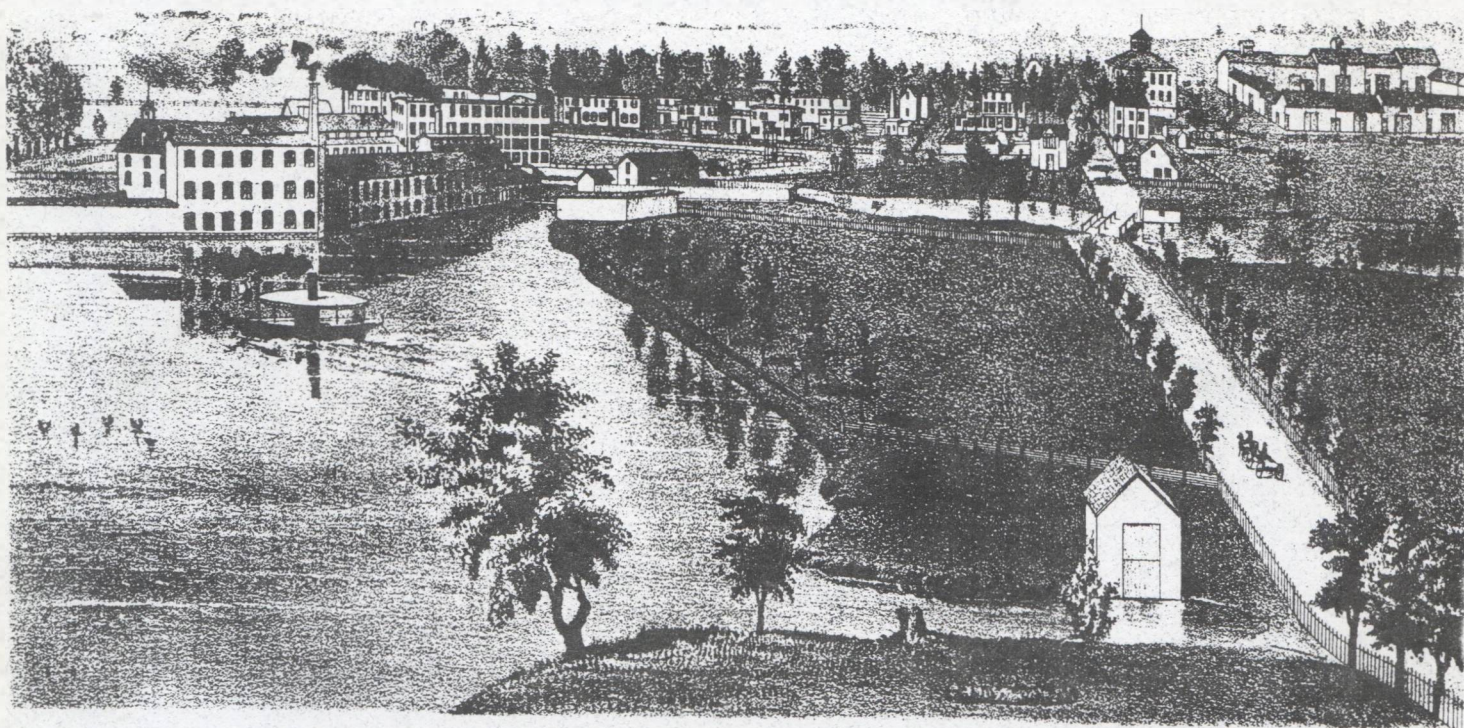


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One Small Step ...

Some recent callers to *La Posta's* business office have been shocked to learn that we are now using a TAD/FAX machine to answer calls when I am out of the office. Yes, dear friends and readers, you can now leave electronic messages and fax us copy even when there is no person present to greet you on the telephone. Frankly, I have resisted investing in such a device, but recently Dick Long -- who is much older and wiser -- convinced me that a machine answering the phone was better for the caller than no one home.

This problem of "no one home at *La Posta*" has been a long running source of concern, as many of you know. Personally, I have a strong aversion to telephone answering machines, and will typically avoid them whenever possible. This is why I have hesitated to use one in answering calls when I am out of the office, but, given the fact that I am often away from my desk and there is no one else to take calls, the TAD will at least allow callers to leave me a message. I hope this works better for all of us.

The FAX machine is another matter. I have received only two faxes in the three weeks the machine has been in operation: one from the copy who manufactured it as a test and one from my son Richard. The instructions required to send *La Posta* a fax are: 1) dial our regular business number (503) 657-5685; 2) enter "* 5 1" on your touch tone phone and then press "start" on your fax machine. This all sounds a bit magical to me, but sometimes it takes me a while to catch up with new technological changes.

La Posta's business office will be closed throughout the month of November

By the way, *La Posta's* business office will be closed throughout the month of November while Cathy and I conduct an exploration of the beaches and coral reefs of the Andaman Sea islands along the Malaysia-Thailand border. I expect to be back at my desk on December 1st, and apologize for any inconvenience my absence might occasion. Proceeds due consignors for lots sold in Subscribers' Auction Number 49, which closes October 19th, will be mailed promptly upon my return.

We are pleased to welcome four new authors to our pages this time. **Thomas K. Moore** introduces us to a young Ohio volunteer who joined the militia to fight in the Mexican War. **Robert Zanoni** provides us some background on Smithville, New Jersey, a small industrial community which has been preserved as an historic settlement. **Bernie Mayer** presents us with an introduction to the postal history of Garfield County, Oklahoma, and joins with me to initiate a catalog of territorial postmarks used at the offices in this county. **Charles Deer** gives us some insight into the Marks Brothers of Roseburg(h), Oregon, whose business correspondence has become one of the most important sources of covers from Oregon and northern California. To each of these gentlemen we offer our sincere thanks for their contribution to our knowledge of postal history. I know you, our readers, will enjoy their efforts, and hope they will consider revisiting our pages again in the near future. It always gives me a particular pleasure to publish the work of a new author for I believe our hobby benefits most when new voices join the chorus.

In addition, we are delighted to welcome back some our stalwarts this time including **Hank Berthelot**, and his latest installment in the popular series on railroad mail interruptions; **Randy Stehle** and **Doug DeRoest**, who continue their exploration of twentieth century non-standard postmarks; **Gus Spector**, who gives us a peak at a postal history archaeological "dig"; **Tom Clarke**, who examines some of the 1880-era non-standard postmarking devices; and **Dick Long**, who continues his highly acclaimed study of Washington Territory postmarks. Quite a package, eh?

New Publications Forthcoming

The biggest news in this area is our announcement of **Bob Stets'** forthcoming *Postmasters & Postoffices of the United States, 1782-1811*. Bob is an outstanding research who dots all his "i's" and crosses all his "t's", and this latest effort will no doubt become the fundamental reference for postmasters and post offices in the early United States. I am personally delighted that Bob chose *La Posta Publications* to publish this book, and I urge all our readers to consider taking advantage of the pre-pub-

lication offer described on the flyer accompanying this issue of the journal.

The **La Posta Pocket Guide Series** has been expanded by the addition of three new state checklists. North Dakota, South Dakota and Indian Territory are all at the printers and will be ready for delivery sometime in December. Format follows that established in the original 12 volumes with pages measuring 3 3/4 x 7 1/4 inches bound in stiff card cover. Checklists list each independent post office, along with county, year dates of operation, and a Scarcity Index number relating postmarks to current market value. Each of the three new checklists is priced at \$6.00, but La Posta readers who wish order all three may do so for just \$15.00 postpaid provided such orders are placed prior to December 31, 1994.

La Posta Monograph Number 11 is also currently in production. **Robert Schultz** and **Ward Parker** are the authors and their work is titled *Military Mail and Civil War Patriotic Covers Used in Missouri*. This is a lavishly illustrated study of postal

history associated with the Civil War in "the West", and will undoubtedly be a highly popular addition to our growing line of distinguished monographs. Look for publication early in 1995.

Somewhat further down the line, we will be publishing **Harold Richow's** revised and expanded *Encyclopedia of R.F.D. Cancels* (see Postal History Notes); I hope to bring *Postmarks of Territorial Alaska, 4th Edition*, to life in the Spring; and have promised a revised edition of *Postmarks on Postcards*. There may well be other projects.

That's about it for this issue. I hope everyone has a delightful autumn with wonderful discoveries and insights in their favorite postal history specialty. Meanwhile, for me and my gal, it's off to the beach. I'll be back at this same old stand in December...

Richard W. Helbock
Publisher

Postal History Notes

Last Call for RFD Markings

Harold Richow announces that he is getting very close to completing his revision of the first edition (plus two published supplements) of the *Encyclope-*

dia of R.F.D. Cancels. Published in 1983, Harold's book has long been out of print, and many postal historians have been eagerly awaiting this second edition.

Harold would like to hear from anyone who can add to the listings as presented in the 1983 volume. Please write him direct at 31552-58 Railroad Canyon Drive, Canyon Lake, CA 92587.

State Doane Coordinator Changes

Several changes have occurred to our roster of State Doane Coordinators since the publication of *United States Doanes* in 1993. Here are four of them.

MINNESOTA - please change **Roy Spiller's** address to 5536 Penn Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419, and add **Gary Anderson** as co-coordinator for Minnesota. Gary's address is 698 E. Hoyt, St. Paul, MN 55106.

NEW YORK - replace **Jack Haefeli** with **Maris Tirums** as state coordinator. We currently have no address for Maris Tirums but will undoubtedly have one in the near future. Meanwhile, New York Doane information may be sent to **Douglas Penwell**, Box 3525, Glendale, AZ 85311. Doug will forward all information onward.

OKLAHOMA/INDIAN TERRITORY - The death of **Hal Smith** left us without a coordinator for these territories, but **Joe Crosby**, 5009 Barnsteeple Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73142-5405 has kindly agreed to assume the mantle.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Please replace **Dennis Goreham** as South Dakota Coordinator with **Ken Stach**, 3208 Amber Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409.

The DEPER Project

Bob Summerell, P.O. Box 39597, Downey, CA 90239 reports that he is close to publishing a first-cut, partial, highly preliminary listing of Depression Era (formerly termed Type E) 4-bars. Bob would love to hear from anyone with knowledge of these 1930-33 beauties.

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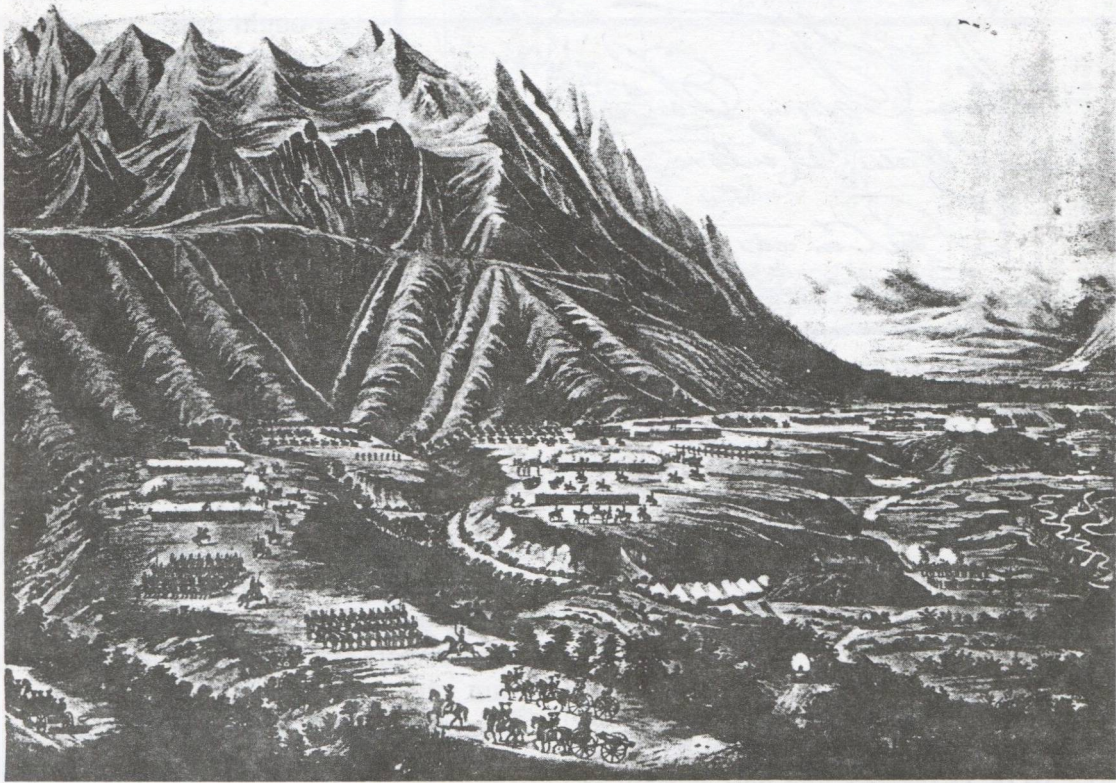
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The Battle of Buena Vista, near Saltillo, Mexico, on February 14, 1847, was a major defeat for Santa Ana's Mexican Army, and led to the capture of Mexico City by the U.S. Army.

An Ohio Soldier's Odyssey

By Thomas L. Moore

The following is an account of a young Ohio man who volunteered to serve his country during the Mexican War in the years 1846-47. Many have told the story of how Generals Scott and Taylor took the regular army to Mexico and, through an arduous campaign, defeated the Mexican army. However, one of the factors overlooked by many is the volunteer militia, and the role it played in the defeat of the Mexican army.

The United States kept a very small standing army and did indeed rely on a citizen military, led in part by professionals, in times of crisis. The state of Ohio supplied six regiments and a number of independent units for service in the Mexican War. Following is the brief story of one such person from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hiram Frazer, Jr. was born on August 6, 1826. Nothing is known of his early years until May 22,

1846, at Covington, Ky., when he enlisted in the Kenton Rangers. The Kenton Rangers was to become company E., Captain Cutter's Company, of the 2nd regiment of the Kentucky Infantry. His term of service was to be one year. While in the army, Hiram, Jr. wrote to his father, Hiram, Sr., in Cincinnati, from the many locations his unit was stationed and gave an account of his duties, his health, and the activities of his regiment.

What follows is a brief synopsis of the few surviving letters from Hiram, Jr., Hiram, Sr., and others concerning this young soldier's stay in the army.

The first letter from Hiram, Jr. is from Camp Oakland (Louisville, Ky.) and is dated June 14, 1846 (Figure 1). At this time he is undergoing his military training. He describes the foul weather conditions, the strict discipline, and other hardships of camp life. His unit is apparently in need of entertainment, for at this time he asks his father to send his banjo, [as well as some spending money.]



Figure 1. Stampless folded letter postmarked LOUISVILLE/KY., JUN 14 (1846) mailed from Camp Oakland to Cincinnati. [Reduced]

His next letter to his father is dated June 29, 1846, and is also from Camp Oakland. He says "this is the last letter you will receive from me until I get to N.O. (New Orleans) as we leave today at 4 O'clock PM on the steamers Sultana, Louisville, [and] Glen-coe having received our orders yesterday from Genl. Wool - - -"

He wrote the third letter on July sixth, announcing his arrival in New Orleans. "We arrived here last evening about 10 or 11 o'clock and will encamp at Algiers opposite the city where we will wait for the ship to convey us to Pt. Isabel and then take up our march to Monterey - - ." He goes on to say that their journey from Louisville to New Orleans was not

without incident. "- 3 of the boilers of the boat burnt out so they would hold no water - - ." [He also comments;] "Never have I experienced hardships until now - you ought to see me with a knapsack on everything about 20 lbs, it would make you laugh I know."

Letter four is dated August 6th, 1846 (Figure 2). It was written from their camp on the Rio Grande about 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. In this letter Hiram Jr. describes the intense heat, the food, and mentions their working conditions. He mentions that the enemy is in Monterey with about 15,000 troops; "- we are about 200 miles from that place and shall be there soon and shall

give them the best turn in the field with Old Uncle Sam's Muskets. You ought to see me with one when our officer drills us - - for instance, shoulder arms, present arms etc. - - ." These are typical comments made by untried troops that have never seen combat, nor the horrors and suffering that follow. In this letter Hiram adds a P.S. stating that his captain, Captain Cutter, has been discharged because of drunken behavior. In an earlier letter he speaks affectionately of captain Cutter, however it now appears that he and some others are not in good graces with their superior officer.

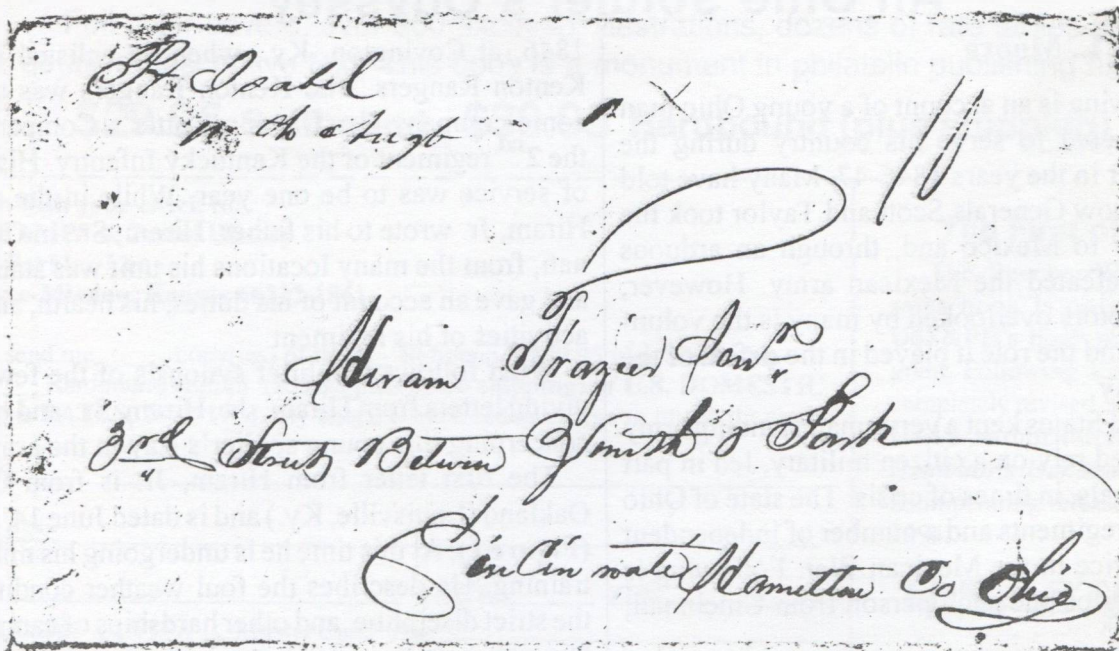
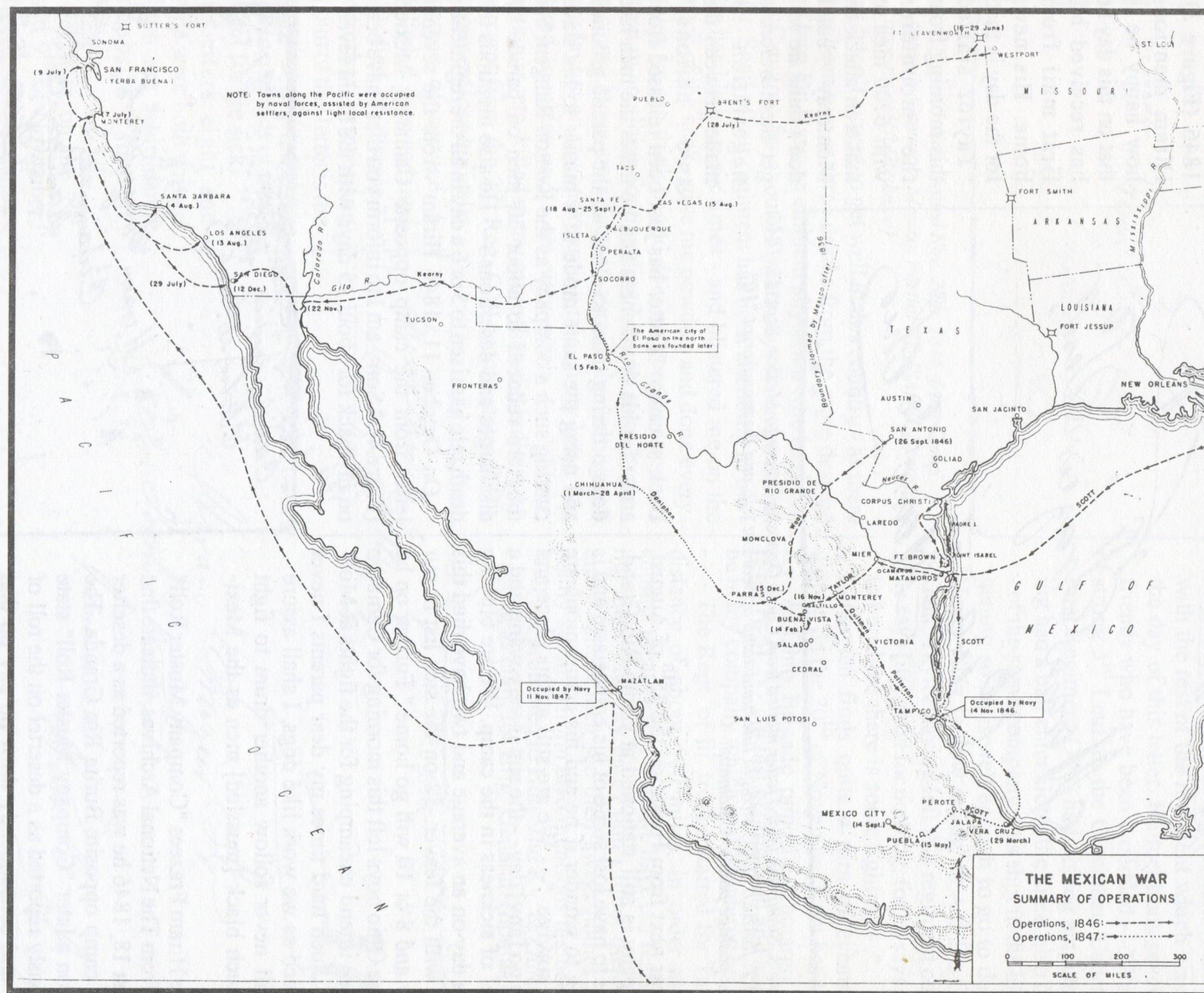


Figure 2. Stampless folded letter (SFL) bearing manuscript PT. ISABEL (TEXAS) postmark and "10" to Cincinnati. Letter is datelined August 6, (1846) from camp on the Rio Grande about 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.



MAP I. Mexican War Summary of Operations, from *The West Point Atlas of American Wars, Vol. 1*, Col. Vincent J. Esposito (ED).

