAIN
MILLTOWN
WOLF CREEK

PRICE CO.(4)

BRANTWOOD
CLIFFORD
DOVER
NORTH FORK

RACINE CO.(3)

CALDONIA
NORTH CAPE
ROCHESTER

RICHLAND CO.(9)

BLOOM CITY
BOAZ
BYRDS CREEK
EXCELSIOR
GILLINGHAM
GOTHAM
HUB CITY
ITHACA
SEXTONVILLE

ROCK CO.(3)

AFTON
HANOVER
LIMA CENTER

RUSK CO.(3)

FLAMBEAU
HAWKINS
HORSEMAN

ST.CROIX CO.(2)

EMERALD
WILSON

SAUK CO.(6)

DEVILS LAKE
IRONTON
NORTH FREEDOM
SANDUSKY
VALTON
WHITE MOUND

SAWYER CO.(4)

DRAPER
METEOR
RESERVE
WINTER

SHEBOYGAN CO.(6)

ADELL
CASCADE
CEDAR GROVE
FRANKLIN
GLENBEULAH
WALDO

SHAWANO CO.(9)

ANIWA
CECIL
ELAND
HOFA PARK
KESHENA
LANEY
ROSELAWN
SPLIT ROCK
TILLEDA

TAYLOR CO.(4)

CROSS PLAINS
HANNIBAL
KONZ
MAPLEHURST

TREMPEALEAU CO.(4)

DODGE
FRENCHVILLE
HEGG
PIGEON FALLS

VERNON CO.(5)

COON VALLEY
DILLY
MOUNT TABOR
VALLEY
WEST PRAIRIE

VILAS CO.(9)

ABORVITAE
BUSWELL
CONOVER
DIVIDE
FOSTERVILLE
HACKLEY
STAR LAKE
STATE LINE
WINEGAR

WALWORTH CO.(4)

ALLEGROVE
LYONS
SPRINGFIELD
ZENDA

WASHBURN CO.(4)

CHICOG
MENAH
NOBLETON
SARONA

WAUPACA CO.(2)

EMBARASS
SYMCO

WASHINGTON CO.(6)

ALLENTON
BOLTONVILLE
HUBERTUS
MENNO
NEWBURG
SOUTH GERMANTOWN

WAUKESHA CO.(8)

BROOKFIELD
CALHOUN
DOUSMAN
GENESEE
LANNON
MUSKEGO
NORTH LAKE
OKAUCHEE

WAUSHARA CO.(8)

AURORAHVILLE
GLENROCK
PINE RIVER
POYSIPPI
REDGRANITE
RICHFORD
SAXEVILLE
SPRINGLAKE

WINNEBAGO CO.(5)

FISK
LARSEN
PICKETT
RUSH LAKE
WAUKAU

WOOD CO.(6)

ARPIN
AUBURNDALE
BABCOCK
PORT EDWARDS
RUDOLPH
SHERRY

Any additional towns and dates will be welcomed by Andy Buckland, 1429 Wellesley Ave., St. Paul MN 55105.

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BIRTH OF A POST OFFICE

by Dr. Paul J. Phillips

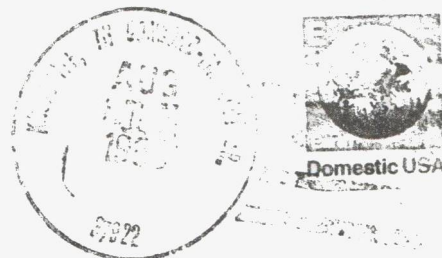
It is not often that the U.S.P.S. opens a new office in these days of closures of rural offices. One such unusual happening occurred in Knoxville, Tennessee during July of 1989.

The Concord-Farragut Branch, which is about 12 miles from the main Knoxville post office, had operated a P.O. Box Station in the Ten Mile Center, located about halfway between Farragut and Knoxville. There was considerable demand for stamps and other services in the intervening region, and the post office decided to open a full service station at the afore-mentioned location during July of 1989.

When I visited the station a few weeks after its opening it was discovered that the office had not been issued an identifying datestamp, but was using one of the Concord-Farragut double ring devices (illustrated, Aug 1, 1989). I promptly went to visit Concord-Farragut and asked for a handstamp on a franked envelope. I was given an example of a new four-bar mark, which must have the longest known inscription, and possible also the smallest known lettering of any postmarking device (illustrated, August 1, 1989). On asking what had happened to their double-ring device, I was told that it had disappeared and presumably someone had lost it! Needless to say, I told them where it was.

During the following year another example of a Concord-Farragut mark appeared at Ten Mile Station. This was a mark that I had recorded on November 16, 1985 and Concord-Farragut (illustrated). It continued to be used even when the name of the office was no longer legible (illustrated, April 2, 1990). Finally, on May 31, 1990 I was able to obtain an example of a recently supplied Ten Mile Station postmark.

Is there a moral to this story? Well, for one, don't assume that a postmark indicates the office of dispatch. Secondly, one might assume there is not a lot of advance planning going on in U.S.P.S. circles.



SAVE THIS RECEIPT	RETURN RECEIPT		
	(Except to Canada)		
	Fragile Liquid Perishable	TOTAL	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2.99	
	Customer Over		
	Postmaster By		

Postmark: 1990 APR 2

SAVE THIS RECEIPT	RETURN RECEIPT		
	(Except to Canada)		
	Fragile Liquid Perishable	TOTAL	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2.76	
	Customer Over		
	Postmaster By		

Postmark: 1985 NOV 16

THE DEPOT**P.O. Box 2093****Lake Grove OR 97035****Auction #18****All strikes VF to Superb unless otherwise indicated****CONNECTICUT**

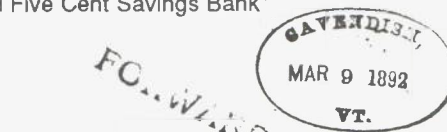
1. **Derby**, Mar 16 (1861) on VF yellow/buff cover.
2. **Farmington**, Aug 6 (1864), stamp on left, cover ragged rt.
3. **Milford R.F.D.**, July 17 1906 on scenic view card.
4. **Preston Rural Sta.**, Apr 2 (19??) on greeting card w/corner crease.
5. **Stonington**, Jul 1? (1870s). "Cl" light, negative "+" cork killer.
6. **Suffield**, Oct 7, 1895, perfect strike, small corner fault.
7. **Wallingford**, Jun 30 (1870s) on sound cover.

**MAINE**

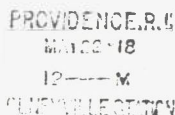
8. **Brooks**, Aug 30, 1894 on sound cover
9. **Chebeague Island**, Aug 8, 1927 non-standard cancel with two asterisk symbols inside circle, on view card
10. **Dexter**, Sep 10, (1891) on VF cover, Dexter corner.
11. **Hancock**, Jun 8 (1870s), target killer on yellow cover. Small tear upper left, slight blur towards end of name.
12. **Hancock Point**, (1883-1967) Postmark Sep 20 (1901?), good cancel on F cover, Lynn MA corner.
13. **Richmond**, Jan 24 1887 on VF small cover w/ VF corner.
14. **Sandy Point**, Jun 2 1881 on small cover, small tear top.
15. **Sanford**, Sep 19, 1891 on VF cover, Goodall Worsted Co. corner.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

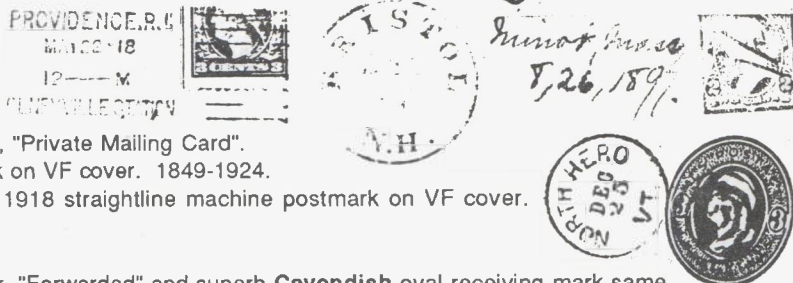
16. **Andover**, Oct 25 (1870) on VF stamped envelope, #265a.
17. **Ashland**, Sep 25 (1850s) on small cover, postmark brown, lt.
18. **Barre**, Aug 19 (1847) stampless folded letter, "PAID 3", postmark only G.
19. **Berlin**, Dec 21 1908?, Doane 4 on greeting card.
20. **Millbury**, Apr 6 (1870) on small cover.
21. **Minot**, Aug 26, 1897 manuscript postmark on cover.
22. **North Brookfield**, superb postmark Oct 26 1888 on VF cover U277, North Brookfield corner.
23. **Petersham**, blue? Oct 11, stampless "Paid 3" on small cover.
24. **Rochester**, red Apr 10 1845 stampless folded letter, postmark only G.
25. **Rochester**, red Apr 8 1844 stampless folded letter mentions railroad, addressed to South Lee postmaster. Postmark poor.
26. **Springfield**, superb Jun 1. 1886 on VF cover, corner "Springfield Five Cent Savings Bank"
27. **Templeton**, Jun 6 (1877) on VF small cover.
28. **Winchendon**, Jan 21 (1870s) on small cover.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

29. **Bristol**, VF blue Dec 17 stampless "Paid 10" on small cover to Evansville IN.
30. **Greenville**, Sep 6 1881 on small cover.
31. **Littleton**, Aug 7, 1894 on VF small cover.
32. **Temple**, Sep 19 (1872) on postal card.

**RHODE ISLAND**

33. **Block Island**, Aug 26 1902 on scenic view, "Private Mailing Card".
34. **Phenix**, Mar 9 (1870s), partially lt. postmark on VF cover. 1849-1924.
35. **Providence, Olneyville Station**, May 22 1918 straightline machine postmark on VF cover.

**VERMONT**

36. **Springfield**, Mar 9 1892 postmark on cover, "Forwarded" and superb **Cavendish** oval receiving mark same day. Verry pretty.
37. **Chimney Point**, Aug 7 19??, beautiful postmark except for year on VF view card, 1825-1934.
38. **Danville**, May 26, 1888 on VF cover.
39. **Milton**, Oct 5? 1882 on small cover w/ original contents.
40. **North Hero**, small Dec. 25 (1875) w/ bullseye killer on cover opened ragged rt. (not affecting markings). Enclosure discusses buying land in Iowa.
41. **Queen City Park**, Aug 10, 1921 on view card. Postmark G/F. 1897-1932.
42. **Rutland**, Jul 27 (1875), target killer, Registered letter with vertical pair of 5ct. #179 to Bloomingdale MI.

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CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Covers and Postcards

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A PLACE CALLED SWAMP

By Wade Shipley

For those of us living on the high, dry plains of Lea County, New Mexico, it is difficult to think that there could be a place called swamp. But there is one today, and apparently it has been so named for a long, long time.

Why Swamp? Well, no one knows for sure what gringo first saw this location, thought to himself, and perhaps mentioned it to his buddy, "That looks like a swamp." No doubt at the time either the subsurface water was much closer to the surface, or more frequent rains had left a marshy area.

These men might have been former buffalo hunters looking for a possible place to dig a well, because it is known that after the buffalos were all gone, water well digging became an occupation of some of these early men of the plains.

Gyat Faulkner is thought to have been one of these legendary people who dug the first well at what later became the Swamp Angel Ranch. This ranch became known far and wide as "The Swamp."

Thomas Coke Estes was born in Georgia in March 1839. He was a Civil War veteran having served as a private in Companies H and E, 8th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry. His wife Rebecca was born in Arkansas in April 1844. They were married after the war and had one son, Nathan J., born in Georgia in May 1867.

It is not known exactly when Thomas Estes first came to New Mexico or why. It can, however, be guessed that life in Georgia after the war was not very desirable. So he, like many others, moved west.

In any event, it is known that T. C. Estes paid taxes in what was then part of Lincoln County, but very shortly became Eddy County, New Mexico. This happened in 1890. So it can be assumed that he was in New Mexico in late 1889 or early 1890. Estes paid taxes in 1890 on personal property valued at \$982.00 plus improvements at \$150.00. Total taxes amounted to \$14.62.

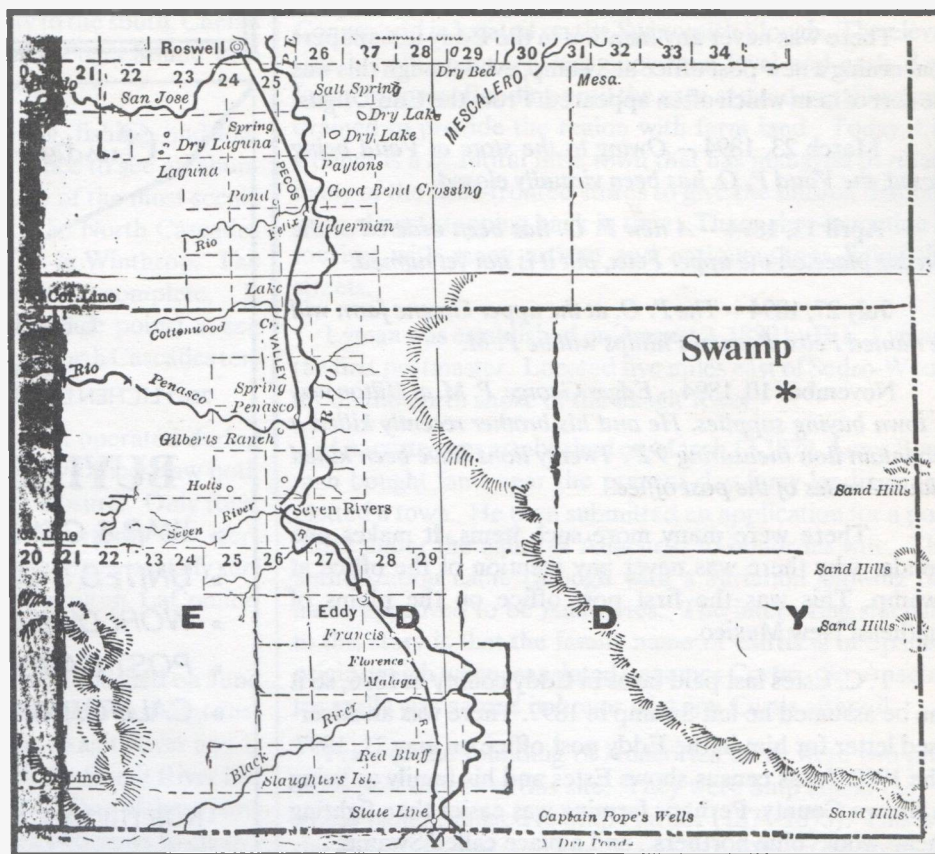
The going price for a good water well at that time was \$250.00 upward, so either he did not have the well on the tax roles, or possib-

ly he was renting. But no matter. As will be seen, Estes raised sheep instead of cattle. This was somewhat unusual for the area, but apparently it did not cause any problems with the local cattle men.

In the first Eddy County election held on November 4, 1890, Thomas Estes was one of the election judges for the "Plains" precinct. This precinct covered half of what is now Lea County, or approximately 2,200 square miles. There were 16 men from the Plains who voted in that general election. Two years later, the voting location was moved to the Estes Ranch, and Thomas was again appointed judge and also road overseer.

Thomas Coke Estes filed an application for a post office on March 28, 1894. He asked that the office be named Swamp. The postmaster at Eddy, William H. Slaughter, witnessed and forwarded the application. A footnote was added to the form by the county surveyor, Fred H. Peitz:

Eddy is 60 miles S. W. of Swamp P. O. Above marked Township in which Swamp is situated has never been surveyed. It is about 46 miles east of Eddy and 18 miles north of Eddy.



Eddy County, New Mexico Territory in 1895 with approximate location of Swamp post office added.. Walker's International Atlas.

Both Peitz and Estes marked the location as being in township 18, while Swamp is actually in Section 25, T 17S, R 35E according to modern surveys of the area. This places it about 10 miles or so southwest of present day Lovington.

Post Office Department records indicate the post office at Swamp, New Mexico, was established May 1, 1894.

T. C. Estes gave a chattel mortgage to some Midland, Texas, investors, dated September 4, 1894, in which he pledged 1,800 head of sheep -- "all said sheep being located in Eddy County, Territory of Mexico on or near what is known as the Swamp Post Office Ranch." Estes gave the mortgagees the first right to enter his "dwelling house, store, and other premises" if necessary to collect the \$1,032.72 owed on the sheep.

He had previously, on June 2, 1892, given a mortgage on 1,200 sheep for a loan of \$238.50.

Post Office Department records show that the Swamp post office was discontinued on July 11, 1895, with mail going to Eddy. While this was an official post office, the amount of mail handled had to be very small. The amount of business was not published in the *Official Register* of 1895, although the office is listed along with a note that it was established on July 16, '94. Estes probably found the 120-mile round trip to Eddy to be too much of a burden to continue operating the office.

There was never any mention in the Eddy newspapers concerning a new post office at Swamp, even though this was the sort of item which often appeared. From the *Eddy Argus*:

March 23, 1894 -- *Owing to the store at Vaud being closed, the Vaud P. O. has been virtually closed.*

April 13, 1894 -- *A new P. O. has been ordered at the Greene place on the upper Felix, but it is not yet named.*

July 27, 1894 -- *The P. O. at the upper Greene farm will be named Felix. Boman Phillips will be P. M.*

November 10, 1894 -- *Edgar George, P. M. at Hilton was in town buying supplies. He and his brother recently killed a mountain lion measuring 9'2". Twenty lions have been killed within 2 miles of the post office.*

There were many more such items. It makes one wonder why there was never any mention of the office at Swamp. This was the first post office on the plains of southeast New Mexico.

