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## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### Summer Tidings

To those of you dear readers who expressed concern at the absence of the "Publisher's Page" in our May issue, my apologies. The omission was brought about by a number of factors, not the least of which was the considerable pit I found myself in with regard to backlogged work upon returning from three weeks in Thailand. It was an interesting time to be overseas, what with the Persian Gulf War and the coup d'etat by the Thai military, but, I can assure you, we were in no danger and we had a delightful tropical experience.



This being our summer issue, we have ignored the traditional regional organization and offer you instead a tasty selection of articles arranged on a somewhat haphazard basis. **Henry Berthelot** starts us off with a compilation of responses he received from his interesting piece dealing with the railway mail service and its practice of exchanging mail "on the fly." Next, **Randy Stehle** and **Doug DeRoest** treat us to the first catalog installment of their 20th Century Non-standard Postmark study, an effort which is bound to stand as one of the salient works on 20th century postmarks.

**Bob Stets**, our Eastern Editor emeritus, is back with a timely piece of postal history research into those unusual looking straight-line postmarks which have begun appearing on mail from Cincinnati, Columbus, Charleston, and certain other cities around the country. Bob's article is a red flag. We are apparently in a major transition period of postmarking. To those with a taste for modern postal history, the time is right to begin forming a collection. To those who disdain the modern, hold on to your daily mail anyway. It may be important to a fellow collector in the not too distant future.

**Robert Rennick** traces the historic outline of places with post offices in Edmonson County, Kentucky, and, with the help of photos by **Alan Patera**, we can begin to learn a bit more about this region of caves, sink holes and limestone outcroppings. **Richard Frajola** and **Dick Long** present us with important installments of their pioneer postmark cataloging efforts for 19th Century Colorado and Territorial Washington respectively, and **Jack Smith** presents a listing of Doane cancellations used in the State of Texas.

**Bob Munshower** devotes his Second Section to a discussion of Station & Ticket dater markings after 1890 and an article by **Edward T. Harvey** on the Fast Train to Buffalo. Add to all this a couple of notes, a few book reviews, some auctions, a net price cover sale by first-time advertiser **John**

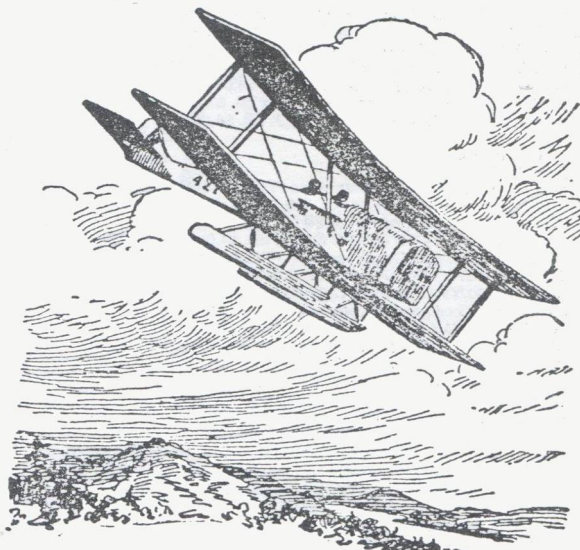
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Good news for anyone who has tried to call La Posta during our posted 9-5 business hours and found no one to answer. For this summer at least we will have some office help, and it should (emphasis on should) be easier to make contact with a human being when you call (503) 657-5685 between 9 and 5 Pacific time Monday through Friday. I am truly very sorry that it became necessary to limit calls to those hours, but, once we passed a thousand subscribers a few years ago, the number of telephone calls arriving on a daily (and nightly) basis just went bananas. Sanity demanded a radical solution, and the solution was to limit calls to business hours. Unfortunately, since there is only one person available to answer the phone on a daily basis -- me -- the phone does not get answered when I am out collecting the mail or otherwise unavailable. As I said, however, the situation should improve this summer, so, if you've tried to call and been discouraged by a non-answer, give us another try this summer. My new helper's name is **Deborah Hagel**, and she should be able to answer questions about the Subscribers' Auction, subscription status, literature availability, advertising, and so forth.

Here's hoping that you have a wonderful summer, and, if you find yourself in the Pacific Northwest with time on your hands, give us a call. Perhaps we can get together.

Richard W. Helbock





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2. BURROUGH, 1905, G cds on PPC w/tear (89-17) Est. \$4.00
3. CAMP BALDY, 1925, F 4-bar on PPC (13-51) E\$3
4. CORRALITOS, 1907, F duplex on PPC (61-23) Est. \$5.00
5. ETNA MILLS, 1908, VG Doane on PPC (61-24) Est. \$4.00
6. GIANT FOREST, 1923, F 4-bar on PPC (15-27) Est. \$5.00
7. GILROY HOT SPRINGS, 1908, VG cds on PPC (73-34) Est. \$4.00
8. GRABNERS, 1931, F 1930-type 4-bar on cvr (14-34 per.) Est. \$4.00
9. HOBART MILLS, 1910, F 4-bar on PPC (00-38) E\$4
10. LAUREL DELL, 1905, VG cds on PPC (00-26) Est. \$5.00
11. OCKENDEN, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC (93-18) Est. \$5.00
12. ORLOFF, 1909, F cds on PPC (stamp gone) (05-11) Est. \$4.00
13. OZENA, 1920, VG 4-bar on PPC (90-21) Est. \$8.00
14. POZO, 1938, F 4-bar on GPC (78-42) Est. \$4.00
15. SALMON FALLS, 1905, VG cds on Reg. Pck. Rct. (51-12) Est. \$6.00
16. SUGAR PINE/REC'D., 1911, F cds on PPC (07-34) Est. \$4.00
17. TARPEY, 1908, F Type I Doane on PPC (92-14) Est. \$12.00
18. VINELAND, 1907, VG cds rec'd. on PPC (87-07) Est. \$8.00
19. WAKEFIELD, 1909, VG Doane on PPC (05-18) Est. \$12.00
20. WITTER, ca. 1908, VG Doane on PPC (01-13) Est. \$8.00

#### COLORADO

21. CAPITOL CITY, 1907, F duplex on PPC (77-20) Est. \$10.00
22. EMMA, 1909, F 4-bar on PPC (83-20 per.) Est. \$5.00
23. GRAYCREEK, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC (95-21) Est. \$10.00
24. MIRAGE, 1911, VF 4-bar on PPC (95-27) Est. \$10.00
25. PINON, 1915, F 4-bar on PPC (07-21) Est. \$20.00
26. SMUGGLER, 1914, VG 4-bar on PPC (95-28) Est. \$10.00
27. THOMASVILLE, 1907, VG cds rec'd. on PPC (90-18) Est. \$10.00
28. WEST LAS ANIMAS, 1882, VG cds as back stamp on cvr.; flap torn affecting state name & "AS" of city name. Other back tears (73-86) E\$5

#### GEORGIA

29. ALLATOONA, 1915, VG 4-bar on cvr. DPO. Est. \$7.00
30. FIFE, 1915, VG 4-bar on PPC. DPO. Est. \$5.00
31. HATCHER STATION, 1909, G spotty Doane on toned PPC (92-29) E\$4
32. NOTE, 1915, F 4-bar on PPC. Est. \$6.00

#### IDAHO

33. CRICHTON, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC (84-13) Est. \$10.00
34. LOWELL, 1913, VG 4-bar on PPC (off @ top) (08-43) Est. \$3.00
35. ROCKVILLE, 1910, G cds on PPC (85-09) Est. \$12.00
36. SOLDIER, 1906, F cds on PPC (82-22) Est. \$5.00
37. TWIN LAKES, 1911, F 4-bar rec'd. on PPC (11-17) Est. \$15.00
38. VOLLMER, 1911, F 4-bar on PPC (07-19) Est. \$6.00

#### MONTANA

39. AMAZON, 1910, F 4-bar on PPC (slightly doubled) (08/31) E\$6
40. BRISTON, 1905, F cds rec'd. on PPC (99-19) Est. \$7.00
41. CANTON, 1909, VG cds on PPC (72-35) Est. \$5.00
42. CASADY, 1917, VG 4-bar on PPC (stamp gone, corners clipped) (14-29) E\$4
43. CHANCE, 1916, F 4-bar on PPC (98-21) Est. \$8.00
44. CHICO, 1915, F 4-bar overstruck on PPC (74-19) Est. \$6.00
45. DEAN, 1908, F 4-bar on PPC (02-14 per.) Est. \$8.00
46. FORT LOGAN, 1907, G Doane rec'd. on PPC (stamp gone) (79-29) E\$4
47. HOFFMAN, 1918, F 4-bar on PPC (04-18 per.) Est. \$15.00
48. LOVEJOY, 1917, F 4-bar on PPC (stamp torn before mailing) (10-33) E\$6
49. MONTFORD, 1908, VG cds on PPC (00-10) Est. \$12.00
50. PINECREEK, 1909, G Doane on PPC ("P" not struck) (04-14) E\$5
51. PROSPECT, 1912, F 4-bar on PPC (11-38) Est. \$6.00
52. SOLLID, 1910, F 4-bar on PPC w/tear @ bottom (09-17) E\$15
53. UNION, 1920, F 4-bar on PPC (09-44) Est. \$4.00
54. WARLAND, 1919, G 4-bar on PPC (07-57) Est. \$3.00
55. WILLIS, 1913, VG Doane on PPC (80-13) Est. \$8.00

#### NEBRASKA

56. ADELIA, 1910, VG 4-bar overstruck on PPC (91-10) Est. \$8.00
57. ALBANY, 1909, VG Doane on PPC (86-38) Est. \$5.00
58. BERLIN, 1912, F 4-bar on PPC (82-18) Est. \$8.00
59. CADAMS, 1911, F 4-bar on PPC (92/40) Est. \$4.00
60. CELIA, 1910, VG light Doane rec'd. on PPC (82-14) Est. \$6.00
61. COLLEGE VIEW, 1895, G cds as backstamp on cvr (91-95) E\$10
62. DAKOTA, 1907, F 4-bar on PPC (56-16) Est. \$8.00
63. DARR, 1909, G cds on PPC (stamp gone) (02-23) Est. \$4.00
64. DOME, 1915, VG 4-bar (doubled) on PPC (11-15) Est. \$12.00
65. GRAYSON, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC (89-28) Est. \$6.00
66. HORACE, 1913, VG 4-bar on PPC (90-42) Est. \$4.00
67. HOUGH, 1908, F Doane on PPC (92-34) Est. \$6.00
68. MIDVALE, 1912, G Doane on PPC (85-22) Est. \$4.00
69. MYRTLE, 1911, G spotty Doane on PPC (86-14) Est. \$4.00
70. ORELLA, 1911, F 4-bar on PPC (10-57) Est. \$3.00
71. FINE CAMP, 1908, VG 4-bar on PPC w/tear & tape (85-34) Est. \$3.00
72. ROLLWITZ, 1912, VG 4-bar on PPC (stamp gone) (02-18) Est. \$5.00
73. ROSEVALE, 1908, F 4-bar rec'd. on creased PPC (07-17) E\$4
74. UNIT, 1914, VG 4-bar on PPC (04-21) Est. \$10.00

#### NORTH DAKOTA

75. CLEMENT, 1910, F 4-bar on PPC (88-44) Est. \$4.00
76. DRADY, ca. 1909, F 4-bar on PPC (06-34) Est. \$6.00
77. LYNCH, 1908, VG cds on PPC (02-09) Est. \$15.00

#### NORTH KAKOTA (Cont.)

78. MARSTONMOOR, ca. 1912, G cds on PPC (04-21) Est. \$5.00
79. MEDBERRY, 1914, VG 4-bar on PPC (06-51) Est. \$3.00
80. RAINY BUTTE, 1909, VF 4-bar on PPC (07/32) Est. \$6.00
81. SWARTWOOD, 1910, G light 4-bar on PPC (08-21) Est. \$4.00
82. TASKER, 1911, F Doane (doubled) on PPC (04-17) Est. \$4.00
83. YUCCA, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC (01-45) Est. \$4.00

#### OREGON

84. BULLRUN, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC (95-39) Est. \$5.00
85. CLIFF, 1909, VG Doane overstruck on PPC (06-20) Est. \$5.00
86. CROW, 1909, G light cds on PPC (74-38) Est. \$4.00
87. LONDON, 1912, VG light 4-bar overstruck on PPC (02-19) Est. \$4.00
88. MELVILLE, 1910, VG cds overstruck on PPC (91-22) Est. \$4.00
89. PALMER, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC ("OREGON" light) (98-19) Est. \$8.00

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

90. BIG BEND, 1912, F 4-bar on PPC (09-13) Est. \$15.00
91. COAL SPRINGS, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC (08-19) Est. \$10.00
92. FAIRBANKS, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC (83-24) Est. \$5.00
93. KOLLS, 1906, F Doane as backstamp on cvr (06-29) Est. \$5.00
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## THE STRANGE CASE OF THE HIJACKED LA POSTAS

A funny thing happened to the copies of our March issue which were mailed to subscribers in the vicinity of Redding, California. The whole story is not yet, and may never be, known, but here is what has happened so far.

About the middle of May La Postas began coming back to our Lake Oswego post office which had been addressed to subscribers in and around Redding, California. For each magazine cover returned we were billed the customary 35 cents, but unlike the normal returns the journals were still inside these covers and the cover bore no address corrections. Instead, each was marked with the mysterious marking shown below. What did it mean? All the local window clerks could tell me was that something was improper or wrong. What it was they could not say.



Fortunately, we do not have an overwhelming number of subscribers in and around Redding, and fortunately the mysterious problem seems -- so far -- to have been confined to just that one area. Over the next few days, a few additional copies were returned with the same marking, and then on May 23rd an empty cover enclosed in a plastic bag arrived. Inside the bag was a form letter headed "UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE/POSTAL INSPECTOR".

In that impersonal fashion of memos I grew to dislike so in the military, this form letter had neat little printed lines arranged along the left edge of the paper. The first said DATE: May 3, 1991. The next said CASE NO: G.H (in script). Then, SUBJECT: Recovered Mail Matter. And, finally: TO: Resident. Following this stirring preamble there appeared this brief letter.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The enclosed letter from you was recovered incident to an official investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The investigation resulted in the prosecution of an individual for theft of U.S. Mail. This mail is being returned to you as all court proceedings have been completed.

On behalf of the U.S. Postal Service, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience incurred.

Sincerely,

/s/

L.S. Maxwell

Postal Inspector

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So that's the way it stands right now, and, if you did not receive your May issue of La Posta, this may explain why, for I haven't the foggiest idea as to how many copies were stolen by the dastardly bulk mail thief.

If I had more time I would love to pursue this because there are a lot of really fascinating questions here. For example, all the issues which I received back marked "NIXIE" were tucked in one of the three mail sacks we dispatched to the Los Angeles Sectional Center for distribution back to our California subscribers. Yes, all California subscribers receive La Posta by way of the Portland - Los Angeles connection, even if they live just over the state line in Crescent City. Why were these Redding area subscribers ripped off, and not other California subscribers. Why are we being told of this case by a postal inspector in North Suburban, Illinois? Who in their right mind would want to steal bulk mail? And, why did the USPS return the pilfered magazines to me (and charge me for the service) instead of sending them on to the addressees?

I'm sorry, folks, but I've been mailing this journal to people all over the country for over 20 years now, and this is the strangest thing I've ever encountered. I certainly want to apologize to anyone who has been inconvenienced by these bizarre events, and, if anyone can explain this to me, please drop me a line.

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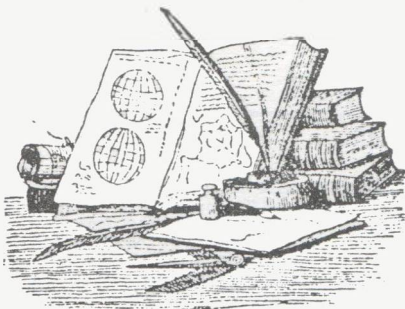
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## BOOKS IN REVIEW

Meier, Gary and Gloria. *Whitewater Mailmen: The Story of the Rogue River Mail Boats*. Published by Maverick Publications, Bend, OR., 1991. Softcover, 192 pp. Price \$12.95 postpaid from Rogue River Mail Boat Trips, P.O. Box 1165, Gold Beach, OR 97444, phone (503) 247-7033.

One of Oregon's best kept secrets is her southwest corner, including the beautiful Rogue River. Although long known and enjoyed by West Coast travelers, -- including some of the famous -- the Rogue lies far from major population centers and well off the main tourist tracks. In fact, much of the country traversed by the Rogue is roadless, and therein lies the reason for the story presented in this dandy little book.

Whitewater Mailmen is a local history of the lower Rogue River, with an emphasis on the lifeline of mail boats which connected it's settlers to the outside world. The Meiers tell the story of the Rogue River mail boats from their earliest days in the mid-1890's until today, when high-powered jet boats transport thousands of tourists on the exhilarating upriver run each summer. Illustrated with dozens of historic photographs and detailed maps of the river, this book is a must for those who enjoy a well-written local history.

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Stets, Robert J. *Postal Operations in the United States, 1794*. Published by the author, 1991. Plastic spiral bound, 43 pages. Price \$7.90 postpaid from Robert J. Stets, P.O. Box 142, Waltherboro, SC 29488.

Bob Stets, our Eastern editor emeritus, has, once again, been gleaning old Federal records to salvage scraps of postal history and give us a better picture of the early days. In this, his latest effort, Bob draws from several obscure records hidden away in the National Archives and the Library of Congress to present a complete picture of the state of the U. S. mails in 1794.

Included is the 1794 "Post Office Law", a listing of the 444 post offices, the names of their postmasters, and the amount of business transacted at those offices for the fourth quarter of 1794. There is also a chapter on government-authorized private posts, and a map showing where such posts were authorized to operate in 1794.

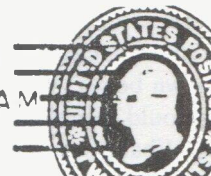
Fortunately for all of us, Bob continues his high level of producing postal history publications -- this is his fifth since "retirement". He is a tireless researcher, a stickler for detail, and a real credit to our hobby. We are pleased to recommend his latest effort.

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Morris, Reg & Robert J. Payne. *American Postal Machines Company: Trials in Chicago in 1892*, looseleaf, 22 pages (\$5.00 postpaid) and "PERFECTION" *Mechanical Handstamp Machine*, looseleaf, 63 pages (\$8.00 postpaid). Both available from Art Hadley, Secretary, Machine Cancel Society, 3407 N. 925 E., Hope, IN 47246.

That dynamic duo of Morris & Payne have been at it again! In these, their two latest efforts in the realm of machine cancels, the authors consider the Chicago trials of the American Postal Machines Company and the "Perfection" machines and mechanical handstamp markings of the United States and Canada.

The former is a well-illustrated little report which presents the facts concerning the American trials in Chicago in 1892. Although quite narrow in scope, this study should also be of interest to those who collect Columbian issues, for many of the examples appeared with 2-cent Columbians.

The Perfection study is a bit more in the mold of Morris & Payne's Barry trilogy. Although obviously a much more limited topic, the Perfection study provides a history of the company and it's machines, the postmarks produced by the company's equipment, a checklist of post offices using Perfection equipment, and a Value Rating of Perfection markings for today's collectors.

Reg Morris and Bob Payne continue to amaze with the intensity of their output, and the Machine Cancel Society serves as a worthy model of what can be done by a national specialist society with dedicated leadership and a commitment to publishing research in their specialty. La Posta is delighted to recommend both of these publications, although the Perfection study qualifies as a "must have" for the postal history library.

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# INHERENT POSTAL PROBLEMS EXCHANGING MAIL "ON THE FLY": THE ADDENDUM

By Henry J. Berthelot

Reference is made to the Volume 20, No. 6 edition of *La Posta* and the article which appeared at page 13 concerning exchanging mail "on the fly". In that article, it was stated that any new information derived from reader responses would be shared via an addendum. Many thanks to those of you who responded!

The referenced article illustrated a railway postal clerk (circa 1889) standing in the doorway of the mail car and facing in the direction of the intended catch. While that illustration portrayed the position the clerk took during the nascent years of the Railway Mail Service (RMS), safety dictated that the clerk assume a totally different position to make the catch and dispatch. The reason was stated in the *Postal Manual*, under the section headed "Nonstop Station Exchanges". Those instruction warned the railway "substitute":

"After you have sighted the crane, get yourself in position to make the catch and dispatch. There is a possibility of your being injured when making catches due to the pouch flying into the car off the catcher arm, the lock being thrown off the pouch, or the catcher arm making contact with some obstruction on the right-of-way. The safest method is to stand with your back toward the front of the train at the moment of impact of the pouch against the catcher arm." [(Ch VIII-A, Pt. 14-6k(3)).

The substitute further was advised that if the catcher arm were equipped

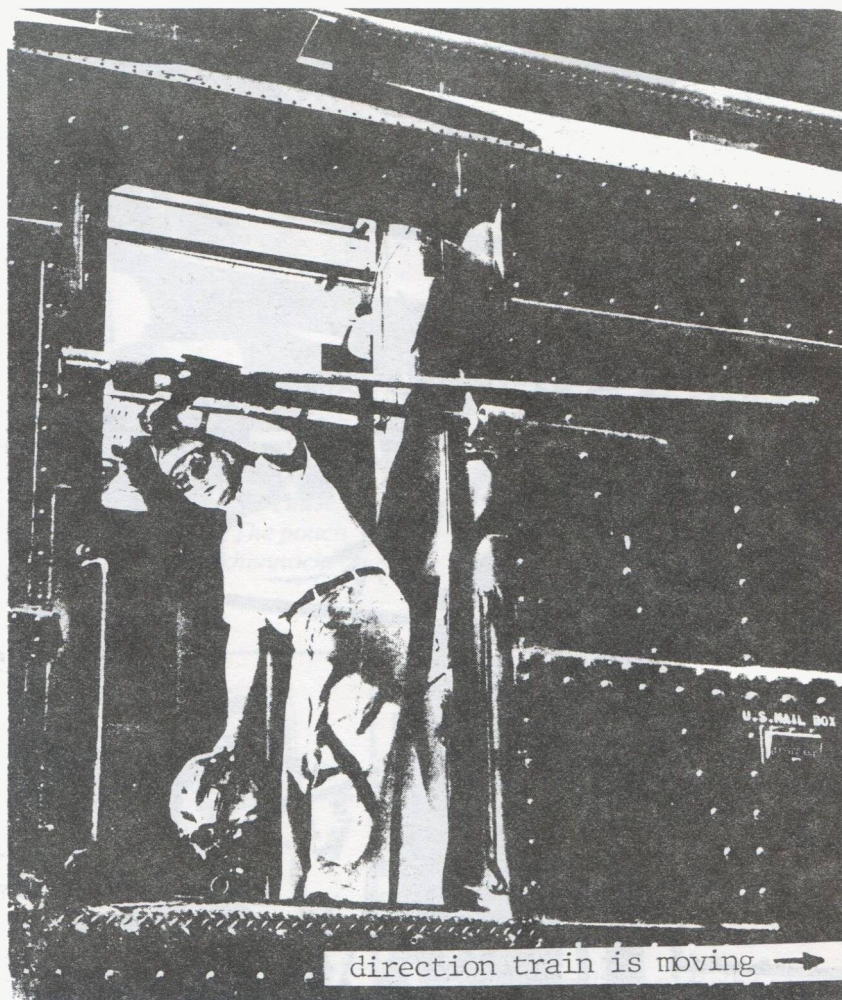


Figure 1. Postal transportation clerk shown in the proper position to make a catch and to dispatch the pouch. *Postal Service News*, Vol. 5, No. 8 (August 1959).

with a counterbalanced key, then he must insure that the key was in good condition so that the catcher arm would not recoil out of its socket when the catch was made. The proper position for a clerk during an exchange of mail on the fly was that shown in Figure 1.

Among the innovations developed to facilitate mail catches was the cinder guard. Attached on hangers outside the mail car, adjacent to the door, this glass lookout not only allowed the clerk to sight the mail crane and check for any obstruction along the right-of-way, but also protected his face and eyes from foreign bodies (see Figure 2). Clerks also were told to wear safety goggles for additional eye protection.

The referenced article used the term "railway postal clerk" to designate employees of the RMS. As was pointed out, the use of the term dated from late 1882; on 1 August of that year, then Postmaster General Timothy Howe officially designated all mail carrying railroad lines as railway post offices. However, it should have been noted that when the RMS became the Postal Transportation Service (PTS) on 1 October 1949, the clerks were retitled "postal transportation clerks". And, during the 1960's, when the PTS was included under the Bureau of Transportation, the clerks then became known as "mobile unit Clerks". Those reorganizations had no effect on the manner in which mail damaged in exchanges or unduly delayed by clerk's errors was handled.



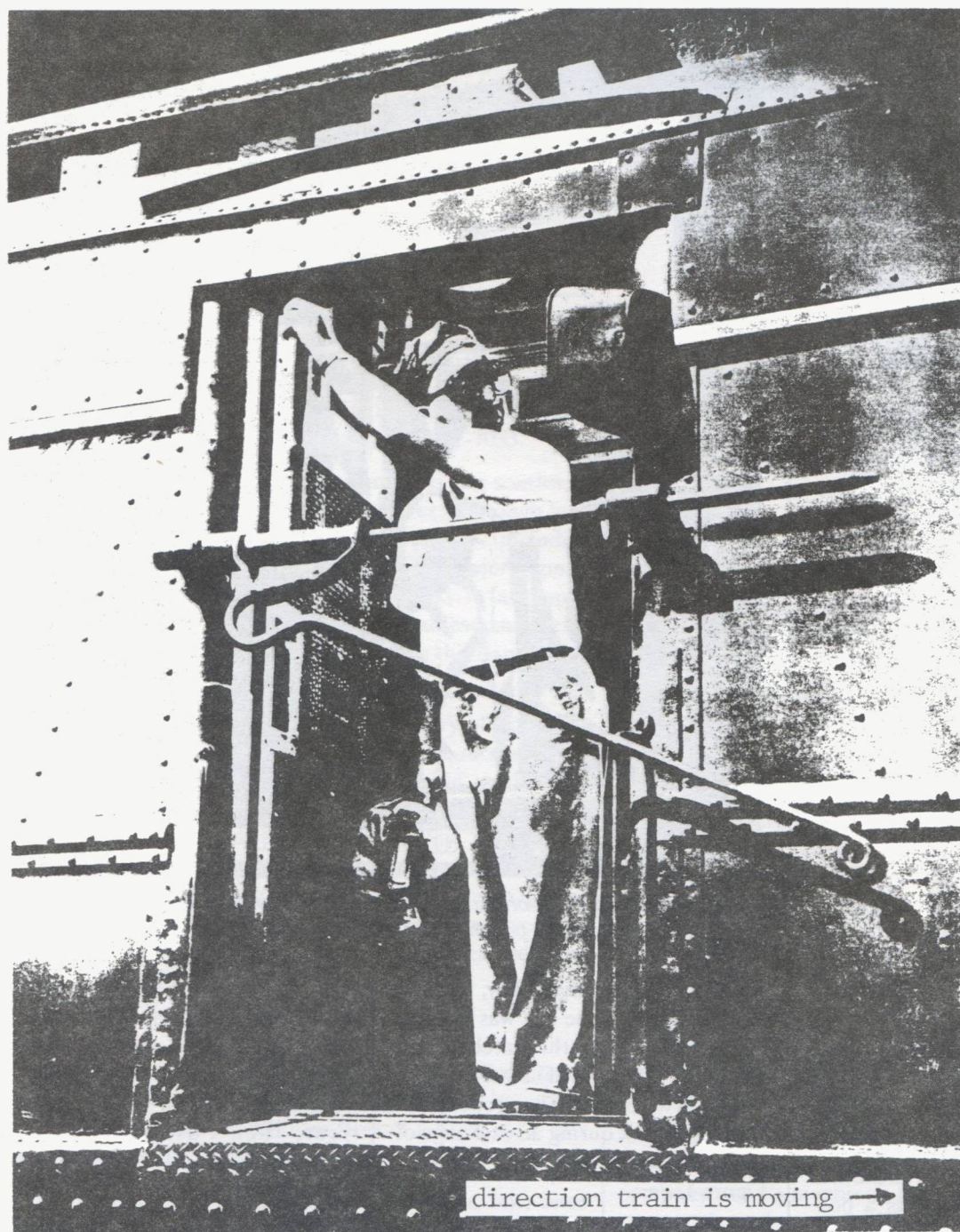


Figure 2. Wearing safety goggles for eye protection, a clerk uses the cinder guard to sight the mail crane and check for obstructions along the right-of-way. *Postal Service News*, Vol. 5, No. 8 (August 1959).

Readers' responses evince that there were a variety of auxiliary markings used over the years by United States postal officials to identify items damaged during an exchange or unduly delayed by a clerk incorrectly performing his duties. All mail items illustrated herein have been reduced in size.