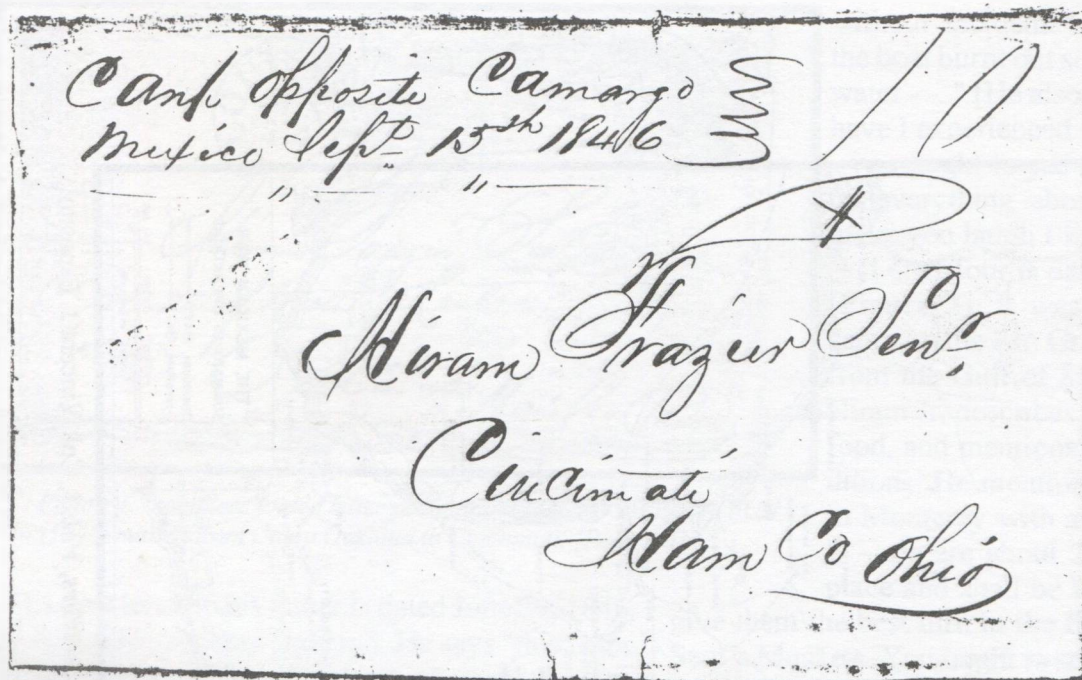


Figure 3. Stampless folded letter mailed from Camp Opposite Camargo Mexico, Sept. 15, 1846. A light PT. ISABEL (TEX) straight line handstamp appears at left, and the manuscript "10" indicates postage paid to Cincinnati.

We hear next from Hiram on the 25th of August. His company is still stationed at Camp Rio Grand. He seems to have lost some of his enthusiasm and is beginning to wonder if he and his companions are going to survive. "- - We are still at this place and expect to go [any] day-- the sun is very warm and a great deal of sickness in the camp. We are burying about 3 a day on an average and two have died this morning with the fever. 32 on the sick list in our company and 8 or 10 will go home." Further on he says: "The Ohio boys left this morning for Camargo where they intend encamping for the fights at Monterey. - - Such hard times my dear parents I never experienced as we work like dogs. I shall assure you I will never follow another drum to fight against such black [mussled] men as the Mexicans. - -"

Private Hiram Frazees "Company Muster Roll" records, from The National Archives, indicate that on August 18, 1846 he was reported as a deserter from the camp opposite Burita Rio Grande. The remarks on a later "Company Muster Roll" state "Erroneously reported as a deserter on the roll of Aug. 31 and consequently drew no pay on that roll. Pay is still due him from enrollment to Aug. 31."

Letter six was written from the "camp opposite Camargo Mexico" on September 15, 1846 (Figure 3). Hiram mentions how happy he is that on this day he has received his first mail from home. His news for the day is that; "Taylor started this morning from the mountains with 6700 men to make an attack on Monterey - but I don't think he will get there before a negotiation is made between the two nations."

Back at camp: "Cutter has just been released from arrest for his drunkenness and he treats the men like dogs ordering them to clean up the parade grounds and using the same mode of a master to his slave cuming such a company as the Kenton Rangem but they are reduced to about 30 men on parade by discharges and desertions - -" He also mentions the death rate has risen to 5 or 6 a day in all the regiments.

On October 11, 1846 Hiram wrote the seventh letter from the camp opposite Camargo, Mexico (Figure 4). "Sorry am I to inform you that I have been on my back for about 15 days with the brain fever -

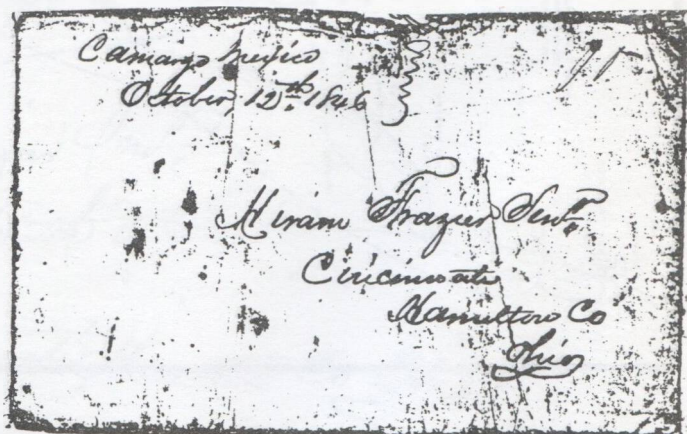


Figure 4. SFL mailed Oct. 12, 1846, from Camp opposite Camargo, Mexico to Cincinnati. [Reduced]

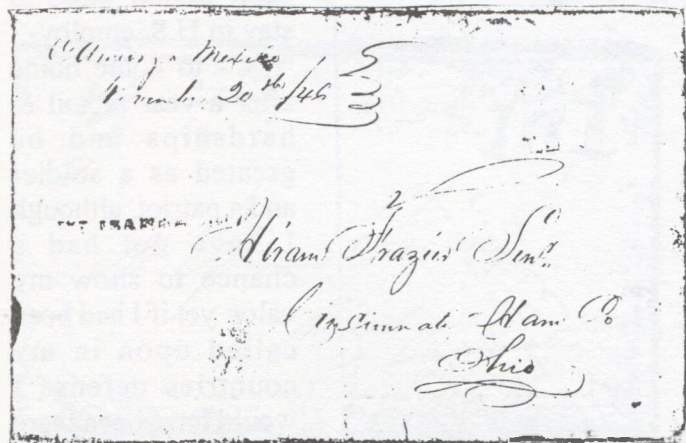


Figure 5. SFL mailed Nov. 20th, 1846, from Camp opposite Camargo, Mexico. Partial PT. ISABEL handstamp appears at left. [Reduced]

and don't expect to get well in this country - as there has been two or three deaths from the same disease of late. Dr. Bass, an eminent physician who has been in Camargo for about 15 years says it can be cured. Dr. Snail of our regiment has been attending to me - he has bled me six times - and blistered me on the back of the neck - give me powders and done everything he can think of and does no good and soon as I get in condition for traveling I expect to go home - also my lungs are affected - excuse the writing as I am laying on my back writing this on my knee. My hand trembles and I am very weak - - " Fever, sickness, etc. killed many more than did bullets. An excerpt from the 2nd Reg. OVI record states; "The regiment lost during its period of service, 6 killed, 2 drowned, and 60 died of disease."¹ Another interesting point of this letter is the mention of several archaic methods of treatment for the sick.

Letters eight and nine were both written from the same camp opposite Camargo, Mexico.

Written on the 2nd and 9th of November, he tells of his continuing battle with the "brain fever" and some news of the army's activities. He mentions

that his company left about a week ago for Monterey but that his illness obliged him to stay behind. He goes on to say that the sick have been ordered to the hospital at Camargo, however, he feels that he is well enough to follow his company with the rest of the regiment which was to leave the day of this letter. He mentions several of his friends who have been wounded - "Wash Armstrong 3rd Leut. in the Cincinnati Cadets (Co.E. First Regiment OVI) had his leg amputated having had a ball enter along the knee, also Nat Niles - of the same company was shot in the hip - but is getting so he is well enough to go to duty. Leut. Henry Clay is now acting as Aid De Camp for Genl. Taylor having left this regiment on account he says [its] good for nothing, for he says he wants to be where there is some fighting - "

Letter ten finds quite a turn of events. It was written on the 20th of November from headquarters, Ky. & Ohio Brigade opposite Camargo, Mexico (Figure 5). " - - am fast getting well and hope I shall be in my company which is at Monterey before long. - - - The Regt. of Ill. troops started for Tampico, a distance of about 500 miles, in order to achieve another great victory - but we have our fears respecting them - for my part I don't think there shall be many valient men see their sweet homes - - " Has reality set in? Hiram also mentions his new duties, " - - I am promoted to Hdq. 2nd Ky. & Ohio Brigade - acting as clerk for Brig. General Thomas Marshall

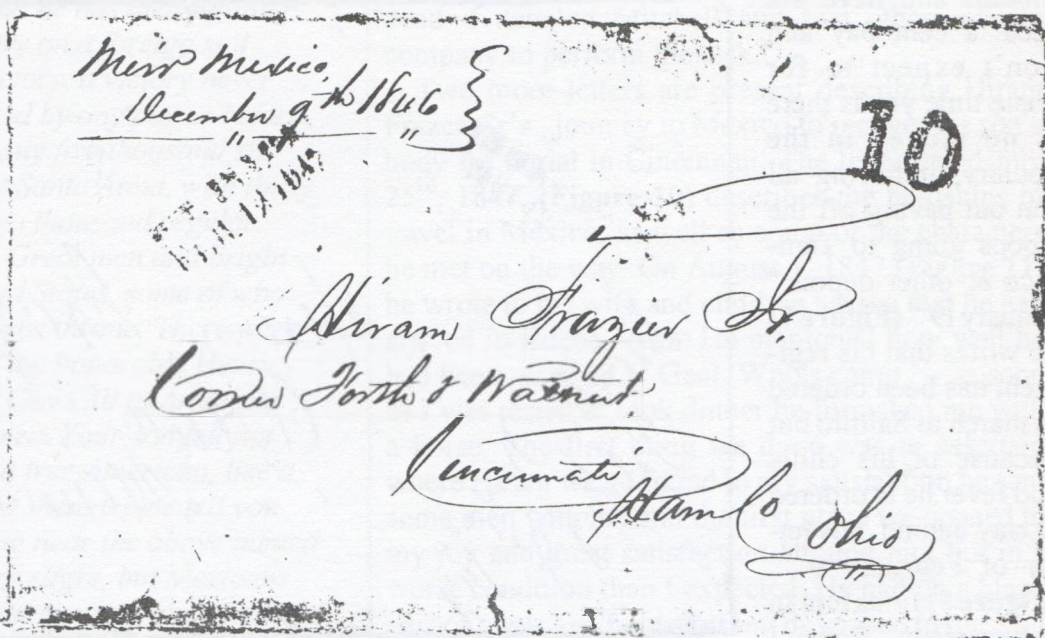


Figure 6. SFL mailed from Meir, Mexico, December 9. 1846, with handstamp "10" and partial PT. ISABEL/FEB. 12 1847 to Cincinnati.

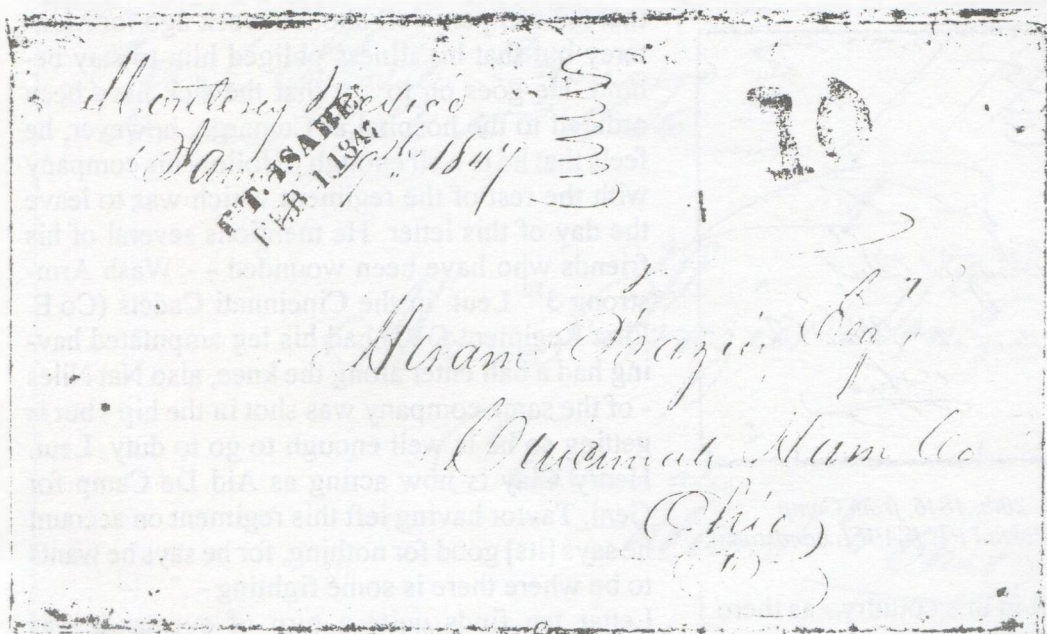


Figure 7. SFL mailed Monterey, Mexico, Jan. 19, 1847, with handstamp PT. ISABEL (Texas)/FEB. 1 1847 and "10" to Cincinnati.

commanding forces at this place, and expect to do well."

Hiram's next four letters are those of a sick, dejected, homesick soldier. On the 27th of November he wrote a long letter home saying that the fever has returned and that his chances of seeing the enemy are slim - also how he misses his friends at home and his family. On December 9th (Figure 6) he writes, "- - I have been in U. Sam's service this day six

months and have not recd. a cent pay and don't expect to for some time yet as there is no money in the country, it having all run out paying off the troops going to Tampico & other depots." January 19th (Figure 7) he writes that his regiment has been ordered to march to Saltillo but because of his chills and fever he is ordered to stay behind. His letter of February 9th (Figure 8) finds him in better spirits. "Today I am eight months in the service and the short,

upon us - Who would not have come my dear parents, when you see before you details of our gallant men laid under the turf by these black hearted men at the battles of Resaca de la Palma, Monterey or no American would have stayed, no! not one, 'may the star spangled Banner which I have been taught to love and cherish - wave in triumph over everything

short period more to stay in U.S. employ- - " - - to come home after a year of toil & hardships and be greeted as a soldier and a patriot, although I have not had a chance to show my valor. yet if I had been called upon in my countries defense I would have been there proud and aspiring to some high station. It makes my heart leap with joy to think I showed the heart of a man in coming, and to invade another country to seek the wrongs they have trampled



Figure 8. SFL mailed Monterey, Mexico, Feb. 9, 1847, and postmarked PT. ISABEL (Texas)/FEB 21 1847 with partial handstamp "10" to Cincinnati.



Figure 9. SFL containing letter from Abraham Moses with partial PT. ISABEL handstamp of March 26 (1847).

on earth, it would give me great joy the greatest pleasure."

This was the last letter written by Hiram Frazer, Jr. for he was killed at the Battle of Buen Vista, February 23, 1847.

Following is a transcript of letter fifteen (Figure 9).

"Mr. Hiram Frazer,

Respected sir. With a feeling of pain and sorrow I now take my pen in hand to let a father know the fate of his son who engaged in fighting the battles of his country and has perished on the field of honor to his country. For let it not grieve you for we must all of us die one day or the other and he has died fighting the battles of his country on a foreign soil while in the arms of victory, a victory never have known to be gained by any power before. General Taylor, with only five thousand six hundred troops, fought Santa Anna, with thirty generals and twenty two thousand regular troops - a great many. Great men and bright ornaments of the United States, some of who were fit to fill a monarchs throne. There were for instance the son of the honorable Henry Clay, Col. McRee and Gov. Gill of Arkansas and many other such men. Your son fell not like a coward but like a true American, like a soldier from Ohio. Now then, let me tell you how he was killed - lyng near the above named men, their wounds were slight, but Mexicans show no mercy to a voluntier nor to any other soldiery of the American people. They pricked their wounds with lances and murdered them in like manner. As this is written in haste you

must excuse it for I assure you this is written with the purist feelings. I was at Monterey when the sad news reached me. There were several of his company that shared the same fate. Nothing more

I remain your friend

Abraham Moses

(Moses, Abraham, rank private, entered the service at age 19 on May 27, 1846. He enlisted in Co. E. 1 St regiment, OVI. He was to serve for one year. He mustered out with his company on June 13, 1847.)²

On July 6th, 1847 Hiram Frazer, Sr. received a letter from William McDougal. Mr. McDougal was in charge of the burial detail at Buena Vista and assigned men the task of burying the soldiers killed in action. The letter goes on to say that he had no specific knowledge of the exact whereabouts of the graves' location, but that a man named Mitchell, who was assigned the burial detail, could give the location better than he. He writes " I seen your son soon after he was killed and assisted in taking him off the field. I did not see him again until he was brought up to the Rancho when I was present and assisted in taking his corps out of the wagon which had oonveyed him from the field. I was then summoned to my [head] quarters as there was a report that the enemy was again making preparations to attack us but it proved false. While this excitement was going on your son still laid where I had left him at the Rancho. An order was then issued to bury the dead. I detailed Mitchell and two others of our company to perform the task."

Two more letters are present describing Hiram Frazer, Sr's., joumey to Mexico to recover his son's body for burial in Cincinnati. The letter dated July 25th, 1847, (Figure 10) describes the hardships of travel in Mexico, as well as some of the characters he met on the way. On August 1. 1847 (Figure 11) he wrote to his wife and children saying that he had arrived in Buena Vista. He mentoned how well he had been received at Genl. Wools camp.-- as soon as I was rested & took dinner he furnished me with a horse. The first thing we done was to ascertain where Hiram was. I found to my satsistacion he sent some men with me and the first place we opened to my joy and great satisfaction I found him but in a worse condition than I expected. He had on a black pair of pants and boots as they described to me. - - I placed him in the box in the best possible manner not to open it again . I don think it would be any

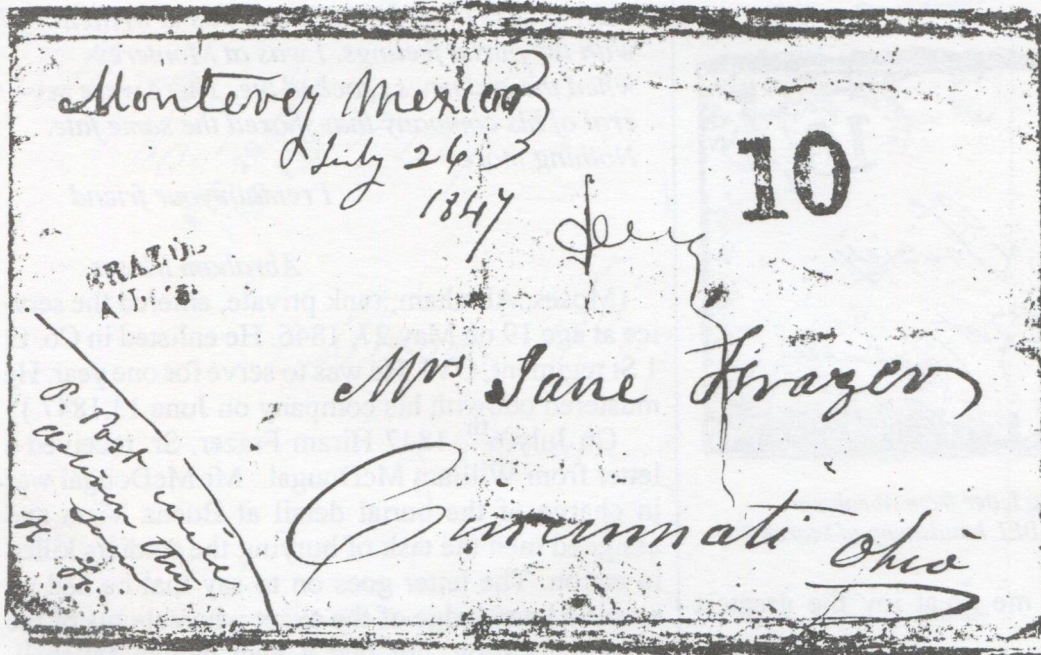


Figure 10. SFL mailed from Monterey, Mexico, July 26, 1847, with straight line handstamp BRAZOS (Texas)/AUG. 6, (1847) to Cincinnati.

satisfaction - he could not be recognized by his features.--"

"Where have all the flowers gone--?"³

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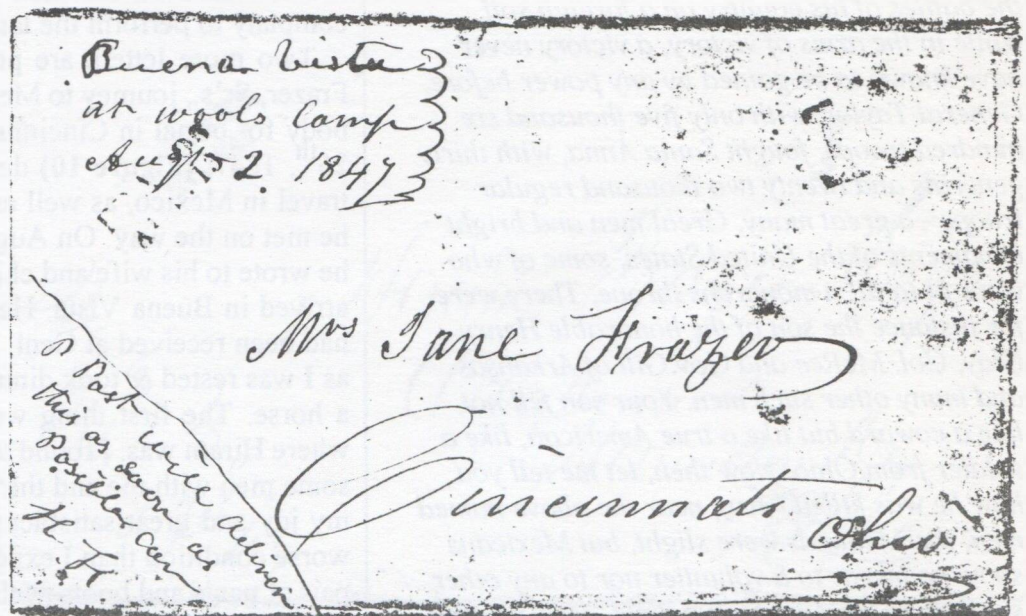


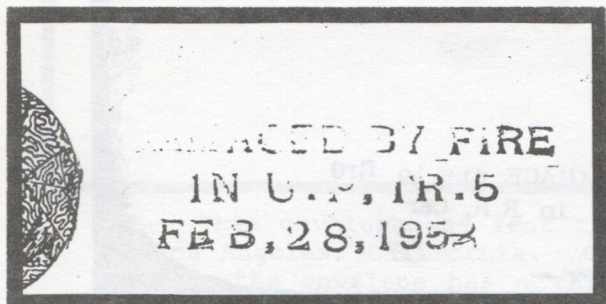
Figure 11. SFL mailed from Buena Vista at Woods Camp, Aug. 2, 1847, with handstamp BRAZOS (Texas)/AUG 13 (1847) and "10" to Cincinnati.