T. C. Estes last paid taxes in Eddy county in 1896, so it can be assumed he left Swamp in 1897. There was an advertised letter for him in the Eddy post office on May 21, 1897. The 1900 Texas census shows Estes and his family as living in Brown County. Perhaps farming was easier than fighting cheap wool, "blue northers", and a place called Swamp.

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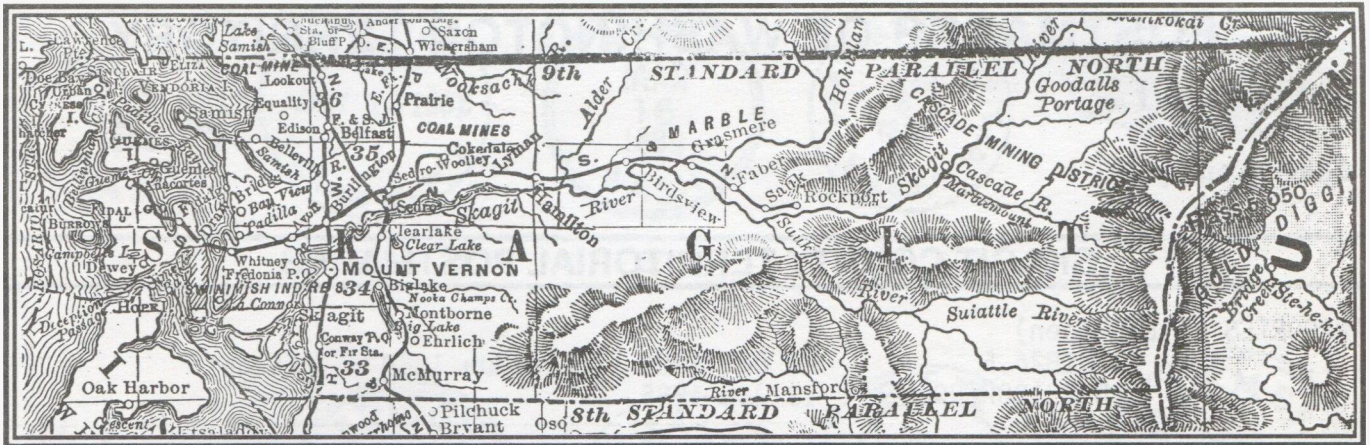
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Post Offices of Skagit County, Washington

By Tim Boardman

Skagit County was created on November 30, 1883 from a portion of Whatcom County. The county was named after the Skagit Indians that inhabit the area. Relative size ranking places it 22nd out of 39 for total land mass, that being 1735 square miles. Skagit County is bordered by Whatcom County to the north, Snohomish County to the south, Chelan and Okanogan Counties to the east, and Puget Sound with Island and San Juan Counties to the west.

The main industries include farming, fishing, and logging. The county gives the tourist a chance to see an abundance of beautiful natural scenery. One of the most scenic highways in the State, Highway 20 aka the North Cascades Highway, begins in Anacortes and ends in Winthrop. The route opened in 1972 and took 13 years to complete. It begins (or ends, depending on ones vantage point) at sea level and goes through the snow-capped North Cascades terminating in the Okanogan (semi-arid).

In total there were 26 post offices that operated during the territorial period. Of this number, 17 offices saw both territorial and statehood usage before closure. Only four, (Cary, Cypress, Mount Baker, and Wilburton), saw territorial usage. While five offices established territorially survive today. These include Anacortes, Hamilton, LaConner, Lyman, and Mount Vernon.

Mount Vernon, the county seat, was established on June 29, 1877 and was named after George Washington's Potomac residence. It is located on the Skagit River and is bordered by lush farmland. Log jams in the Skagit River impeded traffic up to Mount Vernon in 1870. One of these jams was a mile long. The task took five men two years to clear--two men died clearing the jam. Early days saw much variety in vocations arising. Everything from logging and farming to mining and fur trapping.

Hamilton was established on October 9, 1884. Named after William Hamilton who owned the homestead on which the town was founded. What drew settlers initially to the region was the discovery of coal. This eventually gave way to logging and today farming is a mainstay.

LaConner was established on March 29, 1870. The town was named by John S. Conner after his wife (L)ouisa (A). Conner and is located on the Swinomish Slough. The elevation is only about ten feet above sea level and early days found frequent flooding until the area around was diked and drained to provide the region with farm land. Today, LaConner is a beautiful little town that has managed to retain many of the false-fronted stores to give the illusion that one were almost stepping back in time. The main occupation is tourism with many artisan and antique shops lining the streets.

Lyman was established on August 2, 1880 by B. L. Lyman, the first postmaster. Located five miles east of Sedro-Woolley on the north shore of the Skagit River.

Anacortes was established on March 13, 1879. Amos Bowman bought land near the present day ferry landings and platted a town. He then submitted an application for a post office under the name of Anacurtis to honor his wife. The authorization came through with a variation showing the name approved to be Anacortes. The interesting sidelight to this story is that the family name of Curtis is of Spanish origin, which when translated becomes Cortes. So, Anacortes really was named in honor of Anna Curtis after all.

Prior to the founding of Anacortes there were two previous post offices at this site. They were Ship Island (1874) whose name changed to Ship Harbor (1874-1875). This is a significant discovery as the Washington Post Offices book lists these offices in Whatcom county when they were, indeed, in Skagit. They were established and discontinued before Skagit County was created from Whatcom County.

POSTMARKS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY

By Richard A. Long

Skagit County

SKAGIT COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

ANACORTES (1879-open)

1.	4	C1JN1B26.5	28 Oct 1884	18 Jun 1889	Target
2.	1	C1D12S1BBR(29)	13 Jan 1885		

AVON (1883-1906)

1.	1	C1JA1B25	10 Jan 1889		
2.	4	C21JN1B28.5	14 Jan 1889	25 Jun 1889	Wheel of Fortune

BAY VIEW (1884-1954)

No examples reported

BIRDSVIEW (1881-1934)

No examples reported

BLANCHARD (1886-1891, 1913-1975)

1.	3	C1K1N1R26.5	6 Aug 1888	26 Sep 1888	Grid
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CYPRESS (1880-1885, 1887-1892, 1901-1905)

No examples reported

DECEPTION (1883-1891)

1.	0	C22L - - -			
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EDISON (1878-1883)

1.	2	M	31 Jan 1882		Manuscript
2.	1	C21JN1RRB31.5	29 Jul 1887		

FIDALGO (1870-1890, 1891-1910)

1.	14	C1JA1BBR25	3 Dec 1879	6 Feb 1886	Target
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FIR (1880-1932)

1.	1	C31W12N1RRB30	30 Jun 1889		Manuscript
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GUEMES (1873-1904, 1909-1910)

1.	4	C21JN1R33	2 Jun 1886	2 Jun 1888	Manuscript
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HAMILTON (1884-open)

1.	2	C2KN1RRB27	16 Nov 1888	10 Dec 1888	
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LA CONNER (1870-open)

1.	1	C1JN1RRB33	5 Sep 1871		
2.	2	C1JA1BBR25	30 Nov 1875	21 Aug 1877	Cork
3.	8	C1D9,12S1RRBB32.5	13 Aug 1880	2 Mar 1881	Target
4.	17	C21KN1RRB27.5	11 Aug 1882	2 Dec 1887	Target
5.	2	C21JS1RRB33.5	7 Nov 1884	25 Mar 1885	
6.	2	C1LN1B28.5	8 Mar 1889	20 Dec 1889	Star



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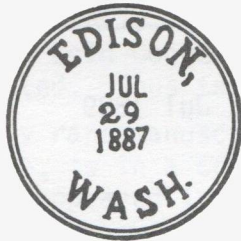
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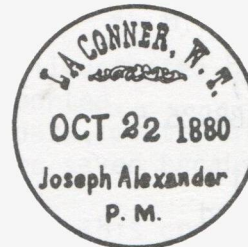
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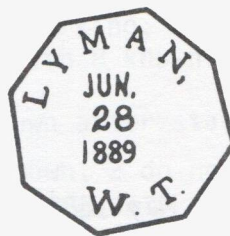
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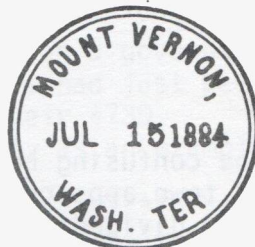
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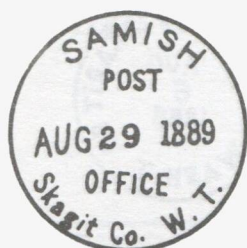
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SKAGIT COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

LYMAN (1880-open)

1.	2	OC1DN1RRB27	28 Jun 1889	22 Jul 1889	
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MOUNT BAKER (1882-1887)

No examples reported

MOUNT VERNON (1877-open)

1.	2	M	29 Oct 1878	28 Jan 1879	Manuscript
2.	8	C21LS1B32	15 Jul 1884	22 Jul 1888	
3.	1	C1JN1BBR26.5	29 Jul 1886		
4.	13	C1LS1B30.5	2 Feb 1888	24 Jun 1889	Wheel of Fortune

PADILLA (1885-1914)

1.	4	C1JN1BBR26.5	29 Jul 1886		Target
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PRAIRIE (1884-1925)

No examples reported

SAMISH (1871-1920)

1.	2	C1D1,5S1B31	5 Mar 1880	29 Aug 1889	
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SAUK (1886-1944)

No examples reported

SEDRO (1885-1899)

No examples reported

SKAGIT (1872-1904)

1.	1	M	9 May 1882		
2.	1	C1JN1B27.5	6 Nov 1883		Cork

STERLING (1879-1890)

1.	1	C31D1N1B29.5	2 Jun 1884		Target
2.	1	C31LN1B27.5	20 Jun 1887		

County designations in postmarks may be confusing because the county given can be different than the county in which the town appears today. Washington is like many other states in which counties were divided, combined, or otherwise changed at times over the years. In this series of articles, I catalog the towns in the counties in which they appear today, regardless of previous designations.

SKAGIT COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

ANACORTES 1 seldom turns up; the few known are generally weakly struck.

ANACORTES 2 is known only from the tracing shown in the Chase-Cabeen catalog.

AVON 1 is known only from a crude tracing made by old-time collector Hitt.

AVON 2 is quite rare; just 4 are known at this time, all dated in 1889.

BLANCHARD 1 is rare; I know of just 3 examples, all in one collection in Oregon.

DECEPTION 1 is known only from a description in a 1966 Siegel auction catalog.

"Jan 27, 1893 in Bold Cogged Double Circle, statehood usage with the Ter partly obliterated. Thus territorial examples of this must have existed.

EDISON 1 is a very rare manuscript; the 2 known examples are illustrated.

EDISON 2 is unique, is in a collection, though an example without a description or illustration appeared in a Nov 1975 Wolffers auction - same type?

FIDALGO 1 turns up often enough to be common; strikes are usually not sharp.

FIR 1 is unique; it was sold in a March 1989 R. G. Kaufman auction.

GUEMES 1 is quite rare, is usually a messy violet or magenta strike.

HAMILTON 1 is very rare, with just 2 examples reported at this time.

LA CONNER 1 is known only from the unique example illustrated by Chase-Cabeen.

LA CONNER 2 is very rare, with just 2 examples reported.

LA CONNER 3 is a beauty; 8 examples are known to date, mostly nice strikes in either black or red-brown. Undoubtedly they were saved because this is such a striking example of an early Postmaster postmark.

LA CONNER 4 appears to be the commonest marking from this county.

LA CONNER 5 is very rare; just the 2 examples are known at this time.

LA CONNER 6 is rare; 2 are known for certain, and 2 others dated 18 Feb 1889 & 8 Mar 1889 are probably the same type.

LYMAN 1 is a rare marking; both known examples are purple.

MOUNT VERNON 1 is a rare manuscript marking; both known examples are illustrated.

MOUNT VERNON 2 is somewhat scarce, with 8 known. Strikes are in purple.

MOUNT VERNON 3 is unique.

MOUNT VERNON 4 is common, and is known after statehood with TER removed.

PADILLA 1 is scarce, and of the 4 known, 2 do not show year and the other 2 show a weak final digit in the year, making date range difficult to determine.

SAMISH 1 is very rare. We know of just an 1880 example illustrated in Landis, and an 1889 used as a receiving mark, in a collection.

SKAGIT 1 is a unique manuscript marking, in a collection in California.

SKAGIT 2 is unique, in the same California collection.

STERLING 1 is unique, in purple on a government postal card in rough condition.

Chase-Cabeen says: "The county had just been changed so the P.M. partly removed the county name." This is their #730.

STERLING 2 is unique, known only as an example in a collection in Oregon.

Our next 2 counties will be Snohomish, then Whitman. Please send photocopies of any covers with pre-1890 postmarks from these counties to me at PO Box 472, Bandon OR 97411. Thanks for all the help I've received from collectors.

COLORADO POSTAL MARKINGS TO 1900

By Richard C. Frajola
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Thank you to all who responded to my plea for assistance in the last issue. Since publication I have received a copy of the Nugget cover that was recorded but not seen and have identified a new type of Central City marking. Once again, thank you for your help. To repeat, if you have new postmark types or a cover that extends the reported period of use, please send a photocopy of the item.

The catalog introductory remarks took up most of the available space in the last installment. I will try to catch up by giving brief historical sketches of both Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties in this issue. There are many good source books on Colorado ghost towns including a series, arranged loosely by county, written by John Aldrich. The most useful general book on ghost towns seems to be *Guide To Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps* by Perry Eberhart. There are, however, many other books on the subject. My sketches will be very informal.

Gilpin County is located west and slightly north of Denver, about 45 minutes by car into the front range of the Rocky Mountains. The climate of this area, although the elevation above sea level is generally over 8,000 feet, is surprisingly moderate. This is partially due to the sun's intensity. The eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains do not, as a rule, receive the heavy snows common to the western slope because the eastward moving storms drop the majority of their precipitation when they hit the west side of the mountains.

Gilpin County was populated almost overnight in May 1859 following the discovery by John Gregory of placer gold in Gregory Gulch. Placer gold refers to gold obtained by washing. The expenses involved are minimal. Gregory Gulch runs from above Central City down to Black Hawk where it joins the North Fork of Clear Creek. Claims were staked all along this gulch, and by June 1859 it is estimated that over 10,000 gold seekers were in the area. The easily extracted placer gold soon gave out. The boom was over by 1862 as the placer miners moved on in search of easier wealth. Placer mining was gradually replaced by hard rock mining. This entailed capital to develop mine shafts, and, more importantly, smelting facilities to extract the gold from the refractory ores. The transportation costs to get the untreated ore out of the mountains was prohibitive. The key to the survival of Gilpin County was cheap transportation to a smelting mill and the introduction of a new smelting technology that allowed the ores to be treated profitably. Black Hawk developed into a milling and smelting center after 1864, and narrow gauge trains reached Black Hawk in 1872.

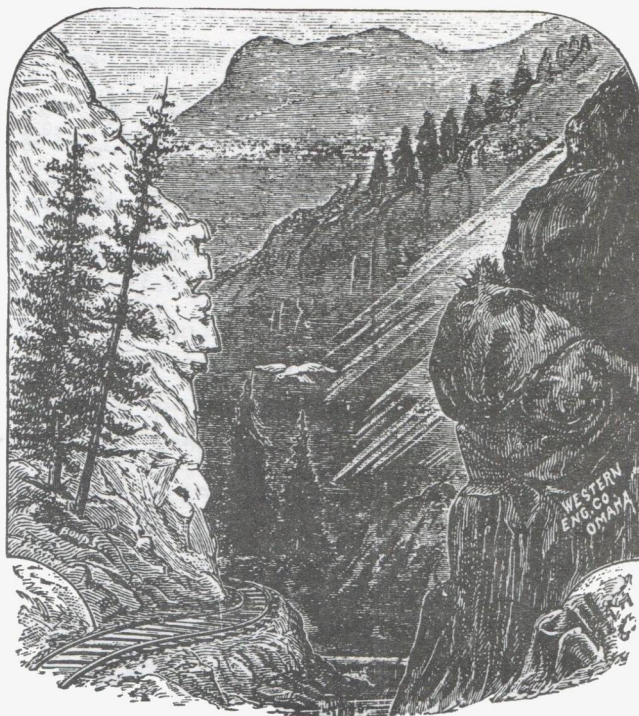
Most of the towns that existed in Gilpin County began as mining camps. Those mining camps that boomed and died

in short order, or barely survived, include Apex, Baltimore, Gilpin, Gold Dirt, Missouri City, Nevada, Nugget, Perigo, Russell Gulch and Tip Top. Central City developed into a supply and financial center, and Black Hawk became a transportation and milling center.

Clear Creek County is located about 40 miles west of Denver, into the front range of the Rocky Mountains. Situated along Clear Creek, the history of the county is very similar to that of Gilpin County.

Placer gold was discovered near what is now Idaho Springs in 1859 by George A. Jackson. The rush to the area began in May 1859. As in Gilpin County, the placer deposits soon ran out. However, with the discovery of silver bearing ores in the western portion of the county near Georgetown and Silver Plume, Clear Creek County had a significantly longer boom period that lasted until 1893 when the Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890 was repealed. Without the U.S. Government supporting the price of silver, the price plunged to levels that made it economically impossible to continue mining the metal.