Figures 3 through 10 show items which bear various auxiliary markings that identify the items as having been damaged during an exchange of mail on the fly.

The items seen in Figure 5 show that sometimes between October 1939 and March 1944, officials at Sidney, Ohio stopped using the three-line,

non-dated handstamp "DAMAGED BY/TRAIN AT/SIDNEY, OHIO" and began using the double-line, dated handstamp

"DAMAGED BY TRAIN AT/SIDNEY, OHIO. MONTH-DAY-YEAR" to identify mail damaged during an exchange. Does anyone have specific information in regard to this change?

Auxiliary markings that denote mail unduly delayed owing to a clerk incorrectly performing his duties are shown affixed to the items in Figures 11 and 12. From the wording of the marking pictured in Figure 12, the item appears to have been handled rather harshly. Seemingly, the better treatment would have been to forward the item to the addressee rather than to return it to the writer. Any comments on why the item was handled in that manner?

Owing to a mistake made by a railway mail clerk during the mail exchange at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio on the night of 21 December 1933, the

item pictured in Figure 13 was both damaged and unduly delayed. From the notice printed on the bright yellow label attached to the item, the addressee was advised that the railway mail clerk prematurely had thrown out an "emergency pouch", which landed thirty feet from the track, behind a snow bank, and was "buried" in the



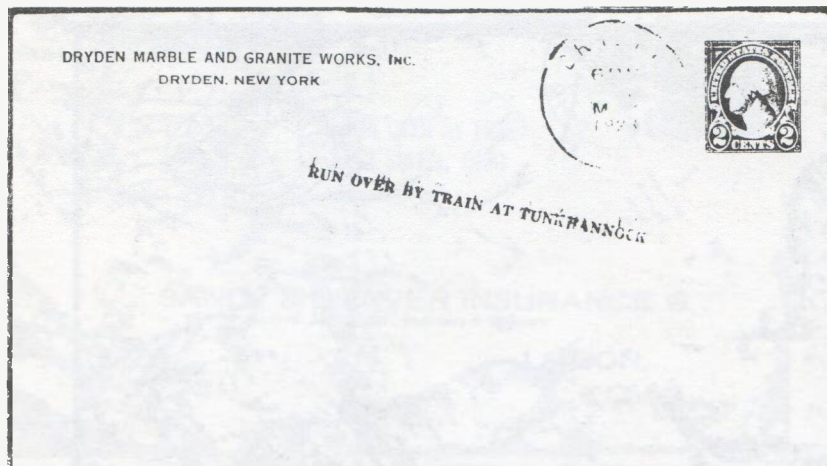


Figure 3. A single-line handstamp, affixed in black ink, denoted the cause of the damage to this item sent from Dryden, New York on 23 May 1928. The pouch which contained the item was run over during the dispatch at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

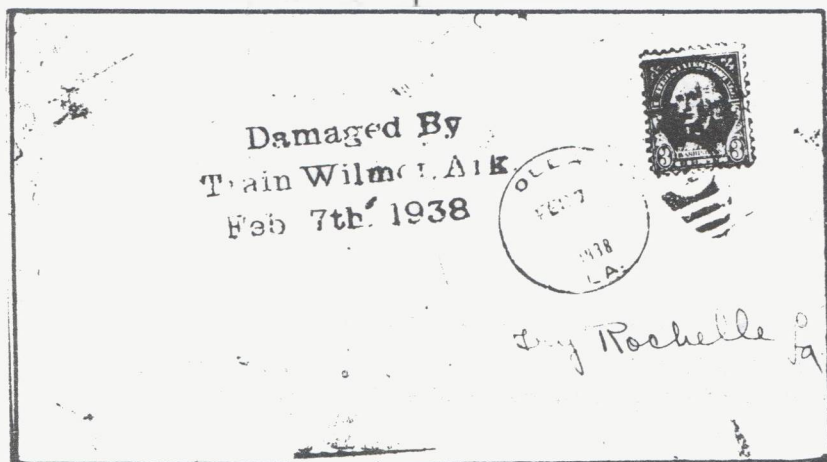


Figure 4. This item was marred during the mail exchange at Wilmont, Arkansas on 7 Feb 1938. The marking was struck in red-colored ink.

snow. Some three months later (notation on the flap evinces receipt of the item on 23 March 1934), when the snow melted, the pouch was located. The water damaged items contained in the pouch were processed at the Cuyahoga Falls Post Office.

The penalty card (circa 1913) shown in Figure 14 was an earlier version of Form 5027, pictured in the referenced article. This card was designed for a clerk why he had missed a catch. In this instance, the clerk modified the wording on the form to explain why both the catch and the dispatch had not been made. Has anyone studied the origin and use of the Form 5027?

It is noted in closing that postal officials also were concerned with possible injury to their postal patrons during mail exchanges on the fly. Signs, utilized near some non-stop depots, cautioned the public as to the inherent dangers when trains passed those depots (Figure 15).

Any comments regarding this article or the subject matter in general, and any copies of items bearing such markings would be appreciated greatly by the author. Contact him directly at 132 Livingston Place West, Metairie, LA 70005.

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By Steven M. Roth

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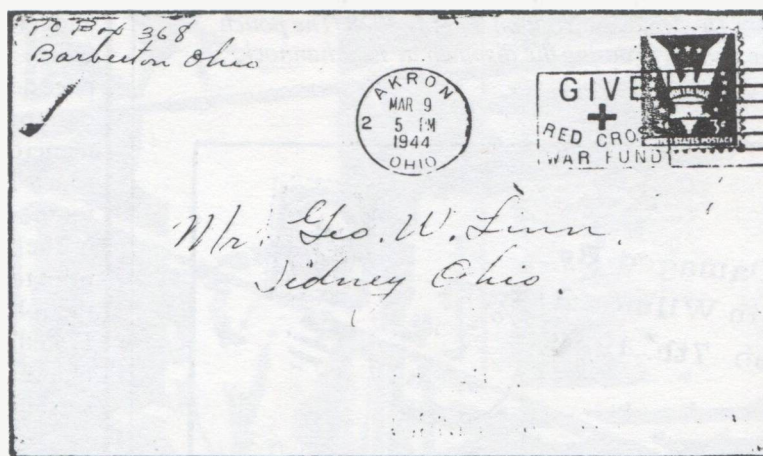
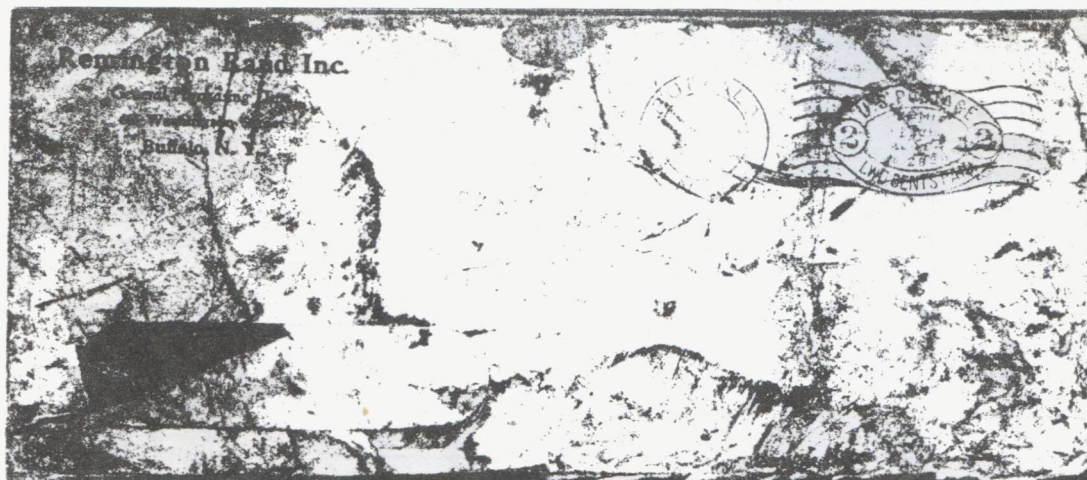


Figure 5. The item on top was sent from Buffalo, New York on 25 Oct 1939; the item on the bottom was mailed from Akron, Ohio on 9 March 1944. Both items were damaged during their respective dispatch at Sidney, Ohio.



Figure 6. Postmarked at Canton, Ohio on 16 January 1940, this item was damaged during the dispatch at Claremont, California, where the single-line handstamp was applied.

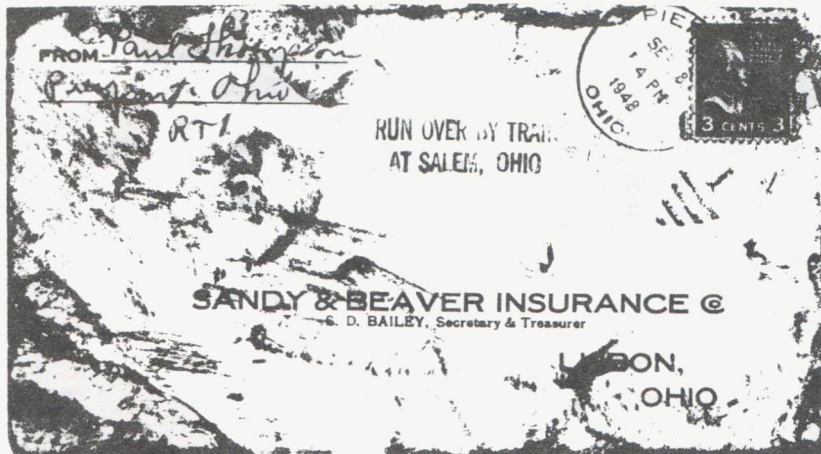
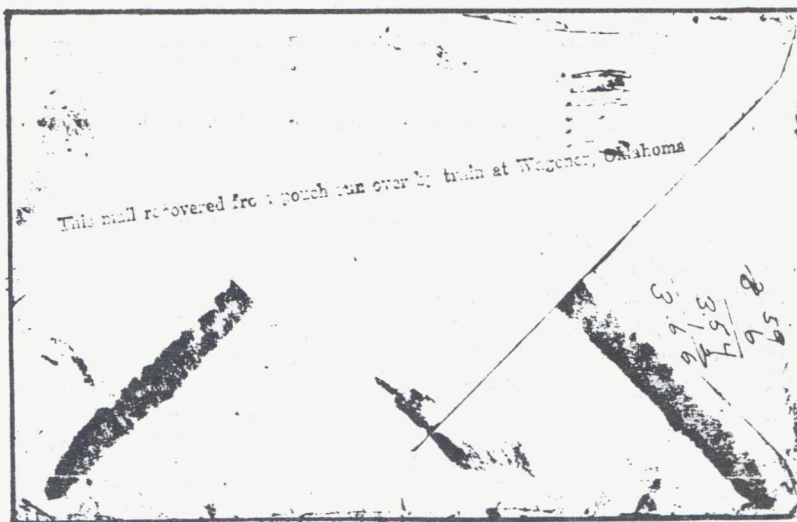
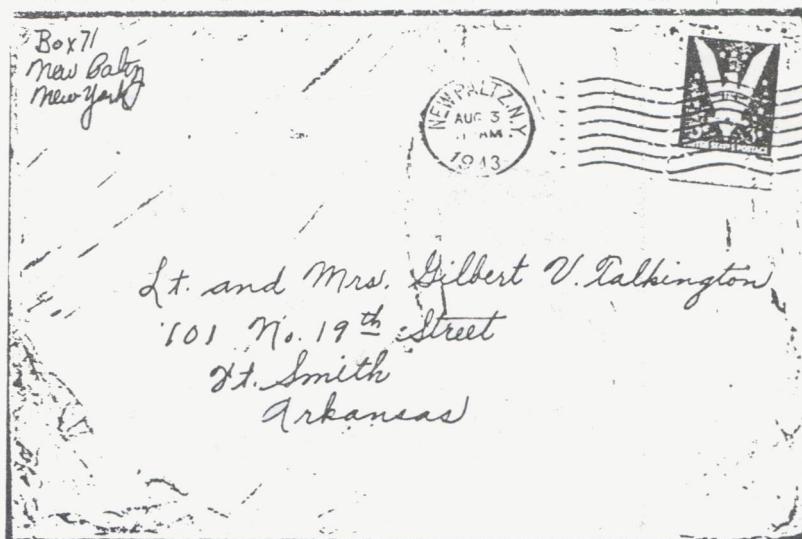


Figure 7. The magenta ink handstamp "RUN OVER BY TRAIN/AT SALEM, OHIO" was used to identify mail from this mishap. Postmarked 8 September 1942 at Pierpont, Ohio, and addressed to Lisbon, Ohio, the envelope was damaged during the dispatch.

Figure 8. Mailed 3 August 1943 from New Paltz, New York, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, this item, on its reverse side, bears the single-line marking, in black ink, "This mail recovered from pouch run over by train at Wagoner, Oklahoma", to denote the damage.





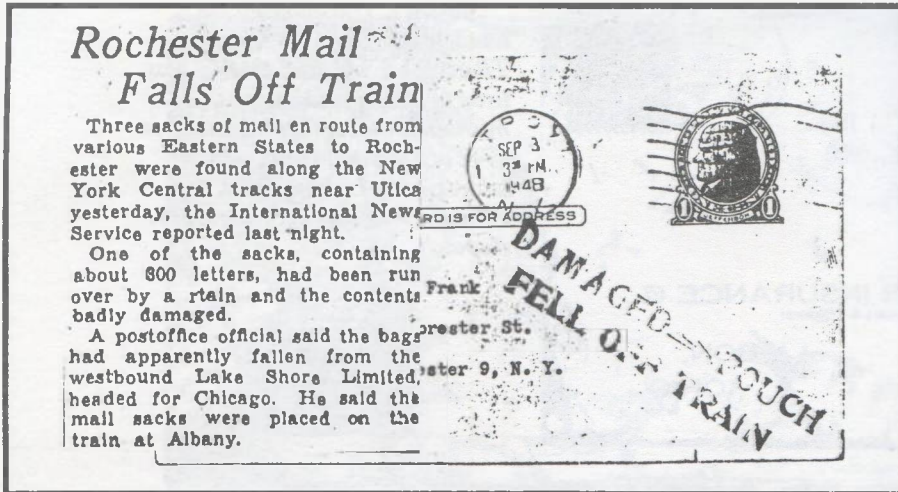


Figure 9. The newspaper article superimposed on this 3 September 1948 postal card from Troy to Rochester, New York and the double-line handstamp affixed, explains the circumstances behind the card's damaged condition.

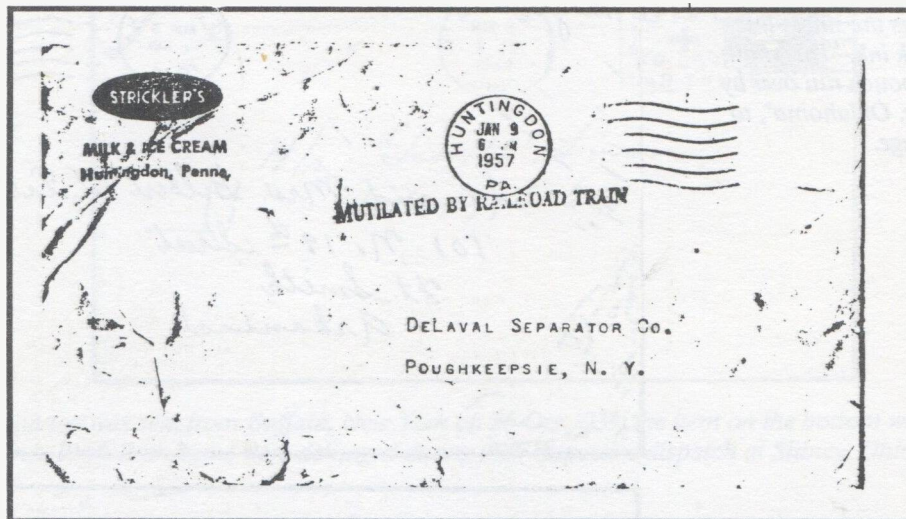
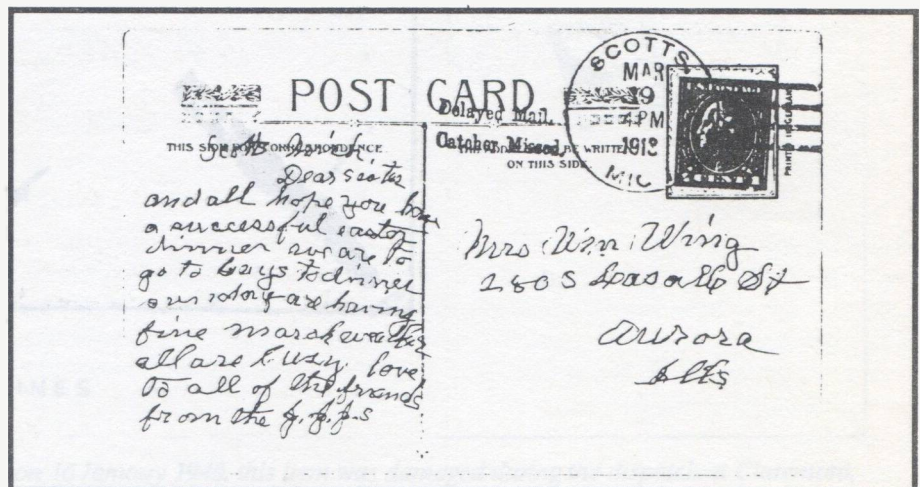


Figure 10. The single-line marking, MUTILATED BY RAILROAD TRAIN, was applied in red-colored ink to this item postmarked 9 January 1957 at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and addressed to Poughkeepsie, New York.

Figure 11. Struck in magenta-colored ink, the double-line handstamp "Delayed Mail./Catcher Missed." explains the delay this 1913 card from Scotts, Michigan had reaching its destination.



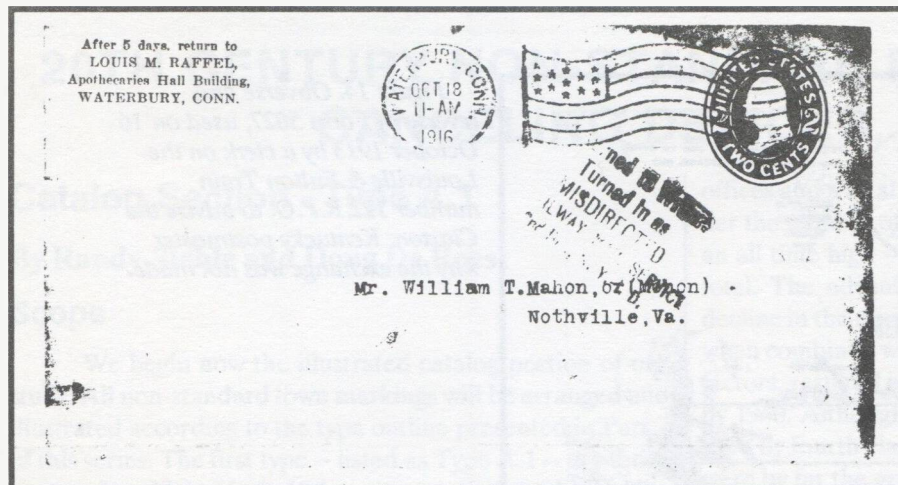
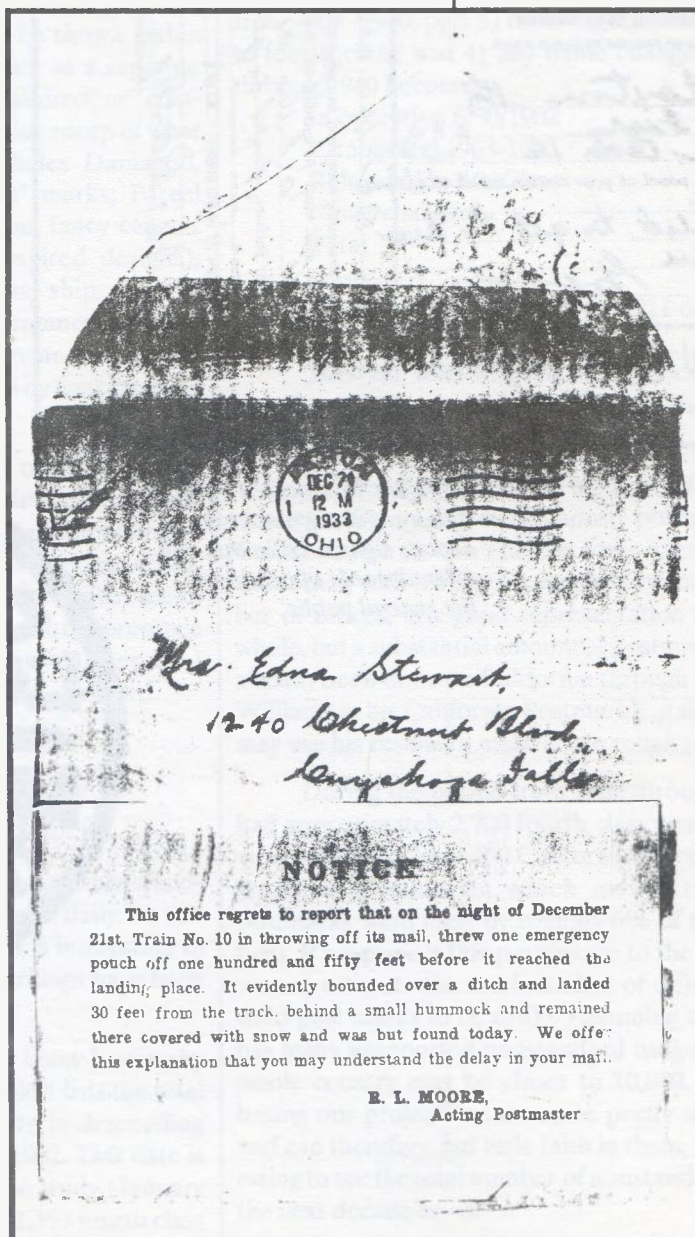


Figure 12. "Turned in as misdirected" was given as the reason this 18 October 1916 letter was returned to the writer by the RMS 2nd Division.

Figure 13. Printing on the bright yellow label affixed to this item explains the damage caused to the item as well as the undue time taken to deliver it.





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Postmaster  
*Claxton Ky*

Tr. No. *122* of *Oct 16*, 1913 R. P. O.  
failed to catch pouch at your station, and deliver

Cause: *failed to get to depot in time*

Olerk in Charge.  
Postmaster will forward this notice with his report of failure by first mail to the

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Pouch promptly recovered in *good* condition and mail forwarded in Train No. *121* Oct 16, 1913  
Cause of failure: *failed to get to depot in time*  
Condition of mail crane: *OK*

*J. J. Bales* Postmaster

Figure 14. Obverse and reverse of Form 5027, used on 16 October 1913 by a clerk on the Louisville & Fulton Train number 122 R.P.O. to advise the Claxton, Kentucky postmaster why the exchange was not made.

Figure 15. Located in the vicinity of some non-stop depots, signs such as this one offered words of caution to the general public.



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#### Scope

We begin now the illustrated catalog portion of our study. All non-standard town markings will be arranged and illustrated according to the type outline presented in Part 7 of this series. The first type -- listed as Type A.1 -- are those postmarks which mimic 19th century target duplexes. The period under study is 1902 to date, and we will be listing postmarks, where known, from all United States, territories and possessions.

Altered and composite devices will be shown within the alphabetical listing of each type and not as a separate group. Such markings will be denoted as "altered" or "composite" or both in the "Notes" column. A quick recap of what is **not** being covered by this study includes Damaged, "Receiving" marks (if standard); "Transit" marks; Parcel Post; M.O.B.; Registered; Mailing Division; fancy cancels and special events (i.e., philatelically inspired designs); Clerk markings; Mailer's permits; RFDs; ship cancels; auxiliary markings; and provisional and emergency markings (if standard). What is under study is the regular sending and receiving town marks used on first class mail by any class post office, branch or station.

The appearance of the indicia part of the postmark (month, day, year and time) never makes a device non-standard. This part of the device was removable and not integral to the handstamp. Letters and numbers in the date could, therefore, be omitted, inverted, and substituted with ease in a standard design postmark. On the other hand, the presence of interior ornamentation (stars, crosses, curved lines, etc.) in the postmark does make the postmark non-standard.

### Projected Numbers of Nonstandard Markings

Presently our total list of nonstandard markings stands at 1,550 different and continues to grow almost daily. At this rate, we will surpass 2,000 by year's end. It is interesting to speculate as to how many nonstandard markings have been used over the past 89 years.

For a starting point we will need to know how many post offices existed during this period. Table 1 lists the total number of fourth class post offices by state in descending order by number of offices as of June 30, 1902. This date is the closest available to the beginning of the study (January 1, 1902). By the middle of 1902 there were 71,193 fourth class

offices and a total of 75,924 for all offices. Just one year earlier the number of post offices in the United States reached an all time high -- approximately 1,000 more than the 1902 total. The advent of rural free delivery brought a sharp decline in the number of post offices beginning in 1901, and, when combined with a number of other social and economic factors, resulted in a total of only 29,100 fourth class offices by 1940. Although this study is not restricted to postmarks used by fourth class offices, the evidence suggests that these were by far the greatest users of nonstandard equipment.

An approximation of the total number of fourth class post offices in operation from 1902 to 1940 would be 1) the number in existence in mid-1902; plus 2) those established from 1903 -1940; plus 3) those higher class offices relegated to fourth class; and 4) any name changes. Thus, this total through 1940 becomes:

In operation 6/30/1902	71,193
Established 1903-1940	31,000*
Relegated to 4th Class	200*
Name changes	5,000
Total	107,400

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\* Figures available from 1903-1911 only

The year 1940 was selected as a cutoff here because very few offices established after this date have appear to have used nonstandard devices.

In order to have a rough estimate of the percentage of existing offices using nonstandard postmarks, we can use California as a model. There is some question as to whether California, with its diverse geography and fairly large number of offices, is a good representation of the nation as a whole, but a substantial amount of postmark census work has already been done on California through the efforts of John Williams in his California Postmark Catalog project, and we may use his results to make some rough projections.

During the period from 1902 through 1940 California had approximately 2,700 fourth class post offices. Thus far, we are aware of over 160 California offices which used non-standard postmarks, which means that nonstandard postmarks were used by roughly 6% of the state's post offices. If we project this percentage to the nation as a whole, we can estimate the total number of offices using nonstandard post marks to be 6,400. Assuming that California still has many unreported nonstandard usages, the total for the whole country may be closer to 10,000. Naturally, we are basing our projections on some pretty shaky assumptions, and can therefore put little faith in them, but it will be interesting to see the total number of nonstandards reported over the next decade or so.



TABLE 1

States and Territories.	Fourth-class offices.	Average compensation of fourth-class postmasters.	Rank in number of fourth-class offices.	Rank compensation fourth-class postmaster
Pennsylvania	4,701	\$203.36	1	
Virginia	3,677	118.26	2	
Kentucky	3,190	101.59	3	
North Carolina	3,138	97.43	4	
New York	3,084	262.00	5	
Texas	3,064	170.09	6	
Ohio	2,863	209.05	7	
Missouri	2,728	171.19	8	
Tennessee	2,707	99.34	9	
Georgia	2,581	123.99	10	
Alabama	2,554	108.32	11	
Illinois	2,161	266.21	12	
Mississippi	2,107	114.29	13	
West Virginia	2,090	124.77	14	
Arkansas	1,982	121.22	15	
Indiana	1,823	202.58	16	
Michigan	1,803	234.89	17	
Wisconsin	1,606	222.55	18	
California	1,540	226.83	19	
Minnesota	1,494	223.78	20	
Iowa	1,462	315.67	21	
Kansas	1,370	250.61	22	
South Carolina	1,297	121.67	23	
Louisiana	1,250	159.27	24	
Maine	1,143	217.25	25	
Florida	1,122	151.81	26	
Maryland	1,028	174.95	27	
Nebraska	911	282.05	28	
Washington	868	187.38	29	
Oregon	856	163.74	30	
Oklahoma	777	170.35	31	
New Jersey	767	285.51	32	
Colorado	701	225.00	33	
North Dakota	690	194.76	34	
Massachusetts	634	371.73	35	
South Dakota	616	216.79	36	
Indian Territory	576	184.73	37	
Vermont	500	261.04	38	
Montana	498	187.08	39	
New Hampshire	492	260.17	40	
Idaho	461	172.30	41	
Connecticut	368	344.75	42	
New Mexico	359	154.90	43	
Utah	324	215.07	44	
Wyoming	324	153.66	45	
Arizona	226	182.77	46	
Nevada	182	159.92	47	
Delaware	125	229.59	48	
Rhode Island	118	359.63	49	
Hawaii	85	287.99	50	
Alaska	83	114.21	51	
Porto Rico	77	266.39	52	
District of Columbia	4	131.89	53	
Tutuila (Samoan Islands)	1	490.00	54	

## Characteristics of Post Offices Using Nonstandard Postmarks

Several trends and tendencies have been noted in connection with the type of post offices that are known to have used nonstandard equipment. Although this analysis is based upon only about 1,200 reports, and must therefore be considered preliminary, it seems worthwhile to share these results here.