LIST OF RAILROAD-RELATED MAIL SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES

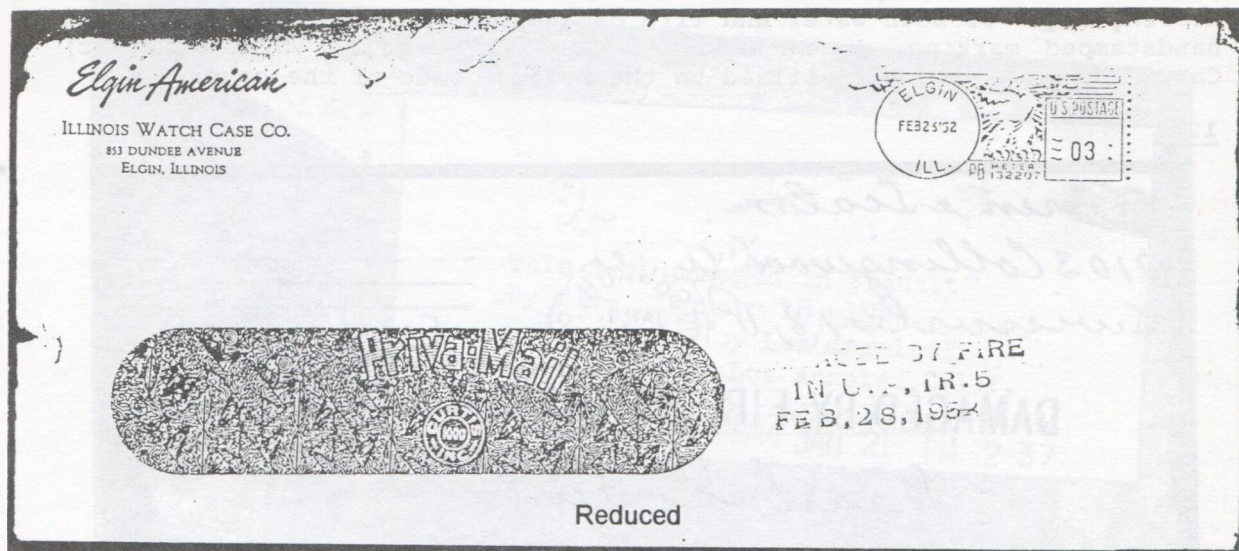
Twelfth in a Series

By Henry J. Berthelot

[Writer's note: Since publication of the September 1994 edition of LA POSTA, a second marking variety associated with **INTERRUPTION NO. 1952-02-28** has been found. The marking noted on page 57 of the September edition should be re-numbered **MARKING NO. 1952-02-28 (a)** and the following variety should be added to the List:



MARKING NO.
1952-02-28 (b)

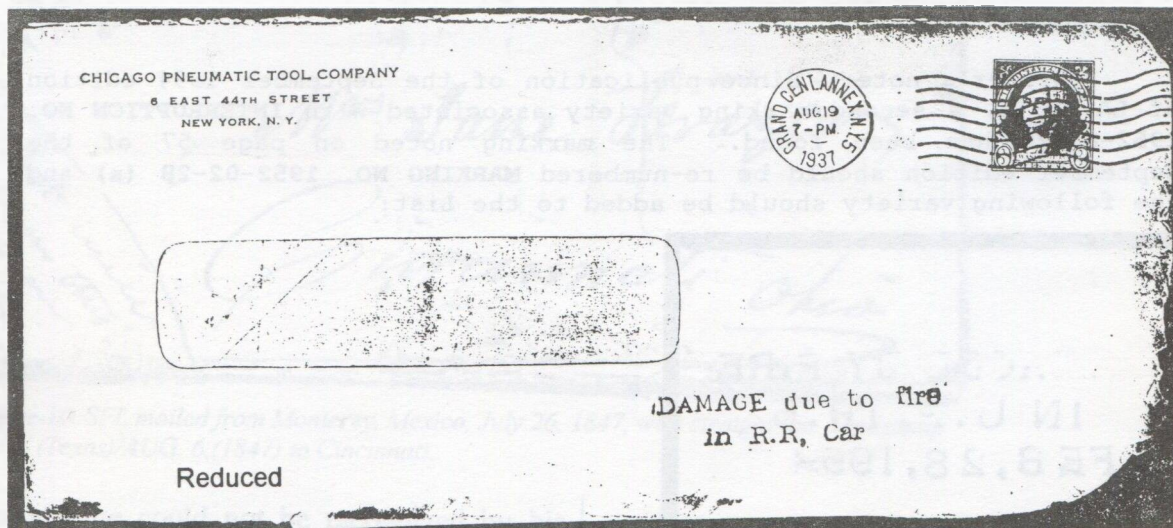


Bearing an Eglin, Illinois postage meter dated 26 February 1952, this envelope was damaged while in transit aboard Union Pacific's Train No. 5]

In the introductory remarks [LA POSTA, Volume 23, Number 6, (Whole Number 138)] to this column, I noted that the background information on railroad-related mail service interruptions varied. Some interruptions were reported in detail in numerous newspapers, while other interruptions were mentioned only briefly in a local newspaper. And, in some instances, there seemingly was no report on the mishap - at least no report that I have been able to find through sources available to me.

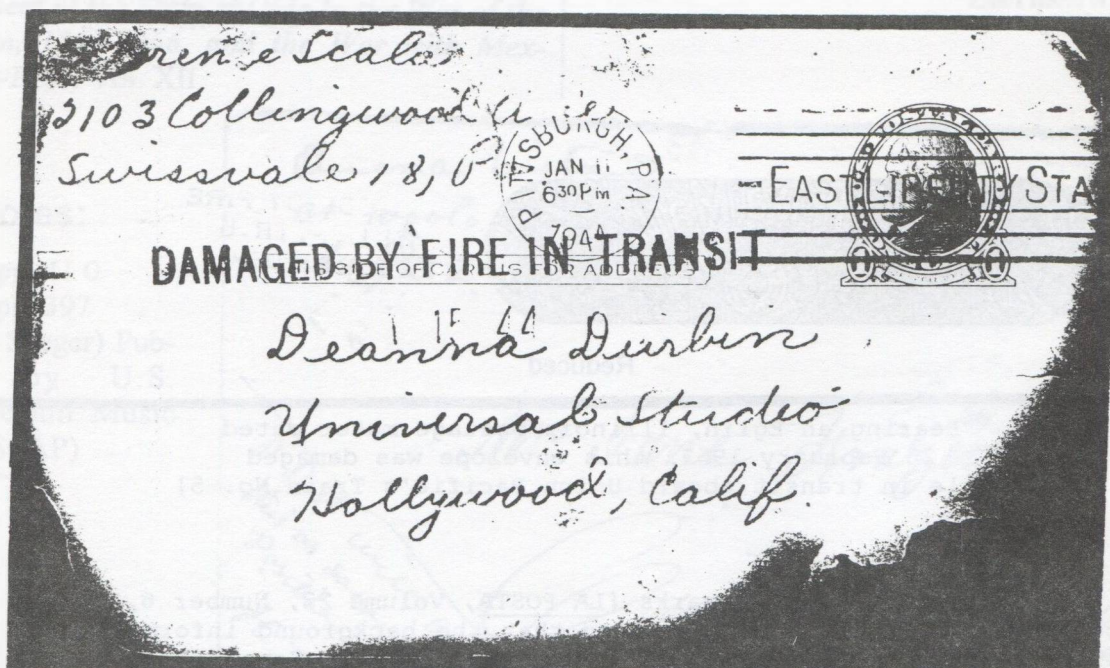
I use this edition to present five covers, recovered from three railroad-related mail service interruptions which occurred in 1937, 1944 and 1960, respectively. Except for one marking variety from the 1944 mishap, none of the markings give any indication of where the particular interruption happened. All three interruptions were caused by railroad fires. If anyone has any information about the interruptions that befell these covers, please share it with your fellow philatelists.

1937

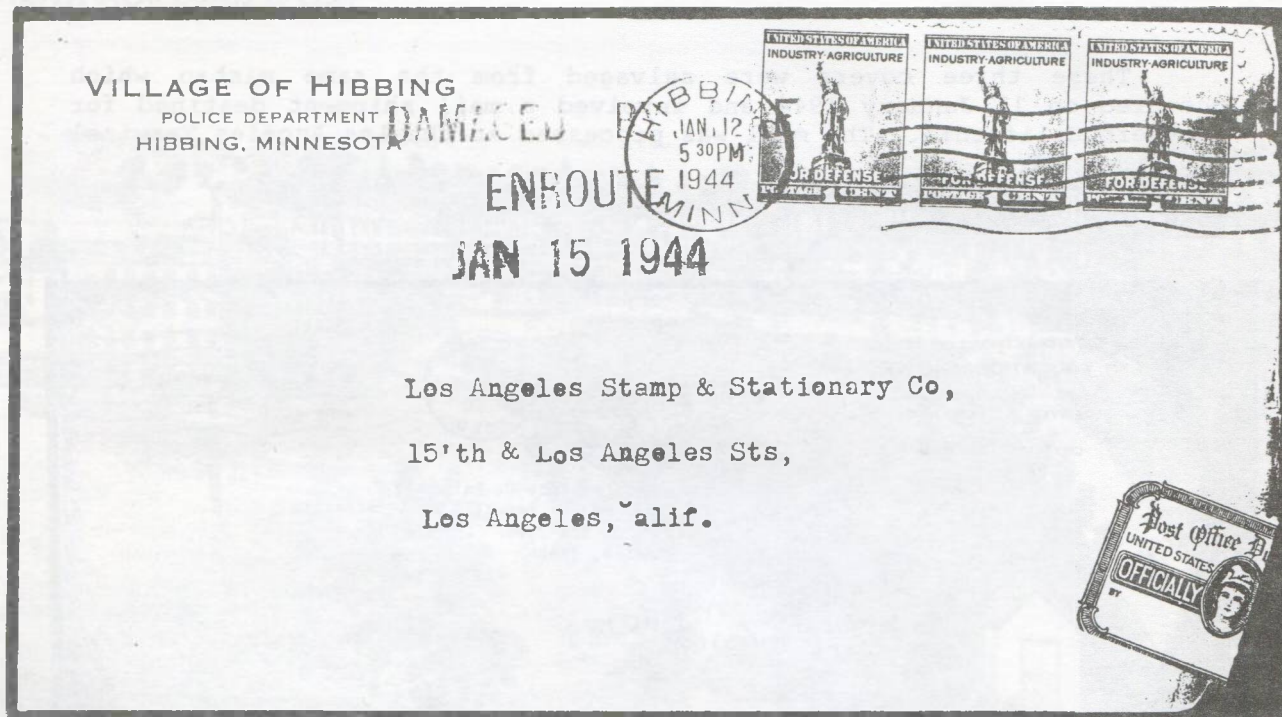


This cover was mailed in New York City on 19 August 1937. Its content was removed, thus the destination can not be determined. Bearing signs of both water and fire damage, the cover has a double-line handstamped marking, in magenta, "DAMAGE due to fire / in R.R. (sic) Car." No markings were affixed to the reverse side of the cover.

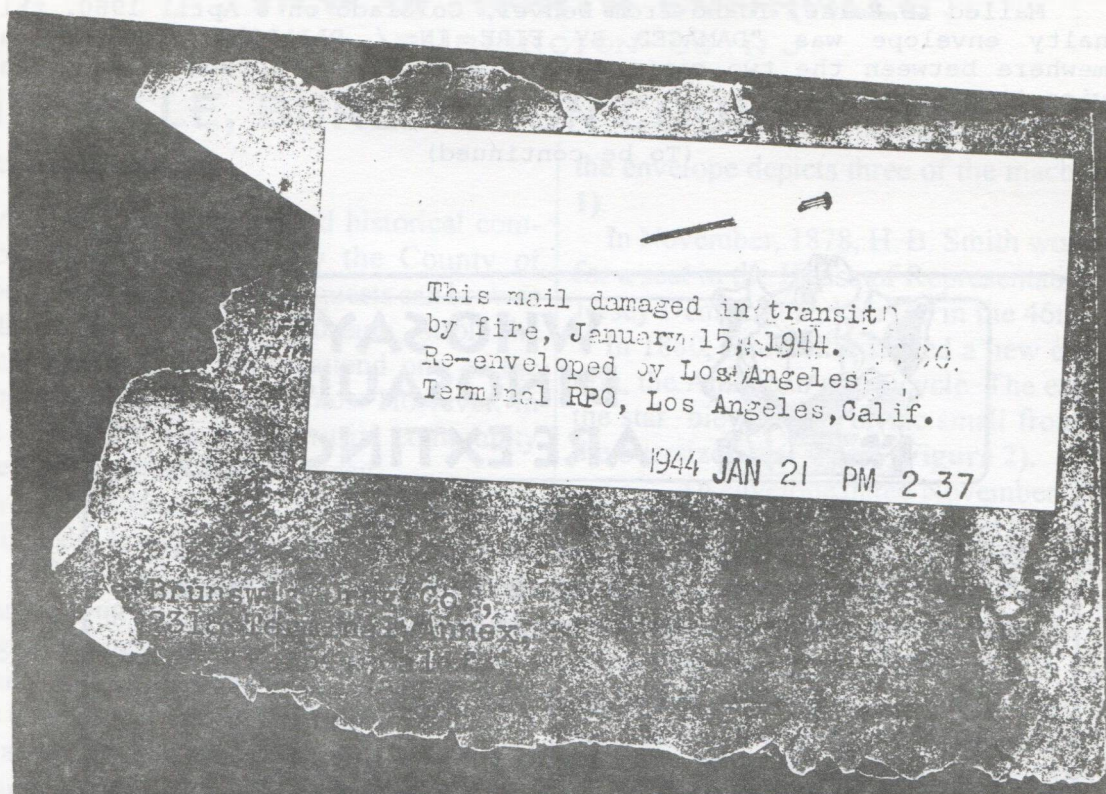
1944



This postal card, postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 11 January 1944, was addressed to Hollywood, California. The card bears a double-line handstamped marking, in magenta, "DAMAGED BY FIRE IN TRANSIT / 1 15 44." No other markings appear on the card.



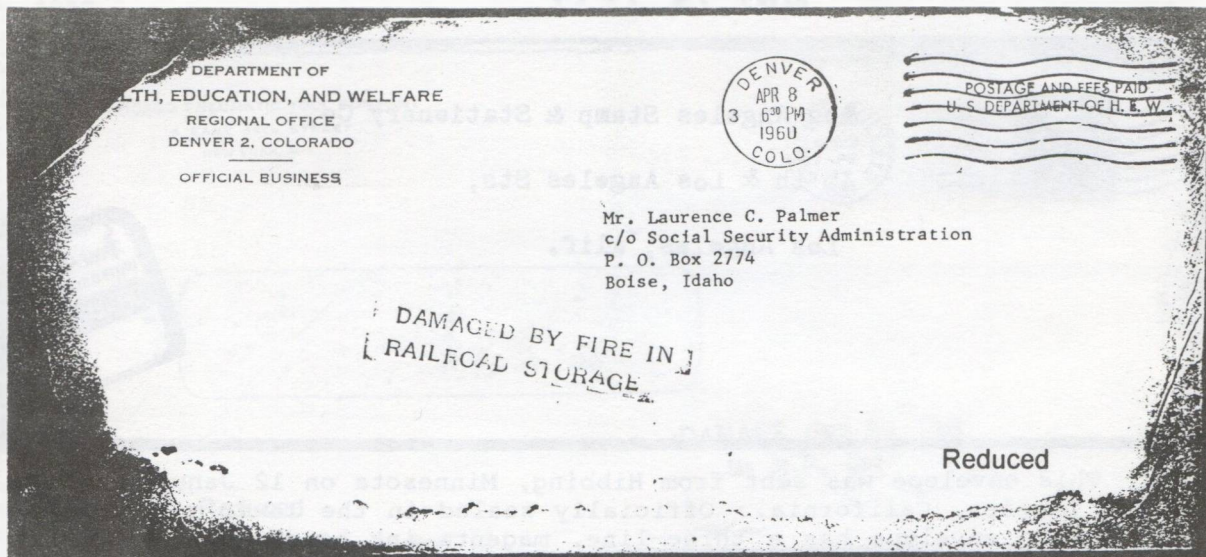
This envelope was sent from Hibbing, Minnesota on 12 January 1944 to Los Angeles, California. Officially sealed in the lower right-hand corner, the envelope has a three-line, magenta ink handstamped marking "DAMAGED BY FIRE / ENROUTE / JAN 15 1944." This marking is the only one which was struck on the envelope.



This envelope remnant lost its cancellation when the postage fell off. Thus, the place of mailing is not known. The addressee (Brunswick Drug Co., Los Angeles, California) was discernible. A label was prepared at the Los Angeles Terminal RPO and attached to the envelope with a straight pin. The "1944 JAN 21 PM 2 37" marking was a receipt mark of the drug company.

These three covers were salvaged from the same mishap which occurred on 15 January 1944 and involved a mail shipment destined for southern California. The mail was processed at the Los Angeles Terminal RPO.

1960



Mailed to Boise, Idaho from Denver, Colorado on 8 April 1960, this penalty envelope was "DAMAGED BY FIRE IN / RAILROAD STORAGE" car somewhere between the two cities. The marking was struck with a hand device in magenta ink.

(To be continued)



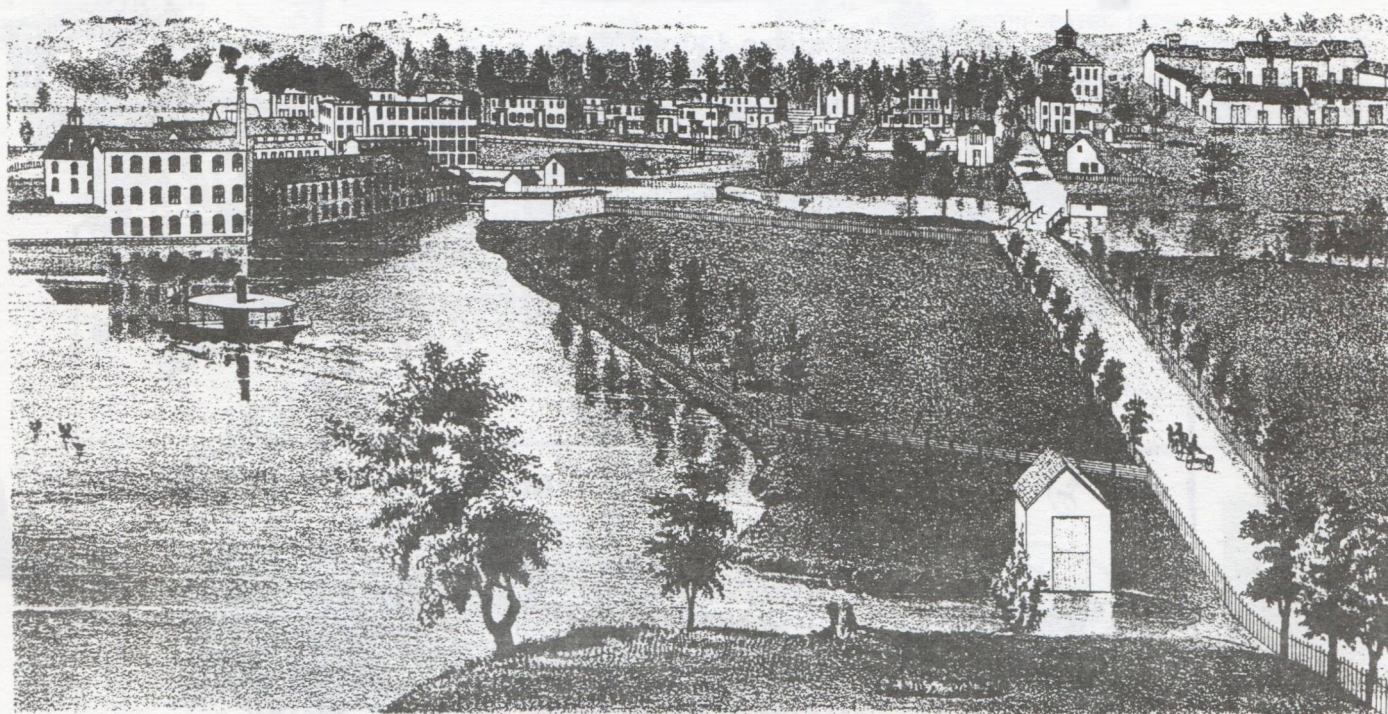
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VIEW OF NORTH SMITHVILLE,
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SMITHVILLE, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

By Robert J. Zanon

Smithville village is a preserved historical community owned and managed by the County of Burlington in New Jersey. Today, guests can browse through the mansion, factory museum, stroll the gardens and grounds, picnic or attend one of the many programs held on the grounds. However, in time past Smithville was an industrial community within the farming area of West Jersey.

In the year 1865 Hezekiah B. Smith, a successful industrialist from Lowell Massachusetts, arrived on the scene of Shreveville, a classic rural waterpowered manufacturing village of the early 19th century in Burlington County, New Jersey.

Sheveville was located on the north branch of the Rancocas Creek. The Rancocas Creek is a tributary to the Delaware River north of Camden, New Jersey in the southern part of New Jersey. Hezekiah B. Smith renamed Shreveville in his namesake.

H. B. Smith manufactured wood working machines at Smithville; an envelope from the late 1860's with an all over advertisement on the back of

the envelope depicts three of the machines (Figure 1).

In November, 1878, H. B. Smith won the election for a seat in the House of Representatives as a New Jersey Democrat and served in the 46th Congress.

In 1880, Smithville started a new era of production, the American star bicycle. The early design of the star bicycle was of the small front wheel with the oversized rear wheel (Figure 2).

An envelope dated November 17, 1893, has a corner card depicting the village factory buildings. The letterhead enclosed in this envelope advertises wood working machinery, bench vises and special machines (Figure 3).

Postmaster from December 7, 1866 to May 1, 1867 was John Segine; June 17, 1867 to September 30, 1882 was James Logan with William S. Kelley taking charge on October 1st, 1882. Ms. Edith Vaughn served as postmaster from 1930 to 1963. On June 5th, 1964 the Smithville Post Office was closed and all mail routed to the Mount Holly Post Office.