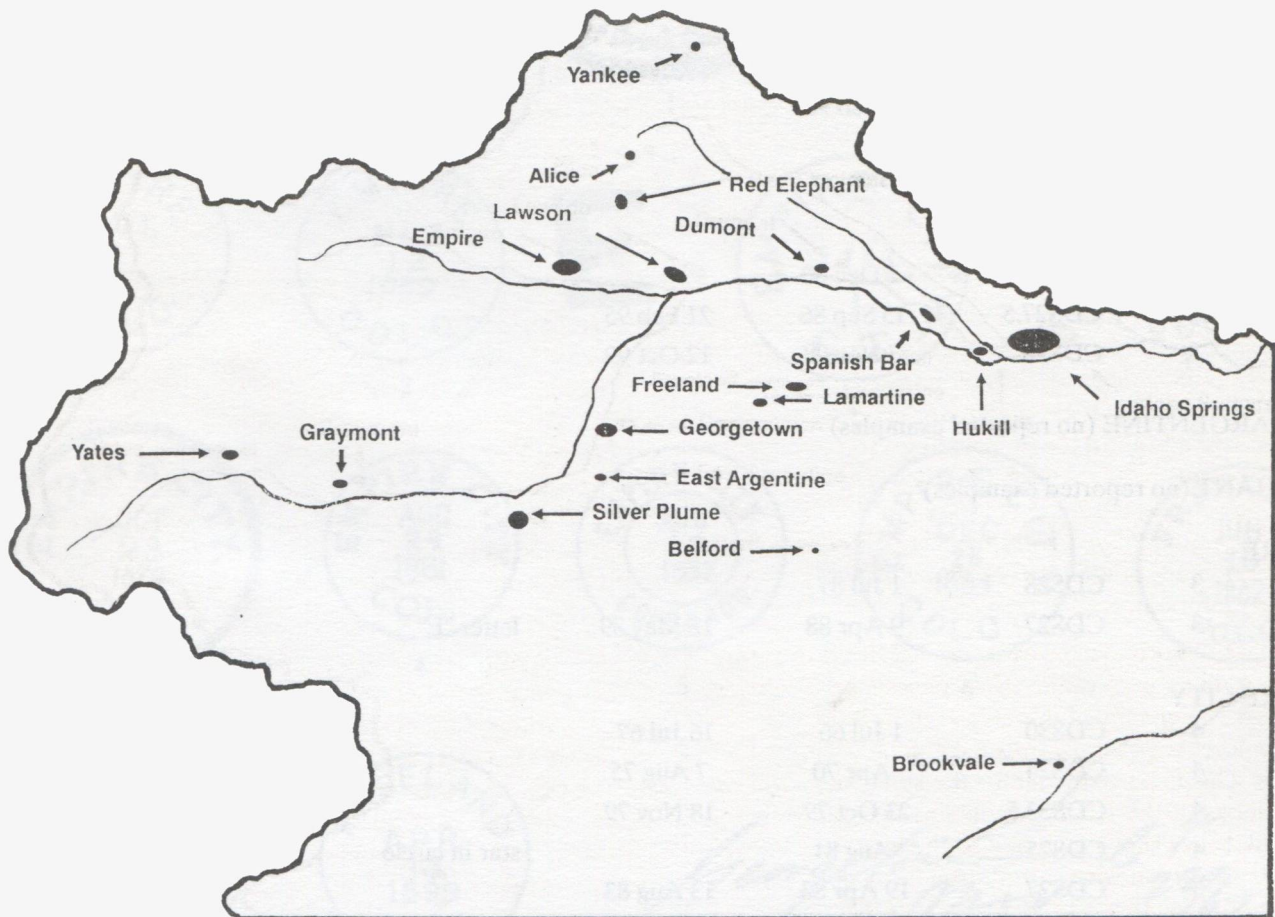
The transportation and supply center towns in Clear Creek County were Idaho Springs and Georgetown. The other towns were largely mining camps that first depended on gold and then silver for survival. It should be remembered that many of these mining camps had tremendous population booms and then entered long periods of decline. Frequently, by the time the post offices were established, the boom period was over.



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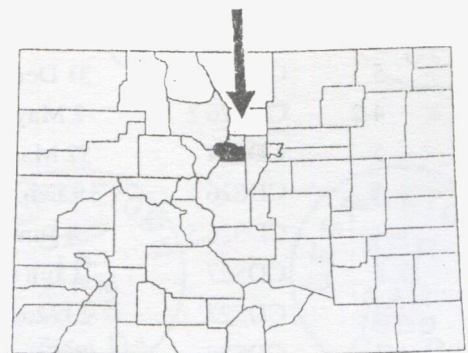
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

Towns in Clear Creek County which had Post Offices prior to 1900



Alice	1898-1938
Belford	1884
Brookvale	1876-1942
Dumont (Mill City)	1861-operating
East Argentine	1867
Empire (Empire City)	1861-operating
Freeland	1879-1908
Georgetown	1866-operating
Graymont	1884
Hukill	1879-1880
Idaho Springs (Idaho)	1862-operating
Lamartine	1889-1910
Lawson	1877-1966
Red Elephant (Elephant)	1878-1881
Silver Plume (Brownsville)	1871-operating
Spanish Bar	1860-1885
Yankee	1893-1910
Yates	1882-1883

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, COLORADO



ALICE (no reported examples)

BELFORD (no reported examples)

BROOKVALE

1.	5	CDS24	5 Jan 81	23 Mar 81	star in circle
2.	5	CDS27.5	1 Feb 90		

BROWNSVILLE (no reported examples)

DUMONT

1.	6	OVL38	1 Dec 80		
2.	3	CDS27.5	15 Sep 86	21 Feb 95	
3.	3	CDS28	7 Nov 98	12 Oct 99	

EAST ARGENTINE (no reported examples)

ELEPHANT (no reported examples)

EMPIRE

1.	3	CDS28	1 Jul 87		
2.	3	CDS27	9 Apr 88	12 May 89	letter "E"

EMPIRE CITY

1.	4	CDS30	1 Jul 66	16 Jul 67	
2.	4	CDS24	Apr 70	7 Aug 75	
3.	4	CDS33.5	23 Oct 79	18 Nov 79	double line circle
4.	4	CDS25	Aug 81		star in circle
5.	3	CDS27	19 Apr 83	13 Aug 83	
6.	3	CDS28	26 Dec 84	1 Feb 85	star

FREELAND

1.	5	CDS26	10 Jun 82		
2.	5	CDS27	5 Oct 87		
3.	4	CDS27	13 Apr 89		

GEORGETOWN

1.	6	MAN	6 Aug 66	6 Dec 68	
2.	5	CDS25	31 Dec 67	15 Nov 69	
3.	4-2	CDS26	2 May 70?	1 Mar 78	
4.	5	CDS34	12 Mar 78		
5.	1	CDS26	9 Feb	7 Nov 84?	
6.	1	CDS26.5	24 Jun		
7.	1	CDS27	3 Jun 85	2 Aug 87	
8.	1	CDS27	13 Mar 89	21 Oct 97	
9.	1	CDS28	14 Sep 96		
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GRAYMONT (no reported examples)



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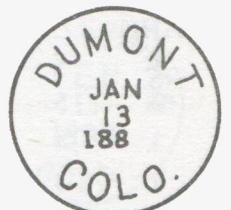
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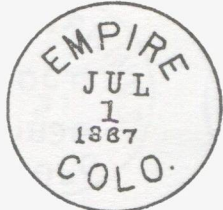
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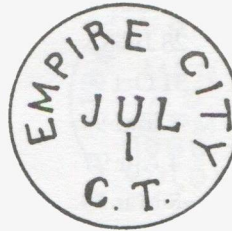


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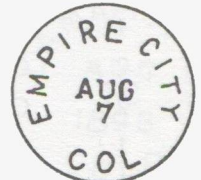


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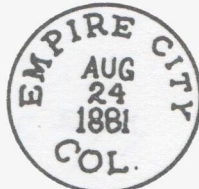
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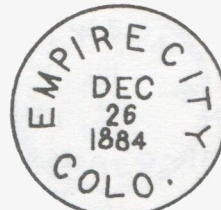
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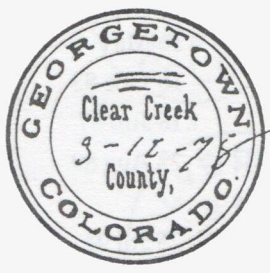
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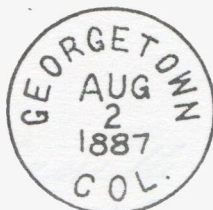
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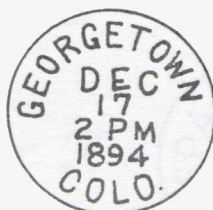
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IDAHO

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3.	4	CDS25	25 Nov 73	25 Apr 75	
4.	4	CDS25	24 Jan 73	2 Apr 76	

IDAHO SPRINGS

1.	4-2	CDS26	17 Dec 75	20 Apr 80	oval grid
2.	1	CDS26	28 Jul 82	30 Dec 88	
3.	2	CDS27	31 Oct 90	6 Dec 90	
4.	2	CDS29	8 Mar 94	13 Dec 95	
5.	1	CDS28	4 Apr 97	5 Jun 98	3 bars
6.	1	CDS27.5	8 Mar 99	5 May 99	oval grid

LAMARTINE

1.	5	CDS29	10 Aug 96	
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LAWSON

1.	4	MAN	1 Feb 78	
2.	4	CDS31	26 Apr 83	
3.	3	CDS26	28 Jun 86	7 Dec 88
4.	2	CDS29	9 Mar 99	6? May 99

MILL CITY

1.	5	MAN	19 Sep 66	23 Sep 69
2.	4	CDS26	12 Jan 69	21 Jun 70

RED ELEPHANT

1.	6	MAN	25 Jun 80	8 May
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SILVER PLUME

1.	6	SL37	3 May 76		manuscript date
2.	3	CDS26	26 Apr	16 May	
3.	2	CDS27	20 Feb 81	18 Dec 83	inner circle varies with wear
4.	3	CDS30	28 May 86	18 Jun 87	
5.	2	CDS27	18 Dec 87	22 Aug 89	
6.	2	CDS27	3 Nov 90		
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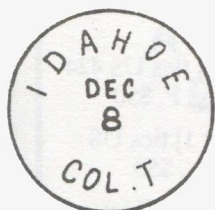
SPANISH BAR

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2.	4-4	CDS26	1 Nov 65	23 Oct 76

YANKEE

1.	5	CDS29	31 Mar 94	19 Sep 96
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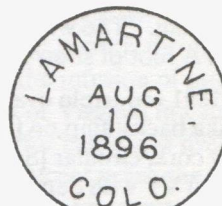
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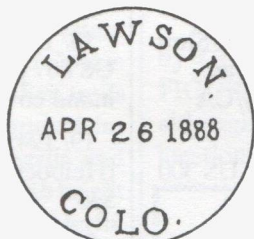
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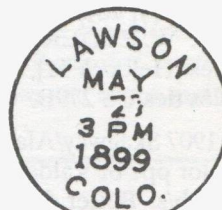
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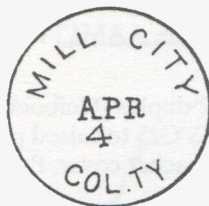
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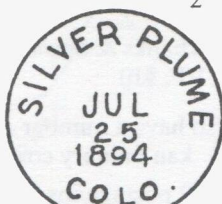
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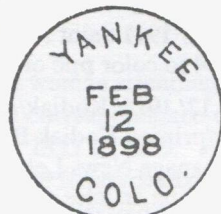
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A BRIEF ANTEBELLUM HISTORY OF THE FREE UNION, VIRGINIA POST OFFICE USING THE ROGERS FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE.

BY AUGUST L. SCHAEFER

Albemarle County, Virginia, founded in 1744, and officially organized on February 4, 1745, was named for William Anne Keppel, the second Earl of Albemarle, the nominal Governor-In-Chief of the thirteen colonies from 1737 to 1754. It encompasses 741 square miles of land carved from Goochland County in 1744. Parts of Louisa County and islands in the James River were added at a later date. The county now has a last-recorded population of over 55,000 persons. The county seat is Charlottesville, an important crossroads since late Colonial times. Charlottesville's "Main Street" follows the "Three Chopt Road," one of the first trails from Tidewater westward. Charlottesville is situated in amongst wooded hills and fertile pastures, orchards and tilled land. In the spring, the hillsides come to life with bright blossoms; in the fall, the area is known for its wonderful colors as summer changes to fall.

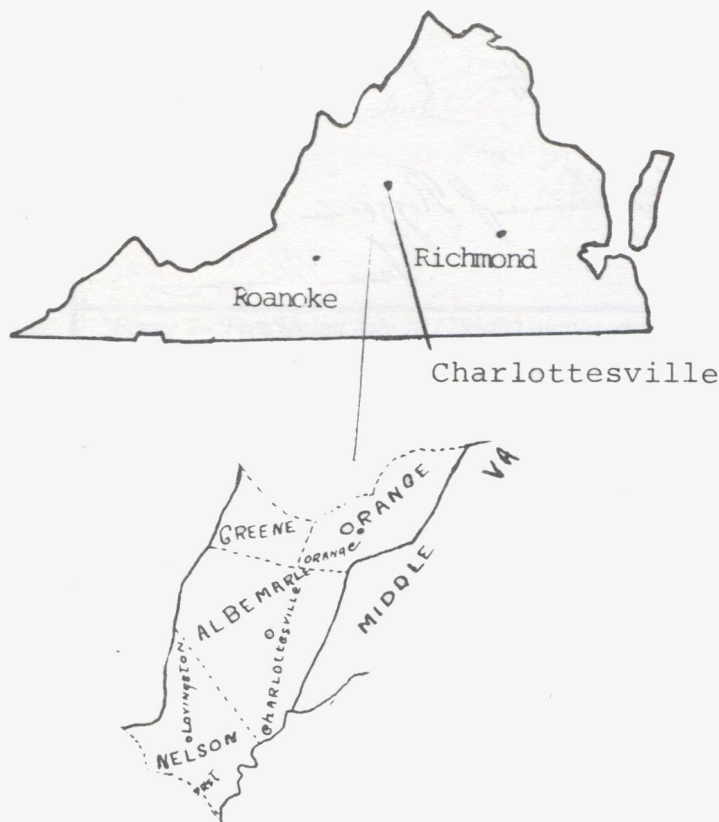


Figure 1.- Map of Virginia and Albemarle and surrounding counties.

Albemarle is in the central part of Virginia at the foot of the mountains and extending back into Middle Virginia. The James River runs along its southern border. The county has experienced a large population growth through the 1970's and 1980's, primarily due to the infusion of industry and the expansion of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The area has fine pastures for cattle and livestock as well as dairy stock and horses. In recent years, the County has increased its winemaking, which was started in the 1700's by Thomas Jefferson.

Albemarle is bounded by Nelson County on the South and by Greene and Orange Counties on the North--SEE FIGURE 1. FIGURE 2 is a map of Albemarle County that, although not contemporaneous, shows the towns and their locations that are discussed herein.

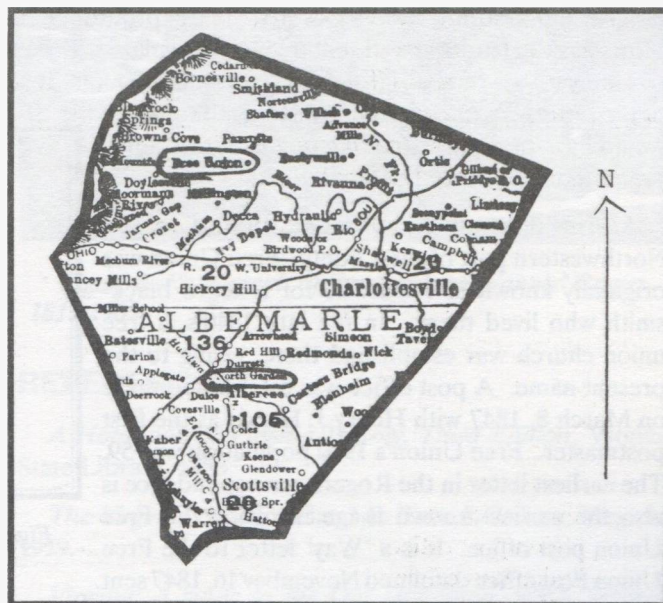


Figure 2. Map of Albemarle County Virginia. "20" - Chesapeake & Ohio Railroads; "105" - Nelson & Albemarle Railroad and "136" - Southern Railroad.

Many handsome estates adorn Albemarle. At Shadwell, Thomas Jefferson was born. Monticello was where he lived and died and remains national treasure of exceptional classical architecture. Less than three miles from Monticello is Ash Lawn, home of James Monroe.

Several years ago, I purchased from a woman attending a Maryland stamp club show an original correspondence of fifty five stampless folded letters from 1833 to 1859. Although these letters are not representative from Albemarle County's early history, the area being well settled by this time, they represent a wonderful selection of antebellum postal history items from and to the county.

In the correspondence, there were twenty-two items to or from Free Union, Virginia, all of which were addressed to one family in particular, the family of Parmenas B. Rogers, born in 1750. Rogers was the grandson of Giles Rogers, born in 1642 (died 1730), an English emigrant who emigrated in 1680. Giles Rogers brought his entire family, one of which was born as their ship entered the Chesapeake Bay. Giles Rogers had an American-born son in 1683, Parmenas B. Rogers, born in 1750 who attained the rank of Major in the American Army during the revolution.

It is probable that Major Parmenas B. Rogers was successful in a claim for land due to his Revolutionary War service. Major Rogers died in 1836, but had been married twice, the second time in 1810 to Elizabeth Ferguson, the daughter of William Ferguson of Albemarle County. Major Rogers had eight children by his first wife and eight children by his second wife.

The majority of the letters in the group are specifically addressed to Frances Jane "Fannie" Rogers, born in 1811 to Major Rogers' second wife.

The correspondence is a "to" correspondence in so much as the letters are all sent to one particular individual or family rather than all "from" one particular person. If all of the letters had been *from* the Rogers family we would have been able to tell more about the family rather than letters *to* the family.