Date of establishment appears to be the most critical factor. The vast majority of reports (98%) were from offices established prior to 1930. Only 23 offices established after 1930 are known to have used nonstandard postmarks. This would seem to support the belief that the efforts of the POD to curtail nonstandard equipment use were successful. However, there are a substantially larger number (several hundred) examples of nonstandard postmark use in the post-1930 period by older post offices. It appears that older post offices -- particularly those that had used nonstandard equipment earlier -- were more prone to use nonstandard devices than those offices established after 1930.

The statistics on offices using more than one nonstandard postmark are worth noting. Thus far, we have identified 131 post offices which are known to have used more than one nonstandard postmark. This represents roughly 10% of all known offices known to have used nonstandard equipment.

These 131 offices have resulted in 312 different nonstandard listings. Most -- 101 offices -- used only two nonstandard postmarks, but a few offices used as many as five different types. The record, thus far, is Tahoe, California, which is known to have used eight different nonstandard postmark types. It does appear that use of one nonstandard postmark may have led to the use of subsequent nonstandard

devices. Note in this listing the use by Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, of three different Type A.1 devices, and the use of two different types by Farmington, Michigan.

One other characteristic of post offices using nonstandard devices seems to be the size of the office. When the first 1,200 reports were separated into "active" or "dead" post offices, only one-third were from discontinued post offices. If one assumes that the size of an office correlates positively with its longevity, then it would appear that the larger fourth class offices may have used nonstandard postmarks more often. On the other hand, the fact that many short lived, small post offices have not yet been documented through the use of any postmarks may play a role in this factor. Catalogs for Alaska, Arizona and New Mexico, which present fairly complete listings of postmarks for all post offices, do, however, suggest that the short-lived post offices really did not use many nonstandard devices, and it does appear that mail volume played a role in nonstandard postmark use.

## Distribution Patterns

One of the goals of this study is to see if there are any discernable patterns of distribution among the various non-standard postmark types. What we mean by "distribution patterns" is 1) are some devices so similar in design that they must have come from the same manufacturer, and, if so, can these manufacturers be identified?; and 2) do similar devices tend to be used in certain geographic regions and therefore indicate a similar source?

Some of these patterns have been observed for the vertical bar killers (heavy distribution in Texas and adjacent states) and for some of the pseudo-machine devices (similar characteristics indicating the same manufacturer). However, much more study needs to be done in this area because any conclusions can be offered.

## HELP!

We specifically need your help in identifying the Town & County nonstandards. Half of the reports were based solely on the records reported in the Doane/Thompson catalog. This pioneer listing provides towns and year dates, but often omits illustrations, or provides tracings at reduced sizes with dimensions listed. The following towns were reported thusly and we are asking for your help to flesh them out. If you have copies or information on any of the following Town & County postmarks, please send us a photocopy to Randy Stehle, 16 Iris Court, San Mateo, CA 94401:

AMORAL, IOWA 1903  
 DANFORTH, MAINE 1902  
 EDNA, IOWA 1902  
 FOWLERTON, TEXAS 1911  
 FOXBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 1911  
 LECONTES MILL, PENNSYLVANIA 1904  
 MARYSVILLE, KENTUCKY 1938  
 MOUNTAINVIEW, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1917  
 OMEGO, GEORGIA 1923  
 SLATER, COLORADO 1905

## Catalog Section

The headings on the descriptive information for the tracings are:

**CODE** - The letter designation is taken from the Type Chart. The numeric suffix identifies each device within the type and, at present, is in multiples of ten. We have done this in order to leave space for additional discoveries as they occur.

**TOWN** - Alphabetically, and then chronologically, arranged within each type. Post office names appear as they do in the postmark.

**STATE** - A two-letter abbreviation has been used in order to facilitate the use of a computer in record keeping.

**PO DATES** - Dates the post office was in existence taken from either published listings or unpublished working lists. Errors in operating dates may be present, and if you spot one please notify the authors. Lack of a date indicates lack of information (parts of GA, AL, and many branches & stations from all over the country are not presently listed).

**EKU/LKU** - Earliest and Latest known usage. Please report any date extensions to the authors.

**POSTMARK (PMK)** - The diameter of the cds portion of the device in millimeters. If the postmark is a double or triple circle, then two or three numbers will appear. Some of the discovery examples are poorly struck, and measurements should be considered to be within plus or minus 1 mm. or so.

**KILLER (KLR)** - The diameter of circular killers in millimeters or the vertical height of non-circular killers. The number (if any) in parentheses shows the number of circles in the killer (or the number of bars in some other types). As some examples are not well struck, measurements shown here are also within one mm.

**S/I** - Scarcity Index. This is a somewhat subjective estimate of the value of a fine specimen on cover or post card. We believe that any nonstandard postmark on a clean cover or card is worth at least \$2.00. The collecting of such postmarks as a specific subject of interest is only just beginning, and most of the value we have assigned is based upon the time the post office operated, the demand for the particular state or section of a state, the cross demand from other collectors (i.e., flags, machines, town & county, fancy cancels, fort collectors, etc.), and a variety of other factors. These S/I Values are open for comments and we encourage readers to send up their thoughts, as well as any new reports and date extensions.

### Scarcity Index and Current Market

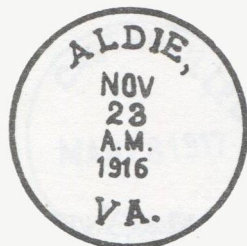
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2	\$5 to \$10
3	\$10 to \$20
4	\$20 to \$35
5	\$35 to \$50
6	\$50 to \$100
7	\$100 to \$200
8	\$200 to \$500
9	Over \$500

**NOTES (N)** - Any additional comments regarding particular nonstandard postmarks.

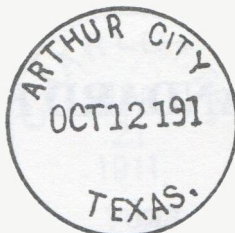


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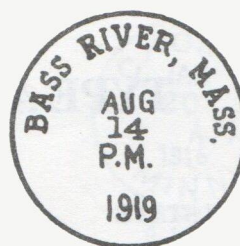
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A.1-020	ARTHUR CITY TX	1886-	12 OCT 191X		30	16(4)	2	1
A.1-030	BASS RIVER MA	1919-1960	23 DEC 1918	09 JUN 1923	30	21(4)	2	
A.1-040	BATTLE MOUNTAIN NV	1856-	22 DEC 1914	27 JAN 1915	35x18	18(4)	3	
A.1-050	BERNHARDS BAY NY	1850-	06 NOV 1911		32	15(4)	2	
A.1-060	BETHEL KY	1843-	12 DEC 1914		30	16(4)	2	1
A.1-070	BLEECKER NY	1840-1918	20 OCT 1914		31	16(4)	2	1
A.1-080	BOLTZ PA	1919-1965	18 APR 1919	15 FEB 1921	30	16(4)	2	2
A.1-090	BRENTWOOD TN	1856-	15 MAR 1910	27 OCT 191X	30	17 (4)	2	
A.1-100	BROCKWAY CA	1901-1966	07 AUG 1914	19 AUG 1914	33x31	15(3)	3	
A.1-110	BUCK HILL FALLS PA	1903-	26 JUN 1909	15 JUL 1912	32	16(4)	2	1
A.1-120	BUCK HILL FALLS PA	1903-	16 AUG 1916	09 MAY 1921	30	16(4)	2	1
A.1-130	BUCK HILL FALLS PA	1903-	16 JUL 1922		31x29	16(4)	2	
A.1-140	BUCKLEY MI	1906-	09 JUL 1908	05 APR 1909	25	16(5)	2	
A.1-150	BUFFALO TX	1876-	20 FEB 1913		29	23(4)	2	1
A.1-160	BURRESS NE	1887/1942	17 NOV 1909	30 JUL 1910	24	15(5)	3	
A.1-170	BURTON TX	1870-	31 DEC 1910	14 DEC 1912	29	16(4)	2	
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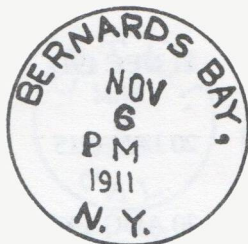
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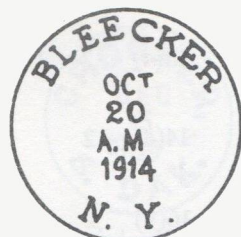
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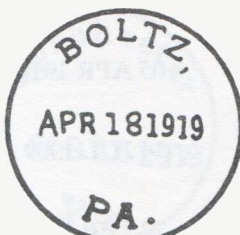
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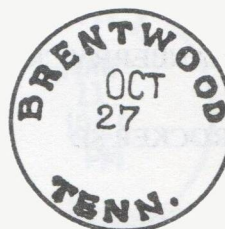
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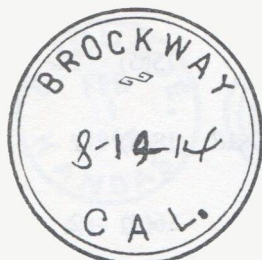
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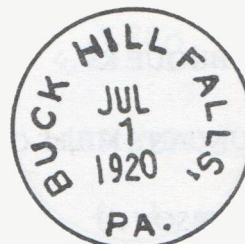
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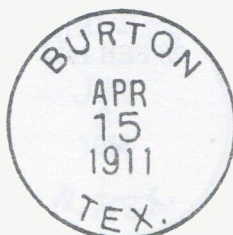
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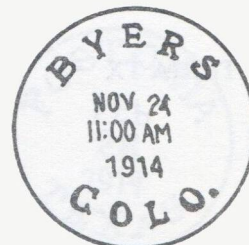
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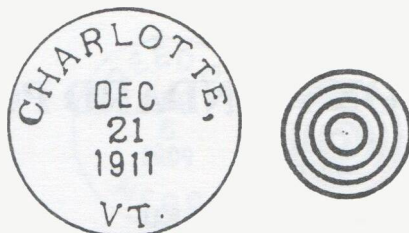


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A.1-190	CASTROVILLE TX	1847-	SEP 1913	28 MAR 1917	30	15(4)	2	2
A.1-200	CHARLOTTE VT	1879-	21 DEC 1911		30	17(4)	2	
A.1-210	CHOKIO MN	1891-	20 JAN 1915		25	15(4)	2	
A.1-220	CINNAMINSON NJ	1836-1915	30 AUG 1907		30	17(3)	3	
A.1-230	COTATI CA	1894-	10 OCT 1904	09 MAR 1905	24	15(5)	2	
A.1-240	CRANBERRY CREEK NY	1819-1930	05 APR 1917		31	16(4)	2	1
A.1-250	CROCKER SD	1907-1983	14 JUL 1909	05 DEC 1909	24	14(4)	2	
A.1-260	DORCHESTER VA	1895-1964	22 FEB 1919		31	16(4)	2	1
A.1-270	DRILL VA	1908-1963	11 MAR 1921		31	16(4)	2	1
A.1-280	DUBUQUE KS	1879-1909	01 FEB 1909		24	15(5)	2	
A.1-290	DUNCAN'S MILLS CA	1862-	21 MAR 1902	11 JUL 1929	29x18	18(4)	2	
A.1-300	EMERSON NJ	1909-	22 JAN 1913		31	16(4)	2	
A.1-310	EPTON PA	1886-1932	14 SEP 1917		21	16(4)	2	1
A.1-320	FARMINGTON MI	1826-	09 OCT 1908		30	15(4)	2	
A.1-330	FRAMINGTON MI	1826-	27 APR 1910	20 FEB 1913	29	16(4)	2	
A.1-340	FELTON PA	1874-	22 DEC 1919		30	15(4)	2	
A.1-350	FORREST NM	1908/1967	03 JUN 1914		30	15(4)	3	
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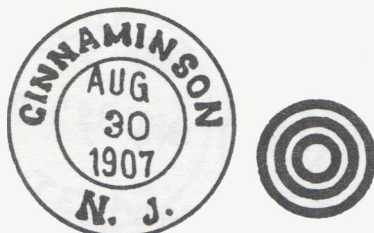
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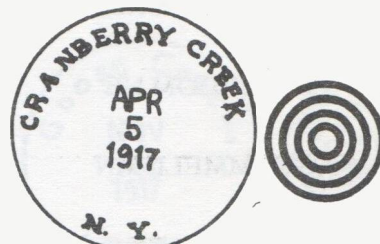
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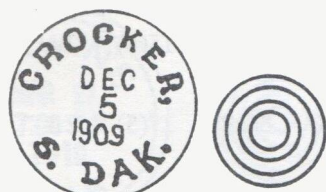
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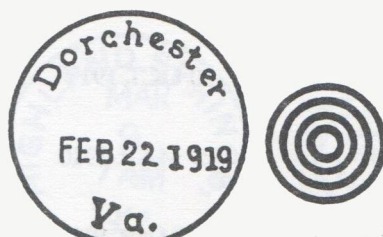
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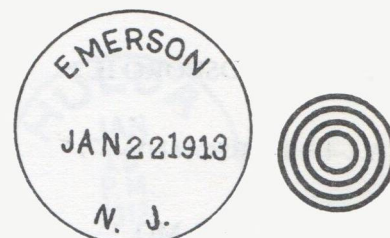
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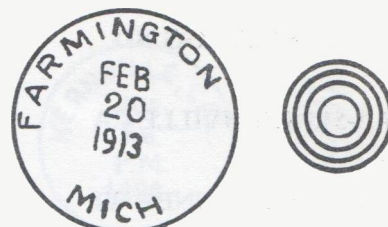
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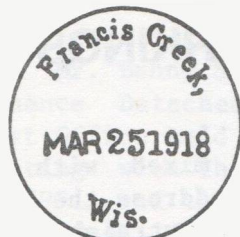


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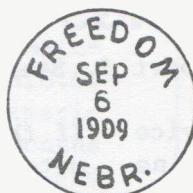
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A.1-380	FREEDOM NE	1886/1946	06 SEP 1909	31 OCT 1910	24	15(4)	2	
A.1-390	GEMMELL MN	1905-1974	01 JAN 1910		24	15(4)	2	
A.1-400	GENEVA TX	1884-	22 DEC 1914		30	14(4)	2	1
A.1-410	GLADSTONE MN	1888/1923	29 DEC 1910	15 SEP 1911	30	16(4)	2	
A.1-420	GOOSE CREEK TX	1913-1948	10 OCT 1917		30	15(4)	2	
A.1-430	HEWINS KS	1887-	27 MAR 1910	20 MAY 1910	30x27	17(5)	2	
A.1-440	HIGHLAND SPRINGS VA	1891/1975	09 MAR 1912		32	18(3)	2	1
A.1-450	HIGHROCK PA	1904-1957	12 AUG 1907	13 FEB 1909	30	15(4)	2	
A.1-460	HINDSBORO IL	1873-	22 DEC 1910	21 APR 1911	30	16(4)	2	
A.1-470	HOBSON NV	1902/1936	11 DEC 1910	24 DEC 1911	30	19(4)	5	
A.1-480	HULDA MO	1904-1916	13 JAN 1913		31	15(4)	3	
A.1-490	HUNTLEY MT	1877/-	31 DEC 1909		24	15(4)	2	
A.1-500	KELLOGG ND	1898-1910	20 OCT 190X	29 SEP 1909	30x19	16(4)	3	
A.1-510	KERNVILLE CA	1868-	26 AUG 1908		25	15(4)	2	
A.1-520	KEWAUNEE WI	1852-	24 DEC 1909		28	15(5)	2	
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A.1-540	KOUNTZE TX	1882-	16 JUL 1915		32	16(4)	2	1

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NOTES: (1) Earliest listed is on piece. (2) Latest listed is on piece.



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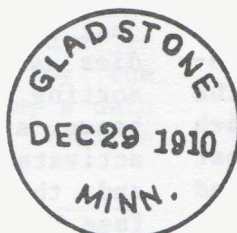
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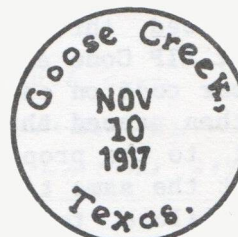
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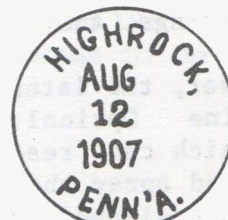
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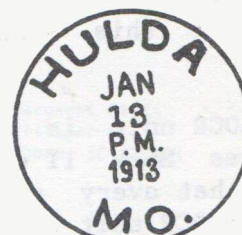
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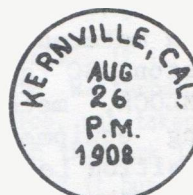
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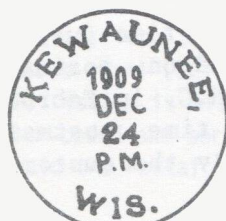
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# POSTAL AUTOMATION BRINGS NEW POSTAL MARKINGS

by Robert J. Stets

Back in 1982, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) installed its first single line Optical Character Reader (OCR) and the companion Bar Code Sorter (BCS).(1)

When envelopes with typewritten addresses passed through the OCR, it read the 5-digit ZIP Code and sprayed a corresponding bar code on each envelope. The envelope then passed through the BCS which sorted it to the proper distribution post office. At the same time, USPS encouraged business mailers to apply the bar coding to their bulk mailings by providing a reduced rate for such mailings.

While these sprayed-on bar codes were postal markings, they were not postmarks.

However, the later development of a Multi Line Optical Character Reader (MLOCR) which can read all lines of an address and spray the ZIP + 4 bar code on the envelope allowed even greater automated sorting of the mails. And it did spray a straight line postmark on the envelopes and cards that were processed through it. The height of this sprayed postmark is adjustable.

The MLOCR unit is installed on the Pitney Bowes Mark II canceling machines. That means that every envelope that goes past the MLOCR unit also goes through the Mark II canceling dies.

Window clerks here in Walterboro were accustomed to placing hand-canceled mail in a tray with metered mail before sending it to Charleston, SC to be processed.

Before MLOCR, metered mail bypassed the canceling equipment and went directly to a Multi Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM), thus there was no overcanceling of the hand-canceled mail.

Now, depending on the volume of mail to be canceled, Charleston sometimes puts some of the metered mail through the MLOCR on the Mark II.

(1) "Automation Plan for Business Mailers" publ. by USPS, 1989, page 3.

If the hand-canceled mail mixed with the metered mail has a typed address, the MLOCR reads the address, sprays a straight line postmark and bar code and passes the now twice-postmarked envelope to the Mark II canceling equipment. Metered envelopes just zip through the Mark II canceling dies and on to the Bar Code Sorter for sorting, but if the hand-canceled envelope bears a "tagged" postage stamp, that stamp activates the appropriate Mark II canceler and the envelope receives a third postmark (see Figure 1).

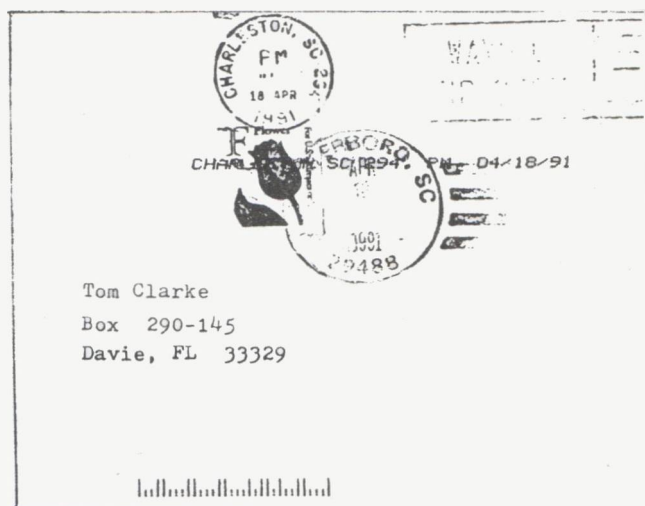


Fig. 1 This envelope shows three postmarks—the self inker handstamp from Walterboro, the sprayed postmark from the MLOCR and a Mark II machine cancel.

The USPS brochure "Automation Plan for Business Mailers" states that the first MLOCR's were installed in 1987, however it was sometime in 1990 when I first noticed the sprayed postmark of the MLOCR on incoming mail. (Figures 2 & 3). Does anyone have any MLOCR sprayed postmark earlier than December 1990?

Figures 2 and 3 from Charleston, S.C. in December 1990 show exact time (using a 24-hour clock) in the sprayed-on postmark. Figure 4 from Charlotte, N.C. in February 1991 also shows an exact time postmark. Current examples show only the customary "AM" or "PM".

Mr. Benny J. Head, Supervisor, Maintenance Detached Units, at Charleston, S.C. Post Office told me that they were experimenting with the MLOCR in the early months of 1991, and the unit was finally declared "on line" during March, 1991. He also mentioned that occasionally, when they are processing metered mail that was put into the mail at outlying towns the previous night, they shut off the spray printer in order to avoid problems caused by the metered postmark showing yesterday's date while the MLOCR equipment sprays today's date on the envelope.

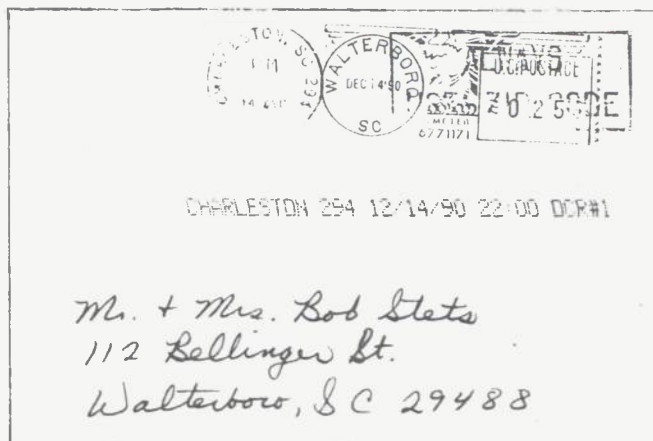


Fig. 2 Metered at Walterboro, then trucked to Charleston, it received the sprayed MLOCR postmark with no state, but 22:00 time (10 pm). Very probably the meter ink activated the Mark II canceler, so it received a third postmark.

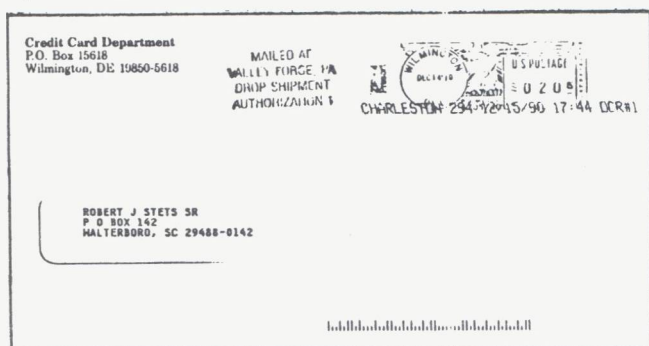


Fig. 3 Metered postmark of Dec. 14 applied at Wilmington, Del., then trucked to a consolidator at Valley Forge, Pa. for sorting to qualify for the 20.5c rate. MLOCR postmark shows 17:44 (5.44 pm) on Dec 15 at Charleston SC (state is missing) where the envelope was bar-coded and sorted for Walterboro. Who said the Postal Service is slow?



Fig. 4 This postmark sprayed by the MLOCR at Charlotte, NC on Feb. 21, 1991 shows 16:34 (4.34 pm) but because of the hand written address, no bar code was added and the letter had to be sorted through the LSM. The equipment did manage to scrape off the bottom of the left stamp.



Fig. 5 This is an oddball. It is a postcard which originated at the Walterboro branch of Clemson Extension Service, was taken to Charleston and went through the Mark II sideways, so the MLOCR couldn't read it but the Mark II cancelled one stamp. My guess is that it was again sent through the MLOCR when the sprayed postmark line was shut off, since the bar code reads 29488-4002, the correct 9-digit ZIP for 112 Bellinger St. This means that the MLOCR read the full address, compared it with codes for Walterboro in its memory and sprayed the 9-digit bar code on the card.





Fig. 6 A 24-hour time marking from Columbia SC(state omitted). Ed Cantey of Columbia reports a similar marking from Dec. 8, 1990. He also reports a 24-hour time postmark without "SC" on Jan. 30, 1991 and an "AM" time with "SC" on Jan. 31, 1991.

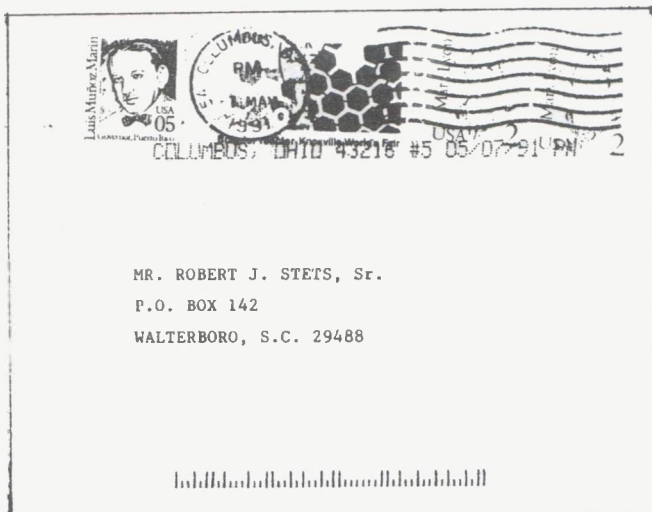


Fig. 7 The MLOCR sprayed on postmark shows a full state name (OHIO) and a full 5 digit ZIP (43216). Compare to Figure 10.

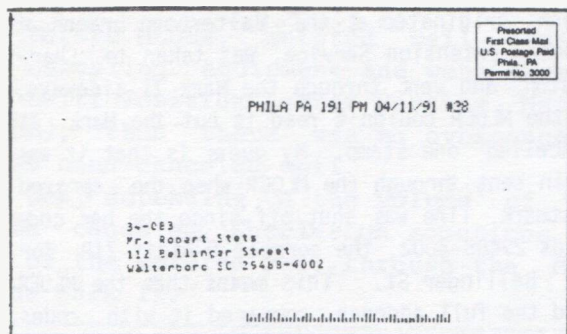


Fig. 8 This is the first MLOCR postmark that I have seen from Philadelphia (April 11, 1991)

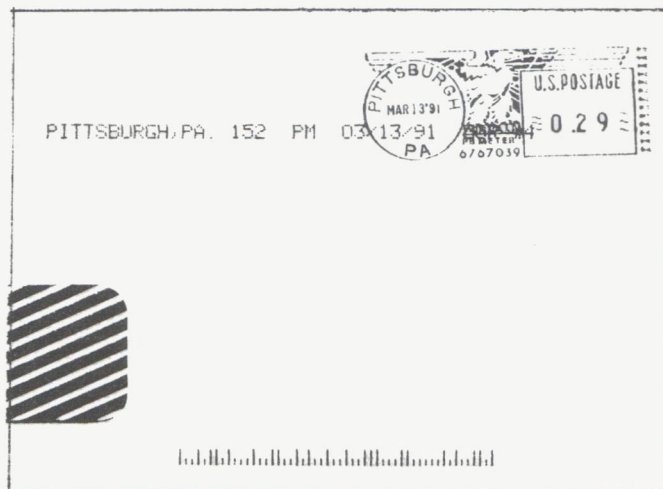


Fig. 9 A 3mm high MLOCR marking from Pittsburgh with a 3 digit ZIP (152). I have also recorded a 2½ mm marking with no ZIP at all.