SMITHVILLE N.J. 1860's circular date stamp (30 mm dial)
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Figure 1

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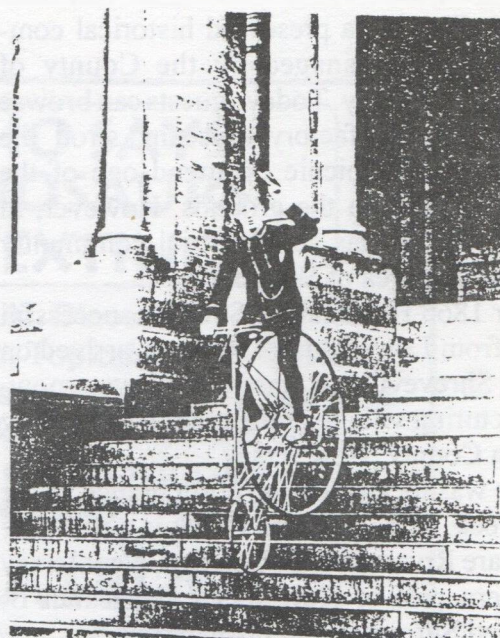
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John Stout demonstrating the downhill advantage of the Star on the Michigan State Capitol steps

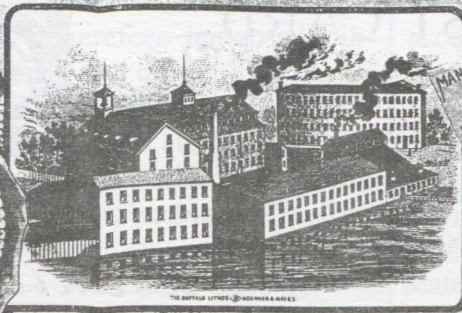
Figure 2

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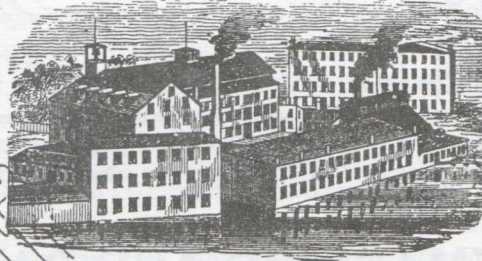
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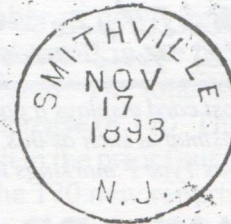
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Hightstown
N.J.*

SMITHVILLE N.J. NOV 17 1893 circular date stamp (29 mm dial) with a cork killer tying the stamp to the cover; rerouted from HIGHTSTOWN N.J. NOV 18 1xx3 to PHILADELPHIA PA REC'D NOV 18 1230 PM 1893. Scott no. 249, Minkus no. 171.

Figure 3

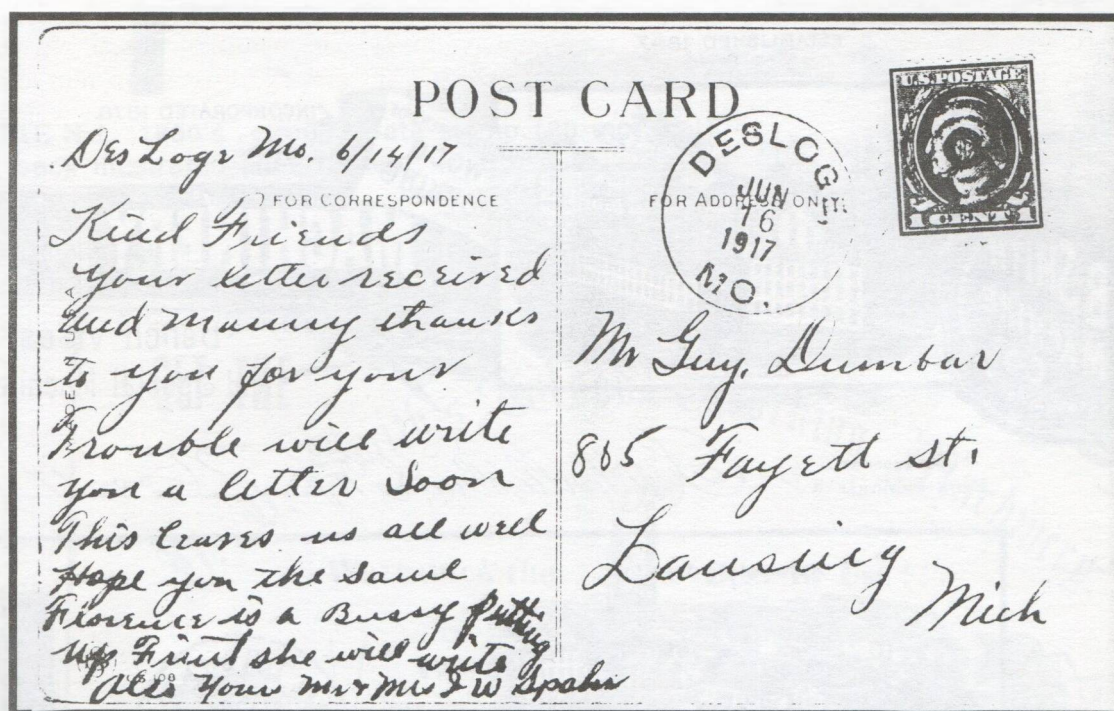
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COMBINATION ATLAS MAP OF BURLINGTON COUNTY NEW JERSEY, J. D. Scott Philadelphia, PA, 1876.



This post card displays a postmark of DESLOGE, MO. from 1917 which is of non-standard design. Postmarks such as this, which feature circular date stamps with no integral killer, are classified as Type F markings in this study.

NON-STANDARD POSTMARKING AND CANCELING DEVICES FROM 1900 TO DATE

Part 25 - Catalog Section, Type F (continued)

By Randy Stehle and Doug DeRoest

This section continues the presentation of the Type F (cids mimics) non-standards. As mentioned in the last installment (Vol. 25, No. 3), many of these cancels are altered devices. Their appearance often matches that of standard devices then in distribution and/or use. The only reason they are included in this study is some wording (usually "REC'D", "MOB", or "REGISTERED") has been removed. In other words, these markings are considered non-standard because a special purpose marked has been altered for use as a postmark on first class mail. An example of this is illustrated in the San Francisco, Calif., City Hall Sta. cancel (F-970).

Double circle handstamps of this design, sometimes called utility daters, became standard issue in the early 1940's. Handstamps with the names of branches or stations were often issued with the name of the parent post office at the top of the dial. The *only* reason that F-970 is considered non-standard is

that some of the lettering was removed from the bottom of the dial.

A slightly different scenario is presented by the Corona, CA postmark (F-1170). This design, with city and state at the top of the double circles was never standard. *Any* postmark with this design from 1900 on is non-standard. Usually, but not always, some lettering was removed from the bottom of the dial.

A similar situation involves the Eagleville, CA cancel (F-1510). The Post Office Department distributed 4-bar devices in 1930 and 1931 that featured the city and state name at the top of the dial (now termed Depression Era 4-bars). The Eagleville marking shows no sign of a 4-bar killer, so, even though it dates from 1930, this impression probably results from a "REC'D" handstamp with that designation removed.

A more problematic cancel is the Cooperstown, CA (F-1140). While no killer is present, it could be a Depression Era 4-bar that became broken. The 1932 use suggests this as a possibility. Inclusion in our survey has been a "judgement call". A check of John Williams' California Postmark Catalog (published in *Western Express*) reveals only one

date on record for this marking and no use of a Depression Era 4-bar has yet been documented for Cooperstown. We have therefore tentatively included F-1140 in our study. The bottom line for all these devices which on the surface resemble standard postmarks is to examine them closely for signs of altered/removed lettering and killers. A careful analysis will usually yield a reasonable conclusion.

Series Coverage Years Extended

After considerable discussion and thought, the years covered by this series have been extended backward from 1902 to include 1900 and 1901. There are several reasons for this change. One is mostly pragmatic: it was confusing to have 1902 as a starting point to many of our readers. It would be a lot easier to include the entire 20th century (1901 to date) than to exclude 1901. Of course, putting pragmatics aside, one would need a more compelling reason based on the facts and circumstances to justify the change.

If one goes back to Part 1 of the introduction to this series (*La Posta*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (April-May 1990), pp. 5-14) the first paragraph lays out three criteria for a postmark to be considered non-standard. These original criteria were:

- 1) the device was not issued by the POD;
- 2) regulations have been issued prohibiting the use of such devices, and;
- 3) the regulations have been given some force.

While the first two criteria will be retained under our new expanded period of study, the third will have to be deleted and replaced with "the distribution of POD-issued devices reaches 100% of all post offices." The reason for dropping the "enforcement" language is that as much as the post office ranted and raved about not using privately procured devices, I see no evidence that the rules were really enforced to any extent that would discourage their use. If this were the case, then it would seem unlikely that we would have over three thousand different examples of non-standards reported at present. I have also never seen any evidence that a postmaster or clerk was fined for using an improper device. This may well have occurred (or lesser sanctions were taken), but there are apparently no records of such an occurrence in those postal records available from the depositories of federal documents. A complete search would have to include records from the Na-

tional Archives, The National Postal Museum, the National Letter Carriers Association, and so forth, to ascertain what sanctions, if any, might have been imposed.

The introduction to this series went on at great length in its discussion of appropriation levels, that is, money approved by Congress, for cancelling devices. In short, as the 19th century drew to a close, appropriations kept rising in order to meet the POD's stated goal of distributing a postmarking device to every office (new or old) in the country. By 1900 all post offices in all states had received, or should have received, standard issue postmarking devices. Thus it was no necessary for a postmaster to procure a device from a local source at his own expense. This is why 1900 may be considered a logical starting date for our series, and we adopt this date.

The number of newly reported non-standard markings has taken off in the four months since the last article appeared. The total is up to 3,358, which represents an increase of 170. This is over 100 more new reports than in the prior four month period. Only about 10% of the 170 new reports are attributable to the inclusion of the years 1900 and 1901. It's just been a busy summer with lots of new material appearing. Please continue to send new reports and date extensions directly to: **Randy Stehle, 16 Iris Court, San Mateo, CA 94401.**

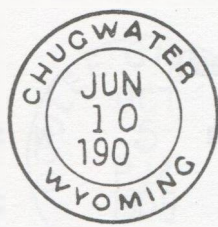
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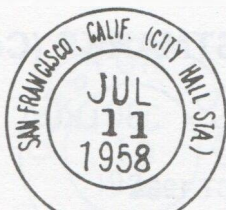
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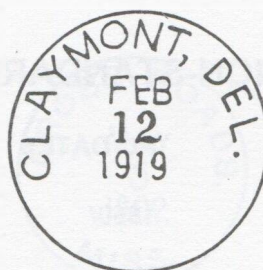
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F - 980 CLAYMONT DE	1853-1951	12 FEB 1919		33		2
F - 990 CLAYTON LA	1894-	10 MAR 1920		32	2	2
F -1000 CLEARWATER FL	1906-	08 FEB 1951		29x19	3	2
F -1010 CLEVELAND OR	1874-1923	01 AUG 1910	19 JAN 1911	25	7	3
F -1020 CLEVELAND (STA. A) OH		26 MAR 1930		29x19	3	2
F -1030 CLYMAN WI	1849-1917	06 FEB 1915	28 MAR 1918	25	2	2
F -1040 COALVILLE UT	1862-	01 FEB 1992		40		2
F -1050 COARSEGOLD CA	1899-	13 JUL 1904		31x19		2
F -1060 COLBY MS	1909-1917	30 JUL 1915		32x21	2	3
F -1070 COLMESNEIL TX	1882-	10 DEC 1915		33	2	2
F -1080 COLUMBIA COLLEGE SC	1906-1912	07 MAY 1906		29x26.5	2,4	3
F -1090 COLUMBUS OH	1813-	22 AUG 1988		34x24/38x29		2
F -1100 COLUMBUS OH	1813-	31 AUG 1988		31x25/34x21		2
F -1110 CONIFER NY	1912-1965	01 MAR 1923		29x19	2	2
F -1120 COOLEY MS	1903-1905	29 AUG 1905		28	2,4	2
F -1130 COOLIDGE KS	1881-	20 ??? 1923		34	2	2
F -1140 COOPERSTOWN CA	1901-1932	31 AUG 1932		20.5		2
F -1150 CORDAVILLE MA	1848-1966	19 SEP 1907	27 APR 1912	30.5x18.5		2
F -1160 CORNERSTONE AR	1886-1930	01 NOV 1910		30	2,4	2
F -1170 CORONA CA	1897-	04 AUG 1943		29x19	3	2
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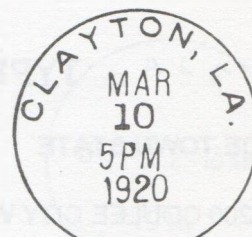
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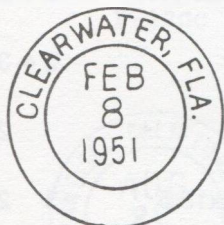
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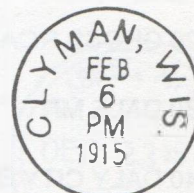
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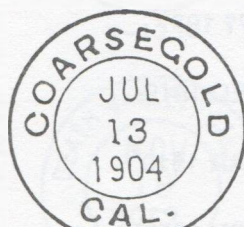
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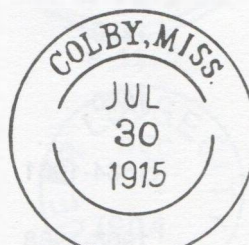
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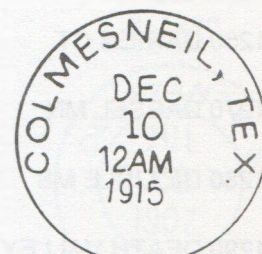
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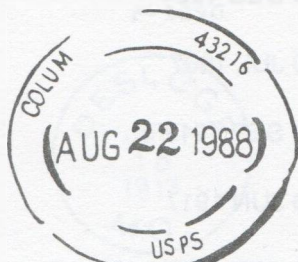
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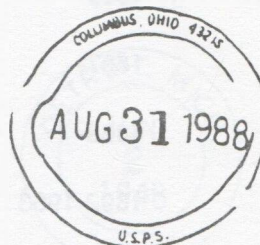
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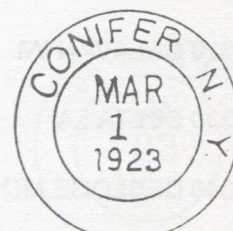
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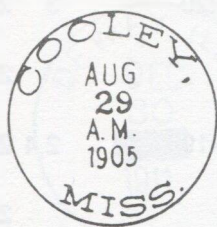
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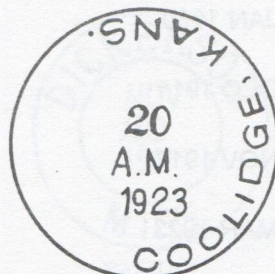
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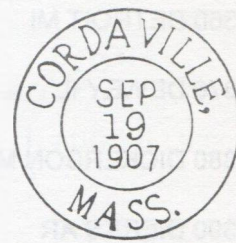
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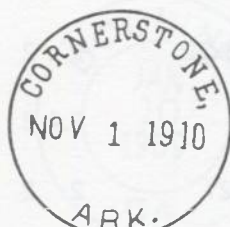
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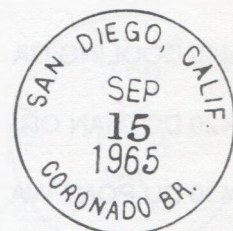
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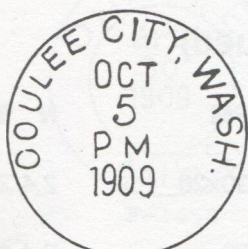
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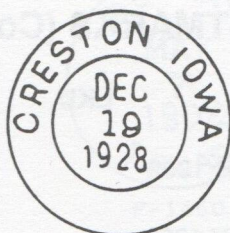
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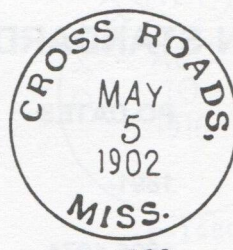
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F -1240 DALY CITY BR. CA	1917-1954	22 AUG 1945		28x18.5	3	2
F -1250 DANVILLE IL	1827-	03 DEC 1940		29x19	3	2
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F -1270 DASSEL MN	1870-	23 DEC 1919		31x29		2
F -1280 DE LISLE MS	1884-1961	01 MAR 1910		31	2,4	2
F -1290 DEATH VALLEY CA	1908-1968	19 NOV 1953		29x19	6	2
F -1310 DEER LODGE CITY MT	1866-	03 DEC 1904		27	8	3
F -1320 DELAVAN WI	1837-	20 JUL 1907		30x19		2
F -1330 DELTA LA	1869-	06 SEP 191?		31	2,4	2
F -1340 DESLOGE MO	1892-1963	16 JUN 1917		26.5		2
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F -1370 DEWEY IL	1878-	30 DEC 1911		32		2
F -1380 DICKERSON MS	1891-1934	20 NOV 1911		30x19	2,4	2
F -1390 DIERKS AR	1906-	23 MAR 1923		33		2
F -1400 DONNER CA	1882-1926	30 AUG 1903		28.5		2
F -1410 DOOLING GA	-1965	10 JAN 1909		31.5x20	2	2
F -1420 DOTHAN OR	1896-1942	03 NOV 1916		32	2,4	2
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F -1440 DUBLIN MS	1875-	15 APR 191?		32	2	2