Major Rogers' estate was situated in the Northwestern part of the County. Free Union was originally known as Nicksville for a negro blacksmith who lived there. In the late 1840's, a free union church was established there, giving to the present name. A post office was established there on March 8, 1847 with Henry J. Harris as the first postmaster. Free Union's 1900 population was 59. The earliest letter in the Rogers correspondence is also the earliest known usage involving the Free Union post office. It is a "Way" letter to the Free Union Post office datelined November 16, 1847 sent to Kate B. Rogers, Frances Rogers' sister who died

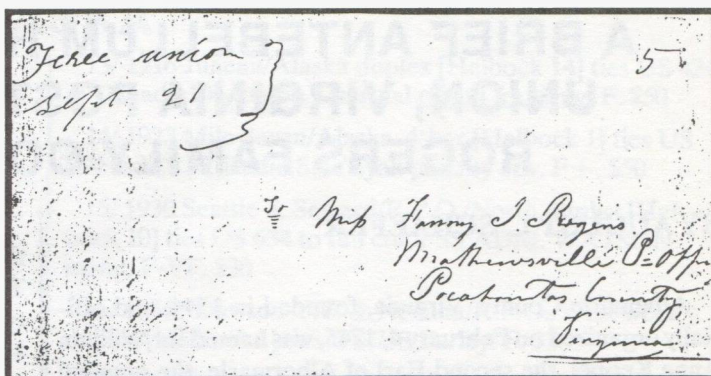


Figure 4—"Free Union Sept 21 (1849)" manuscript usage.

in 1854. (SEE FIGURE 3). Way letters are those letters that are given to the postcarrier on his "way" between destinations to be delivered to the post office for rating at his next stop.

The earliest known usage from Free Union is shown in FIGURE 4, which is an 1849 usage from Rita Booker to Fannie Rogers travelling in Western Virginia. The letter speaks of a family friend dying of Typhus. The letter's "5" rating mark denotes an "under 300 mile rate" under rates of July 1, 1845. Because of the absence of a "paid" marking, it is known

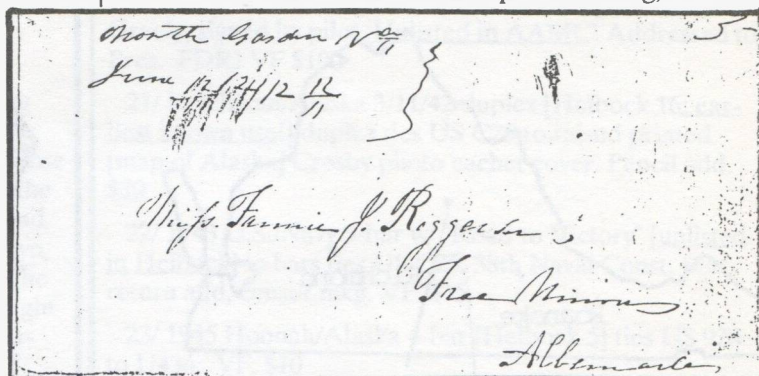


Figure 5—"North Garden Va. June 12 (1850)" manuscript usage.

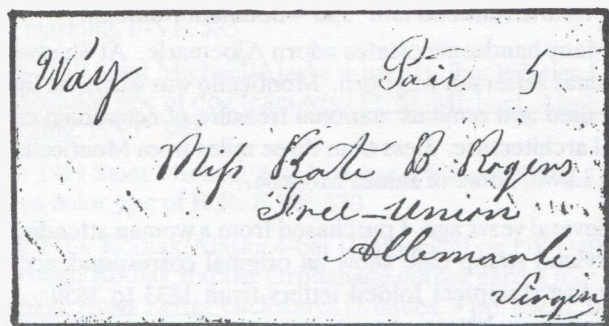


Figure 3—"WAY" letter to Kate Rogers that is the earliest known Free Union Post Office usage.

that the letter travelled unpaid.

Frances Jane "Fannie" Rogers was born in 1811 and died in 1905. She never married. It is known that she taught the families of slave children to read and write. Neighbors sent their slave children to be educated by her. Her brother, Lewis Thomas Rogers, built a school room over the carriage house on the estate in Albemarle County.

FIGURE 5 is an 1850 manuscript usage from North Garden, located in the central southeastern part of the County. Its post office is older than that of Free Union, being established with a first postmaster, James Kinsolving, on August 12, 1835. The letter writer of this particular letter is Henry C. Moore, also the writer of the letter at Figure 3.

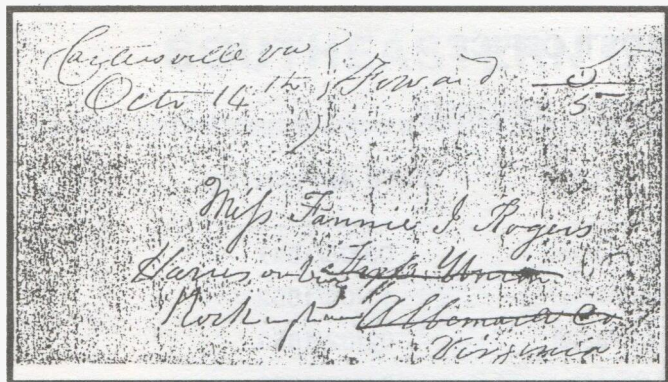


Figure 6--"Cartersville Va. Octr 14th (1850)" manuscript usage, forwarded at Free Union.

FIGURE 6 is an 1850 forwarded usage involving the Free Union Post Office. Written by a female friend of Fannie Rogers, the letter was sent from Cartersville, Virginia (Cumberland County) to Free Union and was there forwarded to Harrisonburg in Rockingham, County. The second "5" rate was applied to forward the letter using the same "less than 300" mile rate under rates of 1847, making the total rate 10 cents to be paid by Fannie upon the letter's arrival in Harrisonburg.

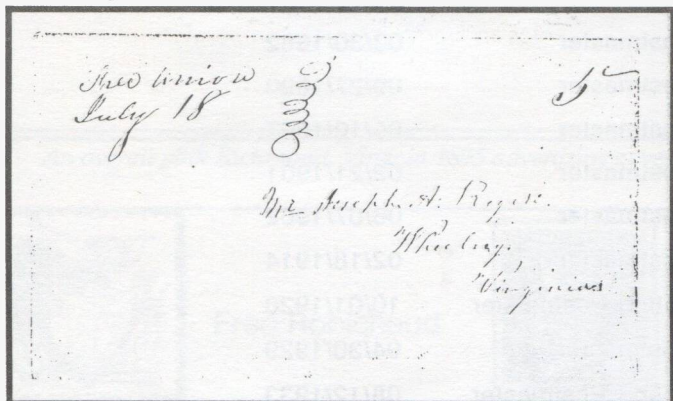


Figure 7--"Free Union July 18 (1850's) manuscript usage.

FIGURE 7 is an 1850's ladies cover envelope with a manuscript "Free Union July 18" in a different hand than those previously illustrated. By the type of envelope and the rate, the undated enclosure can be dated between 1850 and 185



Figure 8--Photograph of Frances Jane "Fannie" Rogers, 1811-1905

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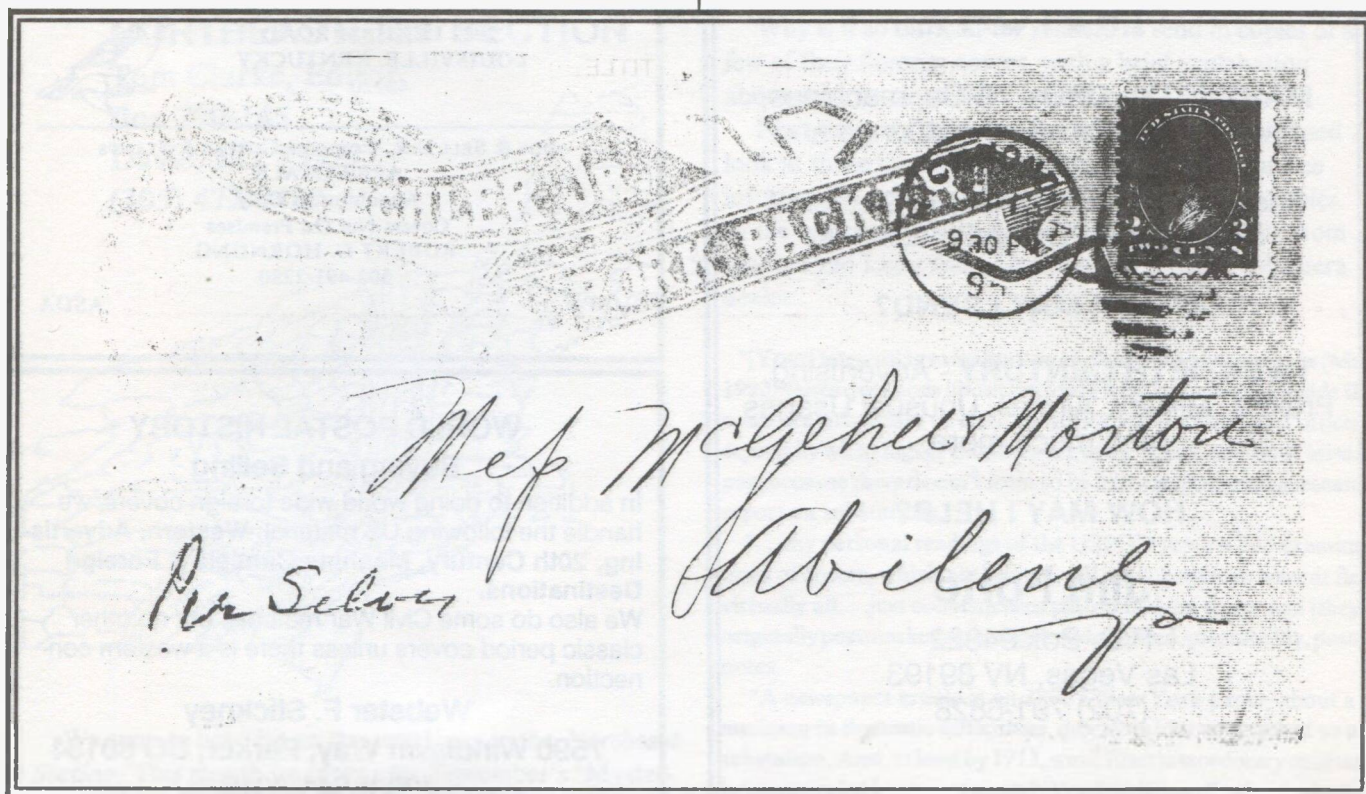
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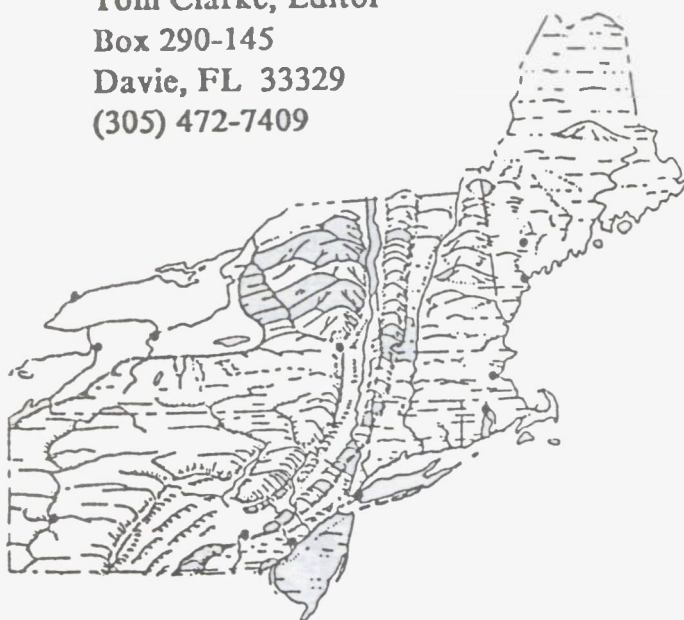
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Why is it so difficult for readers to send in copies of a few of their favorite covers, with a brief explanation about their fascination? Please write.

Next time, we'll finally take a long, hard, postponed look at those journals that continue to pump out fine information on Mid-Atlantic and New England topics. In the meantime a very useful Letter to the Editor from reader Fred Light foot, Greenport NY paper ephemera dealer:

"[Your] interesting examination of double-oval postmarks (May 1990) raises questions about deciding whether numbers inside the ovals are substation or clerk identification for large post offices, especially when higher numbers are used. These questions arise in part because there doesn't seem to be any comprehensive research report on substations.

"...my personal readings of the USPOD reports and examinations of covers, which are limited, tell me substations were at first virtually all... just conveniences placed in drug stores and [they] originally postmarked only registered mail and, presumably, postal notes.

"A newspaper article in an 1890's New York paper, about a mailman in domestic difficulties, describes him as attached to a substation. And, at least by 1913, some first class ordinary mail was being canceled by one or more NY substations. So the services of some substations evidently were greatly expanded over the years. Whether the substations got to the point of postmarking bulk circular mail remains to be ascertained, so far as I know, but it doesn't seem likely that this would have happened --if it happened-- until well into the 1900s.

"So fairly high numbers in double ovals seem more likely to be [Main Office] clerk identifiers, and there is some evidence on certain covers that clerks handling first class mail had double oval handstamps. It would seem reasonable that some first class clerks could be shifted to postmarking circular mail the same way if the volume of mail indicated a need.



"The xerox shows a "clerk/55" handstamp on a 6c orange, perf 10, circa 1916, which tells us that fairly high clerk numbers were in use long after canceling made it possible to handle huge volumes of mail without hand-stamping.

"To sum up, we need more information as to what functions various substations performed and when, and we have to get new information before we can attribute any double-oval postmarks on circular mail to substations. Numbered double-ovals unquestionably were used by substations on registered letters they processed in my experience. Double ovals on a couple 1890's registered substation covers I have are not struck clearly enough to tell whether they are identifiable as the markings of the substation or of the main post office to which they were forwarded."

Do your views differ or corroborate?

7-1-71 Cancel Mania

by Tom Clarke

A few weeks ago, Len S., a thoughtful correspondent and reader of *La Posta* sent the writer three FDC's of the 5 cent ("05") circus wagon definitive coil. They were issued in Buffalo, but according to his enclosed note they were

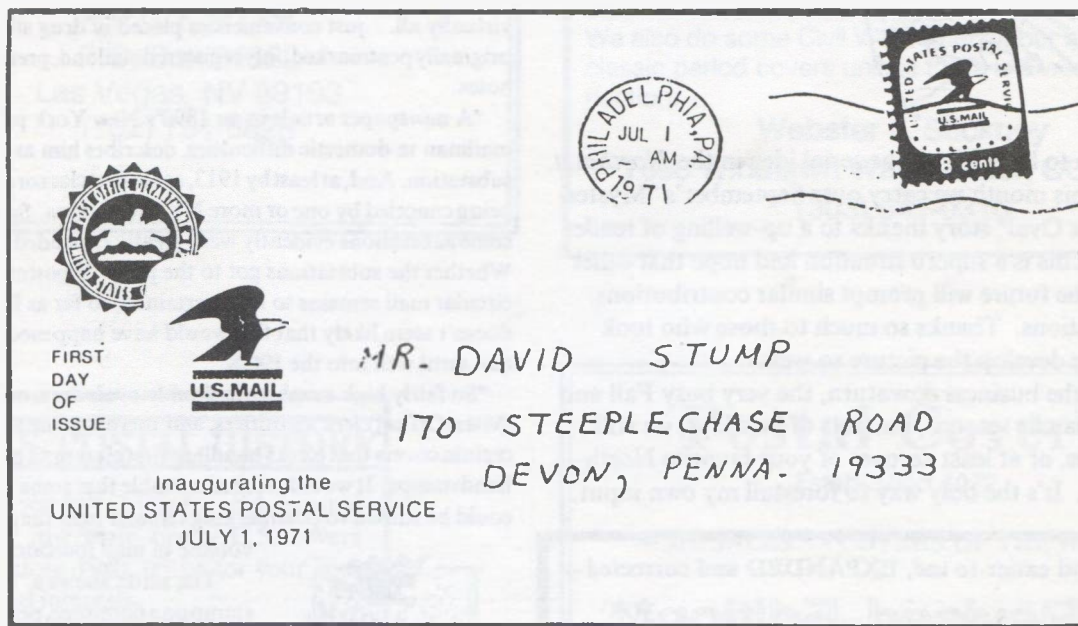
"released by pre-paid order at 12:01 AM -- by air to DC -- car to Philadelphia [where they were variously postmarked, and] many dropped in the South Jersey mailstream for Postal History, before we're history!"

Such sentiments prompt the perennial question: when do 'postal events' become 'postal history'?

occasion. It seems to be the usual seven-wavy line type, but with the intervening 5 lines filed away, Just a smidgen of lines 4 and 5 appear to the right of the stamp. Rare? Postal history?

I met Roy Mooney at a show and asked about his sign and what a "REM Catalog" was. Proudly he embarked on an explanation that held my interest, even though I was dying to locate more beloved Philly cancels.

Ends up there were three or four times as many Philly station FDC cancels that day for that one stamp than I knew of, and he proceeded to give



Another interesting fellow lives in Georgia. His name is Roy Mooney, and he is a specialist in one single postage stamp only, and its FDC's at that. Not 1847's, or #112's, or even one cent Franklins, but Scott #1396, issued July 1, 1971.

Is that postal history? Does it at least fit as Marcophily ('love of cancels')?

Shown here is one of the Philadelphia area cancellations (at 85%) created for the first day of the USPS, and simultaneously for the first day of Scott 1396. It is a unique killer, not seen used on any other day, and must therefore have been jury-rigged for that particular red-letter

occasion. It seems to be the usual seven-wavy line type, but with the intervening 5 lines filed away, Just a smidgen of lines 4 and 5 appear to the right of the stamp. Rare? Postal history?