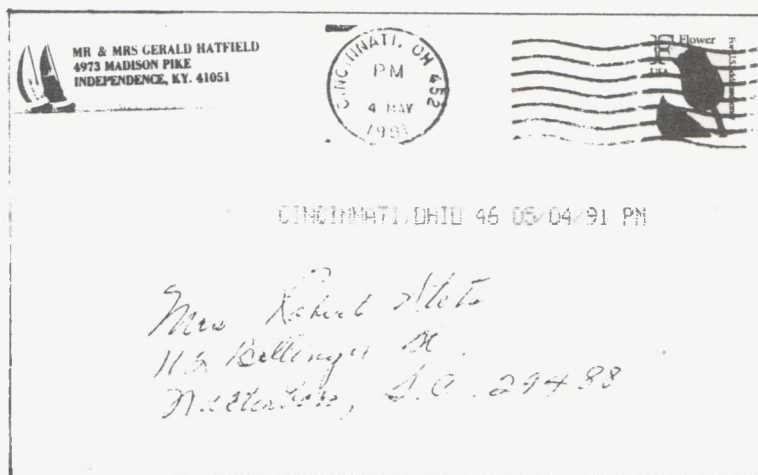


Fig. 10 This MLOCR marking shows only a 2 digit ZIP (46)

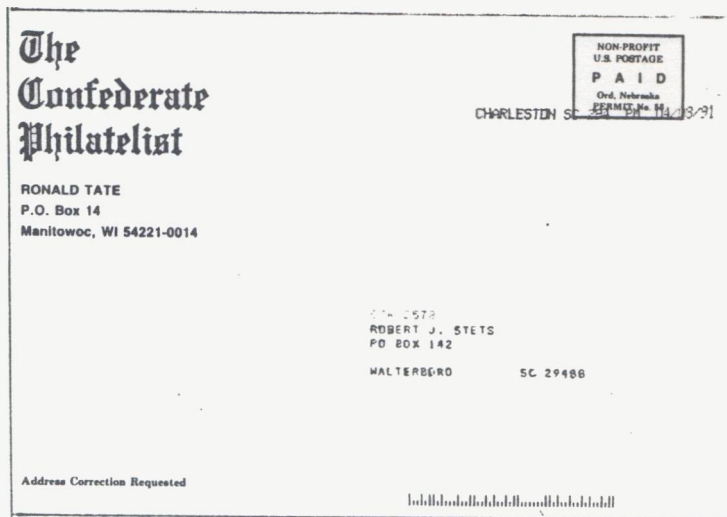


Fig. 11 shows how Charleston, SC is using the MLOCR and BCS equipment to sort large pieces of incoming mail for distribution.

## WESSON T.O.B. CO-ORDINATOR FOUND

The appearance of *Walter D. Wesson's "TIME ON BOTTOM" DUPLEX CANCELERS* as LA POSTA MONOGRAPH Volume 5 touched off quite a flurry of new reports by readers in the last few months. Most of these were directed to **Gilbert Levere**, who inherited the project when Russ Hanmer died. Gilbert, who did not wish to serve permanently as co-ordinator for this information, reports that **Eugene Meyer**, 530 Vansicklen Way, Redding, CA 96003 has volunteered his services to act in that capacity.

All new Wesson input is to be sent directly to Eugene along with substantiating evidence in the form of photocopies. Furthermore, Eugene will, from time to time, compile updates of the Wesson study and send those along to La Posta for publication. To both Gilbert, for his past services, and Eugene, for his future services, thanks on behalf of T-O-B collectors and the broader postal history community.

## MICHIGAN POSTAL HISTORY REVIEW LAUNCHED

Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Michigan Postal History Review*, dated March 1991, has come to hand, and Editor **Howard Selzer** should be justly proud of his initial effort. This *Review* consists of 24 pages of typed material reproduced by offset in booklet format. The majority of this issue is devoted to a lengthy article titled "The Branch-Coldwater Post Office Dispute", but future articles will include Lucius Lyon at Fort Gratiot and an update of the Detroit postmarks of the pre-stamp period.

Although the frequency of publication is not known by this reviewer, it appears that the intent is to make this a quarterly. Single copies are available at \$3.50 and an annual subscription is \$10.00. Interested parties should write Howard Selzer, P.O. Box 37, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

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## FUN WITH RECEIVING MARKS

By Bob Schultz

I recently had a chance to go through a lot of thousands of covers and postal cards from ca. 1885 to ca. 1915, all addressed to St. Louis and other Missouri towns from all over the United States. Among all these covers and cards were many with St. Louis handstamped receiving marks. Some of these marks had numbers in the dial on the right side. On further investigation, a pattern developed in these marks in the 1891-1896 period. Eighteen different numbers were seen in the dials, many with two different style numbers. Three basic number types were seen:

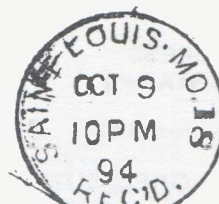
An arbitrary nomenclature system has been established as Type B-3, meaning Type B dial with the numeral 3 in the dial. Two varieties of the Type C marking were noted, one, Ca with a light numeral and the other, Cb with a heavier numeral. In all three types, the city name is spelled out in full as "Saint Louis." In types A & B, "received" is spelled out whereas in Type C, it appears as "rec'd." Type A dials are 25mm in diameter. Types B & C are 27-27.5mm in diameter. A total of 418 of these type of receiving marks were found. The largest number of examples, 41, was found for numeral "15" Type C

and the smallest number of examples, two, was found for the Type Cb-2.

When the date ranges found for each of these markings is charted, some interesting observations are possible. First, the Type A styles appeared in service first. The earliest seen for the first three numbers occur in March, 1891. The date of introduction of the other Type A markings appears to be later with increasing numbers.

Type B markings first appear in January, 1893 while Type C markings first appear in December, 1893.

The latest that any of these markings were noted was in May, 1896, but most appear to have been taken out of service between February, 1895 and January, 1896. This information is presented graphically in the figure below and is summarized more completely in the table.



Type A  
Large Number

Reading Horizontally

Type B  
Small Number

Type C  
Small Number  
Reading Radially

Year	1891												1892												1893												1894												1895												1896					Year
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1-B	4/3/93	-	9/10/94	9	7-C	7/10/94	-	2/17/95	9
2-A	3/1/91	-	9/1/92	22	8-A	6/31/92	-	2/8/95	9
2-C <sub>a</sub>	12/29/93	-	2/7/95	12	9-A	2/27/93	-	2/14/95	14
2-C <sub>b</sub>	1/22/96	-	5/14/96	2	10-A	12/12/92	-	1/23/96	13
3-A	3/3/91	-	12/10/92	29	11-A	3/25/93	-	2/8/95	13
3-B	1/31/93	-	9/8/94	11	12-B	11/13/93	-	10/27/94	15
3-C	11/7/94	-	11/12/94	3	13-C	12/20/93	-	12/2/94	4
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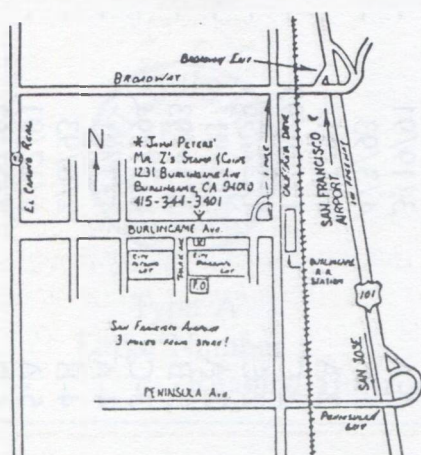


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## THE POST OFFICES OF EDMONSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

by

ROBERT M. RENNICK

Midway between Louisville and Nashville in south central Kentucky are the 302 square miles (and 10,400 residents) of Edmonson County, the home of the famed Mammoth Cave National Park. Brownsville, its seat and largest town, is seventy three air miles south-southwest of downtown Louisville, at the western edge of the 52,369 acre park, and twenty six miles northeast of Bowling Green, the area's principal commercial center. Edmonson is drained exclusively by the tributaries and main stream of the Green River which runs roughly east to west through the center of the county. Green River branches serving as reference points for many of the county's settlements are Nolin River, Bear Creek, the three Beaverdam Creeks, Alexander Creek, Big Reedy Creek, and Honey Creek.

Established by legislative act in January 1825, Edmonson County, the 79th Kentucky county in order of formation, was taken from sections of Hart, Grayson, and Warren Counties. It was named for Virginia-born Capt. John Edmonson (1764-1813), one of the nine officers killed at the Battle of River Raisin in January 1813 for whom Kentucky counties were named. No other counties were taken in whole or part from Edmonson.

The county's only incorporated city, Brownsville, with an estimated 900 residents, lies on the south bank of the Green River, just above the mouth of Beaverdam Creek, on a site that may first have been called Point Pleasant. The post office, established on May 23, 1826 with Jesse Crump, postmaster, and the town itself, created in January 1828, were probably named for Gen'l. Jacob J. Brown (1775-1828), the New Yorker who commanded the U.S. Army from 1821 to 1828.

On July 17, 1828 the county's second post office was established by Walter Rodes on the present US 31 W and called Dripping Springs for the nearby aptly named source of water for the early settlers of southeastern Edmonson County. With the arrival of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in 1859, the office was moved 3 3/4 air miles southeast to a point just north of the tracks and renamed Rocky Hill Station. William Newman was then postmaster. The history or derivation of the latter name is not known: it may have referred to the rocky terrain which

hampered early efforts to farm it or to the area's limestone outcroppings and deep sink holes. A trade center for southeastern Edmonson County grew up around the station and post office in the second half of the nineteenth century. Station was dropped from the post office name in 1923. The office still serves a small village extending for nearly half a mile along Ky. 259, just short of the Warren County line, and 12 3/4 miles southeast of Brownsville.

The two post offices of Chameleon (Springs) in the south central part of the county and Chalybeate (Springs), over a mile east, commemorate the early significance of mineral springs to the people of that section. In 1825 the county's first court was held at (Robert) Bryant's Tavern at the head of what was once called the Left Fork of Alexander Creek (now probably Sulphur Branch). Here the Chameleon Springs were developed as a major resort which, for over a century, attracted visitors from all over Kentucky and nearby states to enjoy the area's chalybeate, sulphur, and chameleon waters. Chameleon itself refers to potassium manganate ( $K_2MnO_4$ ) that results from combining manganese oxide with potash or nitre. This assumes a variety of colors when dissolved in water. [1]

The first Cameleon Springs (sic) post office was established by William Mitchell in the vicinity of Bryant's Tavern and a later three story resort hotel, and operated there from January 28, 1837 through mid July 1839. A second Chameleon post office served the same vicinity, some seven miles sse of Brownsville, from February 21, 1898 to April 1903. Though the springs remain, the resort is long gone.

The hamlet of Chalybeate ("kə/lyb/ee/dt") at the junction of the present Ky. 101 and 1649, six miles sse of Brownsville, also served a turn-of-the-century health resort. The post office established as Chalybeate Springs on October 12, 1888, with William T. Dunn as postmaster, became merely Chalybeate in 1895 and closed in 1931. The name denotes the existence of iron salts in the local springs, considered quite salubrious.

As noted above, Edmonson County is the location of Mammoth Cave, which was discovered as early as 1799. The 52,369 acre national park established around the cave in 1941 and lying in part

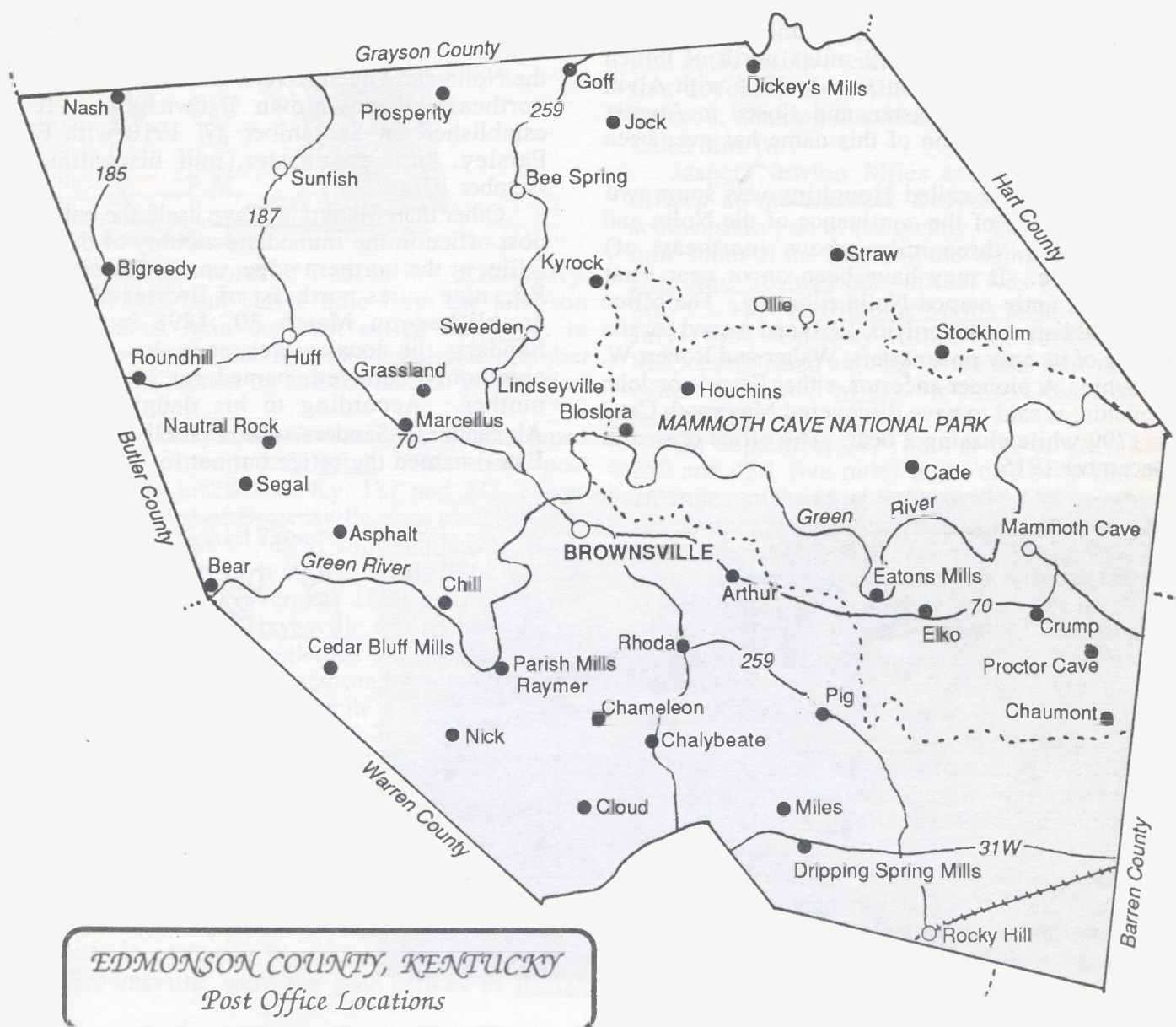
within the adjacent Hart and Barren Counties, occupies roughly one-fourth of Edmonson's territory. [2] Since its inception on December 23, 1842 a post office with Archibald Miller, postmaster, has intermittently served the cave community, half a mile east of Green River, three miles north of Ky. 70, and fourteen miles east of Brownsville, in the vicinity of the cave's Historic Entrance.

Some 4 1/2 miles south of Mammoth is a smaller cave called Proctor's Cave. This was discovered in 1863 by a slave, Jonathan Doyle, and later acquired by its name source, one or more of the Proctor brothers, prominent area politicians and businessmen. The most notable of them was Larkin J., an attorney and legislator who had operated the Mammoth Cave concession for visitors just before and after the Civil War. His nephew, John R.

Proctor was Kentucky State Geologist in the late nineteenth century. The Proctor Cave post office on the present Ky. 70 and just north of the then Mammoth Cave Railroad tracks was operated by William L. Hawkins from March 23, 1894 through March 1906.

Seven other extinct post offices were also located within Edmonson's Mammoth Cave National Park area.

Eaton's Mills post office operated from March 12, 1864 to January 1867, probably in the Turnhole Bend of the Green River,[3] three miles west of Mammoth Cave. Its first postmaster was Joseph Eaton. The Bend has been described as "an almost closed loop of the Green River" while Turnhole derives its name from a whirlpool at the influx of an underground river.[4]







About a mile southeast of Turnhole Bend on the present Ky. 70 (8 1/2 miles ese of Brownsville) was the Elko post office. Established by William T. Gentry on August 4, 1902, this office served the rural families of Joppa Ridge, by which name this area is now generally known. Joppa refers to the Biblical city, while Elko, applied only to the post office, is of unknown origin. The office closed in July 1913.

The post office of Cade, three miles northwest of Mammoth Cave and 1 1/2 miles north of Green River, was established on June 6, 1905 with Alvin Parker, as first postmaster, and closed in August 1913. No explanation of this name has ever been given.

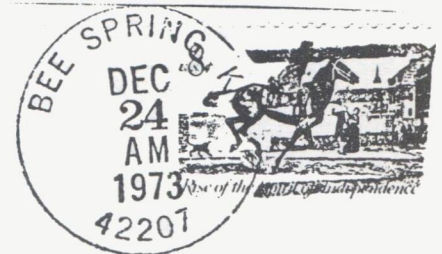
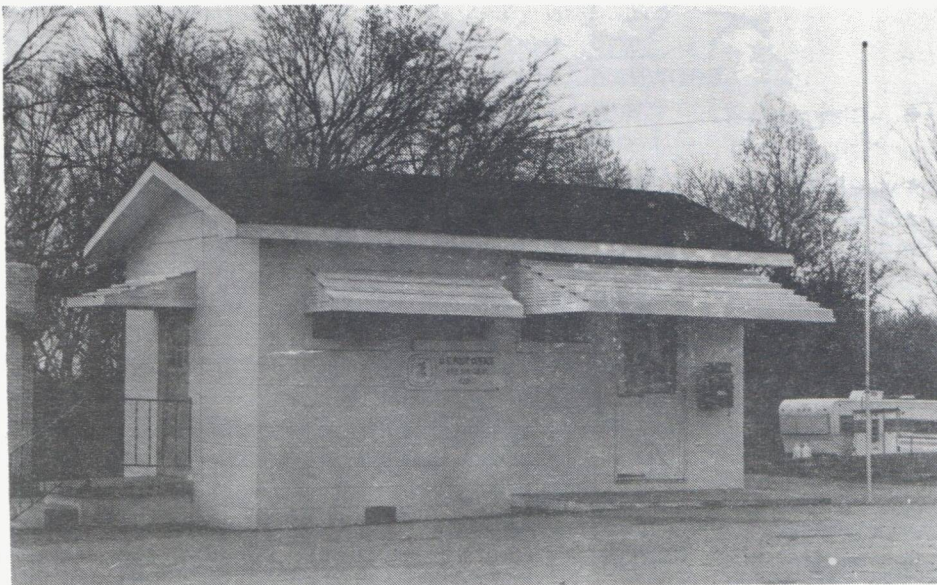
A post office called Houchins was some two miles northeast of the confluence of the Nolin and Green rivers, three miles above (northeast of) Brownsville. It may have been on or near First Creek, an aptly named Nolin tributary. The office was established on April 30, 1910 and named for the family of its only postmasters, Walter and Robert W. Houchin. A pioneer ancestor, either Francis or John Houchin, is said to have discovered Mammoth Cave in 1799 while chasing a bear. The office closed in December 1915.

Another old Edmonson County family gave its name to the short-lived Crump post office at or close to the hamlet of Sloans Crossing on Ky. 70, three miles south of Mammoth Cave and eleven miles ese of Brownsville. When its only postmaster, Shobe Minyard's family name was rejected by postal authorities, Crump (probably for local proprietor Doug Crump) was suggested instead. The office operated for five months from April 3, 1911.

Two post offices on the boundary, but at opposite ends of the park were Chaumont and Bloslora. Chaumont, just south of Ky. 70, less than 1/4 mile from the Barren County line, and 13 1/2 miles ese of Brownsville, was established on June 30, 1892 with Elias O. Gardner, postmaster, and discontinued in July 1932. It was named by a wealthy French settler, Louis Charlet, for his old world home.

Bloslora, whose name derivation remains a mystery, was half a mile north of the confluence of the Nolin and Green Rivers, and some two air miles northeast of downtown Brownsville. It was established on September 27, 1910 with Eldred Parsley, first postmaster, and discontinued in October 1914.

Other than Mammoth Cave itself, the only extant post office in the immediate vicinity of the park is Ollie, at the northern edge, on the Houchins Ferry Rd., nine miles northeast of Brownsville. It was established on March 30, 1898 by Joseph L. Sanders, the local storekeeper, but was not, as commonly believed, named for his wife or her mother. According to his daughter, LaVerne Alexander,[5] Sanders' wife, Cornelia or Nealie (nee Estes) named the office but not for any member of

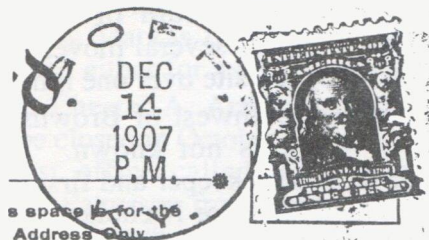


*Bee Springs post office.*

her family; it is simply not known for whom it was named.

When it closed in October 1936, the Bigreedy Post Office was on Ky. 185, less than one mile from the Butler County line and 13 1/2 miles northwest of Brownsville. It was established as Big Reedy on March 14, 1850 by Arthur B. Nash and named for its site then on the aptly named Big Reedy Creek, a north side Green River tributary, which drains most of the Butler-Edmonson County border country. It was later moved to the road, half a mile east of the creek, but retained its name, though after 1895 it was spelled as one word.

The Bee Spring post office serves a hamlet of this name centering at the junction of Ky. 238 and 259, 8 1/2 miles north of Brownsville. The vicinity was first settled by 1800 around a spring that attracted a large swarm of bees. The still active post office was established on August 22, 1854 with Frederick Merideth as first postmaster.



Three miles north of Bee Spring, also on Ky. 259 and less than half a mile from the Grayson County line, was the post office of Goff. In operation from June 3, 1886 through December 1911, it was named by and for its first postmaster, William H. Goff.

Another early settlement and post office named for a nearby stream is Sunfish. This active post office, at the junction of Ky. 187 and 238, eleven miles northwest of Brownsville, was established as Sun Fish on June 27, 1856 with William H. Bush, the first postmaster. It closed in July 1862 but was re-established in November 1890 by J.E. Hayes. The proposed name Hayesville was replaced by the original name, now spelled as one word, Sunfish. The creek, a Grayson-Edmonson intercounty feature that joins Bear Creek one mile north of Huff, has borne this name since the early nineteenth century. It undoubtedly refers to the local sunfish, one of the genus *lepomis*, characterized by a "deep compressed body." [6] A county tradition has it that the fish in that stream would come very close to the surface of the water, giving the impression of sunning themselves.

Just below the mouth of Alexander Creek, on the south bank of Green River, five miles below (ssw of) Brownsville, were the post offices of Parish

Mills and Raymer. The first was operated by Daniel C. Parish at his mills, ferry, and store from January 3, 1873 to May 1875. On July 20, 1886 Henry E. James, when his proposed name Long City was unacceptable to the Post Office Department, re-established the office as Raymer, the name of several prominent Edmonson County families. It closed after only two months.

Another mill that gave its name to a post office was Dickey's Mills which was established on January 7, 1874 with John W. Macy, postmaster. It was located where the Nolin River crosses the Grayson County line, a place then called Mt. Vernon. After several short distance moves across the county line, it returned in 1924 to a point one mile south of the Grayson County line where, it closed in December 1932. Some say the mill was owned by and named for a Mr. Dickey, about whom nothing else is known. Others refer to the story of a Dick Skaggs who co-owned a water-powered grist mill in the vicinity with a Mr. Atwood. According to this account, the mill burned around 1880 and Atwood, thinking that Skaggs had been responsible, killed him. [7]

Jasper Newton Miles established three post offices at the head of Beaverdam Creek in the southeastern part of the county. The first, about one mile south of the creek, in the vicinity of the earlier Dripping Springs post office, was established on May 27, 1878 as Dripping Spring Mills. It closed in July 1879. On May 10th of the following year, Miles established another office, one mile northeast, which he named Miles. It closed less than three months later.

On September 23, 1880, at the junction of Ky. 259 and 422, five miles north of Rocky Hill and 7 1/2 miles southeast of Brownsville, Miles established yet another post office which was given the name Pig. Whether this unusual name had been applied to the community before its post office was established is not known. Traditionally it is believed to have been given early to the local store, allegedly for the domestic animal of that name. But many have attributed the name to the establishment of the post office itself and relate this tale: The residents, assembled to select a name, couldn't agree on one for each wanted it named for himself. Deliberations seemed about to break down when one man said, in disgust, "I see a pig out on the road, and the way we're carrying on reminds me of that pig. I suggest we call our post office Pig". And they did. The post office closed in July 1904.

Some 2 1/2 miles up Little Beaverdam Creek from the Green River and less than a mile from the Warren County line (in the southwestern part of the



county) was the aptly named post office of Cedar Bluff Mills. Thomas and John O. Poteet were the only postmasters from its establishment on May 5, 1879 to its closing in May 1911.

The hamlet and active post office of Huff is now located on Ky. 70, just west of its junction with Ky. 187, on the northwest bank of Bear Creek and 7 1/2 miles northwest of Brownsville. It was established on June 29, 1881 by Henry P. Logsdon, its first postmaster, on (and near the head of) Sunfish Creek, some distance north of its present site at which, after several moves, it arrived in early 1926. It was named for an area family, perhaps the descendants of William Huff.

Two late nineteenth century post offices were established to serve communities settled in part by Swedish immigrant families. The first, called Stockholm, for the Swedish capital, was just north of the Mammoth Cave National Park some 5 1/2 miles north of the cave itself. According to one account, this office was established on July 3, 1882 with P.M. Dorsey, Jr. as its first postmaster to serve an area lumber operation which attracted several Swedish families. Ambitious plans for a town that was laid off here never materialized, and by the time the post office closed in November 1913 little remained. Today only a few descendants of the original Swedish settlers still worship at the local Stockholm Church on Ky. 1352.

The second Swedish settlement, called Sweeden, is a viable village extending for about half a mile along Ky. 259, 1 1/2 miles northwest of the park and five miles north of Brownsville. It was founded and presumably named by Larkin J. Proctor, a land developer, as part of an effort to promote the county's economic development. In the early 1880s he arranged for several families of Swedish immigrants then living in or near Chicago, Illinois to move to land he had acquired here. The local post office was established as New Sweden on December 28, 1892 with Bradley Musick, the first postmaster. It was inexplicably renamed Sweeden in 1894 and survives.

Serving the extreme northwestern section of the county from September 1, 1884 to August 1924 was the post office of Nash. This was at the junction of the present Ky. 185 and 1075, on the east bank of Big Reedy Creek, 0.1 mile from the Grayson County line, and 14 3/4 miles northwest of Brownsville. Christopher C. Miller, the first postmaster, named it for the families of Arthur B. Nash, Jr. (1818-1862) and his father (1780-1854). The Virginia-born Arthur Sr. had settled early on Big Reedy and was among the county's first magistrates.

A post office called Cloud, whose name was probably inadvertently corrupted from the intended name Claude and never corrected, served the upper Alexander Creek area from June 4, 1891 to June 1903. It was located at two sites some four to five miles up Alexander Creek from Green River, about 1 1/2 miles from the Warren County line and some 8 1/2 miles south of Brownsville. Who Claude was remains a mystery; there were no known persons by this name in the family of William N. Wingfield, the first postmaster, nor among his neighbors.

The hamlet of Rhoda is now centered at the junction of Ky. 101 and 259, just east of Beaverdam Creek and four miles south of Brownsville. Its post office, operating from December 5, 1891 to July 1904, was to have been called Bufordville for its first postmaster, William W. Buford; but whether it was actually named for his wife, as is popularly believed, has not been confirmed.

The post office of Nick was established on July 14, 1893 about a mile south of the mouth of Alexander Creek. After several moves it ended its days, in May 1956, at a site over one mile west, and some 6 1/2 miles southwest of Brownsville. The derivation of Nick is not known. Thomas L. Sullivan, the local storekeeper and first postmaster, had no son named Nick (or Nicholas); nor was this the name of any of his neighbors.

The hamlet of Roundhill with its active post office is on Ky. 70, 0.2 miles from the Butler County line and eleven miles wnw of Brownsville. The post office, established in Butler County on October 14, 1893 with John Willis, Jr., postmaster, and named for the shape of a local hill, was moved in September, 1937 half a mile east to its present site.

Marcellus Hazelip (1860-1918) started two post offices several miles northwest of Brownsville. The first one, established on June 1, 1883 at a point on the present Ky. 70, four miles northwest of Brownsville, was given his name, Marcellus, when his proposed name Hollyspring (for a nearby church, school, and cemetery) was found unacceptable. The community that grew up around this is called Windyville which aptly describes the weather conditions on its ridge location at certain times of the year.

Hazelip's other post office, Fairchild, was established somewhere in the vicinity of Marcellus -Windyville on March 3, 1894, less than a year after the Marcellus office closed. Its name derivation is not known; no Fairchild families are known to have lived in the county. It closed in August 1901.

About one air mile north of Windyville (on Ky. 1365, 4 1/2 miles northwest of Brownsville) is the

settlement of Grassland. Its post office of this name, which was also to have been called Hollyspring or Holly, was established by Charles A. Alexander on March 12, 1895 and was named for the abundance of grass and the dearth of other vegetation in the area. It closed in December 1963.

In 1894, when Samuel P. York established a post office about 1 1/2 miles east of Bear Creek, he proposed his family name, only to learn that York had recently been given to a Greenup County post office. His office, which operated from June 26, 1894 through January 1954 on the present Ky. 655, 8 1/2 miles wnw of Brownsville, was named Segal instead. This name is said to have been that of a local family, but no such named family is listed in any Edmonson County Census. The closest were several related families of Sego, descendants of an early nineteenth century Irish immigrant, which lived in other sections of the county.