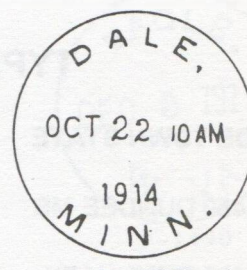
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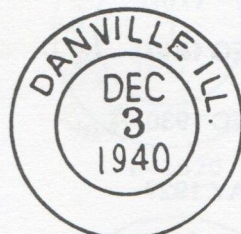
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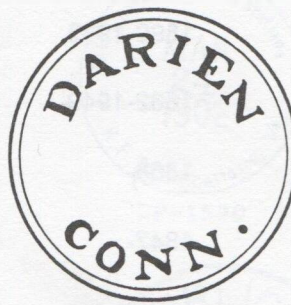
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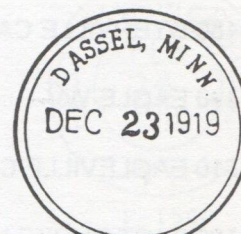
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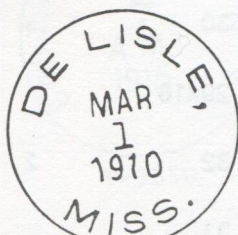
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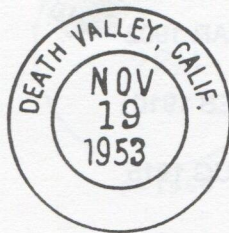
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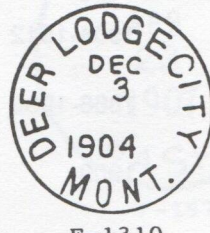
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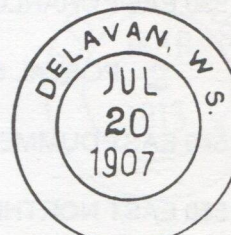
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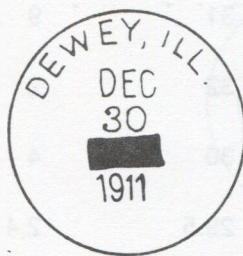
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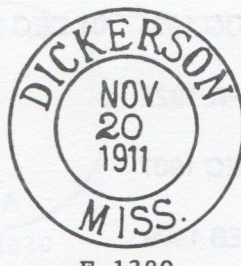
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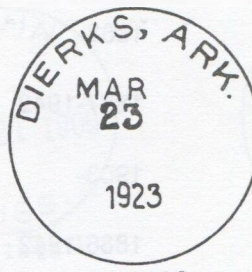
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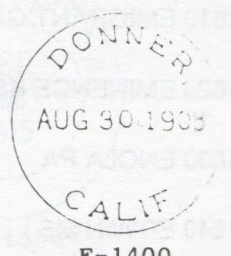
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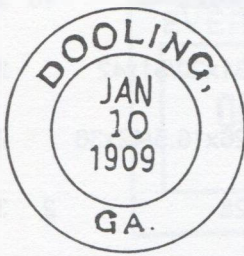
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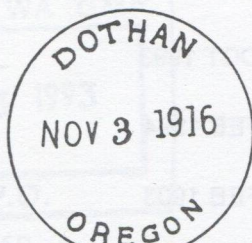
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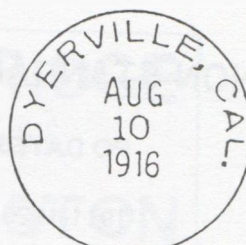
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F -1490 EAGLE WV	1882-1949	05 DEC 191?		30	2,4	2
F -1510 EAGLEVILLE CA	1868-	10 DEC 1930		31		2
F -1520 EAST BURKE VT	1847-	01 MAY 192?		30x20		2
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F -1550 EAST NORTHPORT NY	1909-	07 AUG 1915		32	2	2
F -1560 EDEN WI	1850/	191?		33		2
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F -1580 ELDON WA	1901-1925	02 MAR 1913		30x20	3	2
F -1590 ELK CA	1887-	23 DEC 1924		31x21		2
F -1600 ELKHART TX	1850-	24 JUL 1916		32	2	2
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F -1630 ENOLA PA	1903-	27 DEC 1907		30	4	2
F -1640 ERWIN MS	1886/1942	21 FEB 1909		29.5	2,4	2
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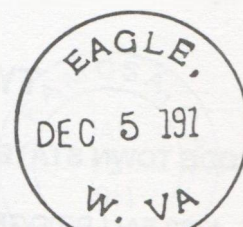
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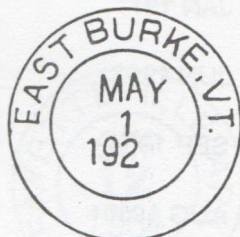
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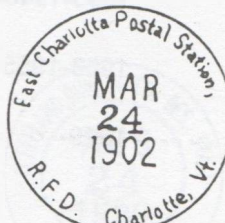
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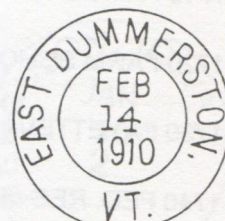
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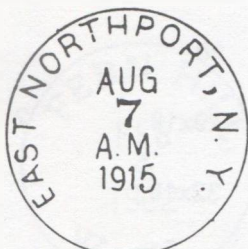
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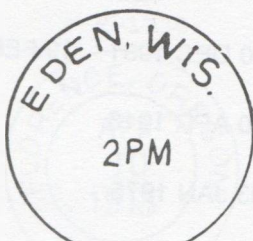
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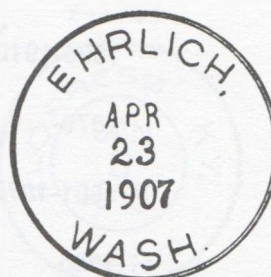
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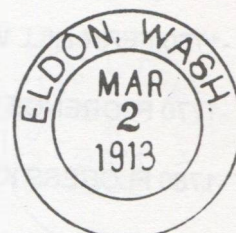
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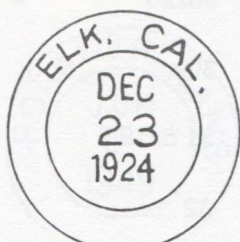
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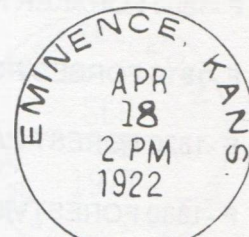
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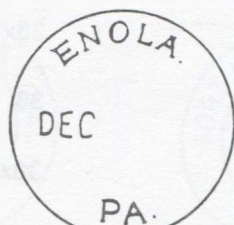
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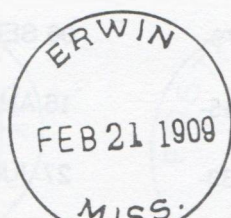
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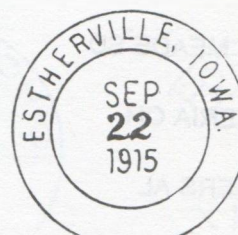
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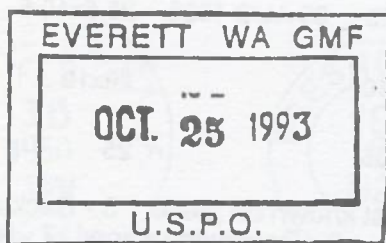
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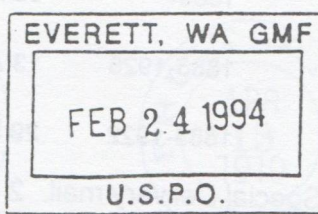
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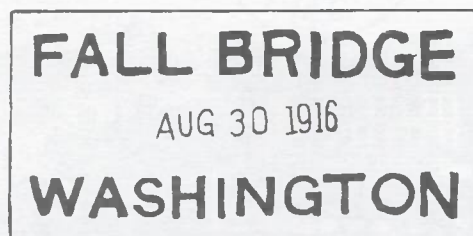
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F -1740 FED. RES. STA. OH		24 AUG 1950		29x19		2
F -1750 FERGUSON IA	1882-	16 JAN 192?		33	2	2
F -1760 FERN HILL WA	1890-1910	10 DEC 1901	19 FEB 1908	30		2
F -1770 FLORENCE OR	1879-	10 APR 1918		29x19	2	2
F -1780 FLORESS KY	1901-1975	03 JAN 1975		32x18		2
F -1790 FOLSOM CITY CA	1856-	07 SEP 1903		28		2
F -1800 FORAKER KY	1906-1992	06 JUN 1949		30x20	2	2
F -1810 FORBES ROAD PA	1903-	03 DEC 1908	04 MAY 1909	30		2
F -1820 FOREST PARK GA	1903-	24 APR 1931		31.5x19.5		2
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F -1840 FORT BAKER CA	1918-1938	15 FEB 1930		28.5x19.5		2
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F -1860 FOSTERIA OH	1855-	16 AUG 1920		33	2	2
F -1870 FOSTERS AL	1833-	27 JUN 1955		30x20	2	2
F -1880 FOY STA. CA	1950-	16 FEB 1950		33		2
F -1890 FRESNO CA	1889-	08 FEB 1923	05 AUG 1925	28.5x19.5	10	2
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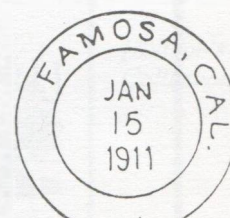
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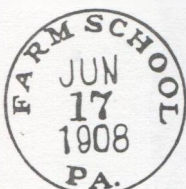
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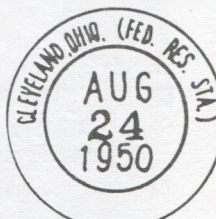
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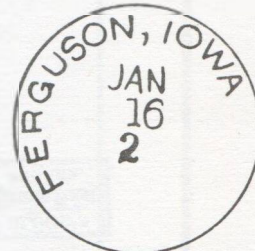
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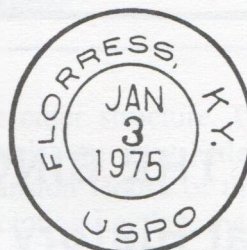
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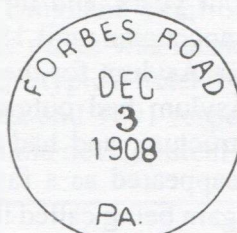
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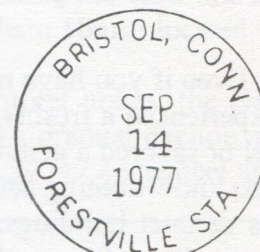
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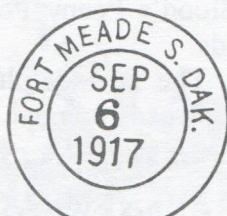
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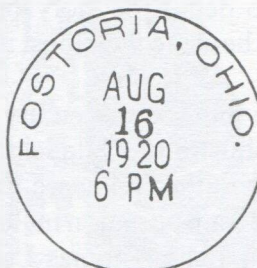
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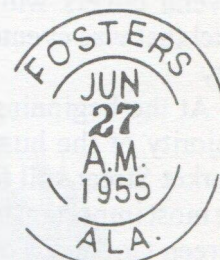
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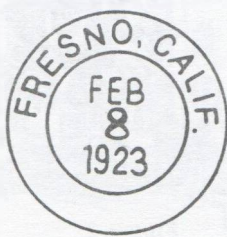
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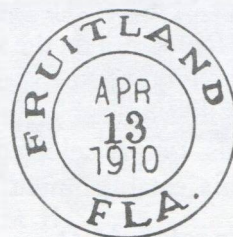
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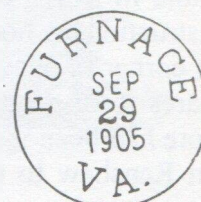
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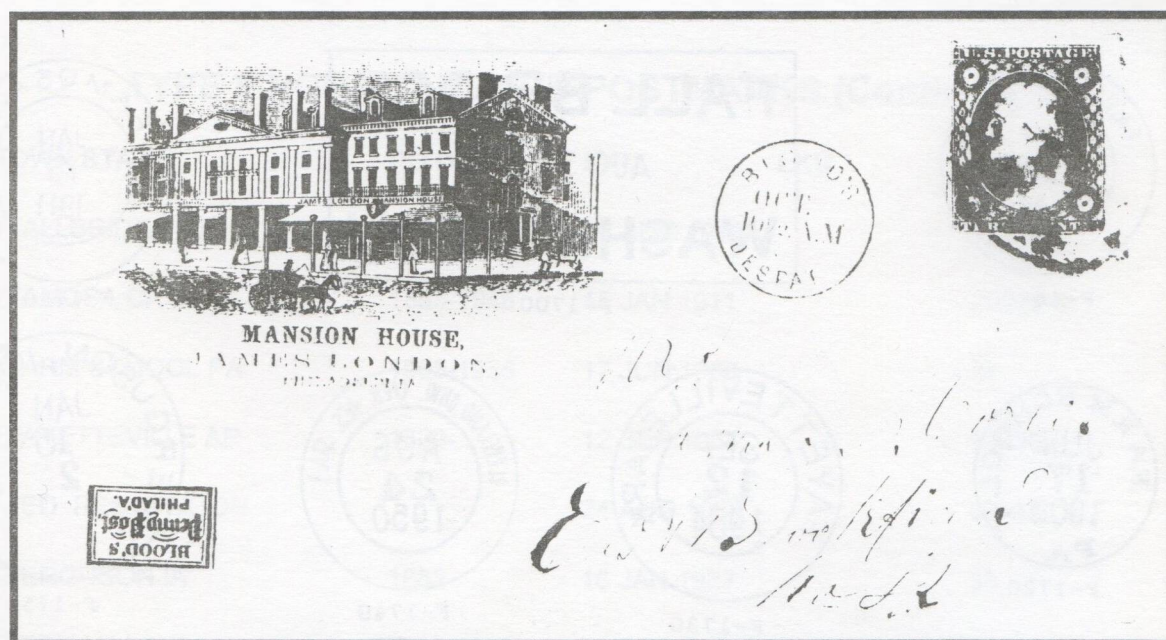


Figure 1.

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THE BINGHAM HOUSE

A Postal History Archaeological "Dig"

by Gus S Spector M.D.

Even if you have never visited Philadelphia, nor experienced a freshly-baked Philadelphia soft pretzel or savored a genuine Philly cheesesteak; even if you know nothing about the City or the esoterica of its defunct buildings, it is interesting to view the unraveling of a puzzle that displays the illustrated saga of the birth and death of a major landmark. Several covers will help to detail the story of the hotel that was eventually to become the oldest in the City.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the majority of the hustle and bustle of Philadelphia's Market Street still lay close to the Delaware River, the most important means of transportation in Penn's "Green Country Towne". In 1812, Thomas Leiper, an enterprising tobacco merchant who had made his fortune in snuff, erected the Mansion House. His construction lay not near the River, but on the southeast corner of Eleventh and Market Streets, eleven squares to its west, an area that only a generation before had been virgin woods. Leiper selected William Renshaw to manage his establishment. Ren-

shaw, unfortunately, stayed in his employ for only four years, and the hotel then closed. It remained unoccupied until 1823, reopening as the Pennsylvania Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. By 1825 the Asylum had outgrown the three and a half story structure, and had relocated. Thereafter, the hotel reappeared as a fashionable boarding house, once again being called the New Mansion House. **Figure I** shows the original building circa the mid-1850's. The cover is adorned with a Scott 11, and an acid-tied Blood's Penny Post stamp and Blood's Despatch cds.

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroads merged in 1842 and purchased the prop-

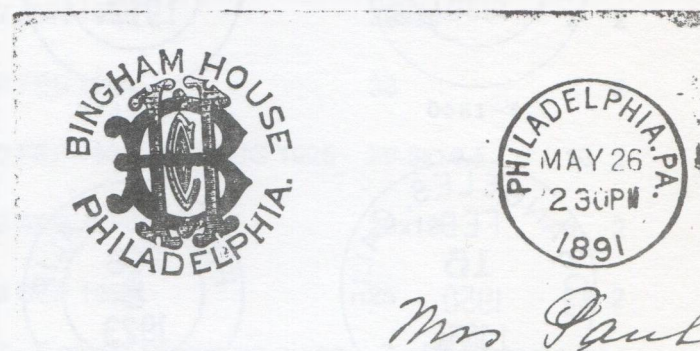


Figure 2.

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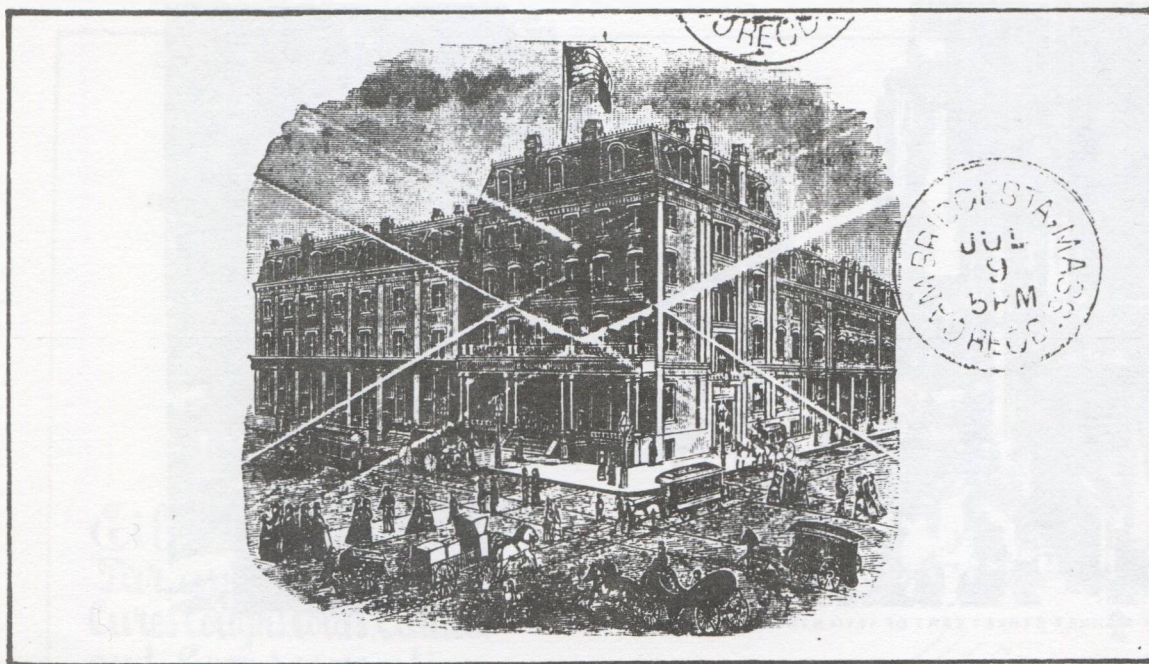


Figure 3

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erty on Market Street next to the Mansion House. The busy railroad depot gave new life to the sleepy boarding house. Major alterations ensued, with a large double-decker porch running across the Market Street facade of the building.

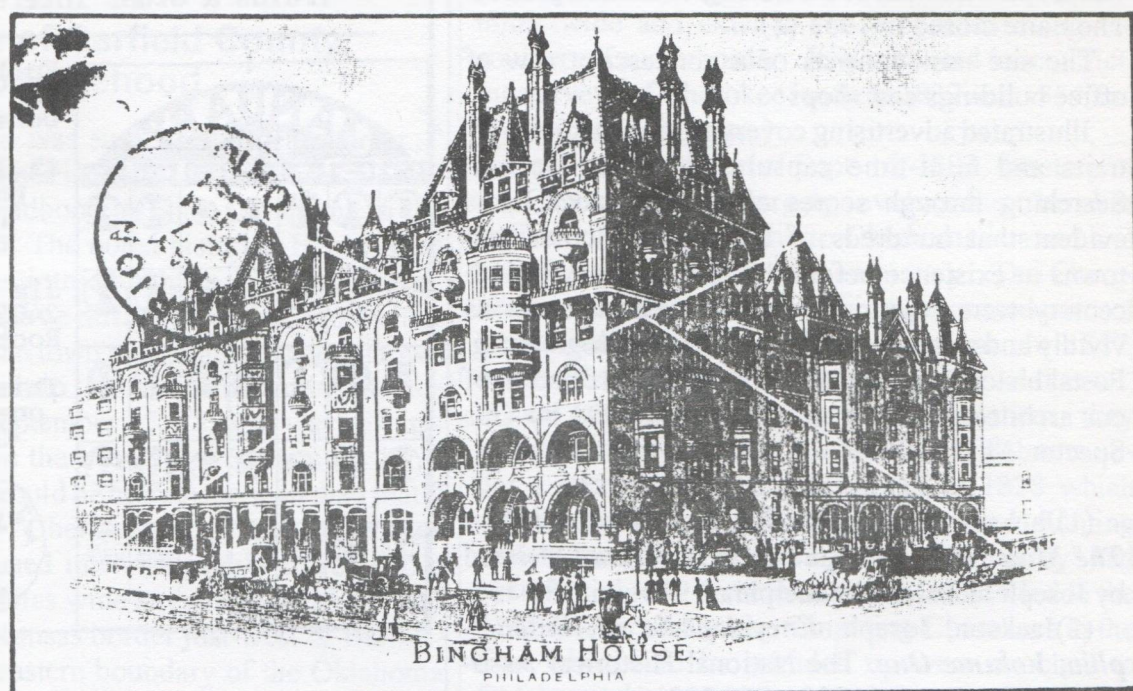
Just after the Civil War, the hotel was renamed the Bingham House after John Bingham, a railroad express and freight agent whose office was located in the building. **Figure 2** bears the typical hotel logo and **figures 3** and **4**, dated 1883 and 1891 respectively, portray various stages in the development of

the outer structure. Obviously, the new Bingham Hotel bore very little resemblance to the original Mansion House of the previous century. (1) In its Victorian heyday, the hotel had 300 rooms and accommodated 500 guests, at three dollars per day. **Figure 5** shows a postcard panoramic view of busy Market Street with the Bingham House located on the right.

Typical of other Market Street hotels, the New Bingham House experienced a gradual decline, remaining in business in this now not so genteel area

Figure 4

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MARKET STREET EAST OF 12TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Figure 5.

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until 1920, when it was sold to the Stanley Company of America, an early innovator in the movie house industry. The old building was used for several months as a museum publicly displaying "circus freaks and human curiosities". It was finally demolished in 1923. Three years later, the early Theatre and Office Building was erected on the site. The Earle Theatre was one of the spectacular, glitzy movie houses that merged the waning world of vaudeville with that of the nefanged motion picture. The Earle closed in 1953. (2)

The site now consists of a nondescript row of office buildings and shops.


Illustrated advertising covers are quaint mini-portraits and mini-time capsules of a bygone era. Searching through scores of dealers' stock, it is evident that hundreds of buildings in cities and towns in existence before the turn of the twentieth century were captured and preserved on cover as vividly and as interestingly as an archaeological dig. Postal history can lead us to a deeper appreciation of our architectural heritage. Copyright 1994 by Gus Spector, M.D.

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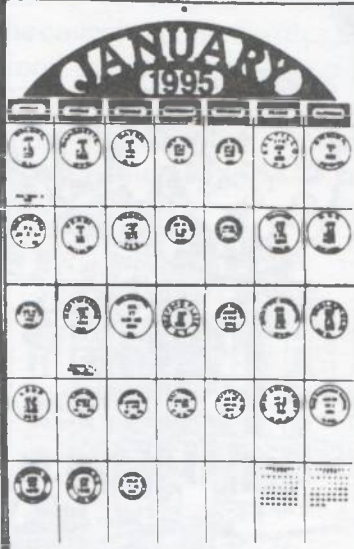
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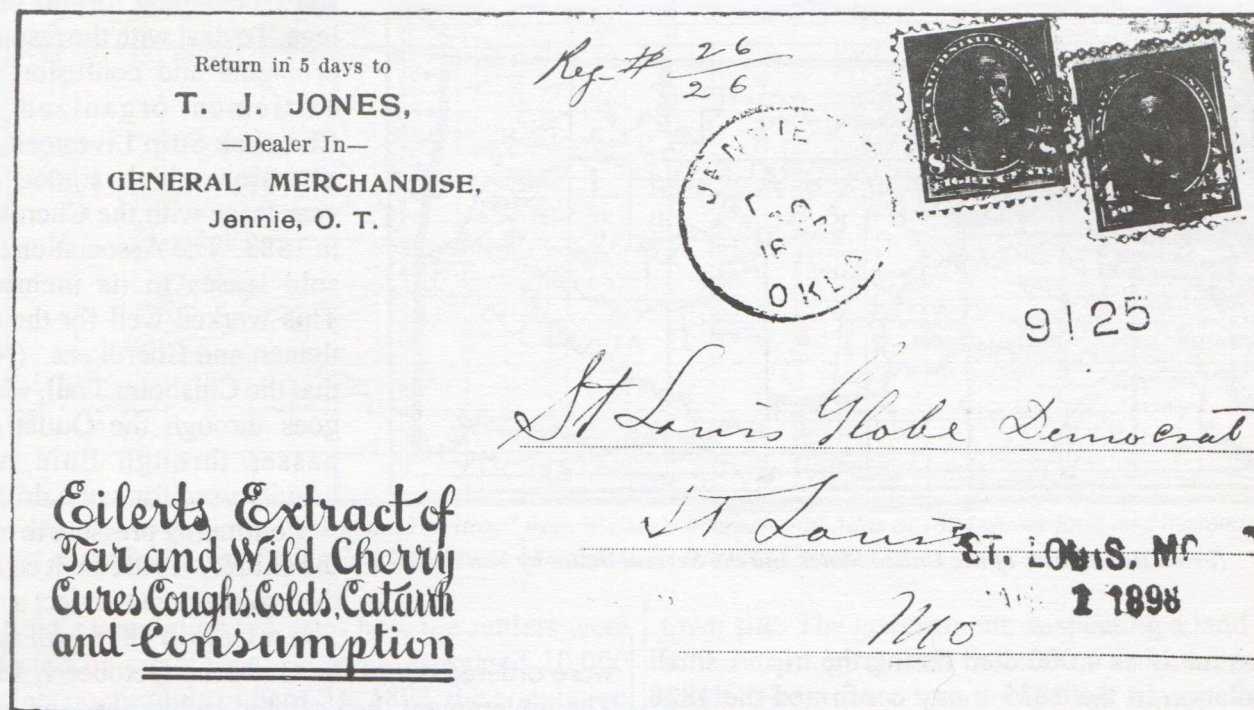


Figure 1. Jennie was one of the many short lived post offices which dotted the Garfield County landscape during the late 1890's and early 1900's. The existence of so many short lived offices is what makes collecting postmarks of Oklahoma Territory such a challenge.

TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS OF GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

By Bernie Mayer & Richard W. Helbock

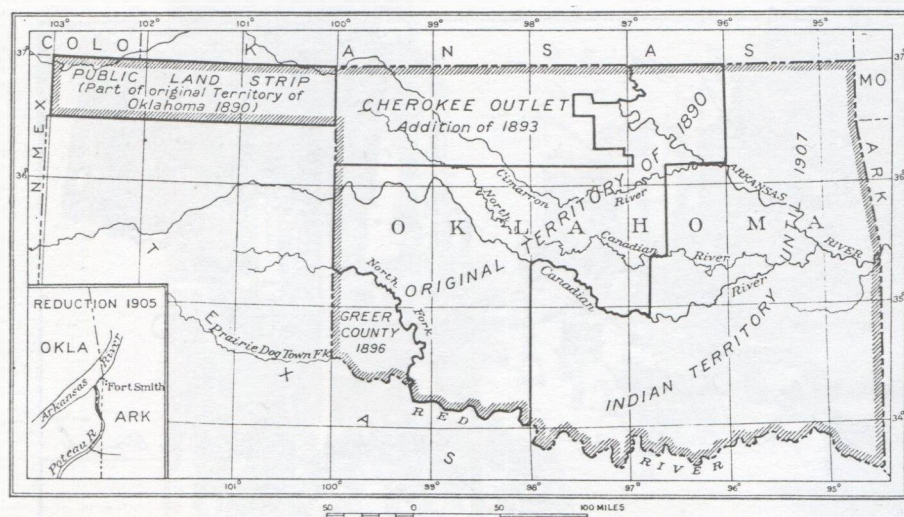
Brief History of Garfield County, Oklahoma to Statehood

"A trip to Enid was surely a marvelous treat..." wrote Marquis James in *THE CHEROKEE STRIP* describing his childhood in Enid, Oklahoma in the 1890s and 1900s. The noted historian Henry Steel Commager in his introduction to the book states, "Certainly it would be difficult to find a more characteristic American town than Enid...the boom town of the Cherokee Strip. It had come into existence overnight. On September 15, 1893, it was still unbroken prairie; on the evening of September 16, it was a city--what could be more American than that!"

In this article, "Cherokee Strip" and "Cherokee Outlet" will be used interchangeably to refer to a strip of land 58 miles wide stretching for about 220 miles along the Kansas border just west of Bartlesville, OK to the eastern boundary of the Oklahoma

panhandle (Map I). This strip is correctly called the Cherokee Outlet. (The actual Cherokee Strip is 2 1/2 miles wide and extends for 276 miles along the southern Kansas border. It was caused by conflicting surveys of Cherokee lands in 1837 and 1854 and is now part of Kansas.)