Roy proudly argues that the "7-1-71 Affair" will make #1396 the best known FDC issue. It is the largest. The new United States Postal Service wanted to inaugurate itself in a grand fashion.

Depending on the population of the town, the USPS (actually the USPO) issued quantities of cacheted envelopes according to a formula approximating one cachet per post office per three families served. Only one cachet was to be sold to a customer however, though quantities could

be had from Washington.

These FDC's were available from every town and city in the US. Since there were some forty thousand possible postmarks, and only 16,000 are known, the 7-1-71 Affair could be looked on as the ultimate 'unsolved mystery,' and chances for a complete 'solution' diminish with discarded possessions every day.

To validate their assumptions and do their own version of basic research, the die-hard

7-1-71 group sent thousands of communications to most every postmaster and requesting pertinent information.

Unfortunately, Roy admits that postal employees, as well as dealers and collectors, have yet to show the interest they feel the topic warrants. Maybe it just takes the passage of time? Like a prophet in his own hometown, is their view of 'postal history' too close to us to be appreciated?

The largest cities, the group has estimated,

probably issued a thousand FDCs or less, the smaller towns, maybe a handful. Thus, most towns, Roy feels, are veritable rarities.

What could possibly be the value (literally and figuratively) of a cover, a uniformly government-cacheted FDC at that, of July '71?

To answer, some covers are common (ie 1000 exist), while others are almost non-existent. Many have a value of about a dollar (today's seeming cover minimum) to \$20, \$50, \$100, and even priceless (The value of my Philly odd-killer is \$1.)

Prices for state collections of this one cancel may surprise you. At random, a Massachusetts group of 127 covers, cata-

logued at \$1371, last year could be had for \$274; 136 different towns from Georgia (cat \$1358 for \$340; 63 from New Mexico (\$1005) for \$201; and 135 different from Washington State (\$1735) for \$347. If that's not postal history, the prices begin to approximate it.

Besides the price catalog (the 120-page 1990 edition came out in August, \$2.95), Roy E Mooney (=REM) issues a sometimes newsletter to the several hundred 7-1-71 followers who have adopted the idea that collecting this one issue is just one step this side of heaven. The current one vol 14, # 2!

Write to Roy Mooney, Box 985, Morrow, GA 30260. He'd love to bend your ear.

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Initial printing: 500 million

Designer: Raymond Loewy/William Snaith, Inc.

The past practice of designating one city for the first-day sale of a new stamp will not be followed for the Postal Service issue. As all post offices will provide July 1 cancellations, first-day covers can be obtained in all cities and towns. Those who desire more than a single cover may order first-day covers from the Postmaster, Washington, DC 20013. This order must be postmarked no later than July 1. Mail order requests for the U.S. Postal Service souvenir, cacheted envelope will cost 7 cents as a handling charge, plus 8 cents for the stamp. Selected mint stamps will be

available at the Philatelic Sales Unit, Washington, DC 20036, beginning July 1, 1971. All production will be tagged.

All classes of post offices that receive commemorative stamps on an automatic basis will receive an initial supply of the stamps under the automatic distribution schedule. If you do not have a standing order for commemorative stamps, you must place a special requisition with your usual supplier. All offices must have this special issue stamp on hand on July 1. The quantity of stamps to be furnished automatically will be twice the quantity supplied on a 50-subject commemorative stamp.

First-class post offices requiring additional bulk quantities should immediately submit a separate requisition (Form 3356) to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing using item No. 580. Orders must be for minimum lots of 10,000 stamps.

All post offices requiring less-than-bulk quantities in addition to the automatic distribution may submit a requisition (Form 17) to their designated sectional center facility on their next scheduled requisitioning date.—Office of the Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, 5-27-71.

Mysterious Ovals Revisited

by Tom Clarke

A fine outpouring of interest followed last issue's comments about the 'mysterious' duplex ovals of Spring 1898. Some names new and some names well-known sent xeroxes and comments about the type and other points mentioned in the article.



Lonesome Philadelphia

They help further develop the topic and broaden the discussion to war, POD methods and means, and help create a census of existing types. Sadly, no more Philadelphias came to light, only DCs. However, since most of the addressees were in the Northeast, we'll continue.

Besides comments on the ovals, there were some from readers interested in the cover's dead letter aspects. Their views follow last, but NOT least!

Perfection Connection?

In an aside in the previous article, the writer suggested that perhaps the oval unknown might somehow connect with the Perfection handstamp manufacturers, then developing their product, as described in the July issue.

Reg Morris, esteemed machine cancel researcher and author firmly put the quash on that concept.

"The answer is 'No!'.

"1) The Perfection handstamp was not patented or had not been filed for patent protection. The classic case *Campbell vs. James* (NY Postmaster) centered on the patent infringement of a handstamp by that Post Office. From that date (1878) to this I doubt if any non-protected device has ever been used by the USPO!

"2) The Perfection handstamp was a crude little device (I know, I actually have one!) The

oval marking described. . . was used in large first class offices -- Philadelphia, Washington and perhaps Chicago. There is no reason to test small handstamps in these large offices in 1898! [On the contrary, see Olsen's comments below.--Ed.]

"3) The style of cancellations is quite different. In the case of the Perfection there is a single line of variable type. In the oval canceler case there are two lines of variable type -- entirely different style. There is no relationship between the two."

And More. . .

Interestingly enough, Bob Payne, co-author with Morris, and a name writer in his own right, also felt compelled to comment.

"First off, I've never seen a Philadelphia like you picture, and I've never seen or heard of a Chicago.

[Regarding the Perfection connection. . .]

"No! This mechanical stamp was invented by Francis C Osborn -- his only recorded patent is number 645,711, application date of Feb 5, 1900, and awarded to Perfection on Mar 20, 1900. . . if it was from Perfection. . . we would find Detroit cancels.

"On the Washington DC cancels, there are two varieties, the first being a smaller version of [the "Standard" oval] but using the same basic design.

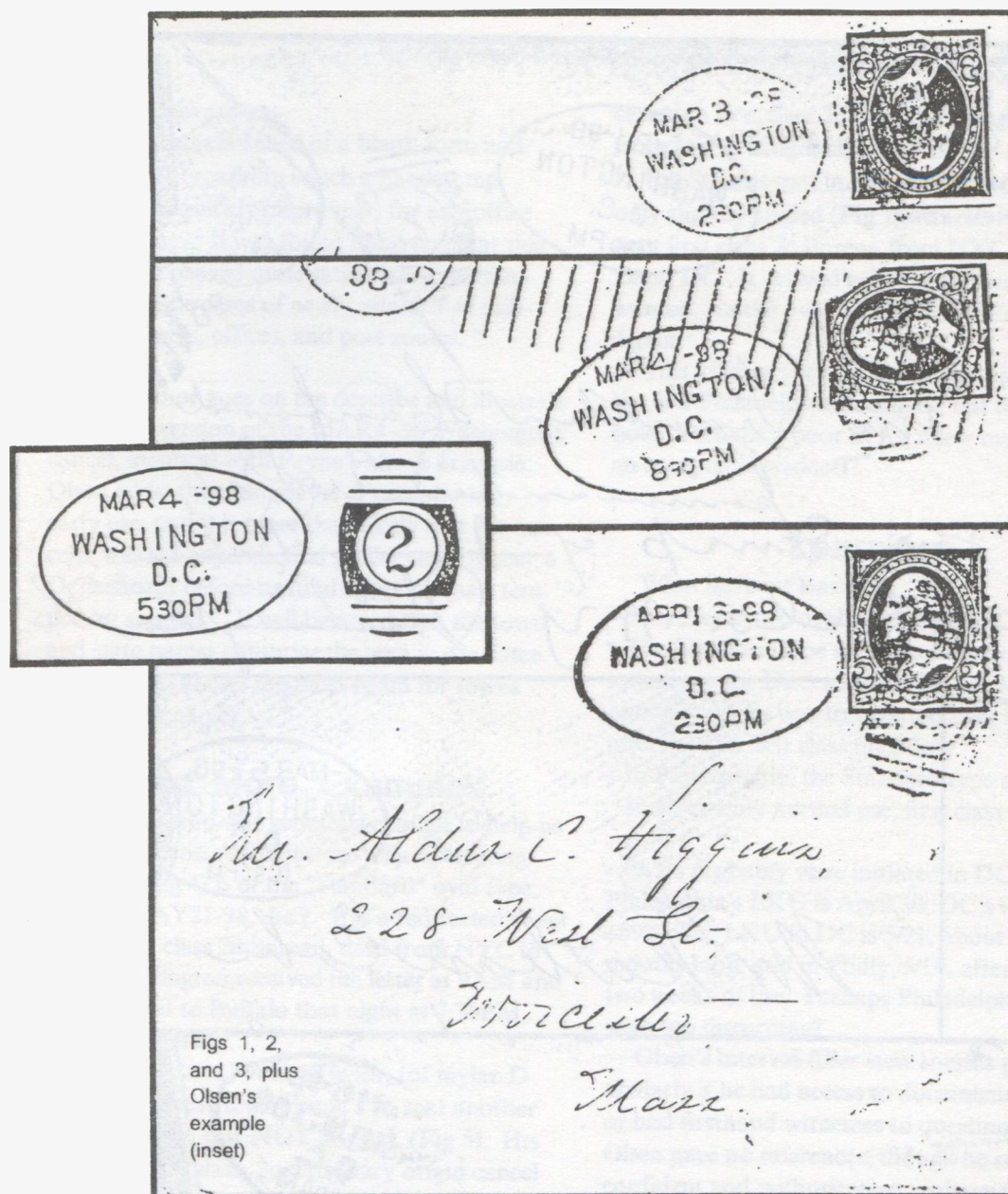
"I also have an article by Kenneth F Olsen... the last page of it was lost over these past 43 years. I have always felt these were a provisional type -- and later adopted for the military during the Spanish-American War."

More Examples

Bob provided Figures 1, 2, and 3:

1) a **SECOND type**, the original version?, MAR 3 -98; small long axis, tiny ellipse killer, but again with die 2 within;

2) Standard oval, SLIGHT ANGLE despite the earliest date known (note the next day's, Mar 5, example), MAR4 -98, die 2; a first class 2c



Figs 1, 2,
and 3, plus
Olsen's
example
(inset)

Kenneth Olsen's Views

Bureau originating from DC to Worcester Mass. It previously mis-canceled by a Barr-Fyke A2-102a cancel, same use and addressee as above.

(NOTE: refer to the Barr-Fyke 3-volume catalog by Reg Morris and Bob Payne, published by the Machine Cancel Society.)

3) Standard type, angled, APR16-98, die 2, origin cancel on 2c Bureau; again, the same addressee.

4) Not shown: another Standard type (2x4), MAR22-98. [presumably angled]

Bob kindly enclosed a copy of Kenneth F Olsen's article from *Stamps*, Feb 15, 1947, pages 300f). In it Olsen reminds the reader that the late 1890s was a period when post offices were increasing rapidly in number. The need of equipment outstripped the ability of the POD to provide it in time.

Olsen very confidently states that the oval(s), and another type (round dial with 9-bar, square-holed, ellipse), are identified [he doesn't say by whom, or how he knows] as temporary hand-stamps adopted by the POD. They represent interim use till the official device contractor

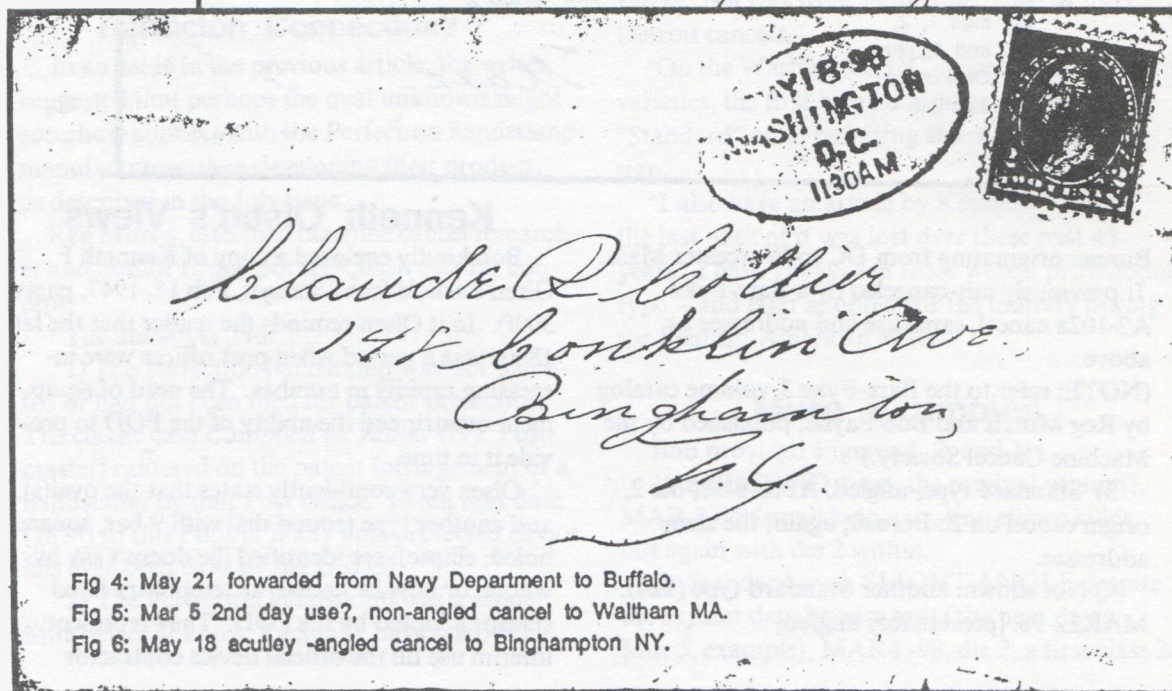
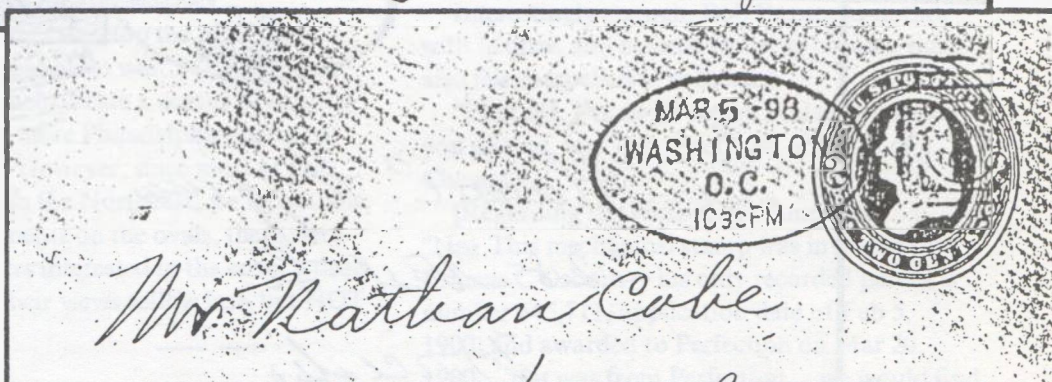
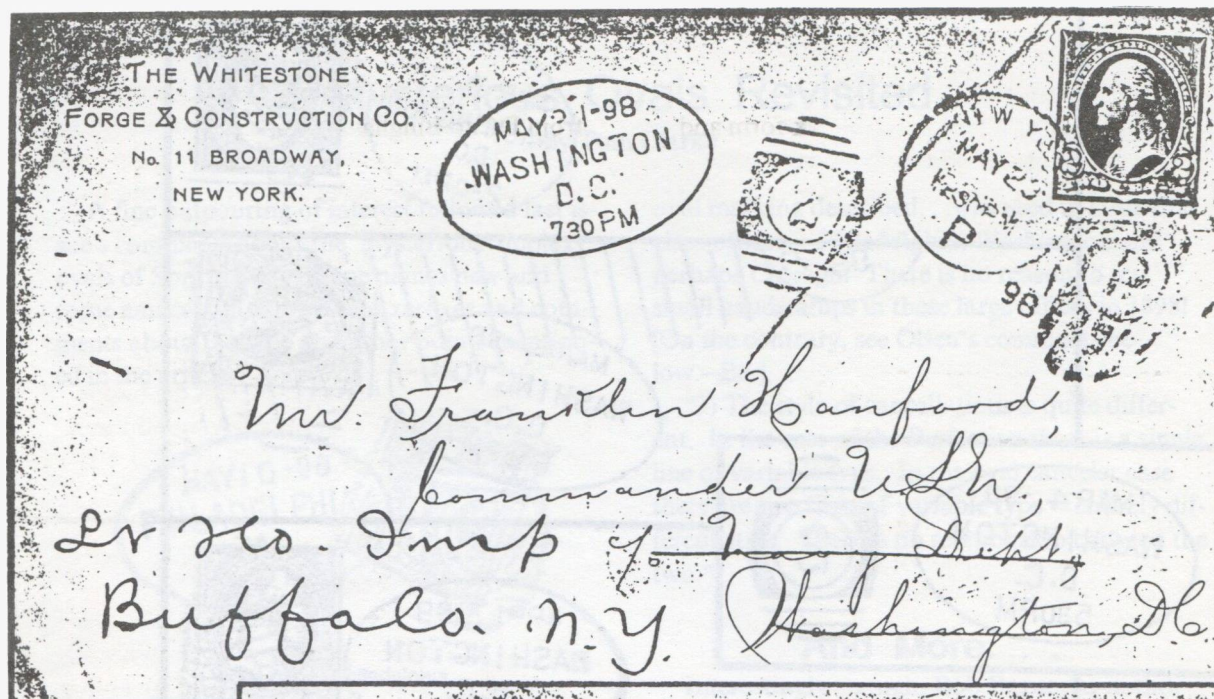


Fig 4: May 21 forwarded from Navy Department to Buffalo.