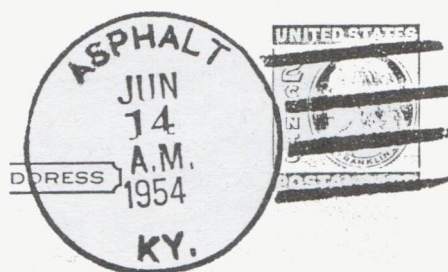
The post office of Arthur on Ky. 70, four miles east of Brownsville, was established on December 12, 1898 by Markas L. Tunks and is said to have been named either for a local resident or for the late President Chester A. Arthur by local Republicans. The office closed in October 1936.

A post office called Bear was operated by Thomas J. Patterson from February 6, 1902 to June 1905 at the mouth of Bear Creek (a Green River tributary) just north of the junction of Edmonson, Butler, and Warren Counties, 11 3/4 miles wsw of Brownsville. According to tradition, in a cave near its banks the pioneer hunter Samuel Willis shot a bear "by the light of its eyes." [8]

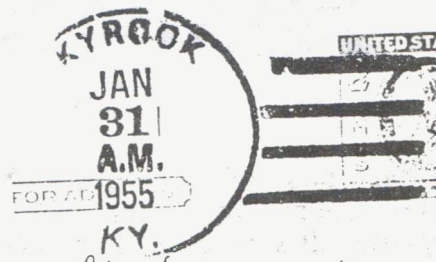
The post office of Chill, whose name derivation and even existence is not known to most county historians, was established on June 7, 1902 with Andrew J. Potter, postmaster, on the north bank of Green River, about one mile above (southeast of) Honey Creek, and six miles southwest of Brownsville. It closed in February 1913.

The Straw post office, established by Robert T. Miles on May 2, 1904, was just east of the junction of the present Ky. 728 and 1827, fourteen miles northeast of Brownsville. It closed in August 1936. The source of its name is also unknown.

Three Edmonson post offices recall the extensive quarrying of rock asphalt in the county in the early twentieth century. The first, Asphalt, was established just northwest of the mouth of Honey Creek on May 10, 1905 with Walter B. White as postmaster. After several moves, it finally located at a site on the present Ky. 655, one mile north of Green River, and 6 1/2 miles west of Brownsville, where it closed in 1958.



In the hills above the mouth of Pigeon Creek, just west of Nolin River, and seven miles north of Brownsville, was Kyrock. This town was founded around 1911 as the processing, shipping, and maintenance center of the Louisville-based Kentucky Rock Asphalt Co., the country's biggest producer of rock-type asphaltic paving material. The Kyrock post office served the operation and its peak population of almost 2000 from June 21, 1920 through January 1955. Production ceased in 1957 and virtually nothing remains at the site.

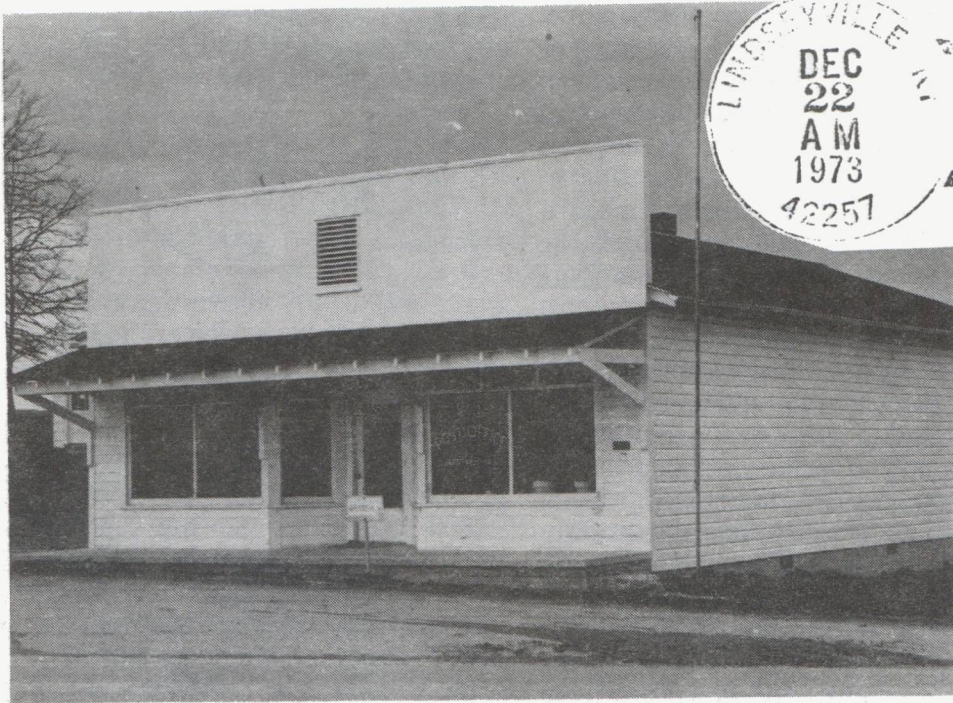


Another post office named for the abundance of rock asphalt in its vicinity was Natural Rock. From July 21, 1928 to October 1936 it served the community of Blanton (for local families) on Bear Creek, less than two miles north of Segal and some seven miles northwest of Brownsville.

The shortlived (from November 7, 1910 to September 1913) post office of Jock, said to have been named for resident Peter Jockey Meredith, was on the Meredith Road, less than one mile southeast of Ky. 259, at Broadway, and 11 1/2 miles north of Brownsville. Isabel Willis was its only postmaster.

Two post offices opened in the 1930s. One, on the hill east of Bear Creek, half a mile from the Grayson County line and 11 1/2 miles north of Brownsville, was established in 1934 in Earl Carroll's store to serve a community still known as Salem. Since another Salem post office (in Livingston County) precluded the use of this name, Carroll submitted the name Prosperity. He had just enlarged his store, installing a gas-powered generator for electricity, and his neighbors thought the place would have a prosperous future. This was shortlived; the office closed in 1954 and little but the New Salem Baptist Church survives.





*Lindseyville post office.*

The last post office to be established in Edmonson County (on August 22, 1935) was Lindseyville. It still serves a community by this name that was once called Midway for its site on Ky. 259, between Bee Spring and Brownsville, four miles south. Since Midway was already in use by a post office in Woodford County, Gilbert L. Webb, the postmaster, submitted the name of the largest of the community's families.

Of Edmonson County's forty seven post offices only one, Brownsville, has identified an incorporated community, the county's seat. Eight served villages, five of which survive to this day. The others served rural neighborhoods, some with local stores. Ten (Bee Spring, Brownsville, Huff, Lindseyville, Mammoth Cave, Ollie, Rocky Hill, Roundhill, Sunfish, and Sweeden) are active post offices.

Thirteen offices were named for local persons or families. One (possibly two) were named for non local persons. Twelve referred to geographic features and conditions or physical processes in the area. To six were transferred the names of nearby

features (streams or mills). Three were named for distant places. Two denoted events or activities carried on in the vicinity. One referred to local aspirations. One had been corrupted from an intended name. The derivations of eight post office names are still unknown. One post office (Fairchild) has not been precisely located.

Four post offices--Self, Ess, Wildcat, and Granville -- were established but never operated. The locations of none of these are known.

Self, authorized on June 23, 1893, was named for the family of its postmaster-designate George W. Self whose appointment was rescinded the following May. Ess was established on April 25, 1898 by Joseph L. Sanders who had become the postmaster of Ollie less than a month before. It was likely at the same location.

Wildcat and Granville (the latter named for its postmaster-designate, Granville M. Simmons) were both established on Feb. 5, 1902 and rescinded on July 22nd of the same year.

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(Note: The distances given for the post offices in this article are road miles from downtown Brownsville.)

## Footnotes

1. From an undated photo in the Edmonson Co. Vertical Files, Library of the Kentucky Historical Society. The word chameleon, of course, refers to the ability of something to change its colors.
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*Huff post office.*

*The photographs accompanying this article were taken by Alan H. Patera*



# COLORADO POSTAL MARKINGS TO 1900

By Richard C. Frajola

## CHAFFEE COUNTY

### ALPINE

1.	4	CDS25	5 Jun 79	25 Oct 80	
2.	5	CDS30	14 Oct 82?		wheel of fortune
3.	5	CDS31	17 Jan 84		circle grid
4.	3	CDS27.5	27 Apr 99		

ANTERO (no reported examples)

ARBOURVILLE (no reported examples)

### ARKANSAS

1.	5	CDS30	17 Aug 80	13 Nov 80	wheel of fortune
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BATH (no reported examples)

### BROWNS CANON

1.	5	CDS28	4 Jun 89	8 Nov 89	found only as bkst
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### BUENA VISTA

1.	4	MAN	18 Oct 79	28 Jan 80	
2.	3	CDS25.5	2 Mar 80	16 Mar 80	
3.	4	CDS30	15 Jul 80	12 Jun 81	wheel of fortune
4.	3	CDS27	31 Oct 84	6 Jan 87	
5.	2	CDS27	16 Apr 88	9 Feb 90	
6.	2	CDS29	20 Jul 92	21 Jan 95	
7.	2	CDS27	18 Apr	7 Sep 96	
8.	1	CDS28	7 Jul 98	14 Dec 98	

CALUMET (no reported examples)

CARMEL (no reported examples)

### CASH CREEK

1.	6	MAN	21 Jul 68		
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### CENTREVILLE

1.	6	MAN	1 Aug 73		
2.	4	CDS28	11 Feb 79	13 Oct 79	
3.	3	CDS27	2 Jun 89	10 Sep 89	

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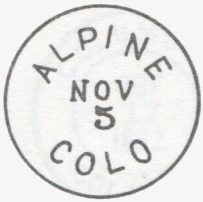
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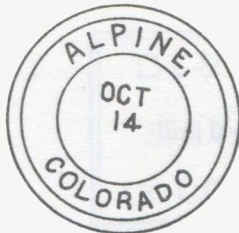
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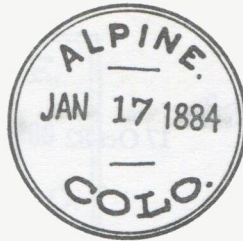
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3.	5	CDS35	25 May 77	20 May 79	



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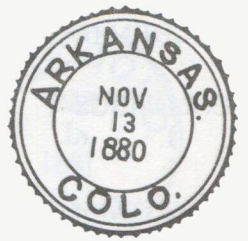
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*Cash Creek Col July 21<sup>st</sup> 1869*

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*Centerville Colo Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1873*

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*Chalk Creek, Colo, 1/19 1880.*

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*Cleora Colo  
3/27*

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COCHEM (no reported examples)

COLUMBUS

1.	6	CDS27	5 Oct 82	17 Oct 82	oval grid
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CONROW (no reported examples)

COTTONWOOD SPRINGS (no reported examples)

DIVIDE

1.	6	BOX36	5 Sep 80		
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DOLOMITE

1.	6	MAN	13 Dec 86		
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FISHER (no reported examples)

FREE GOLD

1.	6	CDS28	9 Feb 81	1 Mar 81	target
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GARFIELD

1.	5	CDS26	21 Mar 84	6 Nov 85	star
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GRANITE

1.	6	CDS25	20 Sep 73		
2.	4	MAN	25 Mar	25 Jun 79	
3.	4	CDS26	25 May		
4.	4	CDS29.5	6 Oct 80?		oval grid
5.	5	CDS35	13 Oct 84		
6.	4	CDS28	4 Feb 86		
7.	4	CDS25.5	16 Sep 86	12 Feb 87	
8.	3	CDS28	19 Jun 90	7 Jun 99	
9.	3	CDS32	12 Aug 97		

HANCOCK

1.	3	CDS33	23 May 81	4 Jun 82	
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HELENA

1.	6-6	MAN	28 Jan 74	14 Apr 79	
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HEYWOOD (no reported examples)

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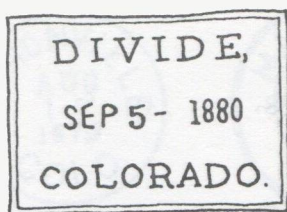
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2.	5	CDS26	2 Jan 80		star
3.	5	CDS29	27 Jan 84		maltese cross



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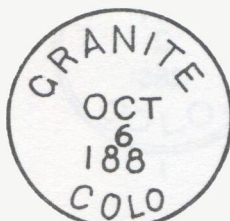
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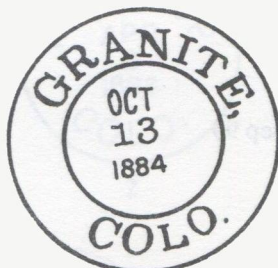
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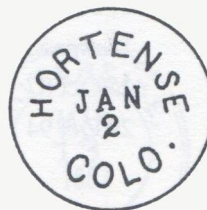
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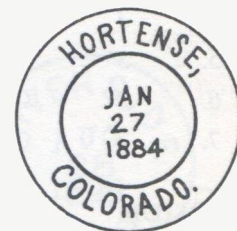
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## HUMMEL (no reported examples)

## KRAFT

1.	6	CDS28.5	1 Sep 87	5 Nov 88	
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## MAHONVILLE

1.	6	CDS25	24 Jun 79	17 Aug 79	
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## MAYSVILLE

1.	4	CDS28.5	24 Jul 80		
2.	4	CDS30	6 May 81	12 Jun 82	
3.	4	CDS27	1 May 82	18 Oct 83	
4.	5	CDS35	7 Feb 93		star in circle

## MEARS

1.	5	CDS28	28 Nov 80	8 Jun 81	target
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## MEILY (no reported examples)

## MONARCH

1.	5	CDS27	30 Nov 88		
2.	4	CDS27.5	4 Mar 89	23 Sep 90	
3.	4	CDS28	1 Apr 99		

## MOUNT PRINCETON (no reported examples)

## NATHROP

1.	5	CDS28	1 Jan 82	2 Feb 82	
2.	4	CDS28	3 Apr 83		

## NEVA (no reported examples)

## NEWETT

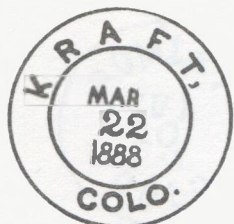
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2.	4	CDS28	7 Oct 97		

## PONCHO SPRINGS

1.	3	CDS26	19 Feb	21 Jul 77	target	spelled "Puncho"
2.	3	CDS25	22 Feb 80	5 Aug 80	star in circle	spelled "Puncho"
3.	4	OCT35	20 Nov 80	13 Jul 81		
4.	3	OVL48	17 Jul 81	22 Feb 85?		
5.	3	CDS30	17 Apr 83	20 Aug 86	star	spelled "Poncha"
6.	2	CDS28.5	15 Oct 87	6 Aug 89		
7.	2	CDS28.5	29 Oct 94	23 Sep 99		

## RIVERSIDE

1.	7	MAN	10 Aug 74			
2.	5	CDS28	13 Mar 87			found as bkst only
3.	5	CDS28	28 Aug 98			



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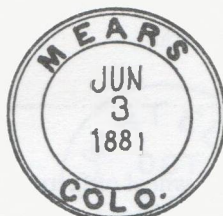
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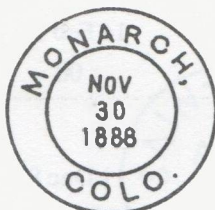
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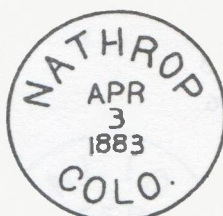
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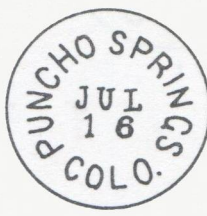
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Newitt, Colo.

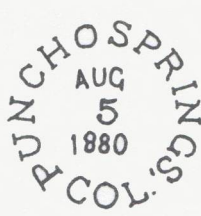
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*Riverside Lake Co Col  
Aug 10th 1874*

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## ROMLEY

1.	5	CDS27	10 Jul		
2.	5	CDS28	6 Apr 92	6 May 93	target

## SAINT ELMO

1.	4	CDS27	27 Feb 81	26 Oct 82	
2.	4	CDS28	21 Feb 83	9 Dec 83	
3.	4	CDS26.5	6 Jul 85		negative "H"
4.	3	CDS27	12 Feb 88	14 Feb 90	star
5.	3	CDS28	7 Apr 99	00	

## SALIDA

1.	3	CDS29.5	7 Apr 82	11 Dec 82	wheel of fortune
2.	3	CDS29	21 Mar 85	6 Apr 85	wheel of fortune
3.	2	CDS28	30 Sep 83	21 Feb 88	
4.	2	CDS28	3 Nov 89	10 Nov 89	
5.	1	CDS28	15 May 91	4 Nov 93	
6.	1	CDS29	9 Oct 93	22 Jul 96	early date on reg. receipt
7.	2	REG38	17 Sep 97	00	
8.	1	CDS29	15 Sep 98	5 Sep 99	

SHAVANO (no reported examples)

SILVERDALE (no reported examples)

## SOUTH ARKANSAS

1.	7	CDS25	26 May 75?		
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SYLVANITE (no reported examples)

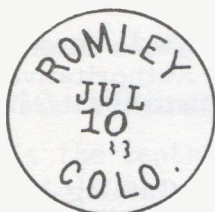
TURRETT (no reported examples)

## VICKSBURG

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## WINFIELD

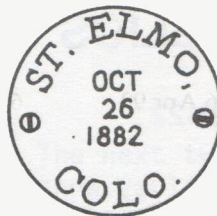
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**SALIDA**  
SEP 17 1897  
**COLORADO.**

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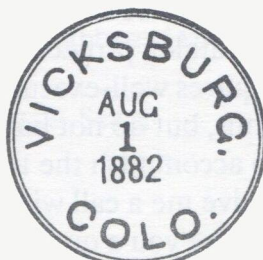
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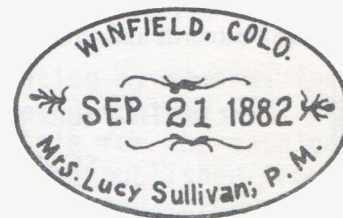
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# POSTMARKS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY

By Richard A. Long

## Part 10 - Whitman County

This is the tenth in a series in which I am cataloging postmarks used on first-class mail in Washington Territory. The format is similar to that generally used by authors who have written on postmarks of the other Western states.

After each post office name I give the years in which it was open. Then each postmark known is given a number, after which I give a second number that shows how many examples are known to exist at this time. In the catalog that follows, we have no known types for the towns of Alkali Flat or Alki, then I list two for the town of Almota. For ALMOTA 1 I show the number 1, for the only example known of this type, and for ALMOTA 2 I show a 4, the number known of this type.

Next is a postmark code that tells the style of the actual postmark. I have been using the rather cumbersome code used by former authors, but starting in this installment I am using the simpler code devised recently by Richard Frajola for use in his 19th Century Colorado catalog. Because I illustrate nearly every known marking, there is probably no reason to use a complicated code to tell you all the features that you can already see by looking at the drawing.

The simplified code consists of a set of 2 or 3 letters to tell you the style of the postmark, and in most cases it is followed by a numeral showing the diameter of circle or length of line. Here are the style abbreviations:

BOX - Boxed  
CDS - Circular Date Stamp  
FAN - Fancy  
MAN - Manuscript  
OCT - Octagonal  
OVL - Oval  
REG - Registered Mail  
SL - Straight Line

For instance, CDS27 means a 27mm circle.

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The next two columns in our articles show earliest and latest known dates of use of each postmark type. Because records do not exist, we take this information from actual covers that bear the postmarks, and for these we depend upon input from collectors and dealers.

The last item shown is the style of the killer used with the postmark - this is the feature, usually separate, that is used to actually cancel the stamp. The postmark itself is usually not a cancel or killer; its function is to show the office and date of origin of the cover.

Here is where we stand in our series:

- 1) Franklin County
- 2) Cowlitz County
- 3) Island & San Juan Counties
- 4) Pacific & Wahkiakum Counties
- 5) Pierce County
- 6) Kitsap County
- 7) Grays Harbor County
- 8) Skagit County
- 9) Snohomish County
- \*10) Whitman County this time
- 11) Walla Walla County next time
- 12) Clark County

Order of remaining ones announced later.

When the series is completed, the whole territory will be compiled in a catalog that shows every town in alphabetical order, with every postmark illustrated. Publication of the catalog will be announced well in advance, but we have a long way to go to finish our counties in these articles first.

I am constantly updating my records for offices already covered so they will be as complete as possible for the catalog that will eventually be published from these articles. And I need information for counties in future articles, please! Thanks to recent contributors John E. Koehler and Joel Casebier. Write me at PO Box 472, Bandon OR 97411.



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**WHITMAN COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS**


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## ALKALI FLAT (1878-1880)

No examples reported

## ALKI (1888-1908)

No examples reported

## ALMOTA (1878-1961)

1.	1	CDS27.5	3 Feb 1885		Target
2.	4	OVL46	28 Feb 1886	11 Jun 1888	Postmark

## BELMONT (1887-1963)

No examples reported

## BETHANY (1881-1884)

No examples reported

## CEDAR CREEK (1875-1882)

1.	1	CDS27	20 Mar 1882		Target
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## CLENTON (1877-1890)

No examples reported

## COIN (1881-1889)

1.	1	CDS32	14 Oct 1882		
2.	5	CDS27.5	15 May 1885	29 Mar 1889	Target

## COLFAX (1872-open)

1.	2	MAN	3 Jul 1872	16 Jul 1875	Manuscript
2.	2	CDS24	9 Apr -	11 May -	
3.	1	OCT	1879		
4.	14	CDS27.5	15 Dec 1879	4 Mar 1886	Target
5.	12	CDS27.5	8 Feb 1881	17 Jan 1884	Target
6.	1	CDS27.5	12 Mar 1884		Target
7.	27	CDS26	1 May 1886	1 Mar 1888	Target
8.	5	CDS27	5 Jun 1888	18 Jul 1889	Postmark

## COLTON (1879-open)

1.	1	CDS	25 Jul -		
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## COVE (1887-1890)

No examples reported

## DAMREL (1882)

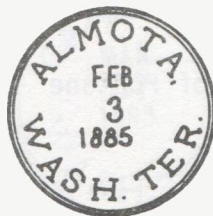
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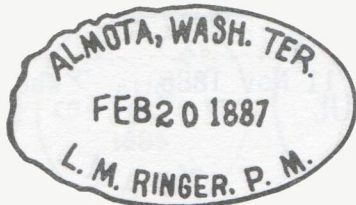
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## ELBERTON (1887-1958)

1.	9	MAN	10 Aug 1887	10 Jan 1888	Manuscript
2.	1	CDS27	14 Sep 1888		



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*Colfax W.T. July 3/72*

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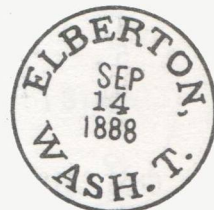
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*Elberton W.T.  
8-23-87*

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*Swartsville  
Oct. 2nd 89*

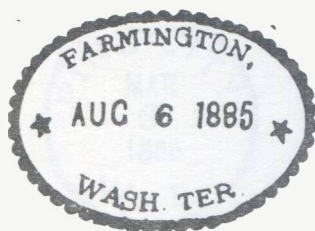
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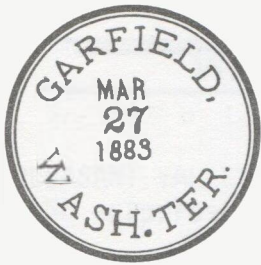


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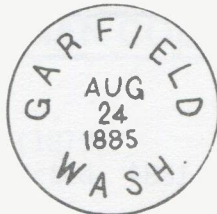
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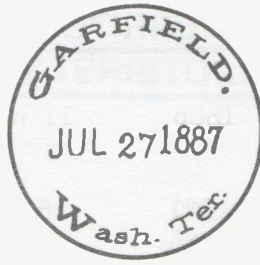
ENDICOTT (1882-open)					
1.	3	CDS29	19 Apr 1886	11 Nov 1886	Wheel of Fortune
EWARTSVILLE (1873-1891)					
1.	1	MAN	2 Oct 1889		
FARMINGTON (1879-open)					
1.	6	CDS27	10 May 1880	13 Jun 1881	Target
2.	1	CDS28	7 Mar 1882		Maltese Cross
3.	4	OVL41	6 Aug 1885	7 Jan 1886	Target, Postmark
4.	1	CDS31	17 May 1887		Large Target
5.	1	CDS27	8 Sep 1887		
6.	6	CDS30	14 Feb 1888	12 Nov 1888	Wheel of Fortune
7.	6	CDS30.5	17 May 1889	21 Sep 1889	Wheel of Fortune
FLETCHER (1883-1887)					
No examples reported					
GARFIELD (1881-open)					
1.	3	CDS32	21 Jul 1882	25 Jun 1883	Target
2.	3	CDS27.5	7 Jun 1883	24 Aug 1885	Target
3.	1	MAN	29 Apr 1886		Manuscript
4.	19	CDS33	27 Jul 1887	11 Jun 1888	Target
5.	1	CDS32.5	29 Mar 1888		
6.	19	CDS32.5	21 Dec 1888	4 Sep 1889	Star in Circle
7.	3	SL32	22 Jan 1889	9 Sep 1889	Star in Circle
GUY (1881-1901)					
1.	2	CDS31	31 Aug 1885	18 Oct 1885	Target
2.	5	CDS30	1 Aug 1887	21 Apr 1888	Circular Grid
HOOPER (1886-open)					
1.	1	CDS30	1- Jan 1888		Target
IMBLER (1882-1884)					
No examples reported					
IRENE (1879-1886)					
No examples reported					
JOHNSON (1888-1956)					
No examples reported					
KAMIAC (1885-1887)					
No examples reported					
KENTUCK (1872-1873)					
No examples reported					
KUMTUCK (1879-1884)					
No examples reported					
LEITCHVILLE (1876-1883)					
No examples reported					



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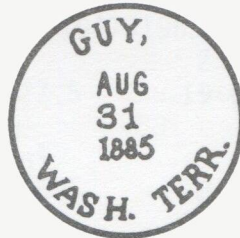
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APR 1 1889  
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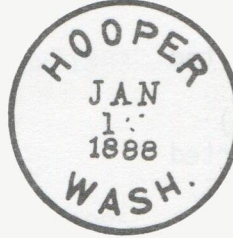
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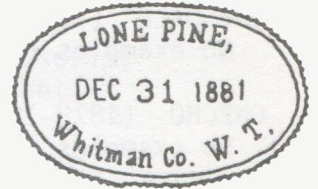
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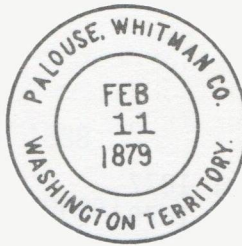
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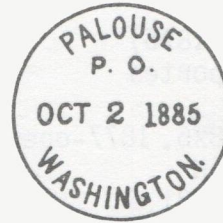
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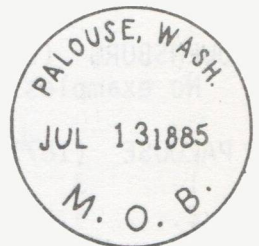
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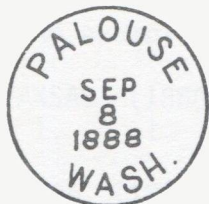
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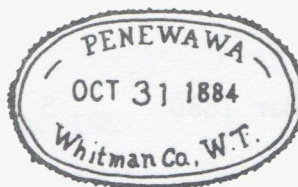
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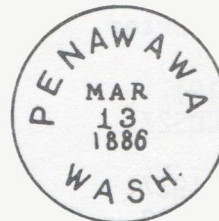
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**LINCOLN (1877-1882)**

No examples reported

**LONE PINE (1879-1890)**

1.	4	OVL39	16 - 1881	6 Mar 1884	Fancy Circle
2.	1	CDS27.5	31 Oct 1885		Cork

**OAKESDALE (1887-open)**

1.	2	CDS32	5 Dec 1887		
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**OAKSDALE (1887)**

No examples reported

**ONECHO (1879-1883)**

No examples reported

**ONTARIO (1881-1890)**

No examples reported

**ORIEL (1880-1881)**

No examples reported

**OWENSBURG (1874-1876)**

No examples reported

**PALOUSE (1873-1876, 1877-open)**

1.	3	MAN	7 Jul 1877	- - 1881	
2.	4	CDS31.5	11 Feb 1879	29 Sep 1881	Maltese Cross
3.	12	CDS29	5 Jun 1883	10 Dec 1887	Fancy Star
4.	1	CDS31.5	13 Jul 1885		
5.	2	CDS27	18 Aug 1888or89	8 Sep 1888or89	Pinwheel

**PALOUSE BRIDGE (1870-1877)**

No examples reported

**PAMPA (1884-1919)**

1.	3	CDS27	3 Mar 1886	5 Jul 1888	
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**PENAWAWA (1876-1937)**