Until the Land Run of Sept. 16, 1893, the story of the Cherokee Outlet largely involves the Cherokee Indians. How they came to Oklahoma is a sad and complicated part of American history. The Cherokee homeland was an area which comprised parts of Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. In 1817, some of them moved "voluntarily" to Arkansas. When white settlers encroached on them, they moved farther west into northeastern Oklahoma under a treaty with the government in 1828 which created the Cherokee Outlet as a perpetual hunting outlet to the West. Those moving "voluntarily" had been farsighted. A removal treaty in 1835 led to the Trail of Tears when the remaining Cherokees in the East who could be rounded up were marched to Oklahoma during 1838-1839. It has been estimated



Map 1 (From *Boundaries of the United States and the Several States* by Van Zandt)

that as many as 4,000 died during the trip. A small consolation in the 1835 treaty confirmed the 1828 treaty granting the Cherokees the right to the Cherokee Outlet as a route to the western hunting grounds. However, the Cherokees were not permitted to live on this land.

The uniting of the Cherokees in Oklahoma eventually led to a period of prosperity and advancement. Unfortunately, the Civil War ended it. Initially, the Cherokees resisted involvement. Under continuing pressure, most of the tribe finally aligned with the Confederacy. A bad mistake! After the war, even though some Cherokees had sided with the Union, the government considered the tribe a conquered nation. Thus, all prior treaty rights were forfeited and their property could be confiscated. The Cherokees signed a treaty in 1866 which included the provision that the government could now settle other Indian tribes in the Cherokee Outlet. In 1867, the government started moving other tribes into the eastern part of the Outlet. As the tribes moved into the Outlet, they completely blocked the entrance from the Cherokee Nation making the outlet virtually useless to the Cherokees but not to others.

A booming cattle business grew up in the Southwest during the Civil War. After the War, a strong demand for beef came from the East. The problem was how to get cattle from Texas to the Eastern markets. Driving them through the Cherokee Outlet to Kansas where the railroads were became attractive. The Outlet had fine grass for grazing. If a ready market was not available, the cattle could even stay in the Outlet and graze while waiting. The Cherokees

started charging for this privilege. To deal with the resulting problems and confusion, the cattlemen organized the Cherokee Strip Livestock Association which signed a 5 year lease with the Cherokees in 1883. The Association then sold leases to its members. This worked well for the cattlemen and Cherokees. (Note that the Chisholm Trail, which goes through the Outlet and passes through Enid, was heavily used for cattle drives.)

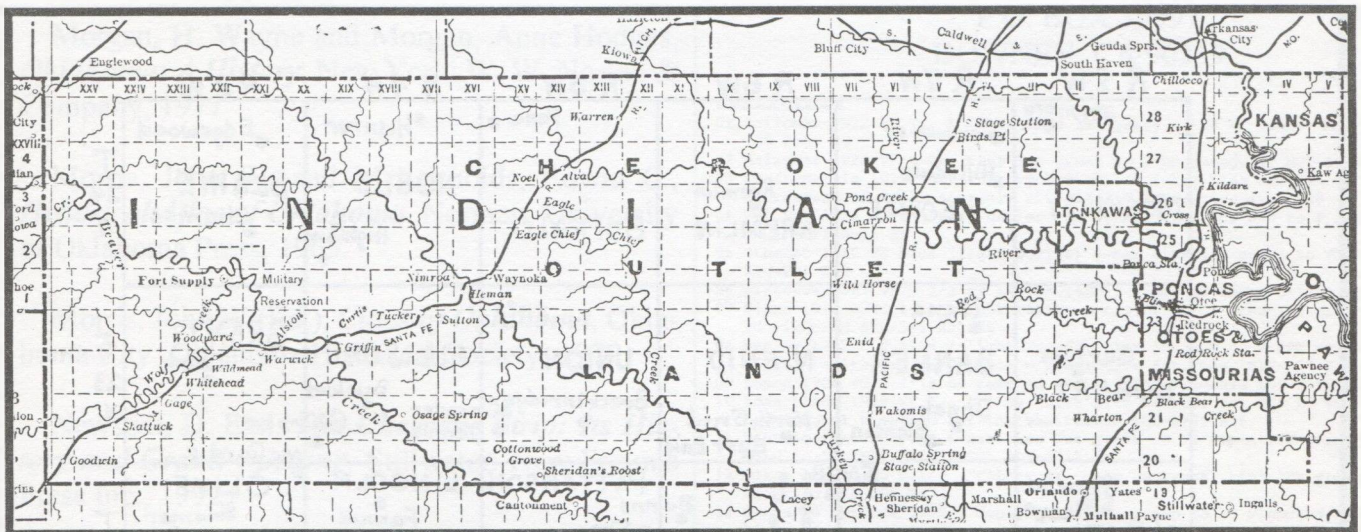
Continuing pressure to open the Outlet to settlement caused the government to reject a new 5 year lease in 1888. All cattle

were ordered out of the Outlet by October 1, 1890. The government then offered to buy the land quite cheaply from the Cherokees. Fearing that the government would just take the land if they refused, the Cherokees accepted the offer in 1893. President Grover Cleveland set Saturday, September 16, 1893, at noon as the starting time for the Land Run.

It is estimated that 100,000 people made the Run and 40,000 obtained land. By dusk, Enid was a tent town of an estimated 10,000 people. These settlers were a hardy lot! At the time of the Run, the country was in an economic depression and the region was experiencing a drought and extremely high temperatures. Having endured these conditions to stake a claim, the settler now had to define the boundaries of the claim, register it, and frequently defend it against rivals. This often meant a long legal challenge.

Successfully establishing a claim was just the beginning of the hardships. The settler next had to consider how to pay for the land as it was not free. The government expected the settlers to repay the payments which had been made to the Cherokee Nation. The land in Garfield County would cost either \$1.50 or \$2.50 per acre depending on its location.

A searing drought through the summers of 1894 and 1895 caused crop failure. It wasn't until 1897 that the weather improved enough for good crops, especially wheat. In 1900, the government passed a Free Homes Bill which eliminated the settlers' obligation to pay for their land.



Map II. This portion of "Oklahoma Territory" from Walker's International Atlas of 1894 shows Enid and Wakomis (sic) on the Rock Island Pacific Railroad, but no boundaries for Garfield County.

Enid's population indicates how the settlers were affected by conditions. From an estimated 10,000 settlers on the night of Sept. 16, 1893, the population dropped to approximately 1250 people in 1896. The 1900 census showed 3,444. In 1907, the year of statehood, the population was 10,087. The population today is between 45,000 and 50,000.

A discussion of Garfield County wouldn't be complete without mentioning the Enid Railroad War. Before the Run, the Rock Island Railroad had selected the site of North Enid to be its depot and

town site. The government, suspecting a land fraud in the making, moved the site of Enid three miles south. There were two competing towns after the Run, and the trains refused to stop at the much larger government town. Thus, travellers and mail coming in by train went to North Enid and then were brought to Enid by wagon. On July 13, 1894, some "unknown" Enid citizens sawed a bridge and derailed a freight train. With the help of an act of Congress and a proclamation by President Cleveland, the trains started stopping in Enid on Sept. 16, 1894, exactly

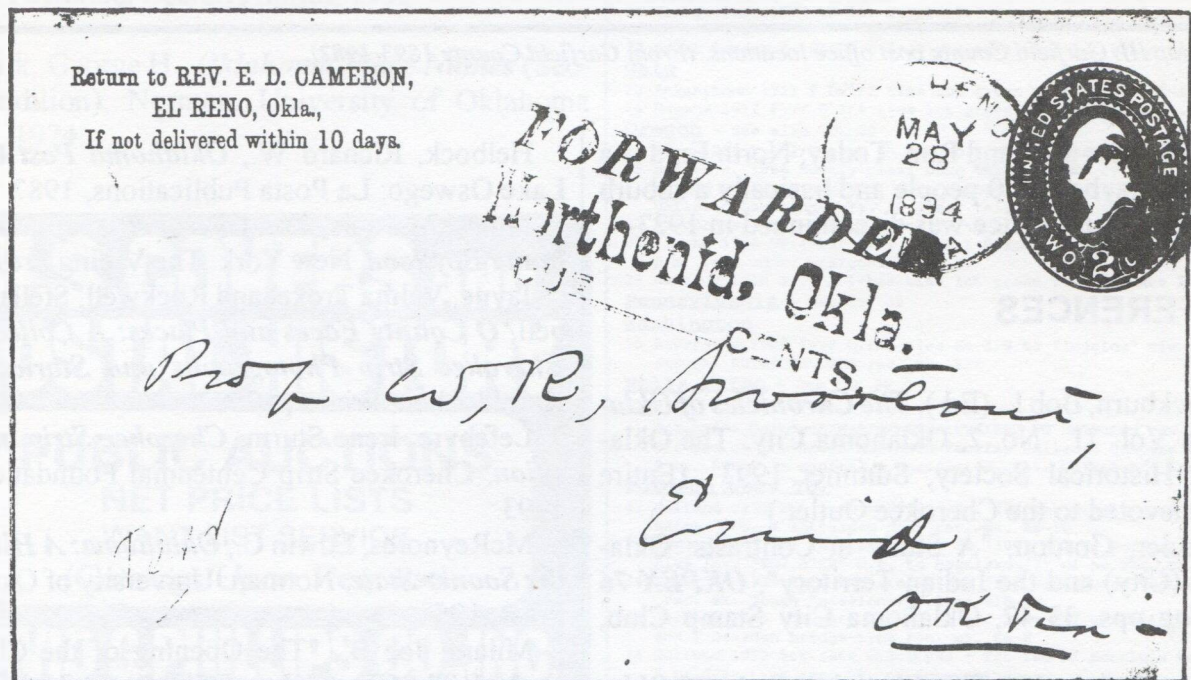


Figure 2. This cover, possibly unique, shows the effect on postal service of the Enid Railroad War. Mailed from El Reno on May 28, 1894, the cover traveled north to North Enid (Backstamp) and marked "FORWARDED/Northernid..." It was then loaded on a wagon and carried three miles south to Enid (second backstamp).

R 8 W	R 7 W	R 6 W	R 5 W	R 4 W	R 3 W	
Jetmore McKINLEY	Goldwater Hillsdale KEOWEE	Kremlin KREMLIN	Pana BUFFALO	Hunter NOBLE Highland	Edgewood BLAINE Chamas	T 24 N
Carrier HOBERT	Ituna BANNER Jonah Blanton	N. ENID North Enid East Enid	Elk UNION Breckinridge Copper Jennie	Buckles ALLISON Garber McCardie	GRANT Clark	T 23 N
Glenella Wilcox Lahoma LOGAN	Garland Eritz Imo	ENID Burns Shea Etna Fairmont	PATTERSON Lincoln Fannie Luella	LINCOLN Fannie Luella	OLIVE Bloomer Gladie Maxwell Dille	T 22 N
Drummond SHERIDAN Del Norte	Waukomis Waukomis	HACKBERRY Waukomis	SKELETON Skeleton	Tripp Beardie Callahan Carlington WOOD Goff Hayward Ladysmith	OTTER Onyx Douglas Shaner	T 21 N
Wildwood Barr Zangwill WASHINGTON	SUMNER Bison	OSBORNE	FLYNN Zybra	REED	MARSHALL Elgin Potter	T 20 N

Map III. Garfield County post office locations. (From Garfield County 1893-1982).

one year after the Land Run. Today, North Enid is a town of maybe 1,000 people and basically a suburb of Enid. Its post office was discontinued in 1923.

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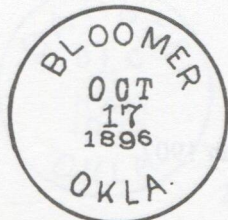
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CONCORD (1894-1895)					
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1.	CDS		4 May 1903		
2.	DOANE 2/2		25 Nov 1904	8 Nov 1907	
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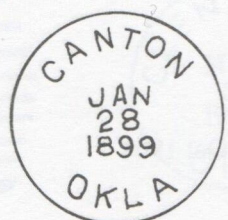
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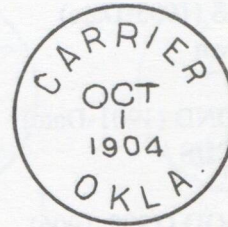
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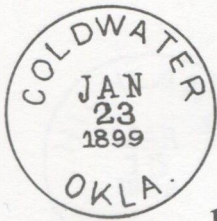
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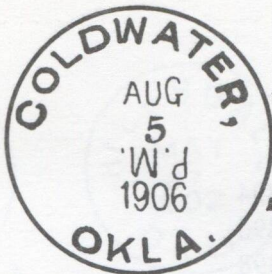
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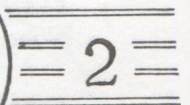
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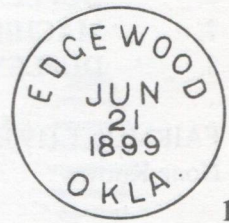
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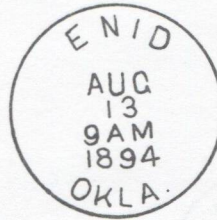
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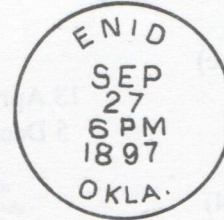
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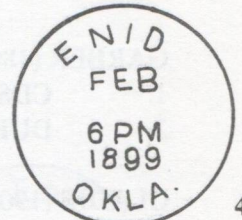
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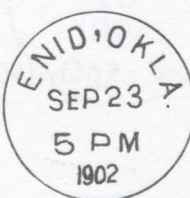
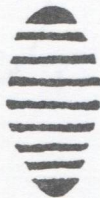
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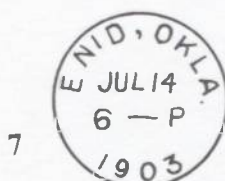
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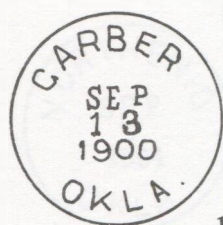
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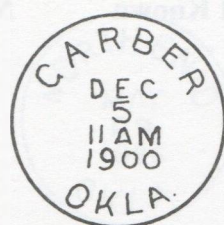
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ELGIN (1894-1897)					
None Known					
ENID (1893-Date)					
1.	CDS		1 Oct 1893	28 May 1894	
2.	DUPLEX		27 Jul 1894	29 Aug 1896	
3.	CDS		25 Nov 1896	18 Jan 1898	
4.	CDS		4 Oct 1898	14 Oct 1899	
5.	DUPLEX		11 Nov 1899	18 Oct 1900	
6.	DUPLEX		7 Jan 1901	15 Nov 1907	
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8.	DUPLEX		25 Feb 1906	? Sep 1907	
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FANNIE (1893-1898)					
None Known					
GARBER (1894-Date)					
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2.	DUPLEX		5 Dec 1900		
GLADIE (1902-1904)					
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GLENELLA (1893-1903)					
1.	CDS		18 Apr 1895	5 May 1900	
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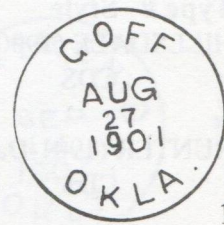
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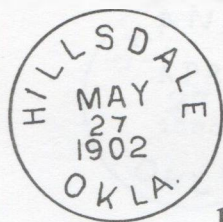
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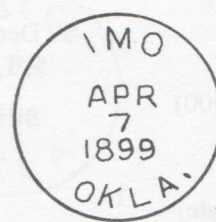
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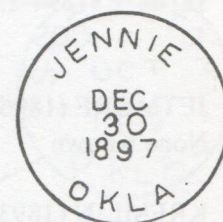
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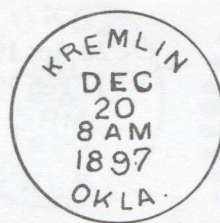
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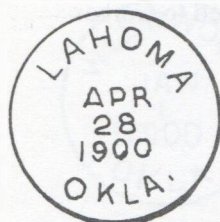
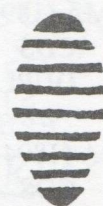
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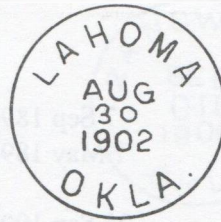
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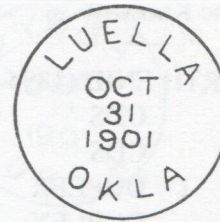
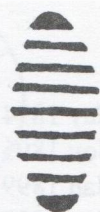
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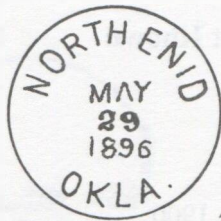
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1.	CDS		16 Jan 1902		
IMO (1895-1906)					
1.	CDS		28 Dec 1897	9 Apr 1899	
JENNIE (1894-1900)					
1.	CDS		30 Dec 1897		
JETMORE (1896-1900)					
None Known					
KREMLIN (1893-Date)					
1.	CDS		4 Mar 1895		
2.	CDS		20 Dec 1897	27 Feb 1899	w/time in dial
3.	DUPLEX		14 Apr 1902	26 Jul 1907	
LAHOMA (1894-Date)					
1.	CDS		? May 1895	28 Apr 1900	
2.	DUPLEX		28 Jun 1902	11 Feb 1905	
LUELLA (1894-1902)					
1.	CDS		31 Oct 1901		Changed to Fairmont
MAXWELL (1894-1895)					
None Known					
McCARDIE (1894)					
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Changed to Garber					
NORTH ENID (1894-1923)					
1.	CDS		28 May 1894	7 Sep 1894	
2.	CDS		? Nov 1895	? May 1896	
3.	DUPLEX		10 Jan 1899		
4.	DUPLEX		14 Sep 1907	21 Sep 1907	
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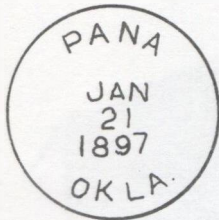
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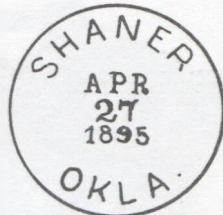
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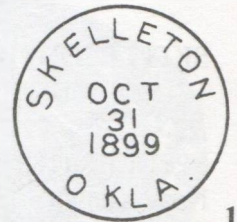
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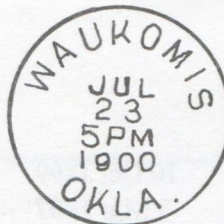
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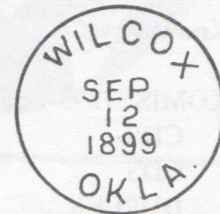
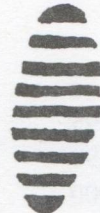
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Territorial Postmarks of Garfield County, Oklahoma

Town	Type # · Style	Earliest Known	Latest Known	Notes
RELIEF (1899-1900)				
None Known				
SHANER (1894-1904)				
1. CDS		27 Apr 1895	27 Jan 1900	
SIBLEY (1894-1899)				
1. CDS		? Apr 1898	2 Mar 1899	
SKELLETON (1894-1904)				
1. CDS		7 May 1897	31 Oct 1899	
SPENCER (1897-1901)				
None Known				
STACY (1899-1901)				
None Known				
TRIPP (1902-1903)				
None Known				
WAUKOMIS (1893-Date)				
1. CDS		1 Mar 1895		
2. CDS		3 Dec 1898	10 Oct 1899	w/time in dial
3. DUPLEX		14 Jul 1900	3 Mar 1907	
WHITE (1894-1903)				
None Known				
WILCOX (1895-1903)				
1. CDS		12 Sep 1899		
WILDWOOD (1894-1905)				
1. CDS		1 Jan 1900		
ZANGWILL (1897-1905)				
1. CDS		11 Sep 1900		
ZYBRA (1898-1903)				
1. CDS		11 Dec 190?		



Asher and Samuel Marks

THE MARKS BROTHERS OF ROSEBURGH, OREGON

Circa 1853-1894

By Charles W. Deer

One of the largest accumulations of postal history objects to come to light in the Pacific Northwest, was the correspondence of the customers, friends & relatives of the Marks Brothers -- Asher, Samuel and Saul of Roseburg(h), Oregon. This massive accumulation of 19th century mail is commonly called the Marks Correspondence. The correspondence originally contained numerous outstanding pieces of early Oregon, California, Washington, and other states postal history. Since its discovery over fifty years ago, the Marks Correspondence has become widely dispersed throughout the postal history hobby. The purpose of this article is to provide collectors with some background on these early

businessmen responsible for saving so many of the jewels which grace our collections.

The Marks Brothers business consisted of a general mercantile store that stocked and sold food and clothing, as well as some forms of hardware. Postal history evidence suggests that this was done from about 1853 to the late 1880s and possible later.

The Marks Brothers were granted a license to do business in 1853 in Roseburgh. There is also evidence that they formed partnerships to do business in the nearby towns of North Canyonville and Myrtle Creek. The first North Canyonville general merchandise and grocery store was owned by Marks, Sidemen & Co. In 1874 Hymen Wollenberg became a partner in Marks, Woolenberg & Company, and subsequently bought the Myrtle Creek store.

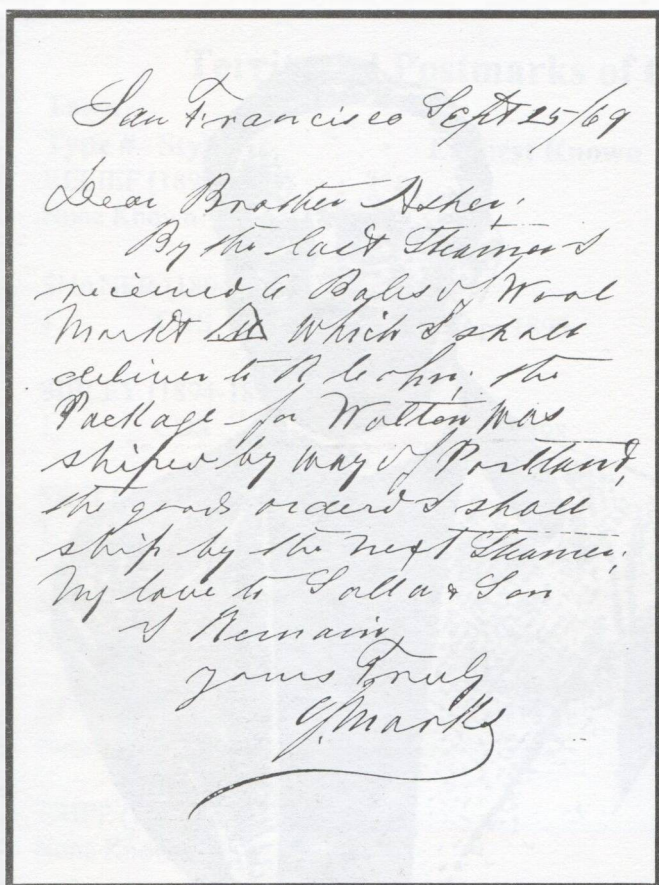


Figure 1.