Fig 5: Mar 5 2nd day use?, non-angled cancel to Waltham MA.

Fig 6: May 18 acutley -angled cancel to Binghamton NY.

could fill backorders.

"These sets consisted of a blank form and a font of type from which a handstamp could be quickly improvised for any office in need. . . . It was found upon test that this method proved quite satisfactory, particularly in the cases of newly established military camps, offices, and post routes. "

The author goes on to describe and illustrate a 5:30PM version of the MAR4 -98 Washington cancel, identical with Payne's above example. Olsen adds: the example "is of exceptionally early use, and it is more than likely that the canceler was the experimental model used by the Department before its final adoption [as a temporary supply]. . . . It will be noted that the town and state names comprise the area in the date [oval] which allows the most room for towns with longer names. . . ."

And More Examples

Another who was generous enough to help us was John Grosse of Houston. His interesting example (Fig 4) is of the "Standard" oval type, angled, MAY21-98, die 2. It is a redirected cover with a first class 2c Bureau, used from NYC to DC. Washington received the letter at 9AM and forwarded it to Buffalo that night at 7:30PM, **using the oval.**

Next, Thomas "Tuck" Taylor, (of mylar-D protection sleeve fame) Lima PA, sent another Standard type, **but NOT angled**, (Fig 5). His cover is a first class, 2c stationary origin cancel from the Navy Dept, DC to Waltham Mass. Note the repetitive Navy Department connection as with following covers -- is this meaningful?

Although this cancel is a 'second day of use' as far as we now know, MAR5 -98, die 2, it shows **no** angle, though yesterday (FIG 2) it did.

Possibly a very temporary construction? Tuck claims his is "the sober variety," a cancel not given to high spirits or to tossing waves of philatelic confusion, we are sure. Tom, no, though yours looks like it might be a machine, despite its neatness, it is definitely not.

Col Carl Stieg, of San Rafael CA sent a Standard type, too, also angled (Fig 6), of May18-98, die (?). Again, showing its bona fide purpose, it

cancels a first class 2c Bureau as origin cancel from DC to Binghamton NY.

Bill Stearns sent in our final Standard type, only slightly angled (Fig 7), Mar10-98, die (?), on a first class 2c Bureau from NYC to Navy Dept, DC. It arrived at 9AM and was forwarded, via the oval, at 830PM to Yokohama, Japan.

This killer is very poorly struck up, as with the two Philadelphia examples, but the oval is bold. Perhaps a poor fit for a few months was an acceptable tradeoff?

Learnings

What have we learned?

- There were two oval types used in DC
- The Standard type seems to have been used initially in the Directory Section for forwarding and apparently was transferred over shortly afterward to first class mail duty.
- In Philadelphia, the Standard type apparently received only normal use, first class origin mail.
- Ovals probably were initiated in DC. So far, Philadelphia's EKV is April 30, DC's is March 4, 1898. The LKU in DC is 5/21, about 2-1/2 months long, and in Philly, 5/10, after about two weeks of use. Perhaps Philadelphia officials were too discerning?

Olsen's interval-filler view sounds good, particularly if he had access to documentary proof or had firsthand witnesses to question. Sadly Olsen gave no references, though he sounds confident and authoritative; perhaps they were on the missing final page. Can anyone supply page 301?

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More interesting views

The second topic that prompted spirited letters brought forth comments on the other 'angular' discussion in the same article, the "GPO" Dead Letter triangle.

Niles Schuh, of Panama City FL, comments that he "read all three corner decorations in [the September] marking (FIG 8) as merely arcs of circles. I cannot see "GPO" in one corner by any stretch of my imagination on my cover. Of

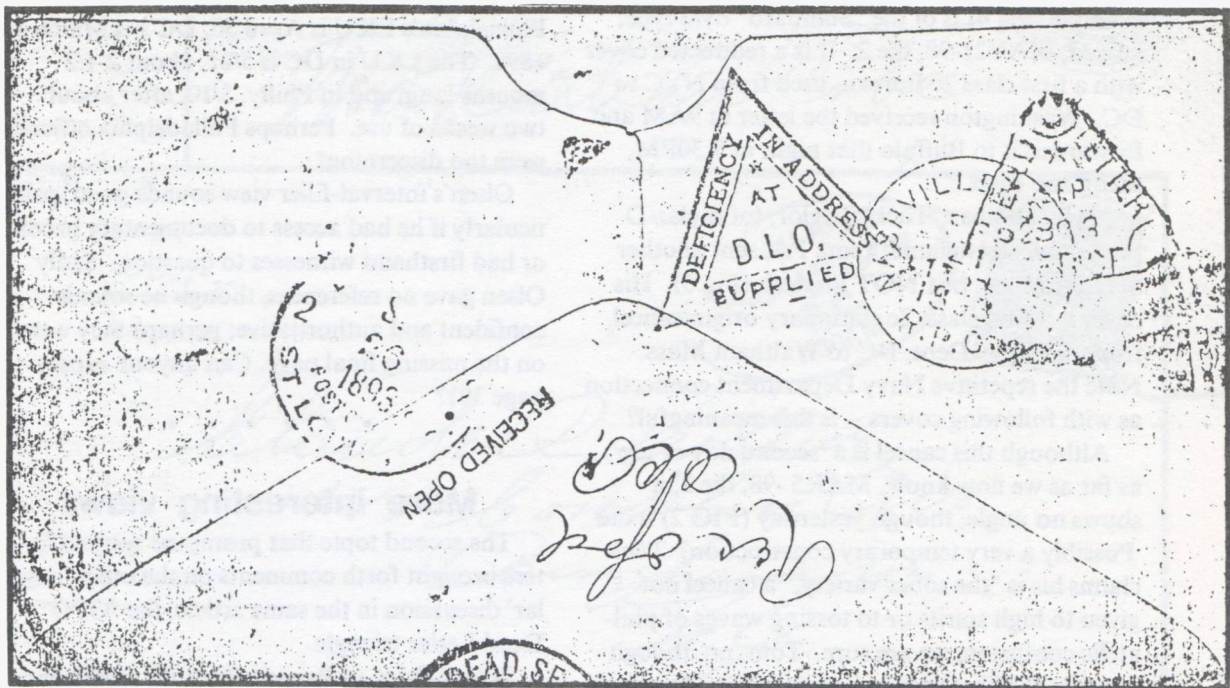
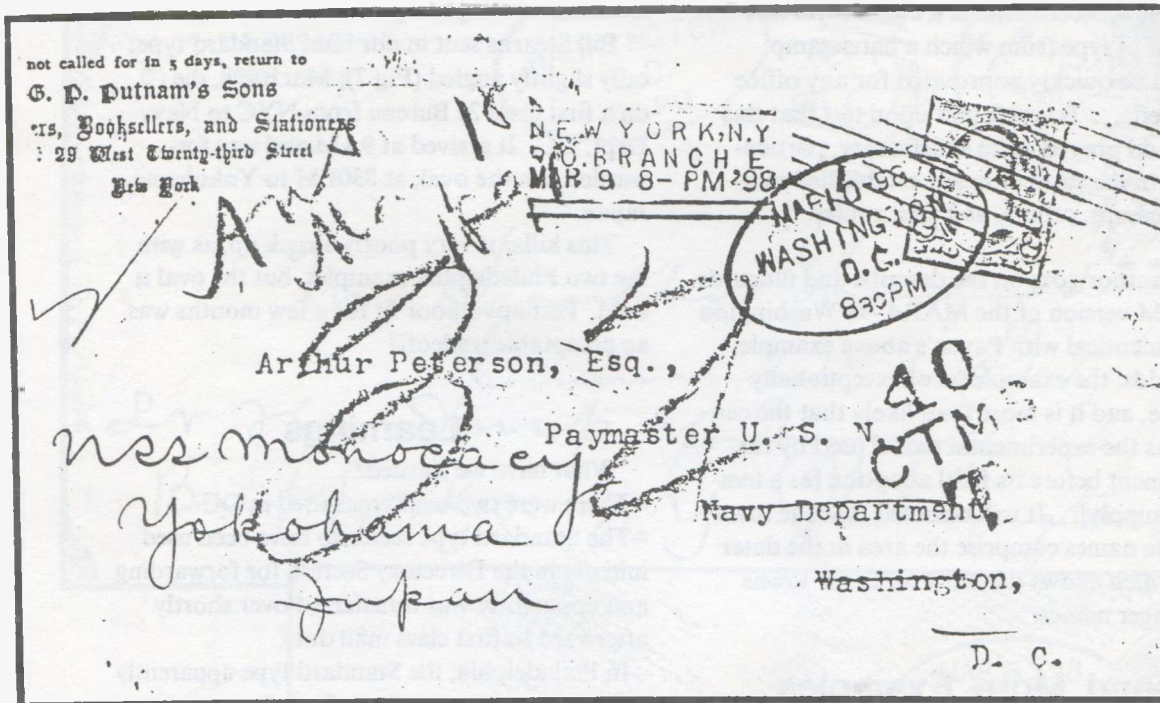


Fig 7: Mar 10 forwarded letter from Navy Department to Yokohama, slightly angled

Fig 8: Much-handled DLO cover showing 1893 triangle version, on the reverse, with crescents in angles.

course my cover is dated 1893 and [the illustration] is dated 1898, so there could very well be a difference in the top corner. The date slugs are arranged differently also. . ."

And then Warren Bower, of Clear Lake, Iowa, had a good deal to add, including an accompanying tear sheet. He cites a Henry Konwiser article on DLOs in the Dec 1944 *SPA Journal*, which gave information on dead letters between 1830 and 1942.

"The growth pattern was about the same slope as for postal receipts. . .for the same period. In 1898 there were 6.3 million [DLOs]. . .; 1890, 6.5 million; and 1880, 7.5 million, so business was always good.

"As that the daily average was in the 17,000 to 20,000 range, one can see that many duplicate DLO handstamps were in use on any given date

....

"My casual records indicate that the handstamp design you show started about mid-1879 and progressed through 1905-06, when I fail to keep records on it. It's primary characteristic is the 3 round circles at the corners of the overall triangle and the letters U - S - A inside the circles

....



"Prior to that the letters were either not within circles, or the circles were rather an arc (Fig 9). . .

"There are a few handstamps that one seems to see in the 1895-96 period in which the outside frame line is missing on all three sides. . .

"These handstamps are rather well known, but I know of none with your letters DLO. . .

"You mention a NYC GPO handstamp 'CD NEW YORK/MAY 5/98/I.D.' NYC did use such a receiving backstamp that most believe were used by the "Identification Dept," or some think "Inquiry Division. . ."

Caveat

A false reading?



It should be apparent that the process (saving the overstamp triangle) described at the conclusion of last issue's article, that of 'transparency scraping,' can work wonders, but also wonders of mischief. The handler of the tools can quickly parlay his/her well-intentioned assumptions into dramatic falsehoods resulting in an academic, Bermuda triangle!

Perhaps someone with a very extensive collection of DLOs through 1898 can still help determine the absolute degree of accuracy of the pictured presumption, or the magnitude of deception.

Help

The writer would very much like to hear from anyone who could suggest useful avenues for further research. The best sources now would be archival. Who has succeeded in breaching the walls (they seem that impenetrable wat to him) of the POD? He wants very badly to visit DC to use them but needs a push, and this topic might be a good place to start.

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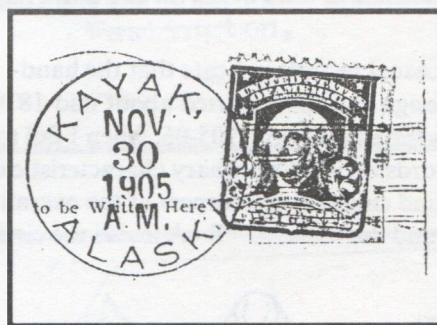
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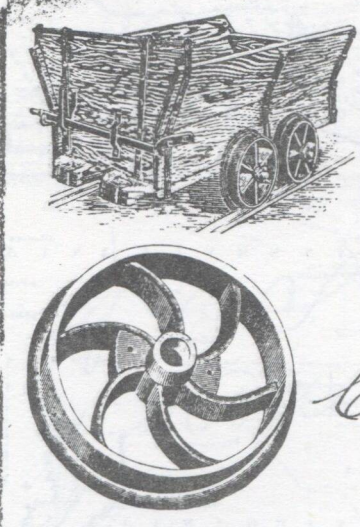
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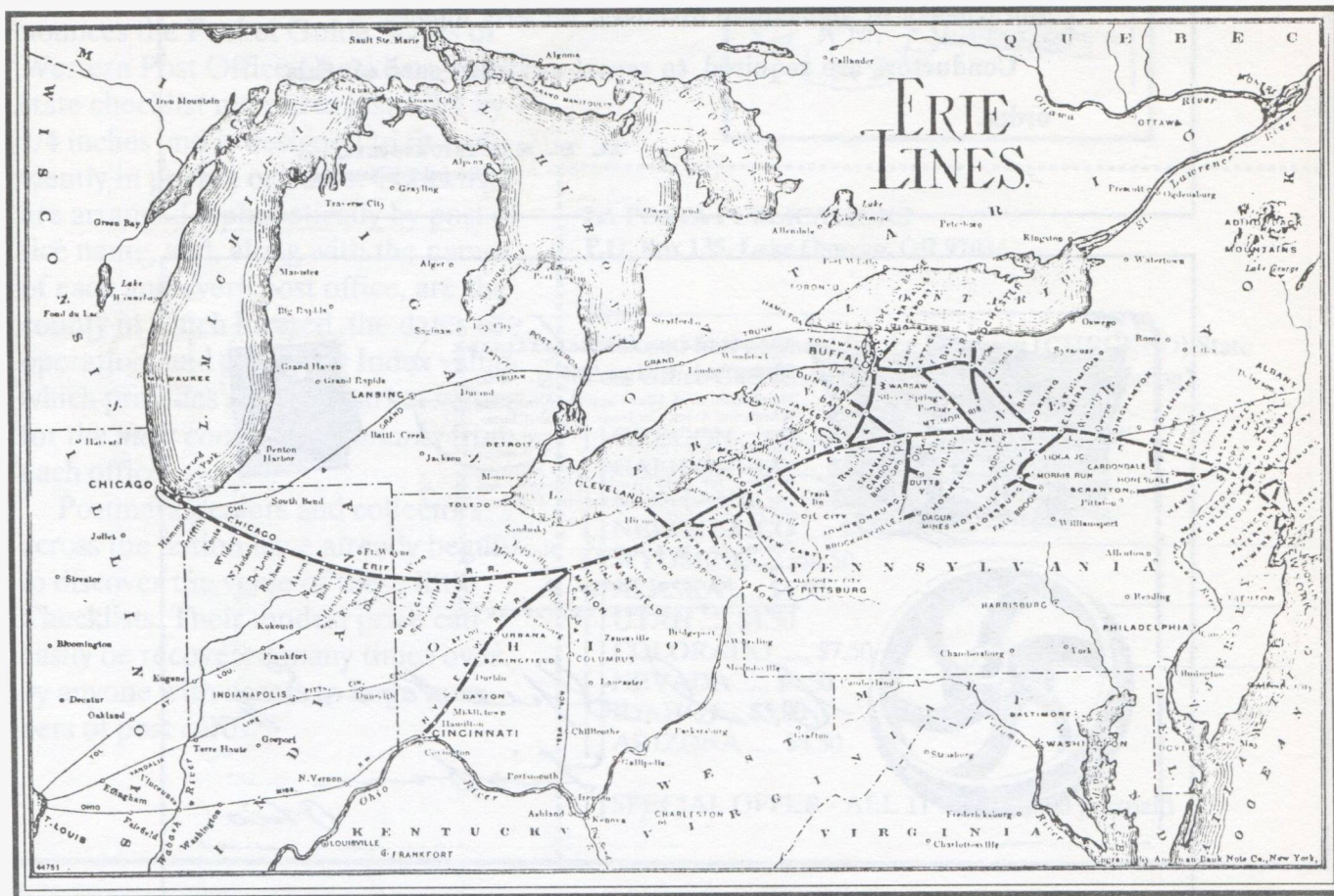
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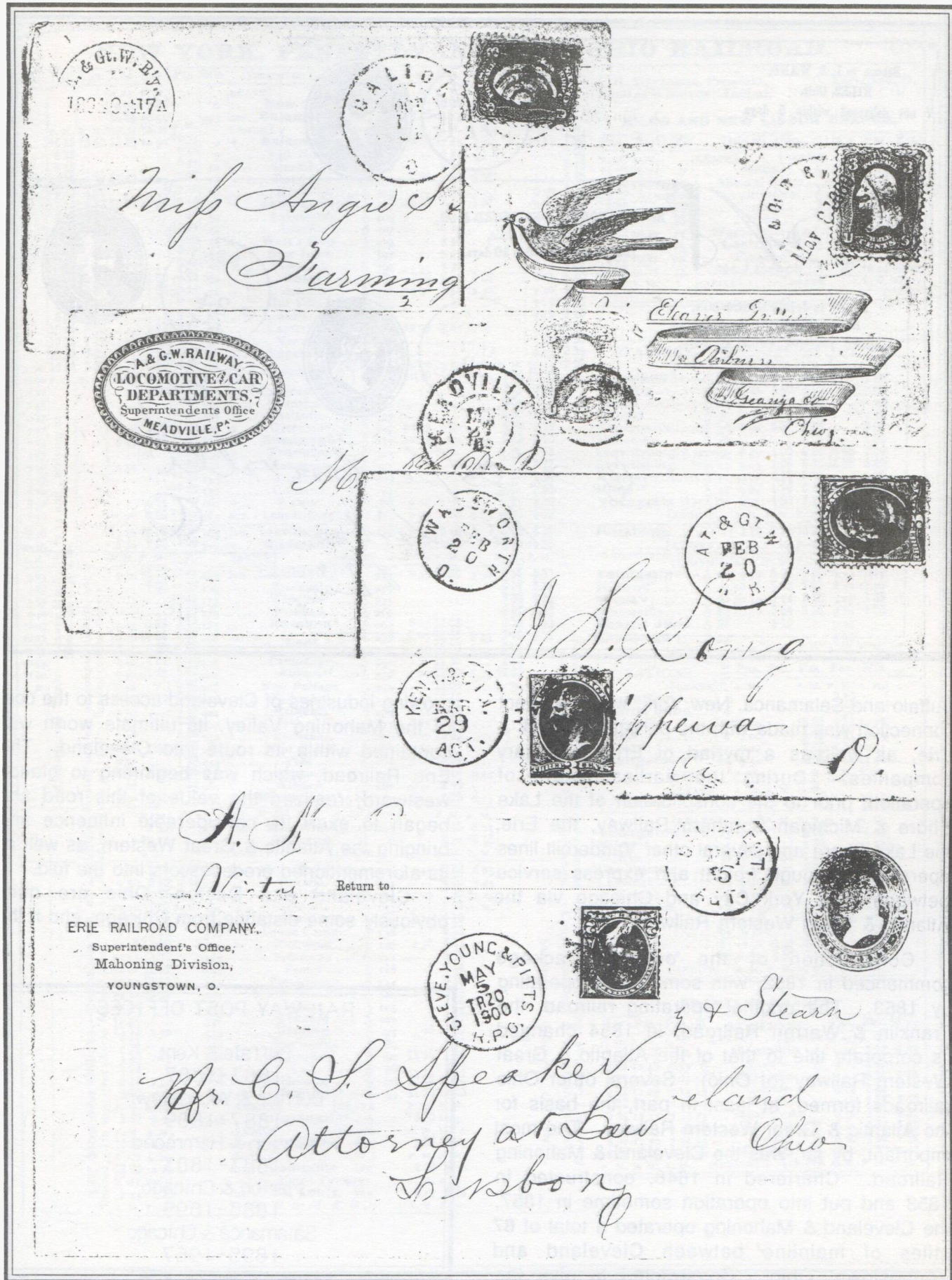
Chartered in January of 1855, the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, originally constructed as a six foot gauge carrier, would eventually form the basis for the western extension of the Erie Railroad into both Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. Although the Erie did reach Chicago in 1883 (via Hammond, Indiana), the road did fall short of St. Louis by several hundred miles. This goal, too, was eventually accomplished when in June of 1864, the tracks of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway reached Dayton, Ohio. Entry from that point into St. Louis was gained when an outside third (straddle) rail was laid alongside the standard gauge tracks of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad between Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio. At Cincinnati, a connection with the broad gauge Ohio & Mississippi Railroad (Baltimore & Ohio Railroad) assured the direct movement of Atlantic & Great Western cars into St. Louis.