1.	9	OVL38	12 Jun 1882	1 Jul 1885	Postmark, Manuscript
2.	2	CDS28	23 Feb 1886	13 Mar 1886	Target

**PINE CITY (1879-1970)**

1.	1	MAN	17 Dec -		
2.	3	CDS27	28 Sep 1883	15 Jul 1887	Target
3.	1	CDS28	6 Mar 1886		Target

**PINE CREEK (1877-1879)**

1.	2	MAN	22 Aug 1878	21 Oct 1878	
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**PITT (1884-1885)**

No examples reported

**PLAINFIELD (1883-1884)**

No examples reported

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**WHITMAN COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS**


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## PLEASANT VALLEY (1879)

No examples reported

## PULLMAN (1881-open)

1.	1	MAN	8 May 1883	
2.	3	CDS27	7 Sep 1885	1 Jan 1889

## RIPARIA (1882-1945, 1947-1963)

1.	3	MAN	2 Mar 1883	2 Apr 1883	Manuscript
2.	1	CDS27.5	19 Feb 1889		Target

## ROSALIA (1872-open)

1.	3	CDS25.5	8 Dec 1880		Target
2.	7	CDS34	11 Feb 1881	2 Oct 1885	Oval Grid
3.	1	CDS32	27 Sep 1886		Wheel of Fortune
4.	2	OVL32.5	26 Aug 1889		Wheel of Fortune

## SAINT JOHN (1889-open)

No examples reported

## STALEY (1888-1902)

1.	1	CDS27.5	19 Dec 1888		Target
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## STEPTOE (1875-1876, 1878-1902, 1908-open)

1.	2	CDS29.5	28 Oct 1886	2 Nov 1886	
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## SUNSET (1889-1955)

No examples reported

## SUTTON (1881-1888)

No examples reported

## TAXSAS (1880-1890)

1.	1	MAN	5 Dec 188-		
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## TEKOA (1888-open)

## UNIONTOWN (1878-open)

1.	2	CDS28	10 Mar 1882		Circular Grid
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## VULCAN (1886-1888)

1.	3	MAN	25 Oct 1886	9 Mar 1887	Manuscript
2.	1	CDS27	11 May 1888		Cork

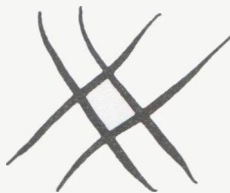
## WALTON (1874-1875)

No examples reported

## WAWAWAI (1887-1967)

No examples reported

*Riparia*  
*4-7-83*



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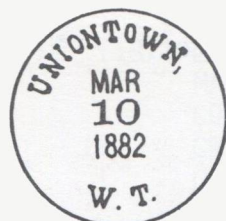
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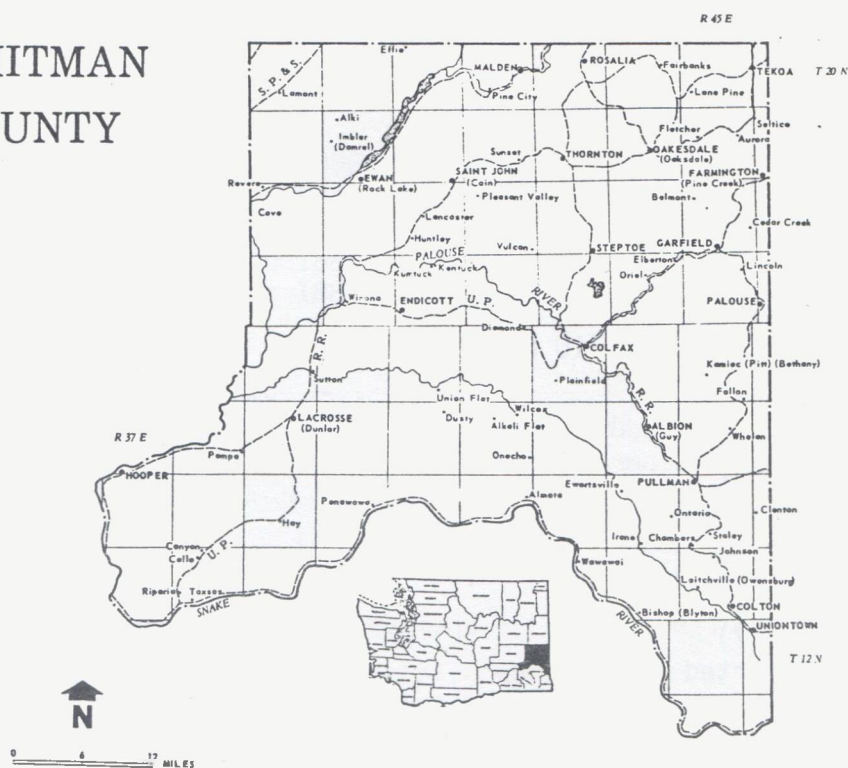
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## WHITMAN COUNTY





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## WHITMAN COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

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ALMOTA 1 is unique; we know of only the Donaldson cover, illustrated in Chase-Cabeen. This cover was sold by Samuel Paige in his April 1956 auction.

ALMOTA 2 is rare. Most of the 4 known have distorted outlines as shown.

CEDAR CREEK 1 is unique. See the illustration in Dec 1987 Frajola auction.

COIN 1 is unique. Illustrated in Chase-Cabeen, from the Hitt collection.

COIN 2 is scarce; 5 are known at this time, usually nice strikes.

COLFAX 1 is a very rare manuscript; only 2 are reported in collections.

COLFAX 2 is also very rare, with 2 reported examples.

COLFAX 3 is known as a single report from an advanced collector who has seen it.

COLFAX 4 is one of 3 common Colfax markings, the one with "WASH".

COLFAX 5 is another of the 3 common ones, with "WASH TER".

COLFAX 6 is very rare, with 1 & perhaps another known. The spacing of letters is definitely different than spacing on the next type.

COLFAX 7 is by far the commonest type, with "WASH T".

COLFAX 8 is quite scarce, with just 5 examples reported.

COLTON 1 is unique, recorded in a dealer's stock in early 1989.

ELBERTON 1 manuscript turns up more often than you might expect; I know of 9.

ELBERTON 2 is known only as a single example on a registered package receipt.

I am assuming that it must have been used to postmark first-class mail as well.

An Elberton dated 12 Sep 1889 in a Feb 1990 La Posta auction may be same type?

ENDICOTT 1 is rare, with just 3 examples known.

EWARTSVILLE 1 is reported only as a single example on a registered package receipt.

I am assuming that it was used to postmark first-class mail as well. If a CDS turns up from this late period we will deny the manuscript a place unless we see it used on first-class mail as well.

FARMINGTON 1 turns up at times; I know of 6, most or all in magenta.

FARMINGTON 2 is very rare, known only as a unique example in a collection.

FARMINGTON 3 is quite scarce, 4 known, usually rather smeared.

FARMINGTON 4 is unique; style is unusual, killer is overly large target.

FARMINGTON 5 is unique. Killer indistinct, appears a cork.

FARMINGTON 6 turns up at times, is easy to confuse with next type.

FARMINGTON 7, like the last type, turns up at times, but is uncommon.

GARFIELD 1 is rare, 3 known, large & attractive, usually decent strike.

GARFIELD 2 is also rare with just 3 known.

GARFIELD 3 is a unique manuscript, illustrated in McBride auction Feb 1982.

GARFIELD 4 is one of the 2 common types, black or magenta, often receiving mark.

GARFIELD 5 is unique, reported in just one collection.

GARFIELD 6 is one of 2 common types, often struck upside-down.

GARFIELD 7 is a rare straight-line apparently used concurrently with GARFIELD 6.

GUY 1 is rare, 2 known, indistinct, may be double circle rather than single.

GUY 2 is scarce, 5 known, one reported in purple.

HOOPER 1 is unique, illustrated in Spelman auction catalog Sep 1985.

LONE PINE 1 is very scarce, 4 known, indistinct circular fancy killer.

LONE PINE 2 is reported as just 1 example in a collection.

## WHITMAN COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

OAKESDALE 1 is quite spectacular, known twice, as an indistinct one and as a nice strike illustrated in McBride auction catalog April 1973.

PALOUSE 1 is a rare manuscript postmark, with 3 known.

PALOUSE 2 is a beauty, usually purple, with unusual full WASHINGTON TERRITORY in the postmark. Only 4 are known, usually nice strikes.

PALOUSE 3 is the common postmark from this office with 12 known so far.

PALOUSE 4 is known only as the example reported in Chase-Cabeen.

PALOUSE 5 is known in 2 examples, probably 1888, though possibly 1889.

PAMPA 1 is rare; 3 are known in two collections.

PENAWAWA 1 is commoner, though at least 5 are in two collections. Note spelling.

PENAWAWA 2 is rare, with just 2 reported, at least 1 in blue.

PINE CITY 1 is a unique manuscript illustrated in the Landis catalog.

PINE CITY 2 is reported in 3 examples, plus a 4th as an 1889 receiving mark.

PINE CITY 3 is unique.

PINE CREEK 1 is very rare, with just 2 reported.

PULLMAN 1 is a unique manuscript marking.

PULLMAN 2 is quite rare, with just 3 reported.

RIPARIA 1 is quite rare, 3 very crude examples known.

RIPARIA 2 is unique.

ROSALIA 1 is quite rare, with just 3 known.

ROSALIA 2 is more common, 7 known, usually rather decent but not sharp strikes.

ROSALIA 3 is unique, with town name very poorly struck.

ROSALIA 4 is rare, 2 known, is a nearly-circular oval.

STALEY 1 is unique.

STEPTOE 1 is very rare; just 2 known at this time.

TAXSAS 1 is a unique manuscript marking.

UNIONTOWN 1 is known only as 2 examples.

VULCAN 1 is a rare manuscript, with 3 known.

VULCAN 2 is unique.

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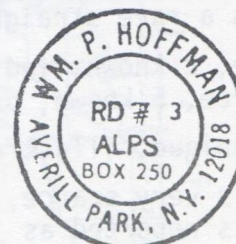
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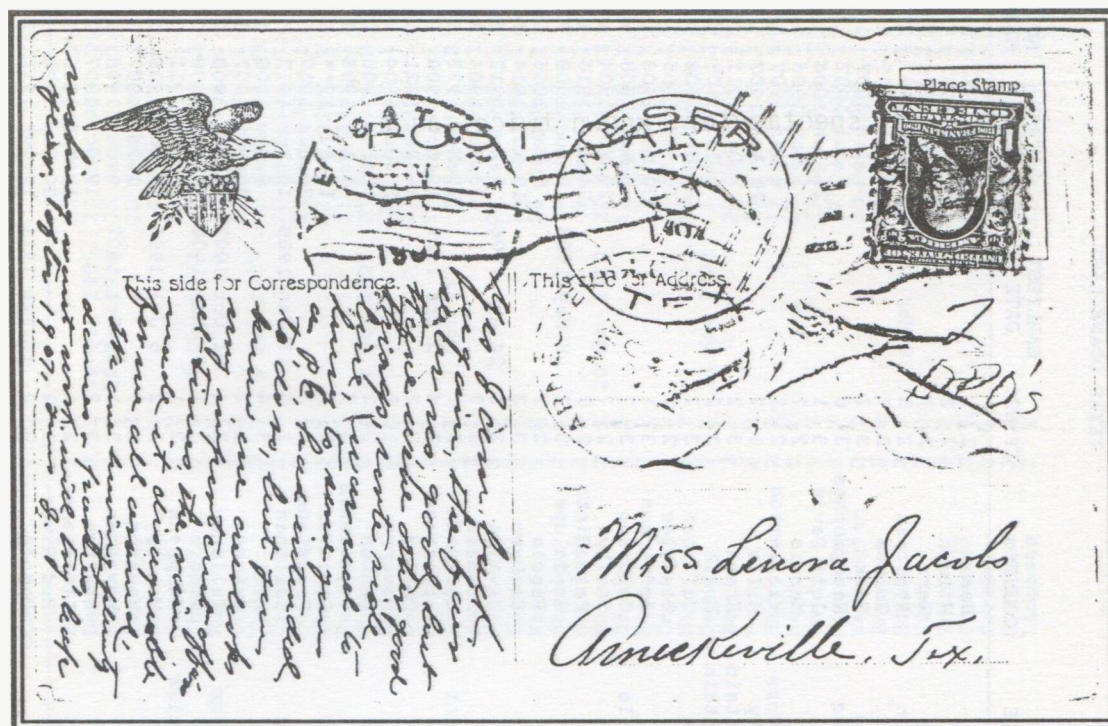
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This postcard displays three different Texas Doane cancels, one of each type. The card was postmarked Weser (Type 3, No. 2). It received a forwarding mark at Weesatche (Type 1, No. 3) and a receiving mark at Armeckville (Type 2, No. 2).

## TEXAS DOANES

By Jack M. Smith, Sr.

There may have been as many as 3,000 post offices in Texas that used Doane cancels. There were, after all, 3,313 post offices operating in Texas on June 30, 1903, and the vast majority of them were fourth class offices. This listing, the most comprehensive to date and the first to be published in a national journal, contains the names of 405 offices known to have used one or more Doane cancels.

The author wishes to thank all readers who have sent along information about Texas Doanes. A large number of examples came from the Post Mark Collectors Club. Several members of the TPHS and a number of La Posta subscribers have also contributed. Obviously, we have a long way to go to make our list complete, and readers with new information are urged to contact the author directly at Box 334, Burnet, TX 78611.

The number of Doane cancels by type along with the earliest and latest dates known for each type are:

Type	Known	Earliest	Latest
1	30	29 Feb 1904	19 May 1911
2	257	1 Apr 1903	29 Mar 1919
3	118	25 Jan 1905	2 Mar 1921

The following counties are represented by at least one example of a Doane cancel. There are 164 counties represented out of 254 counties. The number of examples found in each county is shown to the right of the county name.

Anderson (4)	Angelina (2)	Archer (1)	Atascosa (5)
Austin (4)	Bee (4)	Bell (2)	Bexar (5)
Blanco (1)	Bosque (2)	Bowie (3)	Brazoria (1)
Brazos (6)	Brewster (1)	Briscoe (1)	Brown (3)
Burleson (3)	Burnet (2)	Callahan (3)	Cameron (3)
Cass (2)	Chambers (2)	Cherokee (4)	Childress (1)
Clay (3)	Coke (2)	Coleman (4)	Collin (5)
Collingsworth (1)	Colorado (2)	Comal (3)	Comanche (2)
Concho (2)	Cooke (3)	Coryell (5)	Crockett (1)
Dallam (1)	Dallas (5)	DeWitt (3)	Denton (2)
Dickens (2)	Eastland (1)	Edwards (1)	El Paso (4)
Ellis (3)	Erath (5)	Falls (2)	Fannin (2)
Fisher (1)	Fort Bend (2)	Freestone (1)	Frio (2)
Gaines (2)	Goliad (3)	Gonzales (6)	Gray (2)
Gregg (2)	Grimes (2)	Guadalupe (8)	Hale (1)
Hall (1)	Hardeman (3)	Hardin (2)	Harris (11)
Harrison (3)	Haskell (2)	Hays (2)	Hemphill (1)
Henderson (1)	Hidalgo (2)	Hill (7)	Hood (1)
Hopkins (1)	Houston (2)	Hunt (1)	Hutchinson (1)
Jack (1)	Jasper (2)	Jeff Davis (1)	Jefferson (3)
Jim Wells (1)	Johnson (2)	Jones (2)	Kaufman (2)
Kendall (1)	Kerr (1)	Kimble (1)	King (1)
Lamar (4)	Lampasas (5)	Lavaca (2)	Lee (2)
Leon (1)	Liberty (3)	Limestone (6)	Live Oak (1)
Llano (6)	Madison (2)	Mason (1)	Matagorda (1)
McCulloch (4)	McLennan (2)	Milam (1)	Mills (2)
Mitchell (1)	Montague (2)	Montgomery (1)	Moore (1)
Morris (1)	Motley (1)	Nacogdoches (6)	Navarro (4)
Newton (2)	Nolan (3)	Nueces (4)	Orange (1)
Palo Pinto (1)	Panola (7)	Parker (2)	Pecos (1)
Polk (6)	Real (2)	Red River (4)	Reeves (2)
Refugio (1)	Robertson (4)	Runnels (6)	Rush (2)
Rusk (3)	San Augustine (1)	San Jacinto (2)	San Patricio (2)
Schleicher (2)	Scurry (1)	Shelby (4)	Smith (3)
Somervell (1)	Starr (2)	Stephens (2)	Tarrant (2)
Taylor (3)	Terry (1)	Throckmorton (2)	Titus (3)
Tom Green (1)	Travis (3)	Trinity (2)	Tyler (2)
Upshur (3)	Van Zandt (2)	Victoria (4)	Walker (2)
Waller (2)	Ward (1)	Washington (3)	Wharton (3)
Wheeler (2)	Wilbarger (1)	Williamson (2)	Wilson (3)
Wise (2)	Wood (2)	Young (2)	Zavalla (1)



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POST OFFICE	COUNTY	TY NO.	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	NO. EXAM
Acme	Hardeman	2 7		10 Sep 1906	1
Afton	Dickens	2 1		23 Jul 1908	1
Airline	Harris	2 1	12 Apr 1908	18 Apr 1908	2
Alfred	Nueces	1 2		3 Sep 1907	1
Altoga	Collin	2 2	5 Jul 1907	5 Sep 1908	2
Amelia	Jefferson	2 7		11 Sep 1907	1
Anchorage	Atascosa	3 1		11 Mar 1910	1
Ander	Goliad	3 1	3 Jul 1907	30 Sep 1909	5
Appleby	Nacogdoches	3 7		5 Jun 1908	1
Appleby	Nacogdoches	1 3		4 Dec 1904	1
Arneckeville	DeWitt	2 2	30 Aug 1904	29 Jan 1909	10
Arnett	Coryell	1 1		29 Feb 1904	1
Ashland	Upshur	2 4		?	1
Atascosa	Bexar	2 1		1 Nov 1908	1
Attoyac	Nacogdoches	2 7		15 Oct 1904	1
Avoca	Jones	3 2	25 Dec 1909	3 Oct 1912	3
Azle	Tarrant	2 2		14 Jan 1907	1
Baby Head	Llano	2 7		30 Mar 1904	1
Baby Head	Llano	3 1		29 Dec 1908	1
Bald Prarie	Robertson	2 2		20 Feb 1907	1
Bangs	Brown	2 3	10 Nov 1905	18 Jan 1906	3
Barado	Walker	2 7		17 Jun 1909	1
Barksdale	Edwards	1 3		28 Jan 1907	1
Beasley	Fort Bend	2 1		19 Jul 1905	1
Bendit	Runnels	3 1		19 Apr 1910	1
Bessie	Gaines	2 1		26 Nov 1977	1
Beverly	Briscoe	3 1		3 May 1909	1
Biardstown	Lamar	2 3		11 Aug 1908	1
Big Creek	Liberty	2 1		1907	1
Blanconia	Bee	3 2		16 Sep 1909	1
Blandlake	San Augustine	2 7		12 Dec 1905	1
Blanket	Brown	2 5		27 Apr 1908	1
Bleiberville	Austin	2		22 Sep 1908	1
Bluegrove	Clay	2 2	14 Sep 1905	20 Oct 1909	2
Bono	Johnson	2 2	12 Nov 1908	5 Jan 1909	7
Bowen	Coleman	2 1	13 Dec 1906	29 Dec 1906	2
Bransford	Tarrant	2 1		30 Nov 1907	1
Briggs	Burnet	2 3		24 Dec 1907	1
Bristol	Ellis	2 7		18 Oct 1905	1
Bronte	Coke	2 3		2 Jan 1907	1
Brownsboro	Henderson	3 3		19 Dec 1914	1
Brushy Creek	Anderson	2 2	4 Jul 1905	18 Apr 1907	2
Buckhorn	Austin	2 2	1 Oct 1907	10 Sep 1908	1
Burke	Angelina	2 3		13 May 1908	1
Burleigh	Austin	3 1		28 Sep 1907	1
Cadiz	Bee	3 2		13 Dec 1907	2

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Caesar	Bee	2 1		16 May 1912	1
Calaveras	Wilson	2 2		4 Apr 1907	1
Camp Verde	Kerr	2 7		19 Sep 1904	1
Campbellton	Atascosa	2 3	9 Mar 1977	15 Apr 1907	2
Caput	Gaines	2 7		26 Dec 1905	1
Carmona	Polk	3 7		21 Jan 1907	1
Caro	Nacogdoches	3 6		4 Jul 1907	1
Casey	Jeff Davis	3 1		25 Jun 1906	1
Cason	Morris	2 7		1 May 1906	1
Cedar Park	Williamson	2 7		8 Jan 1907	1
Centre City	Mills	1 7		20 Aug 1907	1
Chalk Mountain	Erath	3 2		7 Dec 1911	1
Chalk Mountain	Erath	2 2		3 Jul 1908	1
Chautauqua	Callahan	3 7		26 Sep 1908	1
Cheapside	Gonzales	2 7		26 Dec 1905	1
Cheek	Jefferson	3 1		30 Mar 1908	1
Chesterville	Colorado	3 7		6 Mar 1908	1
Choice	Shelby	2 7		29 Nov 1904	1
Christine	Palo Pinto	2 7		24 Sep 1910	1
Cibolo	Guadalupe	3 2	8 May 1908	10 Aug 1908	7
Clayton	Panola	2 7		8 May 1906	1
Clint	El Paso	3 3		13 Nov 1914	1
Cometa	Zavalla	3 1	24 Apr 1906	9 Apr 1912	3
Content	Runnels	2 7		23 Sep 1904	1
Cook's Point	Burleson	2 7		10 Nov 1977	1
Coolledge	Limestone	3 4	2 Oct 1909	10 Oct 1909	2
Coppell	Dallas	3 2		29 Dec 1921	1
Corbet	Navarro	1 7		31 Oct 1904	1
Corinth	Denton	3 1		12 Feb 1908	1
Cornhill	Williamson	3 3		1 Aug 1908	1
Cost	Gonzales	2 2		11 Aug 19**	1
Cottongin	Freestone	2 3		24 Jan 1907	1
Cottonwood	Callahan	2 3	17 Jan 1908	19 Apr 1912	5
Covington	Hill	3 4		8 Apr 1908	1
Cross	Grimes	2 2		30 Oct 1907	1
Cross Plains	Callahan	2 4	21 Oct 1907	18 May 1908	2
Crow	Wood	3 1	27 May 1908	25 Jun 1908	2
Crystal Falls	Stephens	2 1		15 Jun 1911	1
Cypress	Harris	2 2	6 Jul 1906	19 Oct 1906	2
Dalys	Houston	2 7		1 Jan 1907	1
Damsite	Hardeman	3 1	31 Oct 1907	9 Jul 1908	2
Danevang	Wharton	3 2		17 Oct 1907	1
Datura	Limestone	2 1		15 Mar 1906	1
Davenport	Red River	1 1		30 Sep 1905	1
DeBerry	Panola	2 3	17 Feb 1911	17 Oct 1911	3
Dearborn	Hardin	2 1		14 Dec 1905	1

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Dearborn	Hardin	1	2		18 Jan 1906	1
Decker	Nolan	2	?		8 Apr 1907	1
Deland	McCulloch	3	1		12 Jul 1907	1
Denson Spring	Anderson	2	?		29 Jul 1907	1
Deryb	Frio	2	?		11 Nov 1904	1
Diana	Upshur	2	1		9 Mar 1909	1
Dime Box	Lee	2	?		21 Nov 1904	1
Dimple	Red River	2	1	29 Jun 1910	12 Sep 1910	2
Ditto	Atascosa	2	?	13 Mar 1907	10 Oct 1908	3
Dora	Nolan	2	1		1 Apr 1903	1
Doucette	Tyler	2	?		2 Oct 1906	1
Douglassville	Cass	2	2		11 May 1906	1
Dowden	Polk	2	?		17 Nov 1911	1
Doyle	Limestone	1	1		19 May 1911	1
Dresden	Navarro	2	?		8 Jan 1906	1
Dripping Springs	Hays	3	4		31 Aug 1910	1
Driscoll	Nueces	2	?		3 Dec 1904	1
Dumas	Moore	2	?		28 Jan 1907	1
Dunn	Scurry	2	3		23 Apr 1912	1
Easterly	Robertson	2	2		30 Mar 1906	1
Edge	Brazos	2	2		9 Feb 1907	1
Elderville	Gregg	2	1	18 Nov 1905	24 Apr 1908	2
Elderville	Gregg	2	1		24 Apr 1908	1
Eldorado	Schleicher	3	?		4 Jan 1907	1
Eldorado	Schleicher	2	5		8 Oct 1906	1
Elk	McLennan	2	?		25 Apr 1906	1
Elm Mott	McLennan	2	3	18 May 1906	22 Oct 1906	2
Elmo	Kaufman	2			26 Apr 1905	1
Eskota	Fisher	2	3	10 Jan 1907	5 Dec 1909	2
Espuela	Dickens	3	2		10 Feb 1908	1
Eulogy	Bosque	2	?		21 May 1906	1
Evant	Coryell	2	?		23 May 1906	1
Evergreen	San Jacinto	2	2		5 Aug 1910	1
Files	Hill	3	8		6 Jul 1907	1
Finley	El Paso	1			7 Apr 1906	1
Finley	El Paso	2	1		11 Jul 1906	1
Flanagan	Rush	3	2		1 Oct 1910	1
Fleming	Comanche	3	1		6 Mar 1909	1
Fordtran	Victoria	3	2	32 Sep 1909	30 Jan 1912	2
Fordtran	Victoria	3	?		30 Jan 1912	1
Fort Stockton	Pecos	3	5		25 Jan 1905	1
Fred	Tyler	3	?		15 May 1908	1
Frisco	Collin	2	5	11 Mar 1905	21 Nov 1906	2
Fruitland	Montague	3	3		10 Jun 190*	1
Furrah	Panola	3	?		11 Apr 1910	1
Garner	Parker	2	2		19 Apr 1907	2



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Garrett	Ellis	2	?		23 Dec 1906	1
Garza	Denton	3	3	19 Oct 1906	23 Aug 1909	3
Geronimo	Guadalupe	2	1	19 May 1908	25 Jan 1911	2
Geronimo	Guadalupe	2	2		18 Sep 1908	1
Glass	Somervell	2	1		4 May 1907	1
Glazier	Hemphill	3	1		11 Mar 1907	1
Glen	Chambers	3	1	9 Nov 1907	3 Jul 1909	2
Glenfawn	Rusk	2	1		26 Dec 1904	1
Glidden	Colorado	3	3		10 Dec 1906	1
Gomez	Terry	3	3	9 Sep 1907	3 Sep 1908	3
Goolesboro	Titus	2	?		20 Nov 1906	1
Gouldbusk	Coleman	2	4		22 Dec 1906	1
Grand Falls	Ward	3	5		22 Jan 1907	1
Gray	Panola	2	2		31 Jun 1907	1
Graydon	Chambers	2	2	20 May 1907	2* Dec 190*	3
Grulla	Starr	1	1		6 Dec 1907	1
Grundyville	Lampasas	2	1		29 Oct 1904	1
Guadalupe	Victoria	2	?		17 May 1906	1
Guion	Taylor	2	3	7 Oct 1904	2 Nov 1911	2
Gus	Burleson	3	1		3 Jul 1909	1
Guthrie	King	3	3		22 Jan 1909	1
Gypsum	Hardeman	2	1		26 Nov 1906	1
Hail	Fannin	1	2		18 Jun 1906	1
Halbert	Shelby	2	1		8 Jun 1907	1
Harleton	Harrison	3	3		9 Jan 1909	1
Harvester	Waller	3	1	20 Nov 1910	22 Mar 1912	2
Harvey	Brazos	2	2		12 May 1908	1
Hatchel	Runnels	2	1		1 Mar 1909	1
Hembrie	Crockett	2	1		10 Dec 1904	1
Hillster	Hill	2	?		15 Mar 1910	1
Hockheim	DeWitt	2	2	24 Nov 1905	1 Mar 1909	2
Hooks	Bowie	2	?		20 Oct 1905	1
Hortense	Polk	3	2		10 Feb 1909	1
Houston Heights	Harris	2	3		19 Aug 1904	1
Hufsmith	Harris	1	?		27 Oct 1905	1
Hutchins	Dallas	1	?		27 Nov 1904	1
Illinois Bend	Montague	2	?		7 Jul 1907	1
Independence	Washington	2	?		30 Oct 1909	1
Indian Creek	Brown	3	2		14 Dec 1907	1
Irene	Hill	2	3		29 Jun 1908	1
Irene	Hill	2	2		27 Dec 19??	1
Iris	Trinity	3	1		20 Jul 1910	1
Ironton	Cherokee	3	?		19 Oct 1908	1
Isabel	Cameron	3	2		21 May 1908	1
Ivan	Stephens	3	2		5 Jun 1909	1
Izoro	Lampasas	2	1		13 Jul 1910	1