Samuel Marks was listed in the Oakland precinct census in 1859. Saul and Asher Marks were listed in the Roseburgh precinct census in 1868. However, sometime in 1860, Saul moved to San Francisco where he evidently became a broker or purchasing

agent for the Marks Brothers stores in Oregon. **Figure 1** illustrates a letter datelined San Francisco Sept 25, 1869 addressed to brother Asher.

The Marks' Building, at the northwest corner of Jackson and Washington streets in Roseburg, was built in 1878 (**Figure 2**). It remained standing until just recently when it was torn down to make room for a modern chain store. In recent years, the Building had been converted into a movie theatre (**Figure 3**).

The Marks Brothers emigrated to the United States from Poland sometime before 1853. Oregon census records from Roseburgh also show that a William Friedlander came from Poland and is listed by occupation as a clerk. Their ages in the Oregon 1860 Census were: Samuel 26, Asher 24 and Wm. Friedlander 24. Evidently, Friedlander became a partner in Marks & Co, and subsequently sold his interest and moved to San Francisco in 1886. Many of the Marks Correspondence covers were addressed to him, so evidently he was well known by the customers and an important employee.

After forty years in business, Asher Marks died of a heart attack in Portland at the home of his nephew Nathaniel Wolff. He was not married at the time & did not leave a family. His obituary is reproduced in **Figure 4**.

One of the company's invoices is shown in **Figure 5**. Some of the items include a corset, flannel, muslin, slippers, nutmeg, allspice, coffee, and a white shirt. Also note the two cent revenue stamp which was required at that time. Another invoice

mentions bacon, 300 bu. of barley & a boys hat. In addition, as you can see at the top of the invoices Drugs & Chemicals were also sold and payment was required in U.S. Gold coin.

While most of the mail was sent overland via expresses operated by Wells, Fargo & Company and others, merchandise and larger items were sent by steamer to Portland and then overland to Roseburgh by wagon. There is also evidence that some things were shipped by water as far as Scottsburg on the Umqua River, and overland to Roseburgh. This route would have been somewhat shorter from San Francisco and consequently less expensive.

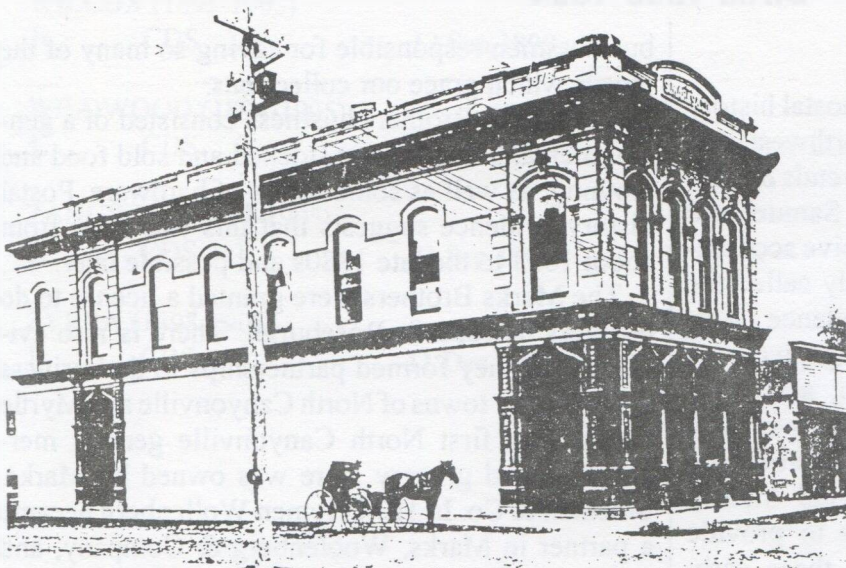


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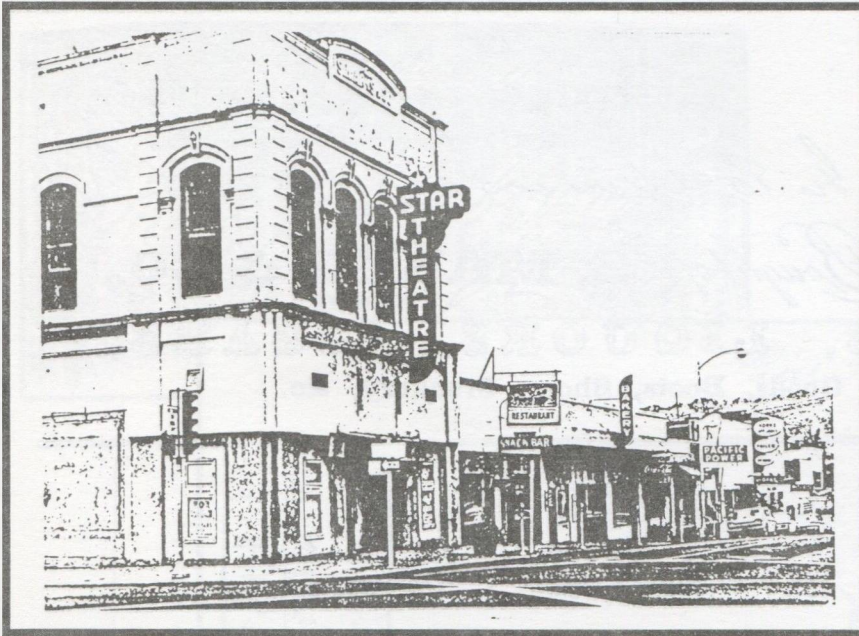
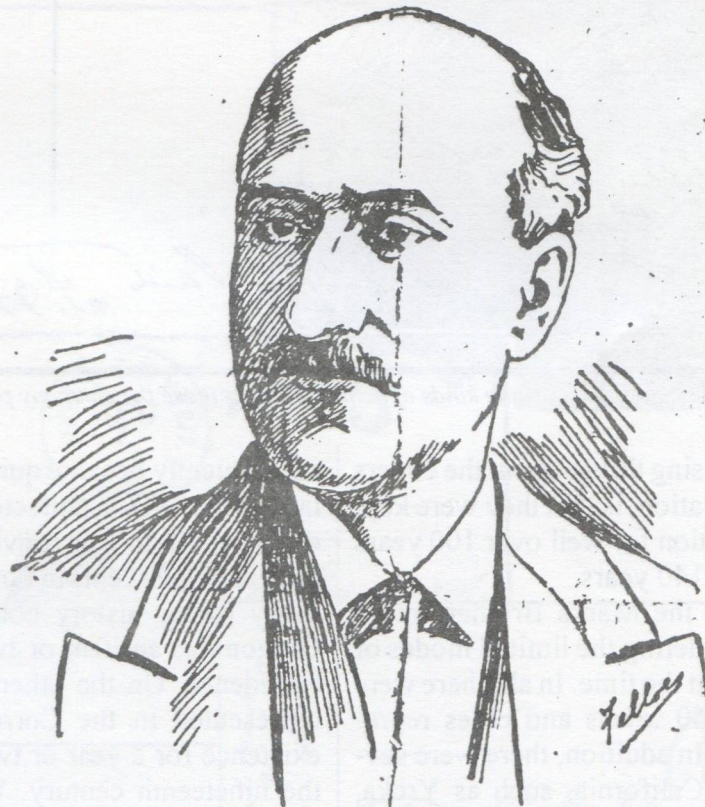


Figure 3. In recent years the Marks' Building served as a theatre in Roseburg.

Figure 4.

PIONEER SOUTHERN OREGON MERCHANT DEAD



ASHER MARKS, OF ROSEBURG.

Asher Marks, a retired merchant of Roseburg, died suddenly yesterday morning at the home of his nephew, Nathaniel Wolff, 497 Clay street. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble for about three months, and came to Portland from Roseburg three weeks ago for medical assistance. He felt much encouraged after his arrival here, and was expecting to arise from his bed yesterday morning at 6, when the dread messenger came. His nephew and his nurse were both with him as he passed peacefully away.

Mr. Marks was a native of Poland, 65 years of age, and a bachelor. He began business in Roseburg 40 years ago, and retired with more than a comfortable competency in 1894. He was very popular in Douglas county, and was repeatedly sought as a candidate for various offices, but always declined the honor. A younger brother, E. Marks, of Roseburg, also a retired merchant, and the family of Nathaniel Wolff, of this city, are his only relatives in America.

The funeral will take place today at 1:30 P. M., from the residence of Mr. Wolff, and the Portland Masonic fraternity, as well as the order of Elks, will participate. The remains will be interred in Beth Israel cemetery.


DRUGS
AND
CHEMICALS.

Roseburg, May 22 1869

Payable in U. S. Gold Coin.
 Terms _____

Bought of **S. MARKS & CO.,**
DEALERS IN
GROCERIES, LIQUORS, CIGARS,
 Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Crockery, &c.

1 Skin Hoops 1 Corset 24 lbs Jamon 4 white flannel 5 Aleh Machine 5 Drilling 10 Yds Lard 2 pair Shippers Nutmegs 25¢, allspice 25¢ 40 Caffer 25¢ 1 white shirt	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">2</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">—</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">3</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">—</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">1</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">50</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">2</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">50</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">1</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">25</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">1</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">—</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">3</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">33</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">2</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">50</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">50</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">9</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">20</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">3</td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">—</td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></td><td style="padding: 2px 10px;">29.78</td></tr> </table>	2	—	3	—	1	50	2	50	1	25	1	—	3	33	2	50		50	9	20	3	—		29.78
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Paid J. Marks & Co.

Figure 5. This Marks & Co. invoice lists the kinds of items typical of those the company provided its wide ranging customers.

One of the most surprising things about the covers and cards in the accumulation, is that they were kept intact and in good condition for well over 100 years and some for as long as 140 years.

The area covered by the Marks Brothers retail business was great considering the limited modes of transportation available at the time. In all, there were 16 counties with over 60 towns and cities represented in Oregon alone. In addition, there were several towns in northern California, such as Yreka, Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Red Bluff.

These covers were first made available to postal historians around 1940 by a Portland attorney who submitted an ad in *Western Stamp Collector*. Wallace Potter and Percy Murray were the first to answer the ad, and subsequently bought the bulk of the collection. Many early towns, such as North Canyonville, were represented by numerous covers and

consequently became quite commonly available. As late as the 1950's collectors were selling clean covers from North Canyonville from the 1870's for as little as fifteen cents in Portland. Consequently, most every postal history collector with an interest in Oregon has an item or two from the Marks Correspondence. On the other hand, some of the towns represented in the Correspondence were only in existence for a year or two during the latter part of the nineteenth century. Without the Marks Correspondence, we would have no examples of mail originating from some of these post offices. Plates I and II illustrate some typical covers of the Marks Correspondence.

REFERENCES

Douglas County Museum
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 Plaindealer
 Bridges Notebooks

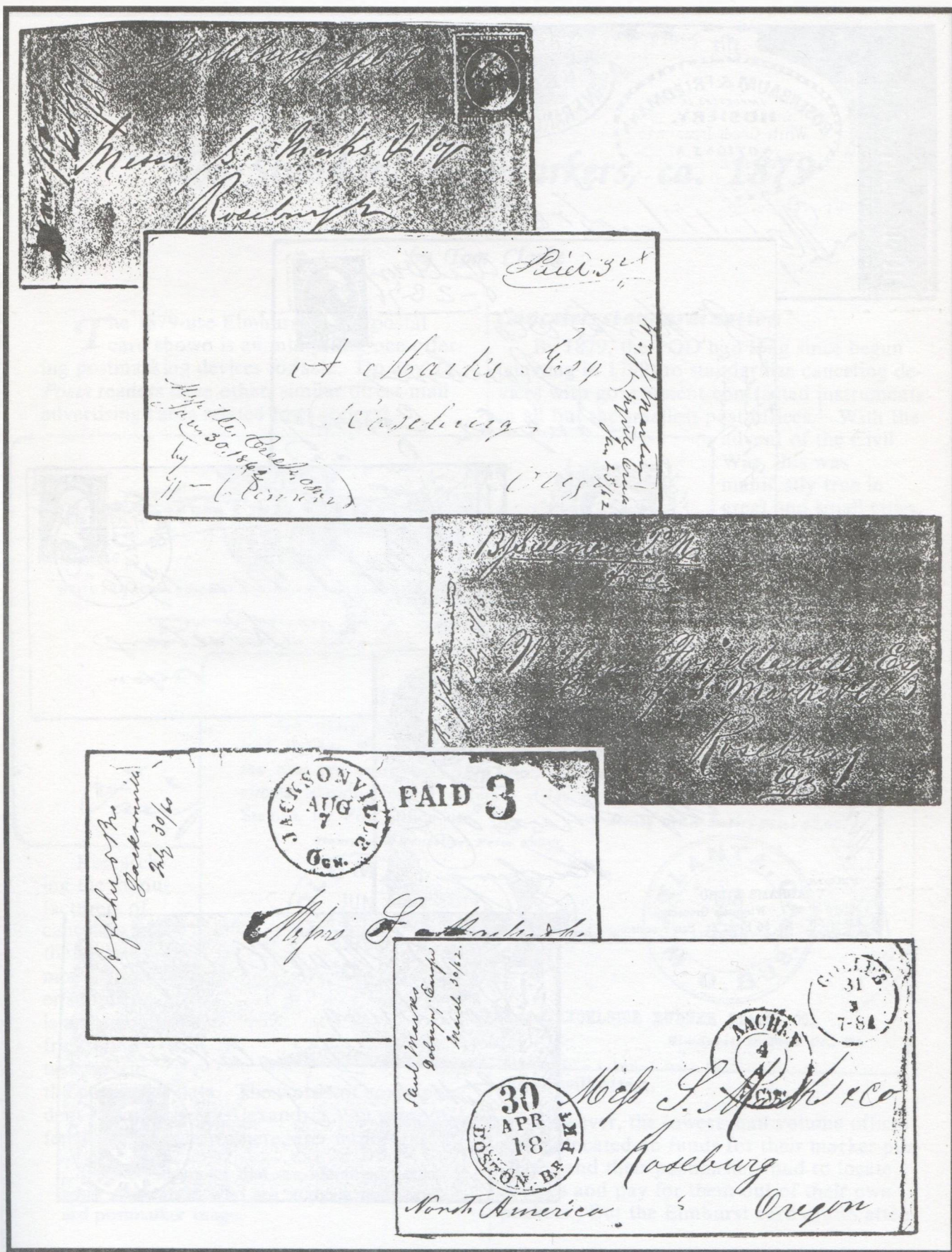


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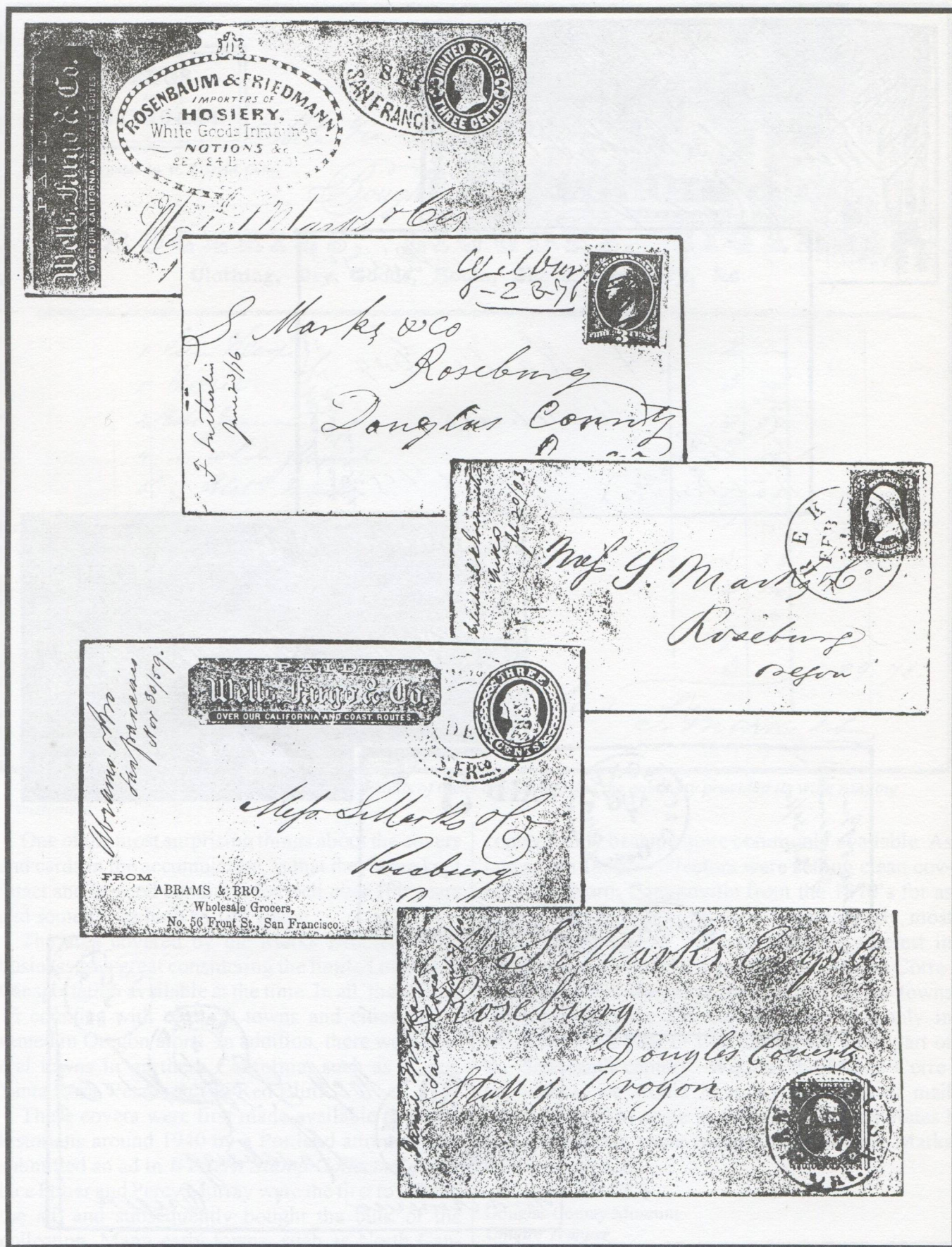


PLATE II

Non-Standard postmarkers, ca. 1879

by Tom Clarke

The 1879-use Elmhurst IL ad postal card shown is an interesting one offering postmarking devices for sale. Do any *La Posta* readers have other, similar direct-mail advertising cards related to cancelers?

Canceler standardization

By 1879, the POD had long since begun (starting in 1799) to standardize canceling devices with government-contracted instruments in all but the smallest post offices. With the

advent of the Civil War, this was manifestly true in great and small cities, as access to covers of the time (see next page) from large and medium-sized offices, which show their parallel postmark

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

POSTMASTER

UNPARALLELED OFFER!

On receipt of price we will send prepaid either of the below Vulcanized Rubber Stamps, warranted to last five years, with a case of Daters for the next ten years, Ink Pads, etc., complete. Send stamp for our large circular showing twelve different styles of Daters, and other miscellaneous Stamps, for Post Office use.

Stamp and Canceler, Price \$3.00, Money Order Dater, Price \$3.00.

COLUMBUS, O. JUN 11 1878

ATLANTA, GA. JUN 18 1878

Address, EXCELSIOR RUBBER STAMP CO., Elmhurst, DuPage Co., Ill.

Researching the manufacturers of cancelers and the middlemen distributor/suppliers, is an ongoing, frustrating task, given

the paucity of data. The words of correspondent Frank Scheer (Alexandria VA), who offered the card shown here, are important:

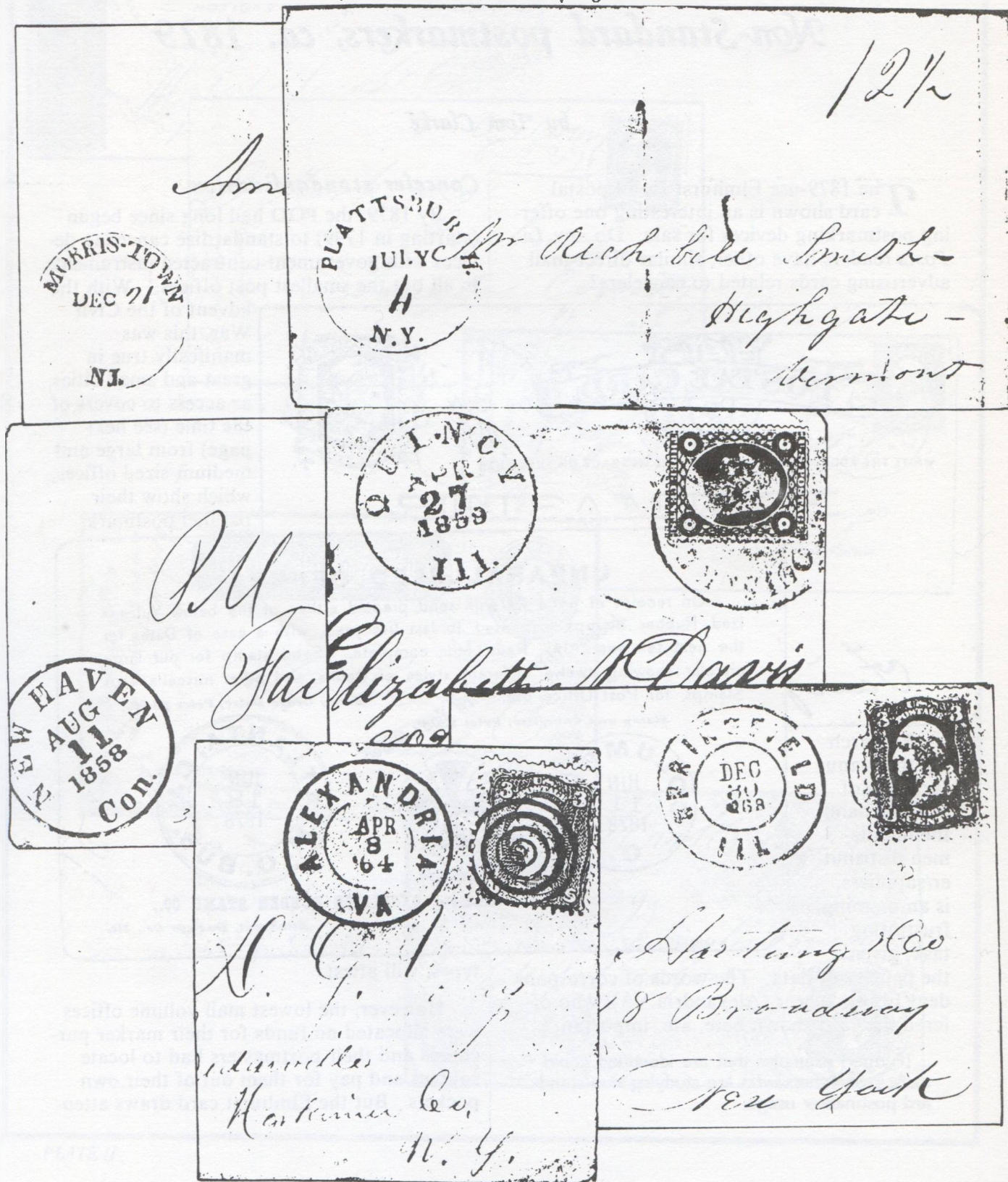
... [Further] examples that are identified could assist researchers who are studying non-standard postmarker usage.

types, will attest.