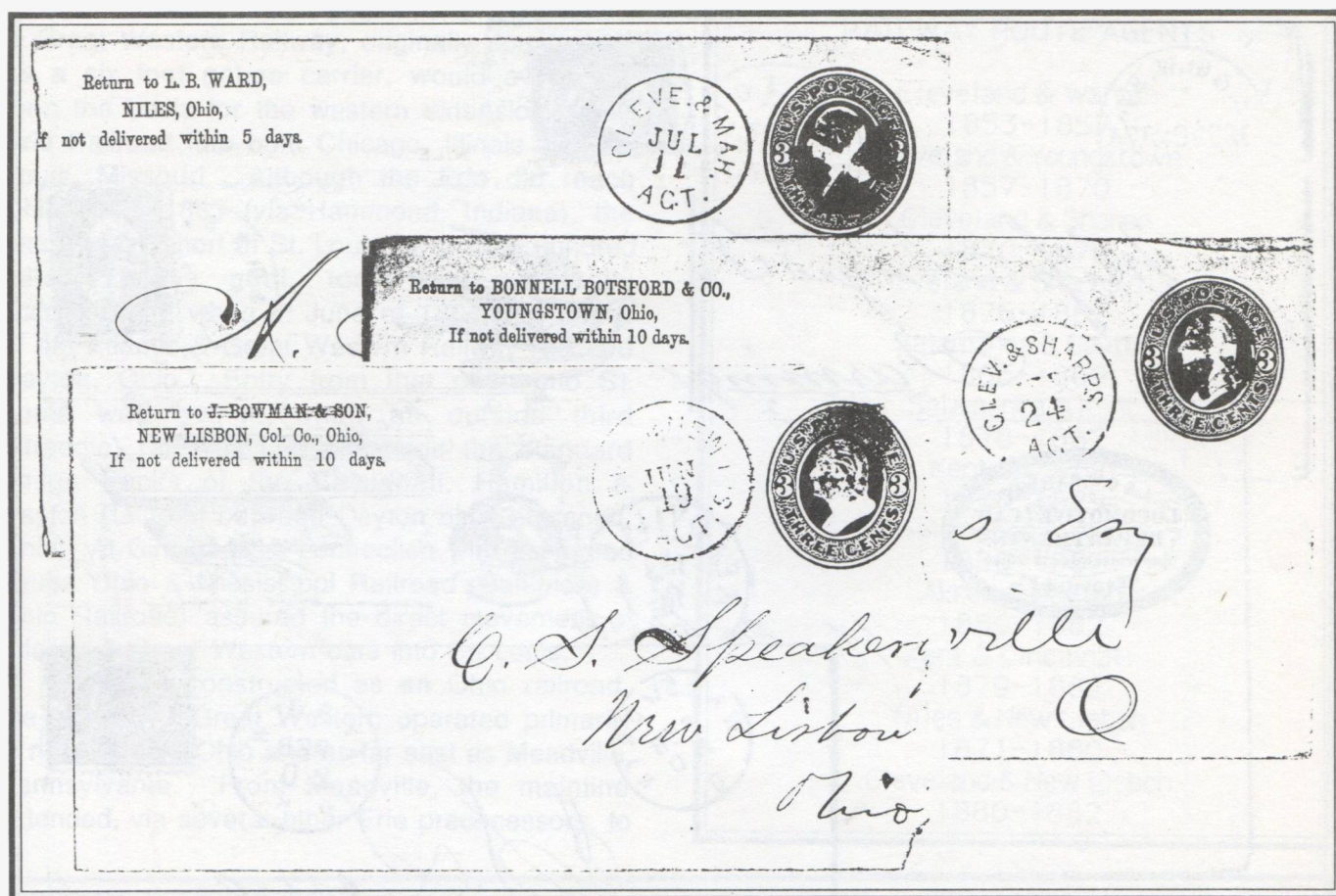
Originally constructed as an Ohio railroad, the Atlantic & Great Western operated primarily in northeastern Ohio and as far east as Meadville, Pennsylvania. From Meadville, the mainline extended, via several other Erie predecessors, to

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Buffalo and Salamanca, New York, where a direct connection was made with the parent New York & Erie, as well as a myriad of Erie subsidiary companies. During the earliest years of operation, prior to the consolidation of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, the Erie, the Lake Shore and several other Vanderbilt lines operated a through freight and express service between New York City and Chicago via the Atlantic & Great Western Railway.

Construction of the original trackage commenced in 1852, with some trains operating by 1853. The original operating railroad, the Franklin & Warren Railroad, in 1854 changed its corporate title to that of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway (of Ohio). Several other Ohio railroads formed, at least in part, the basis for the Atlantic & Great Western Railway. The most important, by far, was the Cleveland & Mahoning Railroad. Chartered in 1848, constructed in 1853 and put into operation sometime in 1857, the Cleveland & Mahoning operated a total of 67 miles of mainline between Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio. Constructed to give the

growing industries of Cleveland access to the coal of the Mahoning Valley, its ultimate worth was contained within its route into Cleveland. The Erie Railroad, which was beginning to glance westward, realized the value of this road and began to exert its considerable influence into bringing the Atlantic & Great Western, as well as its aforementioned predecessors into the fold.

Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio are quite obviously some distance from Chicago, and if the

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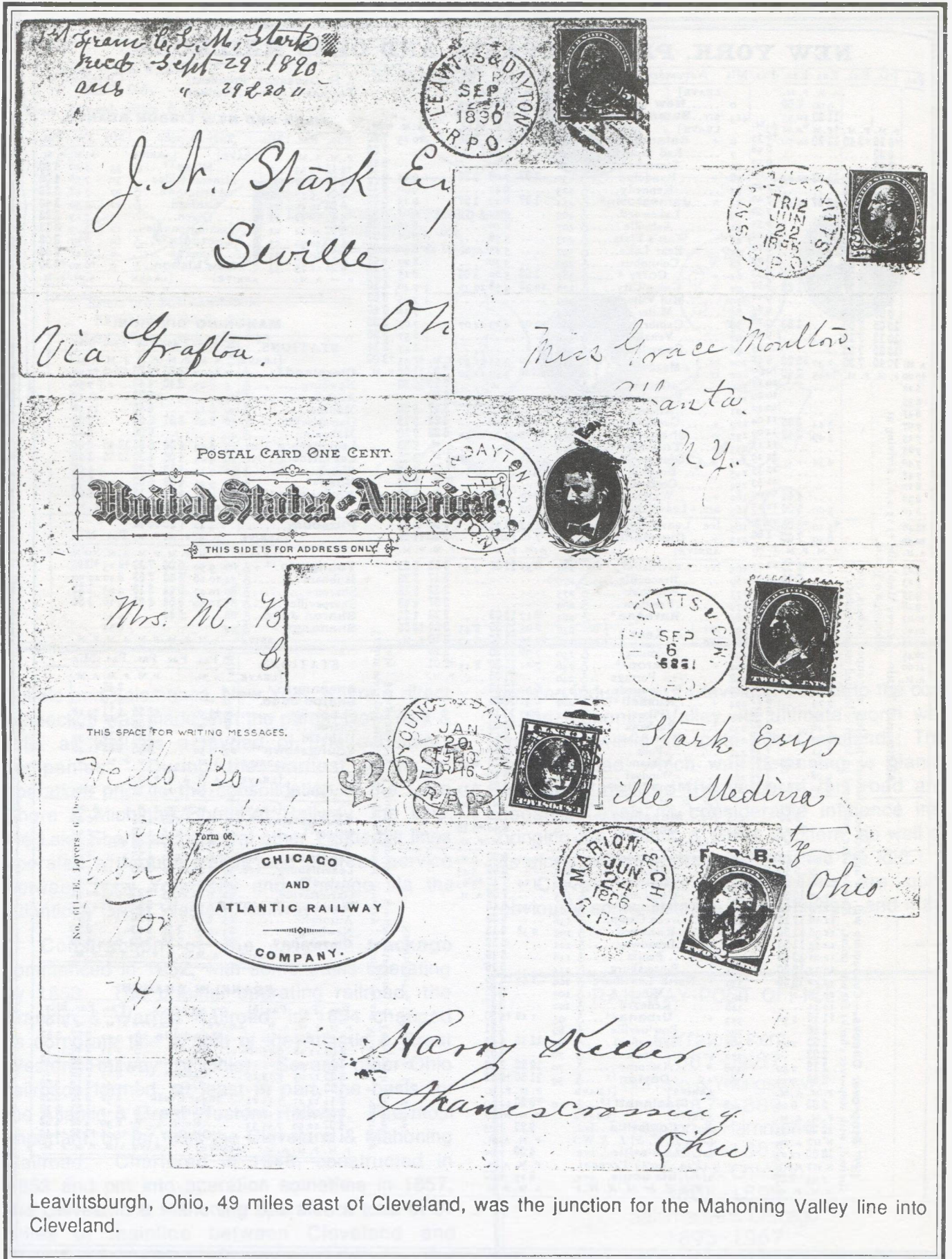
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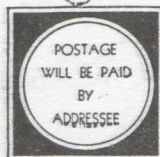


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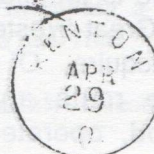


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These markings were applied on covers carried over the Erie's New York to Chicago mainline. The Baltimore, Pittsburgh & Continental Railroad was a predecessor of the Chicago & Atlantic Railroad.

Erie was ever to gain entrance to that city, it would have to construct an entire railroad to bridge the 269-mile gap between Marion, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. This requirement was met by chartering two subsidiary construction companies, the Chicago & Atlantic and the Chicago & Erie Railways. Neither of these roads had any corporate affiliation with the Atlantic & Great Western which, by this time, had passed out of corporate existence. Organized in 1873, the companies did not complete the construction of the Marion-Chicago line until 1883. Complicating the process was the conversion in 1880 of the entire Erie system, including most subsidiaries to standard gauge. The cost of conversion was enormous, the costs of which hurt the company for years.

Meanwhile, back in northeast Ohio, the Cleveland & Mahoning, the Liberty & Vienna and the Niles & New Lisbon Railways were consolidated as the Cleveland & Mahoning Valley Railroad which, in 1880, was leased to the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad for a term of 99 years.

The New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, itself, resulted in 1880, when the Atlantic and Great Western Railway had once again entered bankruptcy. This state of affairs lasted until 1883, when the Nypano, as it was known locally, was itself leased to the Erie parent, the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railway. By 1895, all of these predecessor and subsidiary companies were directly and firmly under both the operational and financial control of the Erie Railroad Company.

Most of the railway mail route markings known to have been applied to the mail carried in the cars of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway are somewhat difficult to acquire. Of course, the markings applied by the route agent which, during the 1851-57 period, operated between Cleveland and Youngstown, are, by far, the most elusive. Only two station markings have thus far been recorded, one of which is of Ohio origin. Railroad agent markings applied during the 1870's and 1880's are also rather uncommon, with copies of the Cleveland & Mahoning, Cleveland & Sharpsville and Niles & New Lisbon rarely appearing on the market. Of equal scarcity are the few known markings applied on the line west of Marion, Ohio.

It is not too difficult to understand just why the majority of these postmarks are so scarce.

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1882-1885

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1882-1895

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1895-1903

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1895-1967

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1903-1920

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1882-1887

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1882-1887

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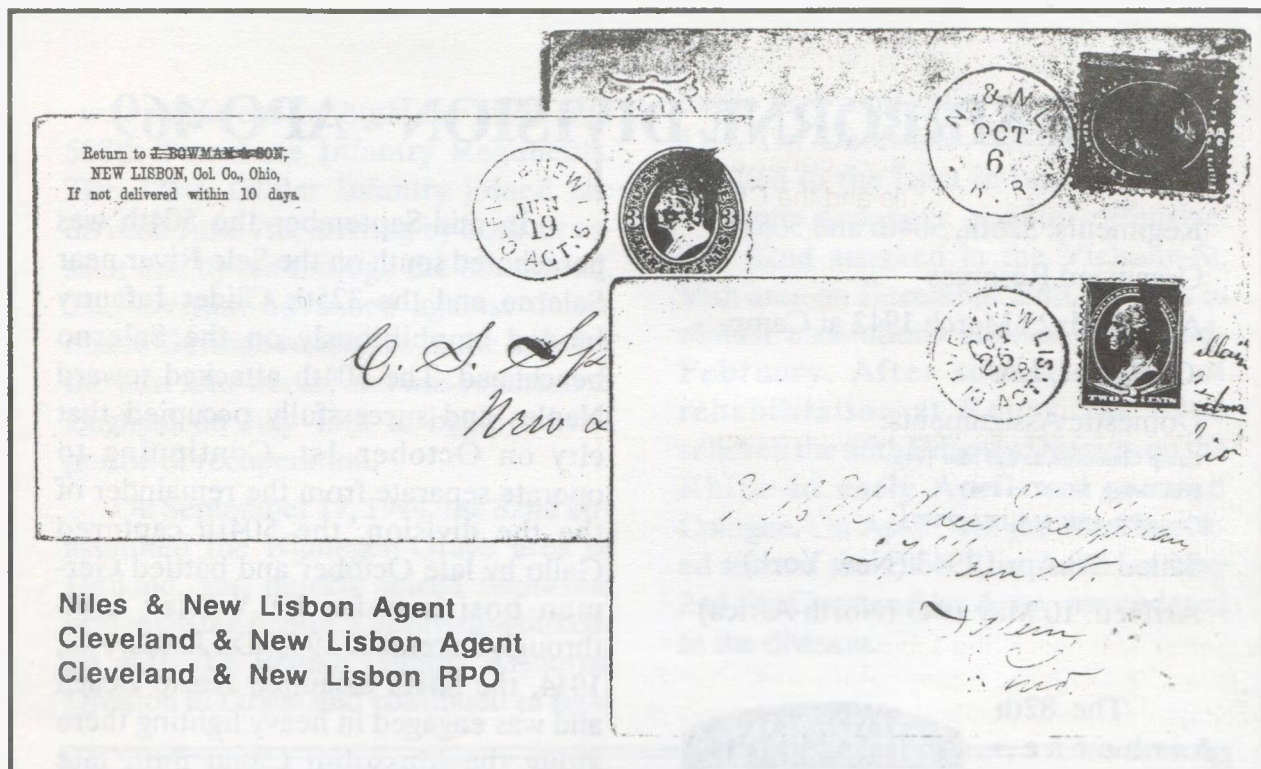
Marion & Cincinnati
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1898-1901

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1901-1909

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1909-1910

From the late 1860's onward, the majority of the mail, freight and passengers carried between New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago was the exclusive province of both the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads. The Erie and its predecessors were, at best, minor participants in the scheme of things. In addition, by its adherence until 1880 of its six-foot broad gauge track, the Erie created countless problems of interchange and compatibility with other roads. Another factor which operated to the detriment of the road was its late entry (1883) into Chicago, the last major eastern trunk to do so. Considering the checkered operating, corporate and political history of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, it is little wonder the railway mail route markings are not only scarce, but fascinating as well.