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Jessie	Hill	1 1		4 Apr 1904	1
Joaquin	Shelby	3 4		18 Oct 1907	1
Joseph	Waller	2 1	23 Feb 1907	23 Jul 1908	4
Josephine	Collin	2 ?		9 Oct 1905	1
Jud	Haskell	2 ?		15 Oct 1908	1
Kaleta	San Patricio	2 1	3 May 1910	7 Mar 1914	2
Kanawha	Red River	2 ?		27 Mar 1906	1
Karnack	Harrison	3 2		31 Jul 1908	1
Keisler	Montgomery	2 1		10 Nov 1909	1
Keith	Grimes	3 1		15 Feb 1911	1
Keltys	Angelina	1 3	25 Apr 1905	10 Nov 1905	3
Kingsbury	Guadalupe	3 5	8 May 1908	14 Nov 1908	9
Kingsville	Nueces	2 1		18 Oct 1905	1
Klein	Harris	2 ?		27 Dec 1904	1
Korville	Harris	3 2	26 Dec 1906	7 Jul 1909	5
Lair	Wheeler	3 1		16 May 1911	1
Lake Charlotte	Liberty	2 ?		21 Sep 1904	1
Lakeview	Hall	3 2	19 Oct 1908	17 Dec 1908	2
Laneville	Rusk	2 2	27 Jun 1908	9 Nov 1908	3
Lapara	Live Oak	2 ?		13 Dec 1907	1
Lavernia	Wilson	3 4	6 May 1907	8 Jul 1914	3
Lawrence	Kaufman	3 2	3 Jan 1908	5 Aug 1908	3
Leaday	Coleman	2 ?		3 Jan 1910	1
Lefors	Gray	2 1	14 Apr 1908	31 May 1909	5
Lela	Wheeler	2 1		5 Sep 1907	1
Lenora	Harris	1 1		2 Sep 1908	1
Lenora	Harris	1 1	7 Mar 1908	1 Aug 1908	4
Leo	Cooke	3 1	8 Apr 1907	30 Dec 1908	3
Lillian	Johnson	2 ?		11 Aug 1906	1
Lillie	Collingsworth	3 1		30 Jan 1909	1
Lincoln	Lee	3 2		25 Jun 1909	1
Lindale	Smith	2 1	12 Sep 1905	10 Nov 1908	5
Lindsay	Cooke	3 2	3 Jan 1908	8 Apr 1908	2
Littig	Travis	2 ?		27 Jul 1906	1
Liverpool	Brazoria	1 2		11 May 1908	1
Livingston	Polk	2 9	30 Jun 1907	15 May 1911	3
Loire	Atascosa	3 4		12 Feb 190*	1
Lometa	Lampasas	3 8		6 Jul 1907	1
Lometa	Lampasas	3 3		?	1
London	Kimble	2 3	23 Jan 1905	20 Oct 1905	2
Lonestar	Cherokee	2 ?		22 Aug 1904	1
Loraine	Mitchell	2 1	10 Aug 1908	25 Sep 1908	2
Losoya	Bexar	2 2		25 Jan 1907	1
Louise	Wharton	2 1		27 Sep 1907	1
Loving	Young	2 1		24 Aug 1916	1
Lytie	Atascosa	2 3		18 Jul 1905	1

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MacDona	Bexar	1 2		9 Mar 1908	1
Malone	Hill	2 ?		18 Jan 1905	1
Mambrino	Hood	2 ?		22 Nov 1904	1
Marie	Runnels	2 1		11 Sep 1908	1
Marietta	Cass	2 ?		12 May 1907	1
Masters	Throckmorton	2 1		16 Nov 1909	1
Matador	Motley	3 7	10 Jun 1907	21 Feb 1911	3
Maypearl	Ellis	2	12 Jan 1911	19 Apr 1911	2
Melissa	Collin	2 ?		18 Jan 1909	1
Mercury	McCulloch	2 ?		13 Nov 1904	1
Mereta	Tom Green	2 2		29 May 1909	1
Merle	Burleson	2 1		2 Oct 1911	2
Meyersville	DeWitt	2 2	5 Apr 1909	29 Jul 1911	2
Middleton	Leon	2 ?		1 May 1906	1
Midyett	Panola	2 1		12 Feb 1907	1
Millersview	Concho	1 ?		2 Nov 1904	1
Minerva	Milam	3 2		21 Jun 1910	1
Minter	Lamar	3 ?		2 Mar 1921	1
Missouri City	Fort Bend	2 2		15 Aug 1907	1
Moore	Frio	3		30 May 1907	1
Mount Enterprise	Rush	2 ?		5 Jun 1905	1
Mount Sharp	Hays	2 1	8 Aug 1906	25 Mar 1919	3
Mount Sylvan	Smith	2 2		25 Aug 1908	1
Murvaul	Panola	1 1		25 Jul 1904	1
Nash	Bowie	3 3		26 Sep 1912	1
Nash	Bowie	3 8		20 Jul 1909	1
Neches	Anderson	3 4	21 Jan 1909	16 Jun 1909	2
New Salem	Rusk	3 2		5 Jan 1910	1
Newark	Wise	2 ?		24 Feb 1906	1
Newton	Newton	2 ?		21 Sep 1904	1
Nolan	Nolan	2 1		Apr 1903	1
Nottawa	Wharton	2 1		23 Jul 190*	1
Nuecestown	Nueces	2 1		1907	1
Nugent	Jones	2 ?		18 Nov 1906	1
Nursery	Victoria	2 ?		14 Nov 1904	1
Oakalla	Burnet	2 ?		10 Sep 1906	1
Oakdale	Liberty	3 1		10 Dec 190*	1
Ogle	Lampasas	3 1		30 May 1906	1
Oleta	Limestone	3 2		19 Feb 1908	1
Olmito	Cameron	3 1		14 Apr 1910	1
Olmus	Guadalupe	2 1	22 Mar 1904	22 Aug 1904	13
Olney	Young	2 1	19 Sep 1906	30 Oct 1907	2
Olympus	Childress	2 1		9 Feb 1911	1
Orphan's Home	Dallas	2 1		24 Aug 1907	1
Orphan's Home	Dallas	2 3		13 Aug 1907	1
Ottline	Gonzales	3 3	11 Apr 1907	9 Oct 1908	7



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Otto	Falls	3	3		16 Mar 1909	1
Oxford	Llano	2	1	29 Jun 1905	1 Feb 1907	2
Pack Saddle	Llano	3	1	8 Jun 1909	10 Jul 1909	2
Palacios	Matagorda	3	5		5 Apr 1908	1
Palmetto	San Jacinto	2	7	17 Apr 1904	20 Nov 1906	2
Pampa	Gray	1	1	8 Apr 1905	28 Oct 1908	2
Pancake	Coryell	2	7		7 Nov 1907	1
Peacevale	Hutchinson	1	1		24 Oct 19??	1
Pearl	Coryell	2	2	30 Apr 1906	18 Sep 1911	2
Peniel	Hunt	3	5		25 Jan 1908	1
Penn	Hopkins	2	7		21 Oct 1904	1
Pennington	Trinity	2	2		11 Sep 19??	1
Pera	Reeves	2	7		5 Jan 1907	1
Percilla	Clay	2	7		13 Jan 1907	1
Perry	Falls	3	3		3 Sep 1907	1
Pettus	Bee	3	3		21 Sep 1907	1
Pflugerville	Travis	2	2	1 Aug 1908	26 Dec 1908	2
Phillipsburg	Washington	2	1		9 Sep 1904	1
Pike	Collin	2	7		21 Nov 1904	1
Pinckney	Polk	2	2		24 Mar 1910	1
Pizarro	Erath	2	1		5 Nov 1906	1
Pleasant Grove	Wood	2	7		22 May 1906	1
Porter Springs	Houston	2	7		22 Oct 1906	1
Postoak	Jack	2	2	25 Nov 1905	25 Aug 1910	4
Ragley	Panola	3	4		28 Jun 1907	1
Rancho	Gonzales	2	3		1 Oct 1909	1
Reese	Cherokee	2	7		8 Jul 1906	1
Reinhardt	Dallas	2	2		1 May 1910	1
Reliance	Brazos	2	1		19 Jun 1907	1
Reliance	Brazos	2	2		14 Aug 1907	1
Reliance	Brazos	2	1		? ? 1907	1
Remlig	Jasper	3	1	23 Feb 1907	8 Aug 1907	3
Richland	Navarro	3	4		31 Aug 1914	1
Rio Frio	Real	2	2		9 Feb 1910	1
Roane	Navarro	3	2		16 Sep 1906	1
Rochelle	Haskell	3	3		11 Jan 1916	1
Roganville	Jasper	2	3		5 Apr 1912	1
Rose Hill	Harris	2	2	13 Jun 1904	3 Jan 1905	2
Rosewood	Upshur	2	3		14 Sep 1904	1
Roswell	Bosque	3	3		23 Dec 1910	1
Ruliff	Newton	2	1		13 Jun 1908	1
Run	Hidalgo	2	1		4 Sep 1908	1
Run	Hidalgo	3	1		14 Apr 1908	1
Running Water	Hale	2	2	20 Aug 1909	29 Nov 1911	2
Sabanno	Eastland	2	7		2 Apr 1908	1
Sabine Pass	Jefferson	3	4		4 Mar 1906	1

## TEXAS DOANE LIST

POST OFFICE	COUNTY	TY NO.	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	NO. EXAM
Salt Gap	McCulloch	2 1		7 Mar 1912	1
San Patricio	San Patricio	2 ?		22 Feb 1907	1
Sanisidro	Starr	2 ?	29 Nov 1904	23 Mar 1908	2
Sapoak	Erath	2 1		10 Sep 1904	1
Sarita	Cameron	2 1	19 Sep 1907	21 Sep 1908	3
Saspamco	Wilson	2 ?		9 Nov 1904	1
Sattler	Comal	2 1	4 Apr 1905	21 Sep 1906	3
Sayers	Bexar	1 1		4 Nov 1907	1
Schertz	Guadalupe	2 2	8 Sep 1904	14 Nov 1908	24
School	Guadalupe	2 1		20 Oct 1904	1
Scottsville	Harrison	2 1	4 Oct 1907	14 Sep 1907	3
Scrap	Red River	1 1	14 Sep 1910	31 Mar 1911	3
Seal	Robertson	2 1		11 Feb 1908	1
Shelbyville	Shelby	2 3	23 May 1907	21 Apr 1910	2
Shep	Taylor	2 1		5 Jun 1908	1
Silver Lake	Van Zandt	2 ?		22 Apr 1911	1
Sivells Bend	Cooke	2 2	21 Jul 1904	1 Nov 1904	2
Skippers Gap	Erath	3 1	5 Nov 1906	8 May 1907	2
Slayden	Gonzales	1 2		1 Mar 1910	1
Slocum	Anderson	3 1		11 Oct 1907	1
Smithson's Valley	Comal	2 1	14 Sep 1907	8 Aug 1910	2
Socorro	El Paso	3 4		5 May 1914	1
Sparta	Bell	2 2	14 Oct 1907	6 Feb 1908	2
Spring	Harris	2 3		4 Jul 1906	1
Spring	Harris	3 3		29 Oct 1914	1
Spring Branch	Comal	1 2	29 Oct 1904	29 May 1908	7
Spring Creek	Throckmorton	2 2		25 Feb 19**	1
Sprinkle	Travis	2 1		2 Jun 1913	1
Star	Mills	3 8		12 Nov 1912	1
Starkes	Llano	3 1		15 Jul 1907	1
Streeter	Mason	2 2		21 Jul 1909	1
Sumner	Lamar	2 2	1 Oct 1908	19 Sep 1917	2
Sumner	Lamar	2 2	1 Oct 1908	19 Sep 1917	2
Swift	Nacogdoches	2 1		29 Feb 1910	1
Tarpon	Nueces	2 1	18 Jan 1906	29 Aug 1906	3
Tehuacana	Limestone	2 5	1 May 1905	9 Nov 1906	2
Telephone	Fannin	2 ?		5 Apr 1908	1
Tennyson	Coke	2 1		19 Jul 1907	1
Terlingua	Brewster	2		20 Mar 1907	1
Terry	Orange	2 2		18 Mar 1907	1
Texline	Dallam	2 3		29 Aug 1906	1
Thelma	Limestone	3 1		16 Oct 1908	1
Theny	Comanche	2		6 Feb 1906	1
Thornberry	Clay	2 2		15 Feb 1905	1
Tivoli	Refugio	3 *		11 Aug 1909	1
Tokeen	Runnels	2 2	16 Feb 1907	3 Dec 1907	2

## TEXAS DOANE LIST

POST OFFICE	COUNTY	TY	N.J.	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	NO. EXAM
Tolbert	Wilbarger	3	1		1909	1
Tow	Llano	2	?		4 Jul 1906	1
Toyahvale	Reeves	2	?		16 Dec 1904	1
Trickham	Coleman	2	?		17 Mar 1906	1
Troy	Bell	3	?		17 Apr 1908	1
Turitt	Runnels	2			26 Aug 1908	1
Turnersville	Coryell	2	?		12 Nov 1904	1
Turney	Cherokee	2	1	24 May 1908	2 Jul 191*	2
Tuscola	Taylor	3	3		4 Dec 1907	1
Twin Sisters	Blanco	2	1	1 Feb 1907	** Feb 1911	4
Valda	Polk	2	?		30 Nov 1904	1
Valley Junction	Robertson	2	1		14 Feb 1906	1
Vance	Real	2	?		2 Aug 1905	1
Vienna	Lavaca	1	?		18 Jan 1909	1
Vigo	Concho	2	2		1 Oct 1905	1
Voca	McCulloch	2	?		5 Dec 1910	1
Von Ormy	Bexar	2	2	17 Jul 1905	24 Jul 1915	5
Waelder	Gonzales	2	?	21 Oct 1909	16 Mar 1910	2
Waring	Kendall	2	3	4 Jan 1905	14 Aug 1908	9
Waverly	Walker	3	2		24 Apr 1907	1
Weesatche	Goliad	1	3	20 Jun 1904	30 Nov 1907	7
Welcome	Austin	2	1		7 Dec 1908	1
Weser	Goliad	3	2	15 Dec 1906	30 Nov 1907	4
Westfork	Archer	2	1	19 Mar 1910	2 Jun 1910	2
Whitehouse	Smith	3	2	8 Sep 1908	24 Oct 1911	5
Whitt	Parker	3	3		20 May 1909	2
Wilkinson	Titus	2	?		18 Oct 1906	1
William Penn	Washington	2	?		11 Jan 1910	1
Willow Hole	Madison	3	2		14 Apr 1906	1
Willowpoint	Wise	2	2	19 Sep 1904	23 Nov 1905	2
Wills Point	Van Zandt	2	2	23 Nov 1905	3 M** 1907	3
Winfield	Titus	2	?		9 May 1906	1
Witting	Lavaca	2	2		27 Jan 1908	1
Woden	Nacogdoches	2	?		29 Jul 1913	1
Zack	Brazos	2			20 Mar 1905	1
Zorn	Guadalupe	2	2	16 Feb 1904	19 Feb 1906	19
Zulch	Madison	3	3		1? Mar ??	1

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02. BONHAN, 1878, G OCTAGON on UX7. Est. \$10.00
03. CLINT, 1891, G cds on UX 9 (El Paso County). Est. \$8.00
04. COLUMBUS, 1884, G (high) cds on 2-ct red entire. Est. \$8.00
05. CORDELE, 1917, VG 4-bar on UX24 (Jackson 97-83) Est. \$5.00
06. DACUS, 1936, G blue 1930-type 4-bar on cvr (Mont. 89-53) Est. \$4.00
07. DUFFAU, 1897, VG cds & target on 2-ct green entire (Erath 70-06 per.) E\$8
08. EAGLE PASS, 1885, G + cds on cvr w/5-ct brown to MEXICO w/purple NUEVO LAREDO b/s oval. Est. \$20.00
09. EAGLE PASS, 1887, VG cds & fancy CIRCLE OF WEDGES on 3-ct pink entire w/printed cc of S.S.WARD. Attractive. Est. \$20.00
10. FOSTER, 1885, G + DCDS & WHEEL-OF-FORTUNE on GPC. Est. \$12.00
11. GIDDINGS, ca.1880, G + cds & NEGATIVE STAR killer ties 3-ct green on cvr w/sheriff's cc. Est. \$15.00
12. HOUSTON, (1869), light, readable cds on 3-ct pink entire w/blue dcds merchant's handstamp. Est. \$8.00
13. HOUSTON, c.1880, VG cds & cork ties 3-ct green (x3) on cvr to Galveston w/bold notary oval handstamp cc.; top back flap torn. Est. \$12.00
14. HOUSTON, 1885, G + OCTAGON on UX7. Est. \$10.00
15. KENT, 1894, VG cds on UX10. (Culberson 93-60) Est. \$10.00
16. KOPPERL, 1893, G + cds on UX 10. Est. \$8.00
17. LULING, 1895, VG cds & cork on 2-ct green entire. Est. \$8.00
18. MANOR, 1888, G + dcds on 2-ct green entire. Est. \$10.00
19. MERCER'S GAP, 1893, mss. on 2-ct green entire (Comanche 77-08) Est. \$15.00
20. NEW BRAUNFELLS, 1899, G + cds on REGISTERED U362 w/ #253 & #257 paying postage & regis. to PORTO RICO. Attractive. Est. \$12.00
21. NIGTON, 1932, VG magenta 1930-type 4-bar on LDC (Trinity 94-32) Est. \$6.00
22. OCHILTREE, 1907, VG 4-bar on PPC (Ochil. 86-21) Est. \$8.00
23. PALESTINE, 1883, VG cds & cut cork ties 2-ct orange banknote on cvr. E\$10
24. PUMPKINVILLE, 1913, VG blue 4-bar on PPC (1899-1921 per.) Est. \$5.00
25. ROUND ROCK, 1890, VG cds on 2-ct green entire; repaired top left. E\$5
26. RUTERSVILLE, 1894, G + cds on 2-ct green ent. w/#225 paying regis. (Fay. 1839/1972) Est. \$12.00
27. STILES, 1938, VG 4-bar on LDC. Est. \$5.00
28. TAMINA, 1907, G (overinked) DOANE ties 8-ct Martha on 2-ct red entire (Mont. 97/39) Est. \$10.00
29. TAYLORSVILLE, (1877), G purple cds on cvr w/1-ct banknote (x3) opened roughly & trimmed into ranch cc. (Williamson 1876-1880). Est. \$15.00
30. TECK, 1915, VG cds strk. properly on reverse on REGISTERED cvr (Travis 1900/29) Est. \$10.00
31. TRAVIS PEAK, 1900, VG cds & target on 2-ct red entire (Travis 78-07) E\$12
32. TUNIS, 1910, G + 4-bar on PPC (78-10) Est. \$8.00
33. TYLER, 1887, G + cds on 3-ct green entire. E\$8
34. WEATHERFORD, 1885, G (TEX. not strk) on 2-ct brown ent. w/small closed tear just into pm; good newsy letter. Est. \$8.00
35. WINCHELL, 1909, G + 4-bar on UX19 (Brown 03-58) Est. \$5.00

**BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

36. BELTON, 1857, about G red cds & PAID/3 in circle on SFC (no letter) to San Antonio. Est. \$20.00
37. Lot of six diff. BELTON postmarks, 1857-1887, including G + magenta 'POST OFFICE/BELTON' of 1878. Covers VG or better; strikes mostly G or better. E\$30
38. BURGESS, 1900, G + cds on GPC w/sm. file holes (94-04) Est. \$15.00
39. HOLLAND, 1887, G + cds & target on GPC. Est. \$10.00
40. HOWARD, 1880, VG suplex (barrel type) (1852/1889). Nice small town use of this postmark type. Est. \$25.00
41. MAXDALE, 1905, G + cds & target on GPC (83-26) Est. \$15.00
42. RODGERS, 1884, VG triple cds on UX7 (1881-1908) Est. \$12.00
43. TEMPLE, BELL CO., 1883, VG cds & target on repaired UX7. Est. \$15.00
44. TROY, c.1880, G + cds on 3-ct greenm ent. w/closed tear. E\$8
45. YOUNGSPORT, 1883, mss. on GPC (1871-1930) Est. \$15.00

**TEXAS RPO**

46. TEXARK. & WHITES., 1939, VG (487-D-1) on UX 27. Est. \$6.00

**TEXAS ADVERTISING**

47. AUTO SERVICE STATION illus. on back of UX27 pm DALLAS & HOUSTON/RPO, 1936. Est. \$15.00
48. CAR (Cadillac Overland) illus. in red on toned cvr w/TEXAS GARAGE cc; AUSTIN machine of 1913 ties 2-ct Pan Pacific. Trifle uneven @ left. Est. \$30.00
49. CHICKENS; small illus. of 10 diff. on U92 pm TERRELL/TEX. boxed 3d Class marking. Est. \$10.00
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- 002 Mobile - 1850 SFL large Blue townmark w/10 in marking
- 003 Mobile - 1850 SFL Blue townmark "WAY 11" in Double Circle
- 004 Uniontown - 1890 CDS on govt envelope

### ARKANSAS

- 005 Caldwell - 1895 Manuscript on registered cover
- 006 Carrollton - 1893 CDS on Columbian envelope
- 007 Copeland - 1937 LD cover PM signed
- 008 Everton - 1905 CDS repaired tear
- 009 Forum - 1893 CDS on Columbian envelope
- 010 Galveston - 1889 CDS
- 011 Garland - 1889 about good CDS
- 012 Garlandsville - 1891 Manuscript
- 013 Hope - 1891 CDS
- 014 Imboden - 1899 CDS
- 015 Landisburgh - 1889 fair CDS
- 016 Lowell - 1910 4 Bar PPC
- 017 Mountain Home - 1893 CDS
- 018 New London - 1889 Manuscript
- 019 Omega - 1893 CDS
- 020 Petersburg - 1889 CDS
- 021 Poplar Bluff - 1889 Manuscript
- 022 Prescott - 1889 readable CDS
- 023 Red Fork - 1870's Manuscript torn/repared envelope
- 024 Viola - 1893 CDS as backstamp
- 025 Walnut Hill - 1889 Blue partial off at top

### FLORIDA

- 026 Edgewater - 1931 large 4 Bar
- 027 Knights - 1898 CDS
- 028 Pinecastle - 1933 4 Bar

### GEORGIA

- 029 Coosa - 1850's Manuscript
- 030 Egan - 1909 4 Bar
- 031 Rome - 1910 Special Delivery illus. hotel cover RPO's on back
- 032 Stonemountain - 1850's Large townmark. Stone lite
- 033 Willingham - 1890's reg. cover w/CDS

### KENTUCKY

- 034 Alvina - 1888 about good CDS govt. card
- 035 Calhoun - 1888 CDS toned envelope
- 036 Freedonia - Small Duplex 3¢ locomotive
- 037 Glasgow - 1880's CDS
- 038 Happy - 1936 4 Bar
- 039 Hickman - 1889 CDS
- 040 Leitchfield - 1890 CDS on govt. card
- 041 Little Muddy - 1908 Doane PPC in design
- 042 Louisville - 1898 very pretty Trust Co. illus. Spec. Del. cover
- 043 Milton - 1870's Small CDS w/Large letter
- 044 Milton - 1881 Double Circle CDS
- 045 Sharongrove - 1916 4 Bar PPC
- 046 Walton - 1889 Fancy Blue Double Circle
- 047 Warsaw - 1880 Large Double Circle CDS on docketed legal cover

### LOUISIANA

- 048 Arbroth - 1892 CDS
- 049 Bayou Carrant - 1889 CDS Cover Front
- 050 Bayou Sara - 1895 CDS trimmed legal cover

- 051 Bedford - 1885 Manuscript
- 052 Bedford - 1880's CDS
- 053 Bennetville - 1889 CDS, piece out of top
- 054 Big Cane - 1889 CDS, bit blurred
- 055 Colfax - 1889 Red CDS (2) fronts (2) covers
- 056 Collinsburgh - 1890 CDS
- 057 Darlington - 1880's Duplex
- 058 Devall - 1892 CDS
- 059 Dickson's Cross Roads - 1884 Fancy Blue Double Circle
- 060 Egypt - 1888 CDS
- 061 Elba - 1889 Manuscript
- 062 Fort Necessity - 1889 CDS
- 063 Fort Jessup - 1889 cut down legal cover
- 064 Hermitage - 1890 CDS
- 065 Jennings - 1889 CDS
- 066 Levin - 1894 CDS
- 067 Montgomery - 1891 Brown CDS
- 068 New Orleans - 1889 "Returned for better direction N.O.P.O. LA" straightline handstamp
- 069 New Orleans - 1889 wrapper "Not known as addressed carrier NO ---" handstamp straightline
- 070 New Orleans - 1900 Barry Oval. 1¢ Green, 2¢ Red, 2¢ govt. envelope to Belgium
- 071 Poland - 1890 Manuscript
- 072 Port Hudson - 1889 CDS
- 073 Racgourci - 1891 CDS
- 074 Robertdale - 1890's spotty CDS
- 075 Row Landing - 1889 CDS on cover front
- 076 St. Martinsville - 1880's spotty CDS
- 077 Smithland - 1880's CDS
- 078 Sunshine - 1889 (no LA.)
- 079 Vilas - 1889 CDS
- 080 Waterloo - 1890 CDS
- 081 Wilksburgh - 1880's Manuscript
- 082 Willow - 1889 CDS

### MARYLAND

- 083 Beaver Creek - 1910 4 Bar corner nipped PPC
- 084 Lutherville - 1887 Large Fancy Purple CDS
- 085 West Beaver Creek - 1905 Doane lite o/s PPC

### MISSISSIPPI

- 086 Barlow - 1891 CDS
- 087 Brookhaven - 1890 CDS
- 088 Bunker Hill - 1889 CDS
- 089 Canton - 1895 CDS
- 090 Chapel Hill - 1889 Manuscript cover front
- 091 Chatawa - 1889 CDS cover front
- 092 Coffeeville - 1890 CDS
- 093 Crawford - 1889 Duplex Star in Bars
- 094 Crystal Springs - 1889 CDS
- 095 Durant - 1892 CDS
- 096 Edwards - 1890 CDS, piece out of top
- 097 Ellisville - 1892 CDS cover front
- 098 Eutaw - 1852 SFL Manuscript and Paid 3, smear
- 099 Flora - 1880's CDS
- 100 Forest - 1889 CDS
- 101 Goodman - 1890 CDS (no MISS)
- 102 Haisseyville - 1892 CDS
- 103 Hazlehurst - 1889 CDS
- 104 Kienstra - 1890 poor CDS but readable
- 105 Livingston - 1889 CDS
- 106 Loch Leven - 1890 CDS
- 107 Morton - 1880's cover front
- 108 Okolona - 1880's cover front
- 109 Stringtown - 1939 two different 4 Bars
- 110 Sidon - 1889 CDS cover front
- 111 Silver Creek - 1889 CDS cover front



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112 Steen's Creek - 1889 CDS

### NORTH CAROLINA

- 113 Eagle Mills - 1870's Manuscript  
114 Hendersonville - 1850's Balloon ties 3¢ 1851  
115 Mints - 1936 4 Bar  
116 Rainbow Springs - 1939 4 Bar  
117 South Mills - 1919 4 Bar

### SOUTH CAROLINA

- 118 Laurens C.H. - 1860's small cover  
119 Orangeburg - 1878 almost complete Double Circle,  
also Purple Charleston CDS  
120 Pendleton - 1850's Blue on small cover 3¢ 1857

### TENNESSEE

- 121 Lebanon - 1859 Large townmark ties 3¢ 1857  
122 Mitchellville - 1907 Doane PPC  
123 Nashville - 1848 SFL w/Blue townmark "10" in Toothed  
Circle

124 Terry - 1850's Manuscript 3¢ 1857

### VIRGINIA

- 125 Dublin - 1860's Blue CDS  
126 Grosses - 1899 CDS  
127 Grottoes - 1911 4 Bar PPC  
128 Happy Creek - 1870's Manuscript  
129 Millers Tavern - 1912 4 Bar  
130 Mountville - 1909 Doane  
131 New Canton - 1870's small CDS  
132 Oranda - 1907 4 Bar PPC  
133 Saint Stephens Church - 1931 unusual 4 Bar  
134 Seven Mile Ford - 1887 CDS  
135 Staunton - 1850's Black Balloon ties 3¢ 1857  
136 Tappahannock - 1876 Blue CDS

### WEST VIRGINIA

- 137 Harpers Ferry - 1880's embossed valentine, valentine  
enclosed, edge faults  
138 Kanawha C.H. - 1870's CDS plus Red New York Transit to  
England  
139 Lumberpark - 1909 CDS PPC  
140 Macon - 1870's small Duplex  
141 Murray - 1898 CDS  
142 Sweet Springs - 1880's two covers w/partial Blue Double  
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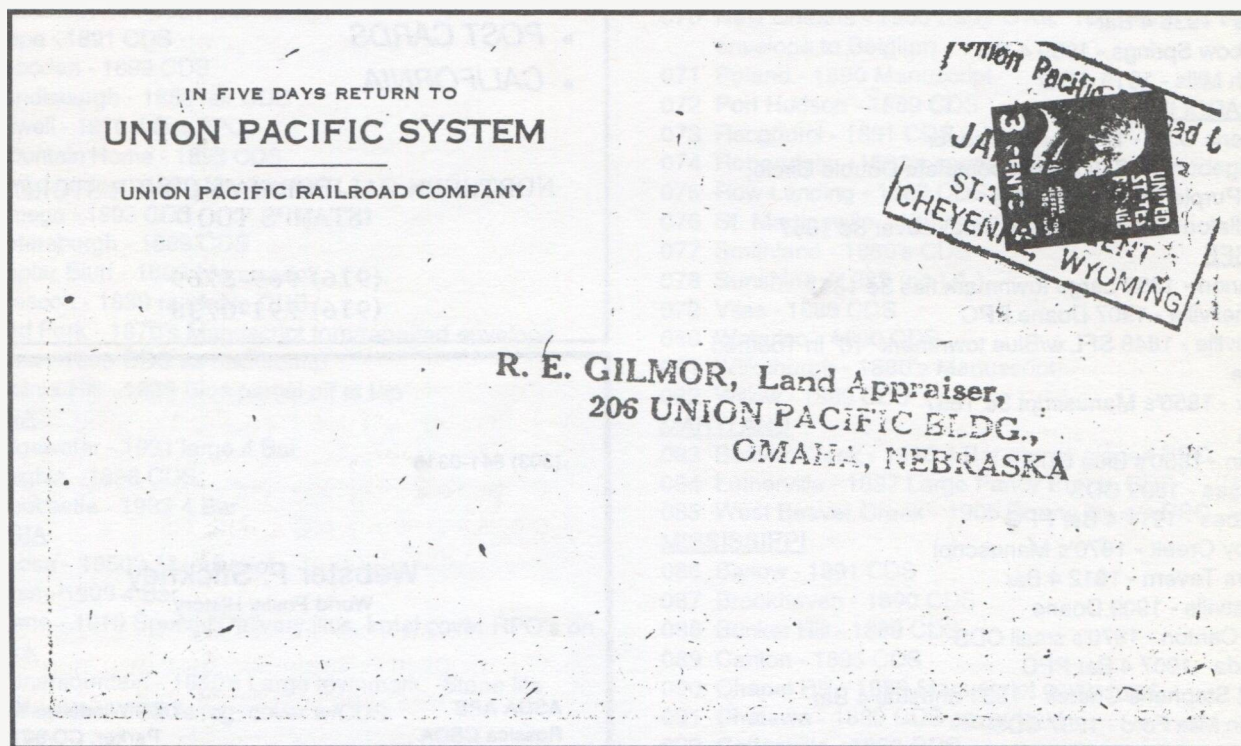




## The Second Section

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Editor

### Station and Ticket Dater Markings After 1890



Is this January 11th, 1941 Union Pacific cover the latest known usage of a non-philatelic station marking? Why are there so few examples of these markings recorded after 1890?

We, as collectors and students of railroad postal history, have spent what may amount to an inordinate amount of time on the study and the origins of railroad station or ticket dater markings and cancels. For many years, our goal was to define just why and how these various devices were used. In addition, we sought to understand when their use began, as well as how they were applied as compared to the markings that originated at the more "normal" or regular post offices.

I, among others, have often speculated upon why the use of station agent or ticket dater markings began to show such an abrupt decline in occurrence and usage after 1890. A cursory examination of the MPOS Transit Markings Catalog, Volumes I-III, 1887-1974, seems to agree with my thoughts and bears this out. In fact, the drop off in usage is so steep, I was unable to locate more than a handful of examples in either Volume II or III. Even the ever present and ubiquitous double oval

station handstamps of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad are conspicuous by their absence.

Next, a check of "U.S. Route and Station Agent Postmarks", by C. L. Towle, yields a total of only thirty-four markings that were applied after 1890. In addition, only three were noted which had been applied after 1900. When one discards the markings which are obviously receiving or cornercard usage, the total number is even smaller. To date, the latest recorded date for a genuine station marking is 1925, it being applied at the C.B. & Q. RR station at Hemple, Missouri. The "U.S. Route and Station Agent Postmarks" lists approximately 680 station markings, about 31 of which, as previously noted, were applied after the cut off date of 1890. Those 31 markings then represent to us less than 3% of the total. With 97% of all recorded station markings applied prior to 1891, something drastic must have occurred to precipitate the rapid decline, occurrence and usage of station agent or ticket dater markings.

In his preface to, and explanation for, the use of such markings, Charles Towle did not address the issue of why the recorded numbers of these markings show a decline after a given point in time. My not having access to consecutive volumes of "Postal Laws and Regulations" precluded the use of that source as a possible answer to the dilemma I faced. That is, until the documents which accompany this article came to hand. In these letters, if one disregards the exteraneous chit chat concerning a Mrs. Hetrick, W. D. Lee, the superintendent of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad, is pretty well able to explain for us the event which sounded as a death knell for the end of these fascinating markings. From these documents, it should be obvious that the Post Office Department simply did not want or allow competition from the railroads or the private express companies. To put it in more realistic terms, the railroads were given a choice between maintaining lucrative express business at a specific location or sustain the comparatively minor amounts of business generated by a fourth class post office in the station. In that sense, there was really no choice for the railroads at all.

The other letter gives 1899 as the date

of the pertinent regulation. But I, for one, am willing to bet that the first such regulation concerning express and postal business being conducted simultaneously in a railroad station appeared about 1889-91, possibly precipitating the steep decline we have witnessed.

A postscript on the same document which was written in very faint pencil reads thus: "P.S. Regarding above, Mr. W--ench says that the Post Office Department ruled in the depot establishment as there will be no Post Office money orders sold there. T.S.H. (signed)" Rio Grande timetables show that express money orders were being sold here at the time this letter was written. For us, this postscript reinforces the message contained in the other letters.

The other documents are also interesting in that they show that the railroad officials agreed that the law which concerned postal activities not being conducted in the same railroad buildings where express business was transacted had to be obeyed. One interesting fact overlooked by those very same Rio Grande Southern officials was that several miles away, the business of the Vance Junction Post Office was being carried out in the Rio Grande Southern depot which, at the time, provided full express service via the Globe Express Company, money order and all.

These documents, then, should reveal to us that Post Office Department regulations which forbade Post Office business being carried out in a premises that also housed an office that transacted private express company business was in effect. This, then for us, has had the effect of eliminating those many post offices which had formally occupied many of the tens of thousands of railroad stations across the United States. In addition, it also meant the accelerated and eventual disappearance of station markings applied after 1890.

Further input, additional thoughts, comments or information on this subject would be greatly appreciated. As stated earlier, we have devoted much time and effort to learning when the use of these markings began. Perhaps it is time we invested some effort into finding out why their use ended.



## The Rio Grande Southern Railroad Co.

OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Ridgway, Colo., Oct. 15th, 1900.

Mr. F. S. Hetrick,  
Agent, Ophir.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to correspondence had some time ago relative to the closing of Ames Post Office.

I have written our President suggesting that Mrs. Hetrick desired to apply for the position as post mistress and am advised that one of the government regulations dated at Washington, D.C. March 27th, 1899 provides that no station or sub-station shall be located in premises where a general express business (money order, etc,) is transacted. This regulation of the government cannot be violated and therefore precludes the possibility of having the post office business conducted in our depot.

If Mrs. Hetrick has the unanimous approval of the citizens of Ames and can arrange to perform the duties in some building other than the depot of this Company no objection will be raised.

Yours truly,

  
General Superintendent.



November 24, 1900.

Geo. A. Marshall, Esq.,

Auditor Rio Grande Southern R. R.,

Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo.,

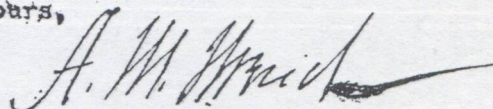
My Dear Mr. Marshall:-

I am not sure whether this is the action of someone in authority or not, but thought best to bring the matter to your attention and ask you to try to arrange so that Mrs. Hetrick could accept the office and have the same in the station at Ophir Loop. It is my understanding that the office will not be a money order office, and it should not in any way conflict with the business of the railroad, any more than the Post Office at Vance Junction conflicts with the business of the railroad. You will remember that the Post Office at Vance Junction is in your depot.

I took the question up with Senator Wolcott while in Denver this month, and he led me to believe that there was no objection whatever on the part of the Department, to having the office in the R. R. building. When the question first came up last spring, Mr. Lee expressed his willingness to have the office in the depot, and I am at loss to understand why the R. R. people have changed in reference to this matter. It will be a very great convenience to the people around Ophir Loop if you will send your agent there the consent of the R. R. people to have the office in the depot.

Trusting you will see your way clear to arrange this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,



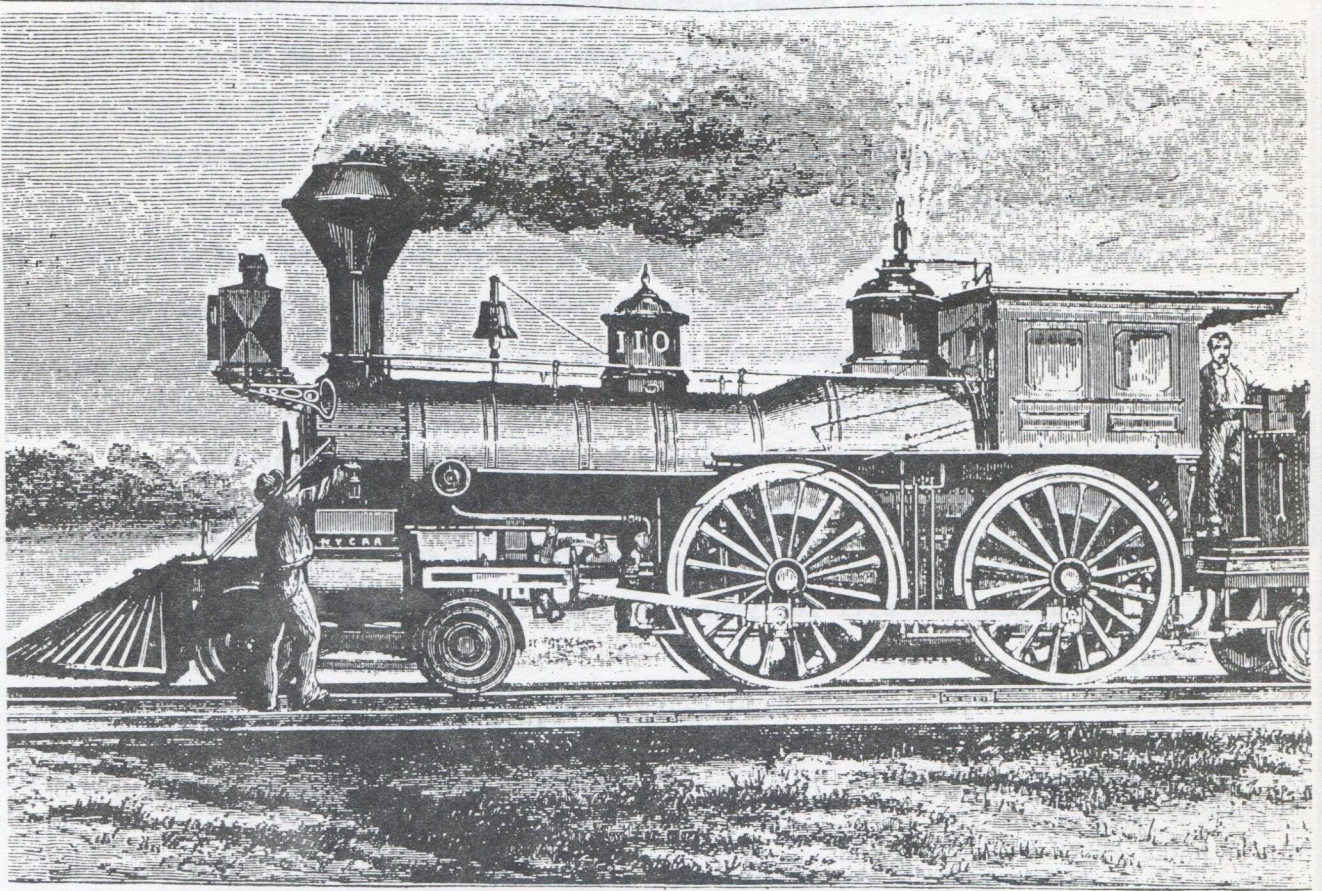


## FAST TRAIN TO BUFFALO

by  
Edward T. Harvey

Many who have heard of the famous and historic Fast Mail Train between New York and Chicago may not have heard of its predecessor, a nine-week experimental fast train run from New York to Buffalo. This train carried not mail, but only Sunday newspapers.

A New York newspaper, the Herald, arranged with the New York Central Railroad authorities to run a special train on nine successive Sunday mornings to Buffalo over their Hudson River line. The distance of 470 miles was covered in an average elapsed time of



ENGINE NO. 110. TAKES HERALD NEWSPAPER TRAIN, SYRACUSE TO BUFFALO

eleven hours, with bundles of newspapers being dropped off at the stations on the way.

The first train left on the Fourth of July, at half past two, Sunday morning. At the Grand Central Station, about one hundred invited persons had gathered to participate in the inauguration of the fast train service. The train consisted of an engine, No. 70, with tender, a baggage car in which a dozen men, stripped to the waist, were folding the Sunday papers and arranging them for the various points of delivery along the way and also for the far West and, finally, two passenger cars for the guests.

As soon as the Herald wagon delivered its last load of papers, the conductor, Ed Lowery, swung his lantern and the engineer, Captain Nat Sawyer, opened the throttle and the train started. The trip was along the tracks of the Hudson River Railroad, full of curves, tunnels and rock cuts to make a thrilling journey.

On the platform of the rear car, a news agent flung bundles of papers onto the station of their destination. He had to allow for the speed of the train and the wind caused by its travel or otherwise the bundle would have gone into the river. When the train arrived at Syracuse, it was more than a half hour late, having lost some time at Albany.

At Syracuse, engines were changed, Engine No. 110 and Engineer Jem Woods taking over for the rest of the trip to Buffalo. Engine No. 110 was built by Mr. Watkeys at Syracuse about 1874 and it was considered one of the finest engines of its time. On this first trip of the Herald newspaper fast train, Engine No. 110 not only made up the lost time, but managed to come into Buffalo five minutes ahead of the overall schedule.

The Sunday morning Herald train ran for nine consecutive weeks and Engine No. 110 took it from Syracuse to Buffalo each time. While there was no direct connection with the Fast Mail to Chicago which started several months later, the experience gained on the Herald runs was probably quite useful later. This is particularly apparent when it is remembered that the first eleven or twelve hours of travel of both Fast Trains were over the same track.

Pictured herewith is Engine No. 110, the superb motive power which took the train from Syracuse to Buffalo.

*(This article, by Edward T. Harvey, provides us with interesting information and new data concerning the inauguration of a fast mail train, which preceded the New York & Chicago Fast Mail, the operation of which was detailed in the Second Section of La Posta, March, 1991. R. Munshower, Editor.)*

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Boy Fitz,

Received your letter a few days ago and just found time to answer it, because I have been working for two weeks now. Say boy, I have got a pippin of a job now. I am driving the stage from town to the top of Midland, MT. I make three trips a day, before noon, afternoon and at 2:30 P.M. Say but that 2:30 trip is a peach, going up that hill at that time it is darker than H\_\_\_\_ - don't have any light but a lantern on the foot-board. It is the same stage coach that used to run into Leadville in the early days. I will send you my picture on the coach some of these days. I carry the mail and take passengers to and from the depot. I carry an automatic colt with me, but I don't think I would use it if anything ever turned up, because if anybody wants to hold me up I will sit right there and tell them just where to get what they want, but I have to carry a gat with me when I have the mail.

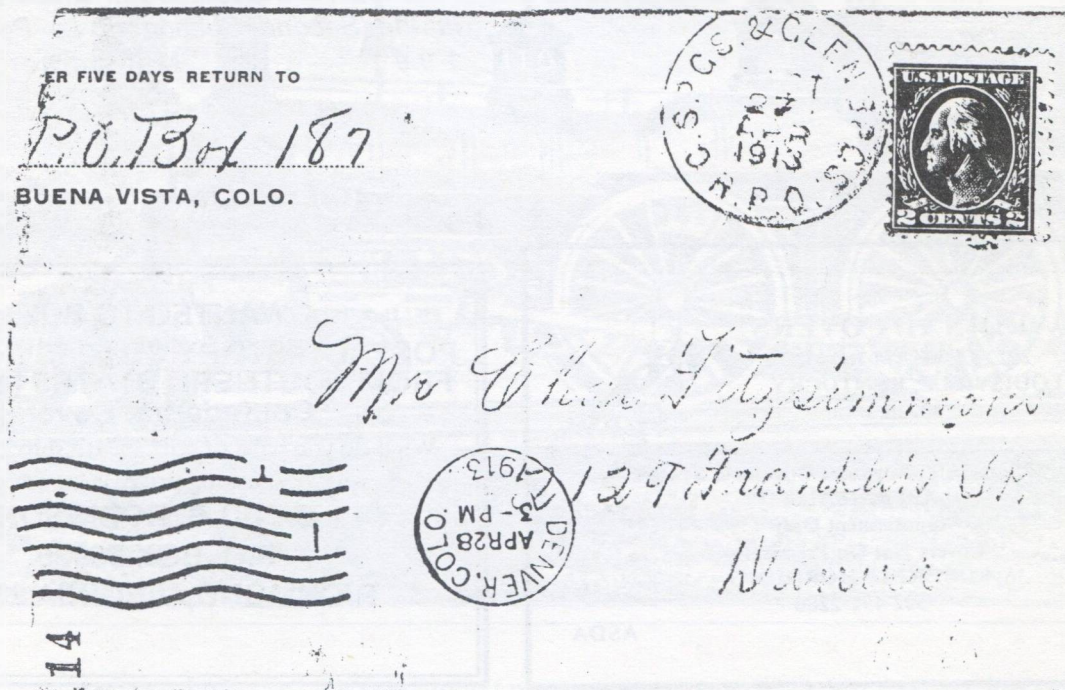
Say boy, you must be going some down there with those Denver "chicks" as you call them. I believe I will have to hook up with a Buena "chick" now, so that it won't be lonesome on the hill. I wish you would send me her picture so that I could see what kind of a "chick" you are fussing over.

Well, Charley, I guess they have got a great bunch in the E.M.X. now. Lee Murray is Pres. and Midge is Vice Pres. and I don't know just who the members are. If it is run to suit the Murrys I don't think it will last long, because they seem to want just what everybody else don't want.

Well, boy, it is 1:30 now and about time for me to go down and hook up and beat it up over the "hump". Being I answered this so quick, I shall expect a quick reply, and no more of your "spring fever" excuses will go with me, "see". So kind of rush things along a little more.

Your old pal as B/4  
Ed Crocombe  
B.V. Colo  
Box 187.

I am going to mail this letter on the train that I meet, when I get on the hill.



BEAR MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC  
P.O. BOX 3484  
BOULDER, COLORADO 80307

## RAILROAD COVERS

### MISCELLANEOUS

- 001 U.S Express Mail - 1850's 73 -B-2 ties 3 cent 1851
- 002 U.S German Sea Post - 1901 ties 5 cent Grant on Hamburg America Line PPC of Capt. on bridge of "August Victoria"
- 003 U.S Sea Post - 1930 Puerto Rico
- 004 Detroit River Sta.- 1940 Boat RPO, VF strike, small cachet
- 005 Detroit River Sta. - 1940 Boat RPO, VF strike, small cachet
- 006 Det. & Algonac - 1911 Q-3-a on PPC
- 007 Royal Train RPO - 1939 one 4 Bar, one 4 bar w/o bars
- 008 Royal Train RPO - 1939 RMS mach. canc. Photo cachet of King and Queen
- 009 Mexico - Lot of 34 facing slips from 1937. All have Ambulante agent or transfer markings. Minor duplication, some scarce.
- 010 Pensacola & Georgia Railroad - Large 1860's pre-printed Passenger meal ticket.

### RAILROAD COVERS

- 011 Alb Lea & Burlington - 1900 Unlisted type
- 012 Alli & Caspar - 1938 946-A-1 CB&Q RR CC
- 013 Alliance & Denver - 1924 946-A-1 PPC of Ft Morgan PO
- 014 Amarillo & Vaug(hn) - 1924 928-A-1 PPC of Belen Cut Off
- 015 Amar & Lubbock - 1941 489-B-1 PPC
- 016 Arl & So. B(al)to - 1906 BA-1-bPPC
- 017 Atlanta & N.O. - 1906 354-L-1 PPC
- 018 Atla, Macon & Montg. 1915 360-Q-1 spotty strike PPC
- 019 Austin & Albia - 1908 770-A-1 PP
- 020 Bastrop & Natch - 1937 438-B-1
- 021 Beardstown & Herrin - 1936 732-E-1 On marked Gavitt Medical Co cover.
- 022 Bos & Albany 1910 53-F-2 two fine strikes on PPC
- 023 Burl & Carrolton - 1910 750-E-2 PPC
- 024 Burl & Quincy Agt - 1880's 696-A-1 BLUE
- 025 Ced Rapids Transfer Clk - 1911 802-B-2
- 026 Chamb & Rapid City - 1910 761-P-1 PPC
- 027 Char Bethany & St J. - 1913 776-G-1 PPC
- 028 Chi Ill Madison St - 1900 CH-4-b
- 029 Chicago & Cairo - 1900 Unl type I.C. RR CC
- 030 Chic & Cen - 1879 708-D-1
- 031 Chickasha & Mangum - 1904 931.3-A-1 opened at R.
- 032 Chickasha & Mangum - 1904 Unl type opened at R.
- 033 Collinston & Natchez - 1937 438-C-1
- 034 City Dist Atla & N.O. - 1905 354-O-1 PPC
- 035 City Dist Mem, Gren & N.O. - 1903 421-W-1 PPC
- 036 Corsicana & Hillsb. - 1908 Unl type
- 037 Cumberland Md Trans Clk - 1918 277-E-2
- 038 Danv & Cairo S.R. - 1909 667-L-1 Pretty Crawford Cq Ill Courthouse illus. CC Spotty strike
- 039 Des Moines & Albia - 1907 779-B-1 Bit on stamp.
- 040 Des Moines & Caines - 1911 Unl mis-spelling
- 041 Det & Algonac - See number 6
- 042 Drake & Bismark - 1930 Unl type on Gavitt Med Co cover
- 043 El Paso & L.A. ED 1938 963-O-1 "MISSENT" struck three times. RPO as Fwd mark
- 044 El Reno & Mangum - 1927 931.3-B-1
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  - 052 Great Falls & Gilman - 1921 Unlisted Route PPC Bit off at top
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  - 056 Keokuk Iowa Trans Clk - 1911 802-J-1 PPC
  - 057 Jack & St Peters - 1911 393-D-1 PPC rim lite
  - 058 Lenoir & Chester - 1920 344-E-1 with Carolina & Northwestern RR CC
  - 059 Linton & Roscoe 1939 887.3-B-1 PPC
  - 060 Los Ang & Red Beach - 1939 998-F-1
  - 061 Lynchburgh Va Trans Clk - 319-C-2 PPC
  - 062 Maquoketa & Daven - 788-E-1 PPC
  - 063 Meridian Miss Trans Clk - 1880's Unlisted partial
  - 064 Meridian & Shreve - 1908 424-E-1 Gov cd
  - 065 Monett & Okla - 1909 910-Q-1 PPC
  - 066 Mont & N.O. - 1880's New type
  - 067 N.O. & Houston - 1889
  - 068 N.O. & Marshall - 1890 439-B-2
  - 069 N.O. & Marshall - 1883 as above
  - 070 N.Y. & Branchville - 1958 250-H-1 D.L.&W. CC
  - 071 N.Y. Scrant & Buff - 1958 175-J-2 D.L.&W. CC
  - 072 Newport & Carthage - 1934 464.2-A-1
  - 073 Nor & Rome - 1893 102-E-2
  - 074 Norton & Corbin - 1903 527-K-1
  - 075 Nash & Montg - 1911 509-J-1 PPC
  - 076 Okla & Quanah - 1908 921.4-B-1
  - 077 Orleans & St Francis - 1910 947.7-D-1 PPC
  - 078 Oyster Bay & Long I City - 1910 112-O-1 PPC
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  - 080 Peoria & Quincy - 1916 697-I-1 PPC
  - 081 Philadelphia & Philadelphia - 1897 PH-8-C Gov card lite overstrike, crease
  - 082 Port & Bend - 1956 Provisional "PTS"killer
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**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]

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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 - LUZERNE COUNTY. Wilkes Barre and surrounding communities. Anything that's interesting. I'm an avid buyer. Dorothy Lee, Box 1705, Plains, PA 18705 [22-6]

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## RAILWAY POST OFFICE: WANTED

WANTED U.S. NARROW gauge Agent & R.P.O. cancels also narrow gauge R.R. pas-ses, tickets, P/C views. Please send xerox. Bruce L. Corey, 108 Marilyn Ave., Westbrook, ME 04092 [23-1]

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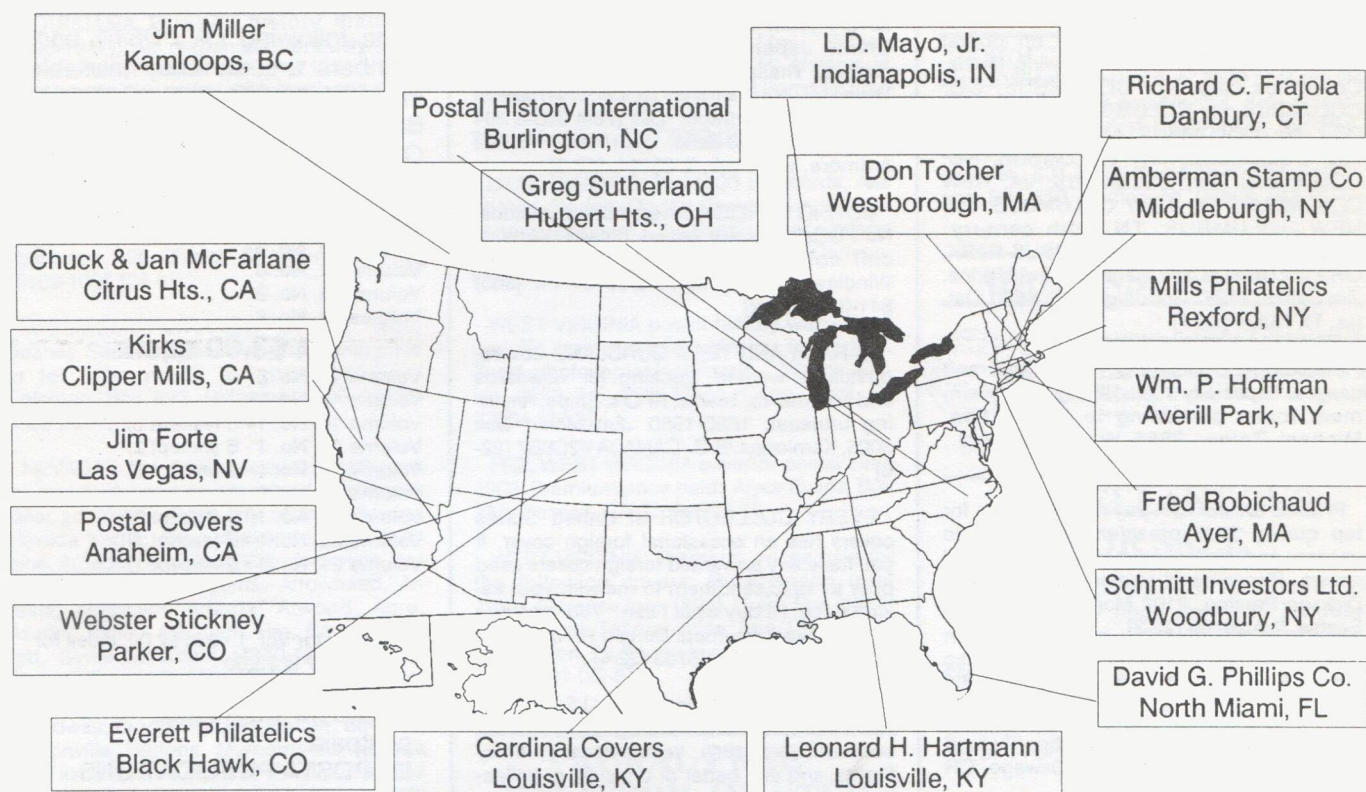
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