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Regiments: 325th, 504th and 505th

Organized Reserves

Activated: 25 March 1942 at Camp

Claiborne, LA

Domestic Assignments:

Camp Claiborne, LA 25 Mar 1942

Fort Bragg, NC 3 Oct 1942

Camp Edwards, MA 18 Apr 1943

Sailed: 28 April 1943 (New York)

Arrived: 10 May 1943 (North Africa)

The 82th Airborne, known as the "All American" Division saw considerable action in World War II. On May 10, 1943 the 82nd arrived at Casablanca for additional training in north Africa. The 505th Parachute Infantry, augmented by the 3rd Battalion of the 504th, parachuted into Sicily on July 9th to capture the high ground near Ponte Olivo airfield. The remainder of the 504th was less fortunate two days later when their drop into the Gela area was badly mauled by both German and allied antiaircraft artillery fire. During the remainder of July, the 82nd regrouped and moved along the coastal highway to seize the Marsala-Trapani area by July 23rd.



In mid-September the 504th was parachuted south on the Sele River near Salerno and the 325th Glider Infantry landed amphibiously on the Salerno beachhead. The 504th attacked toward Naples and successfully occupied that city on October 1st. Continuing to operate separate from the remainder of the the division, the 504th captured Gallo by late October and battled German positions in the Winter Line through December 1943. On January 22, 1944, the 504th assaulted Anzio Beach and was engaged in heavy fighting there along the Mussolini Canal until late March when it was withdrawn to rejoin the division which had been shipped to England by way of Northern Ireland on December 9, 1943.

The 82nd Division air-assaulted Normandy on D-Day, dropping into the French countryside between Ste. Mere-Eglise and Carentan. The 504th did not participate in this assault, but the division

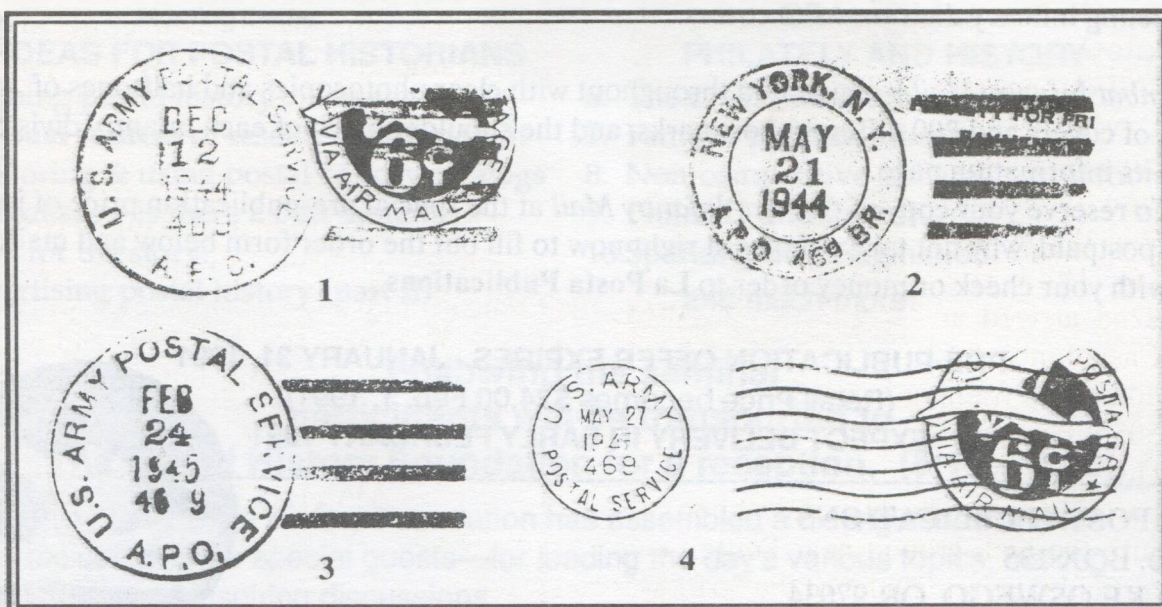
APO HISTORY

MOROCCO,	Oujda	14 May 1943
TUNISIA,	Kairouan	Jul 1943
	Sousse	Jul 1943
	Tunis	Aug 1943
ITALY,	Ponte Olivo, Sicily	10 Sep 1943
ITALY		Oct 1943
NORTH IRELAND,	Castle Dawson	12 Dec 1943
ENGLAND,	Leicester	13 Feb 1944
FRANCE,	Reims	Nov 1944
GERMANY,	Bleckede	3 May 1945
	Ludwigslust	10 May 1945
FRANCE,	Sissonne	29 May 1945
	Epinal	14 Jun 1945
GERMANY,	Berlin	2 Aug 1945
CEASED OPERATIONS 14 Dec 1945		

was reinforced by both the 507th and 508th Parachute Infantry Regiments. The 325th Glider Infantry joined the division June 7th, arriving by both air assault and by sea through the beachhead. The division advanced against determined German resistance in the area for the next four weeks, and was returned to England on July 13th to begin a brief period of recuperation.

On September 17, 1944, the 82nd air-assaulted the Nijmegen-Grave area of Holland, and quickly seized important bridges in the region. The division linked-up with the British Guards Armored Division at Grave and continued to fight

in the area until relieved on November 11th. On December 7th the 82nd was recalled to the front in response to the German Ardennes counter-offensive. The 82nd attacked in the Vielsalm-St. Vith area on December 20th, and was in almost continuous combat until mid-February. After several weeks of rehabilitation at Reims, the 82nd relieved the 86th Infantry Division on the Rhine in early April and secured Cologne. On April 30th the 82nd attacked toward the Elbe River, and on May 2nd the German 21st Army surrendered to the division.



A.P.O. 469 POSTMARKS

Type No.	Style	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Notes
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2	Composite	21 May 1944		1
3	4-bar	12 Jul 1944	26 Apr 1945	
4	Universal "K" machine	27 May 1945	29 Nov 1945	

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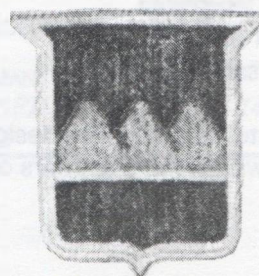
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ed Province of Saskatchewan. F split ring on P22(Webb). Card is in VF
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Winter, Alaska") w/ A-Y-P Expo. logo. Cancel is SON w/ letters "U" and
"K" of "YUKON" not printed. Stamp has pulled corner on lower left and
has some stains. Card is in VF condition. Rarity Factor D (Topping) NE.

ARIZONA

4. MARICOPA. Feb. 15/1911. G-G+ Ty. K-9 (Kriege) 4-bar(earliest reported
use) ties 1-cent green to VG PPC (Hollenbeck Hotel, Los Angeles). Town
name shows only "M___C(partial)OPA" o/w clear and F. The ms. r.a.
reads "Maricopa." Slight toning. E75.

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5. ALTURAS. 1906. F duplex w/ ovate grid on a 2-cent red pse w/ backstamps
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and minor aging. E60.
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on slightly aged 2-cent red pse w/ printed town/county r.a. E25.
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F 4-bar tying 1-cent green. E5.
9. LAGUNA BEACH. 1912. F Ty. A 4-bar ties 1-cent green to F local PPC
("Low Tide ...Laguna Beach). E8.
10. PRINCETON. 1906. F light purple Doane 1/4 (# on stamp not clear) ties
Sc. 300 to F PPC (Public Library, Oakland). E6.
11. SAN BERNARDINO. 1881. VF cds w/"waffle" killer on 1-cent blue pse.
No other markings & opened slightly rough at R. E10.
12. SAN LUIS OBISPO. 1884. F cds w/partial shield killer on 2-cent red pse.
No other markings. E15.
13. SANTA CRUZ. 1885(?). F cds w/bold "doughnut" killer on 2-cent brown
pse w/San Francisco transit and an octagonal Newark O(hio) backstamps.
Slight trim R unaffacting stamp or cancel. Attractive. E15.
14. SANTA CRUZ. 1895. VG Duplex w/partial ellipse ties 2-cent red to
slightly stained and unevenly trimmed corner cover w/Stockton rec.
mk. E5.
15. TEHAMA & DAVIS (VILLE) R.P.O. 1883 (?). G-G+ cancel on 1-cent blue pse
w/added 1-cent adhesive. Cover has "STERRA LUMBER COMPANY RED BLUFF"
corner and is opened unevenly at R partially through embossed stamp.
E30.
16. NEW OWENYO & MOJAVE R.P.O. 1917. G cancel ("NEW OWENYO" is not well
struck; "MOJAVE" is light, but completely readable) ties 2-cent red on
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17. RP (slight toning in corner) showing "Our Machine guns at barracks/
Uladiwostok." Two gunners w/ammo feeders w/about 8 soldiers encircled
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18. Unused PPC of SAMOA/U.S. Naval Station Tutuila/Pago Pago showing view
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ITHACA, N.Y. postal history items wanted. All periods 1817 - 1978, esp. post 1900. Send photocopy and price, or write for my want list to Stefan Jaronski, P.O. Box 808, North Chicago, IL 60064 [22-5]

KENTUCKY POSTAL HISTORY wanted, stampless, RFD, Doanes, fancy cancels, machines. What have you? Louis Cohen, 200 S. 7th Street, #155, Louisville, KY 40202. [22-5]

KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON & FAYETTE County: Stampless to US #1; Also Maps, Always looking. Mike Strain, 111 St. Mark, Sugar Land, TX 77478 [22-4]

LOUISIANA POSTAL history material (1790-1917). All responses seriously considered. Ron Trosclair (APS), 1713 Live Oak St., Metairie, LA 70005 PH: (504) 835-9611 [22-3]

LOUISIANA - WANTED Territorials, Stampless, Stamped to 1920's. Send photo and price. Erin R. Gunter, 8865 Syble Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70814 [22-2]

MINNESOTA POSTAL History: Territory, pre-1900 envelopes, Patriotics, Ad covers and cards. Send photo and price to W. Kvale, 3801 Wooddale, Minneapolis, MN 55416 [22-1]

MONTANA -- WANTED: postcards and postmarks - D.P.O.s, Doanes, R.P.O.s, territorials. Postage paid on approvals. Tom Mulvaney, 704 E. King, Box 814, East Helena, MT 59635 [21-6]

NEW YORK STATE Wanted - Monroe County, 1821 to 1903: Arnold, Bealsburgh, Beckwith, Bidwell, Brookmere, Bushnell Basin, Clarkson Centre, East Clarkson, East Hamlin, East Penfield, East Riga, Egypt, Forest Lawn, Hanford's Landing, Harport, Irondequoit, Mendon Corner, Mount Read, Nine Mile Point, North Clarkson, North Hamlin, North Mendon, North Penfield, North Rochester, North Rush, Ogden, Otis, Penfield Centre, Redman's Corners, Ridgeland, Roseland, Salmon Creek, South Gates, South Greece, Sweden, West Chili, West Penfield, West Webster, woodlawn. Doug Penwell, Box 3525, Glendale, AZ 85311 [22-2]

NORTH DAKOTA: All cancels wanted for my collection including: Doanes, DPO's, RPO's, RFD's, manuscript cancels, waving flag cancels, territorials, fancy cancels and unusual cancels. Send photocopies or on approval. Gary Anderson, 698 E. Hoyt Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106 [22-3]

OHIO STAMPLESS - Oberlin & Elyria with Oberlin College connections. Needed for college history. Fred Dickson, 640 Woodview Dr., Hockessin, DE 19707 [22-1]

TOWNS: WANTED

OKLAHOMA and INDIAN TERRITORY material wanted. Covers, letters, checks, pre-1920 picture postcards. Send photocopy and price. Lavoy Hatchett, Box 700334, Tulsa, OK 74170 [22-3]

OREGON - EASTERN Oregon wanted: pre-1915; Malheur, Harney, Grant, Baker, Wal-lowa, Union Counties. Send photocopy and price. Randy McEwen, 1439 24th Ave., Longview, WA 98632-2730. [22-4]

PENNSYLVANIA - BLAIRSVILLE. All types of covers, postcards, memorabilia. Bob Hoover, RD 4, Box 94, Blairsville, PA 15717 [22-2]

SOUTH DALOTA: All Territorial and statehood cancels wanted for personal postal history collection. Dennis Goreham, 1539 East 4070 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84124. PH. (801) 277-5119. [22-2]

SOUTHERN TEXAS prior to 1900: Ban-quete, Collins, Corpus Christi, Galvez, Nueces or Nuecestown, Penitas, San Diego, Santa Gertrudes and the following forts: Brown, Ewell, Marcy, McIntosh, Merrill and Ringgold. Will consider other South Texas. Send photocopies/approvals. Jim Stever, First City Bank Tower, FCB 167, Corpus Christi, TX 78477 [22-4]

TEXAS-ESPECIALLY before 1900. Early barbed wire and windmill advertising covers also needed - any state. Send picture/ap-provals. Jim Alexander (APS), 5825 Caldwell, Waco, TX 76710. [22-2]

TEXAS - PRE-1900 SAN ANTONIO covers. Also folded letters sent to Mrs. Sidney Davison, Lima, Ohio by G.H. Nelson in 1840's - 1850's from Texas and from Mexican War. Karl Gebert, 1201 Louisiana, Suite 2900, Houston, TX 77002 [22-5]

UTAH WANTED: Pre-1930 postcards, real photos, Ogden, Ogden Canyon, Hermitage, Lagoon, Brigham City, Saltair. Your postage reimbursed. P. Muller, 478 Ogden Canyon, Ogden, Utah 84401 [22-5]

WEST VIRGINIA postal history wanted, all periods, from stampless Virginia to modern. Send photocopies/approvals. Wayne Far-ley, 2633 S.E. 20th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904 [22-3]

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R.P.O.: WANTED

WANTED COVERS and cards posted with the Cumberland & Elkins RPO. Send copy and price. Glen Gerner, 77 Eleanor Street, La Vale, MD 21502 [21-6]

LITERATURE: FOR SALE

NORTH CAROLINA Post Office Catalog - Alphabetical listing of over 7600 post offices with county, date established, date discontinued, mail to, first postmaster, remarks. 229 pages, prong bound. Sample page on request. \$31.50 postpaid from: Phil Perkinson, Box 550, Norlina, NC 27563. [22-4]

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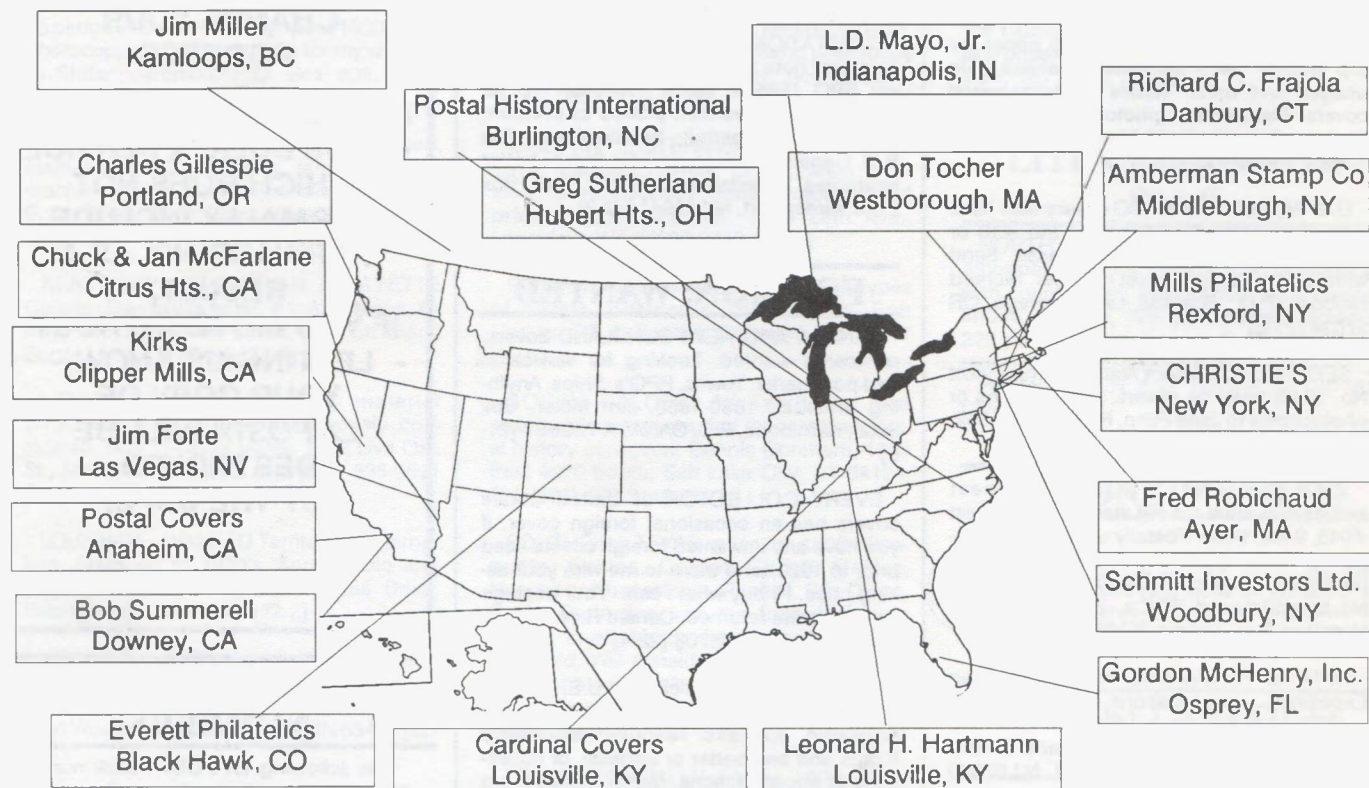
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