However, the lowest mail volume offices were allocated no funds for their marker purchases and their postmasters had to locate sources and pay for them out of their own pockets. But the Elmhurst card draws atten-

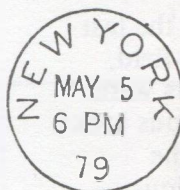
These postmark pairs represent a few of the standardized (government-sanctioned) designs supplied through firms like Goldsborough's (and from the late 19th century through POD supply in Washington), designed by die-cutter sub-contractors like the Chambers family:

- 1) Plattsburgh NY, 1827; Morristown NJ, 1821. 2) New Haven CT, 1858; Quincy IL, 1859.
- 3) Alexandria VA, 1864; Springfield IL, 1868.



BRASS, STEEL, RUBBER, AND RIBBON STAMPS.

Brass, price \$5.00.

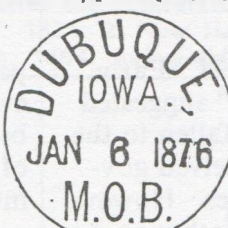


POSTMASTERS,

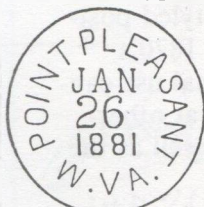
We have the greatest variety of stamps made in the United States.

Before purchasing send for our 48-page catalogue, containing over one hundred different styles of Post Office Daters alone.

Ribbon, price \$10.00.



Steel, price \$5.00.



Eureka Rubber Dater, price \$3.00.



This style dater, or any other style, shown in any circular.

THE VERY BEST OFFER YET.

A Postmaster's Complete Outfit for \$2.85.

A P. O. Dater, Dates for 10 years, Tweezers, etc., a P. O. Inking Pad, six single-line Stamps, a three-line Registry Card Stamp, P. M.'s Name Stamp, and our Recipe for all kinds of Rubber Stamp Inks.

New plates for worn out Daters, 75 cents.

These goods are warranted equal to the best in all respects.

Sent, post-paid, to any address, only on receipt of price. Address

WARD & ADAMS, Aurora, Ill.

Address F. P. HAMMO

light on this topic by sharing your finds.

Mini signboards

The decades prior to the new 1885-9 post-marker policies were alive with assorted types and varieties of cancels. The Elmhurst Rubber Stamp Company card represents one of

dozen(s) of independent suppliers attempting to entice postal decision-makers to direct a share of postal appropriations in their direction. Adoption of postal cards in 1873 was a boon to them. One very reasonable cent per mini signboard that could be precisely directed and dependably delivered into the hands

Besides the Elmhurst non-standards, several enigmatic non-standard cancels at hand include:

Portsmouth Grove RI, ca 1864;

Winchester Centre CT, 1886;

and Philadelphia PA, 1860 (if not a "non-standard, then surely a special order!).

SIENSZEY & CO.

Jobbers of Hardware

and 416 Commerce Street,
PHILADELPHIA.



Wm. C. Bronson
Wife
Vadley
Mass.

S.C.

of the suppliers' unique market.

What of the postmarker types displayed on these "signboards?" Was *any* office allowed to make use of them? Columbus, Ohio was hardly a small, Fourth Class office in the late 1870's. The best quick source the writer could locate shows Columbus with 88,000 people in 1899;² possibly 75,000 in 1878, the date on the illustrated cancel. As the third largest city in Ohio at the time, it definitely should be using government approved and supplied stampers. Latitude in the POD in 1879 must have been broad enough to allow Columbus' postmaster to choose a bargain canceler when it came along.

Atlanta GA, too, with approximately 60,000 souls circa 1880, would also be expected to use POD-sanctioned mechanisms. However, at least for the Money Order Business window, again, there was the evident ability to contract with a small outfit to supply hand cancelers, notwithstanding the postal government's expanding controls.

Explanations?

Is it possible that in the 1870's and early 1880's, Post Office headquarters sanctioned --while of course mandating strict stylistic parameters-- a wide number of suppliers from which to choose? If that is correct, considering contemporary "Big East" business influence, why would a minor firm in Elmhurst, Illinois (35 miles west of Chicago, with an 1870's population barely over 1,000) get onto that selective list?


It would not be unreasonable for a state's Congressmen to insist on local suppliers for their region's post offices. This would help to provide his constituency with a continuous, if small, infusion of

needed cash. Probable explanations seem endless as the plot thickens.

In 1885 ...

What available clues help to convince us of the USPO's centralization of postmarker style and supply suggested above? The 1885 *Postal Guide* contains no information either way regarding required use of government devices. It does, however, quote the Act of March 4, 1882 stating that Fourth Class offices were [finally] permitted government supplied scales and cancelers to the value of five dollars, which would remain government property on succession of the next postmaster.³

Interestingly (below), a copy of the December 1885 monthly update to the *Postal Guide*



UNITED STATES OFFICIAL POSTAL GUIDE.

PUBLISHED BY
CALLAGHAN AND COMPANY, CHICAGO.

ORDER NO. 143. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, 1885.
During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, all postmasters and railway postal clerks will be supplied monthly, by this Department, with the United States Official Postal Guide, published by CALLAGHAN & Co., Chicago, Ill., as the only Official Organ of the Post Office Department.

WM. F. VILAS, Postmaster General.

[PRICE \$1.50
Per Year.]

DECEMBER, 1885.

ENDID 2 BLADED KNIFE FREE TO POSTMASTERS
THEIR CLERKS. Read advertisement in Postal Guide, November and December, 4. and January and February, 1885, BEFORE ORDERING KNIFE. Send 10 extra for registering knife. Address GOOD CHEER, GREENFIELD, MASS.

. FREEMAN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. (Eight Years U. S. Attorney General.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.

H. D. MONEY, (Four Years Chairman of Com. on Post Offices. House of Representatives)

EVERY POSTMASTER SHOULD WRITE TO US WHEN
ever he wants anything in the line of Post Office Furniture.
We can furnish anything, from the largest complete outfit for a first-class office, down to the smallest cabinet for a fourth-class office.
The unequalled Yale Lock Boxes will be rented on easy terms and the rental be applied on purchase. Full line of Stamps, Ink Pads, Street Letter Boxes, etc. Send for sixty-page catalogue. See page 3.

THE YALE & TOWNE M'FG CO.
STAMFORD, CONN.

features a front page ad by the Yale & Towne M'fg Co., Stamford Conn., touting some of the postal products listed in their 60-page catalog⁴:

... The unequalled Yale Lock Boxes ... [plus their] full line of [hand] Stamps, Ink Pads, Street Letter Boxes [These supplies are appropriate for] a first-class office down to the smallest cabinet for a fourth-class office.

From the same issue of the monthly *Guide* comes another illustration of a business hopeful of garnering a piece of the action (right). Is anyone able to supply decent examples on cover of these same cancels, much less the exact same cancels used in other cities?

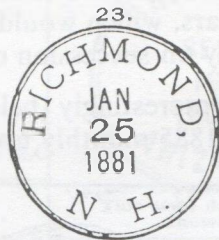
Yet another ad (next page) from December 1885 is from John Goldsborough. He was the Philadelphia supplier of hand-stamps, and possibly an official quadrennial contract-holder of the POD. He continues to offer his wares through late 1885. (Whether the devices were actually his manufacture or the products of the Samuel Chambers dynasty of die engravers of Washington DC and Virginia, is not fully understood.)⁵

Note the Goldsborough distinctions between marker me-

tals. Steel items were supplied for the larger, heavy use offices. Less costly, softer metal brass devices were available for lighter duty third and fourth class offices. And, as well, the company supplied rubber stamps, etc. Perhaps, after all, Goldsborough was only the

POSTMASTERS USE THE "BEST" GOODS.

TO POSTMASTERS ONLY. No pay until you get the goods and test them. For \$3.00 I will send by mail my "BEST" P. O. Dater and Canceler, Pads, Ink, Dates for ten years, in Walnut Case, with Tweezers and fifteen one-line stamps, and everything to use the stamps with. No reduction made when Canceler is not wanted, but we will put Dater and Canceler on same or separate handle, as desired. Order by number. Any one of these Daters with the 15 Stamps for \$3.00, or without the 15 Stamps, \$2.00



E. S. MILLER, Dear Sir: Inclosed find P. O. order for \$3.50, amount due for Stamps and Dater. I am well pleased with them.

JOHN WHETLEY, P. M., Millville, Cal.

Also the 15 Stamps as shown here.

J. E. NORWOOD, P. M.
E. WOOD, Ass't P. M.
RICHMOND, N. H.
REGISTERED NO.
ADVERTISED.

Held for Postage.

UNCLAIMED.

CORRECT.

DUE 2 CTS.

DUE 4 CTS.

MISSENT.

FORWARDED.

Third Class Matter.

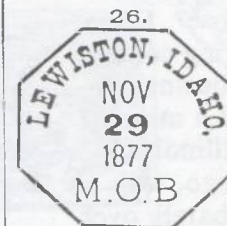
POSTAGE DUE.

Returned to Writer.



Mr. E. S. MILLER, Dear Sir: The Dater and Stamps you manufactured for this office are received and tested, for which I inclose \$2.25, balance due for same. You will please accept my thanks for your promptness, and allow me to say they are decidedly the best thing for the price I have seen. Every letter and figure is clear and distinct, saving much labor. Twice the price could not induce me to be without them.

HENRY C. GILLIAND, P. M., Cartersville, Texas.



Black Canceling Ink that will work well with Metal or any Daters.
Small can. . . . 25 cts.
Medium can. . . . 50 cts.
Large can. . . . \$1.00.
Good Inking Pad for Metal Daters, 5 ins. in Diameter. Price 50c.
Ink and Pad, postage paid on receipt of price.
Rubber canceling corks for Metal Daters, 1/4 doz. 60c. 1 doz. \$1.

Single line stamps, if not ordered with Dater outfits, are 25 cents each.

In ordering, send 75 cents in postage stamps, to pay packing and postage on the package, and when you get the goods, remit \$2.25, or if the goods are not what I represent them to be, return them, and I will remit you 65 cents.

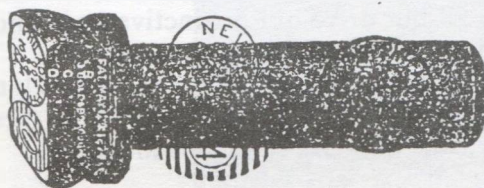
All I ask is FAIR PLAY. Do not order these goods unless you need them, and will pay for them promptly if they are as represented.

These Stamps never need cleaning and will always give a perfect impression, if my Ink is used.

Postmasters not needing the 15 one-line stamps can have the Dater, Canceler, Ink, and Pads for \$2. The 15 Stamps, \$1.00.

Twenty-five per cent. discount on Dater Outfits when cash in full comes with order. Send 7c. in stamps for our Catalogue of Stamps, and Alphabets and Figures, Name and Business Stamps, and samples of Comic Envelopes, Bill Heads, Post Office Note and Letter Heads, Statements, Etc. Address, Please mention December Postal Guide. E. S. MILLER, Stamp and Printing House, NEWARK, OHIO

The Goldsborough Company continues to peddle duplex cancelers in late 1885. you a Pusher? A



The J. Goldsborough Patent Marker and Canceler. A first-class metal stamp, made of Steel, with *Months, Days, Years and Hour* dates. Also a first-class stamp, made of HARD, DURABLE BRASS, for 3d and 4th class Post Offices. Complete with dates, ink pad and ink. Rubber Stamps, Seal Presses, Consecutive Numbering Machines, Bank and Railroad Stamps.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH,
P. O. Box 583. Office, 619 Walnut, St.,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

far, naive cry from today, in 1889 terms this meant: are you the right person to solicit/annoy your neighbors and patrons enough to take our *Wide Awake!*

19th century equivalent of today's Office Depot-type business department store. Such ads as these were in their heyday, but were not to last for long.

By 1889 ...

A three year gap in the writer's collection of monthly *Guides* recommences in February 1889. There are handstamp ads aplenty up through September.

During the 1880's the advertising bug had caught hold. One sees the dramatic difference, in general, between 1885 and 1889 monthly *Guides* by the significant increase in advertising space overall. Wholesalers and retailers are intent on convincing their monolithic audience that, as postmasters, they could --and should-- get rich selling this or that for handsome profits. Postmasters were encouraged by *Guide* publishers on the very first page to share their *Guides* with patrons, for everyone's (especially the publisher's, no doubt) largess.

Looking into the December issue, we find a *dozen* pages of close-typed magazine titles. They beg postmasters to engage in subscription service across the local postal counter. Another ad, a full pager, hopefully queries: **P.M. Are**

and *Home Magazine*?!

In December 1889, the *U.S. Postal Guide* hawks free gold watches, the eternal hernia trusses, \$2 washing machine tubs, and a fine deal on a revolver: only \$2.55, versus the regular price of \$4.50! There are ads for envelopes, pens, sewing machines, music boxes, home organs, Beecham's Pills, and Travelers Insurance.

Between March and September there had been grand continuous handcanceler advertisements (below and next page) by the firms of W.H. Sadler (Baltimore), E.S. Miller (Newark OH), Herman Baumgarten (DC), and A.S.



\$1.25 Band Dater, for Railway Mail Clerks.

Herman Baumgarten,

— Contractor to the P. O. Department for —

Rubber Stamps & Stamp Supplies.

529 Seventh St., Corner of F St.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

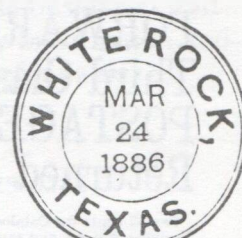
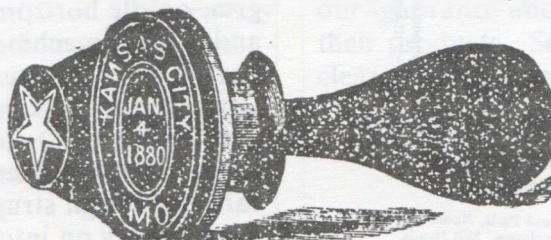


Brass Wheel Dater. \$3.00 for M. O. B.

Will furnish 3d and 4th class Post Offices, Railway Mail Clerks and Route Agents with Stamps and supplies, at the prevailing low prices of his contract with the Department.
SELF-INKING DATING STAMPS at \$1.50, complete for Registry Business.
MODEL or ATLAS BAND DATES at \$1.25, complete for Money-Order Business.
LINE STAMPS.....10 cents, each | SELF-SUPPLYING PADS.....16, 26, and 40 cents.
WAX SEALS.....\$1.00.
Seals for Notaries, Lodges and Societies from \$2.50 up. Send 10 cents for Illustrated Catalogue, 144 pages. All goods first-class and in strict conformity with P. O. Regulations.

POST OFFICE DATERS.

Our "Flexible" Dater, \$1.00; "Durable" Dater, \$1.50 and "Eureka" Dater, \$2.00.
With a complete set of dates for ten years, tweezers and a self-inking pad, any color, or old style ink and pads state whether or not you wish canceller attached. Valuable Stamp Ink Recipe Free with order.



F. P. Hammond & Co. established this business over seventeen years ago, and during the past year we have received thousands of testimonials from persons using our goods.
We will furnish with any order for DATERS or P. O. ACCOUNT BOOKS Fifteen Line Stamps for 50c. additional, three of which can be changed to any wording, and the balance will be such as Registered No., Return to writer, &c. LINE STAMPS to ORDER 10c., REGULAR 5c. See our "Ads" in Postal Guide for past ten years.
We have over two hundred different dater designs to select from.

A. S. CARTER & CO., Successors to F. P. Hammond & Co., Aurora, Ill.

Carter (Denver) --as successor to F.P. Hammond of Aurora IL.⁶ True, the December 1889 issue does carry a Yale & Towne advertisement (next page), but it only specifies, as do several similar businesses, furniture and lock box fronts and hardware. **Not one ad is found by December mentioning handcanceling devices.** They would not appear again.

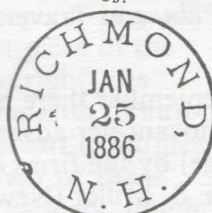
It is clear that the U.S.P.O.D. authorities

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

No. 1 Outfit includes any Dater and Canceler combined, or separate: Ink and Pads and 15 one line Stamps shown on this page, for \$2.00. No. 2 Outfit, any Dater and Canceler, Ink and Pads, for \$1.50. No. 3 Outfit, 15 line Stamps, for \$1.00.

Terms:—Cash or Postage Stamps with Order. These goods will not be sent on approval at these prices.

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These are the 15 stamps given in my \$2.00 Outfit. (See above.)

A. J. AUSTIN, P. M.
A. S. REED, Asst. P.M.
POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.
REGISTERED NO.
ADVERTISED.
Held for Postage.
UNCLAIMED.
CORRECT.
DUE 2 CTS.
DUE 4 CTS.
MISSENT.
FORWARDED.
Third Class Matter.
POSTAGE DUE.
Returned to Writer.

If less than 15 of these stamps are wanted, the first 3 on the list will be 15 cents each, cash with order, or 25 cents each if sent on approval, the remainder 6 cents each, as we have them in stock.

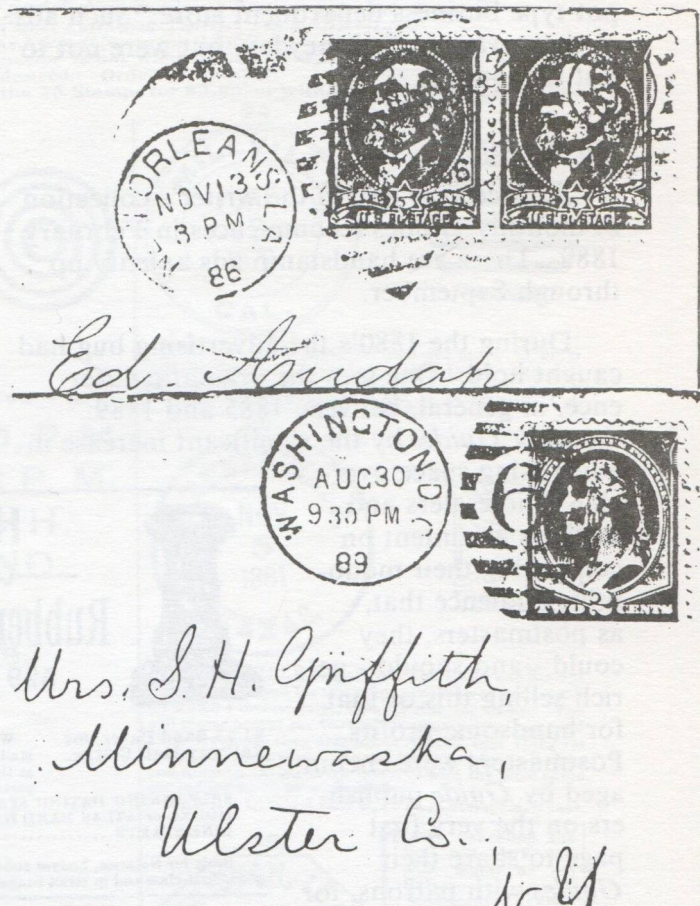
Send 7 cents for Catalogue of Ink and Pads, Name and Business Stamps, and samples of Envelopes, Bill Heads, P. O. Note and Letter Heads, Statements, etc. Address,

E. S. MILLER'S Stamp & Printing House,

Please mention Sept. POSTAL GUIDE. NEWARK, O.

had taken, in the Fall of 1889, ten years after the Elmhurst postal card solicitation, the final steps to all but drive out distinctive style and competition from the handstamp market. Recall that the standard hand cancel had long been instituted, in the Spring of 1885, as these New Orleans and DC examples illustrate.

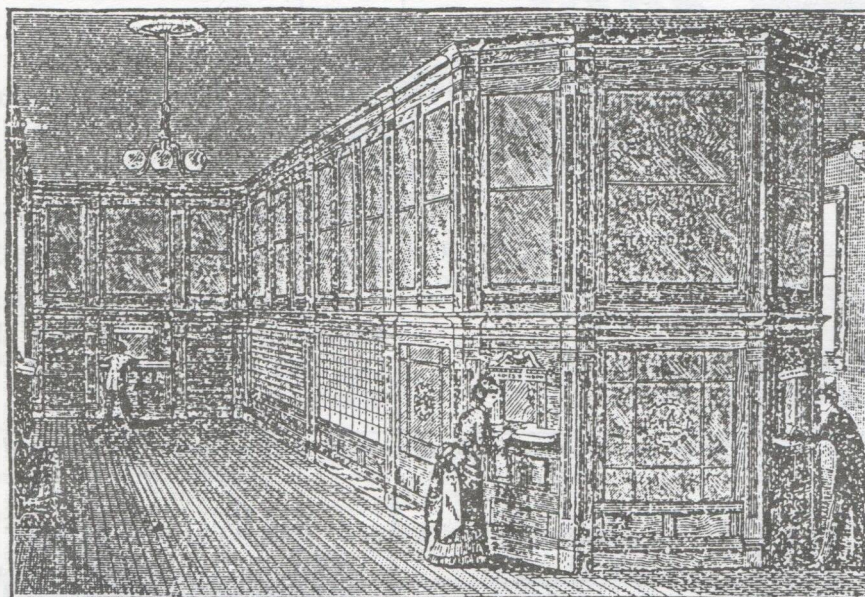
This is the cancel style that the USPOD chose as its ultimate, standard hand cancel.



However, opportunity was still abroad in the land, and to the POD's unknowing chagrin, on the horizon loomed hand powered and electric machine cancelers. Their appearance would cause further alteration in the Government's plans. A renaissance in competition for POD contracts reared up among a dozen entrepreneurs and companies. The canceler design struggles of the 19th century were to play on into the twentieth.

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BOSTON, 224 FRANKLIN STREET.

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The definitive monograph on 19th century postmark manufacturers, their styles and usages, along with the associate chronology of postal laws governing them is still to be written. By searching your postal cards and corner card covers, you can play a role in erasing

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Davie FL 33329-0145

Notes

¹Bond, Arthur H. "First United States Standardized Postmarks Were Distributed in 1799". *Postal History Journal*, Vol 8 (June 1962), p.26f.

²Drexel, George W. C. (Ed). *Philadelphia Public Ledger's Unrivalled Atlas of the World*. Rand, McNally Company. Chicago. 1899.

³*United States Official Postal Guide* (1885). "Ruling 1030," pg 550.

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⁵Correspondence with writer Richard Graham (Columbus OH), July 11, 1994.

⁶*United States Official Postal Guide*. Second Series, Vol XI, Nos. 2-10, 12 (Mar-Oct, Dec 1889). The Brodix Publishing Co., Washington DC.

This 2-page spread (reduced to 70%) appeared in the March 1889 *Postal Guide*.

"CATCH ON"

Postmasters, to the prices given on this and opposite page for

POSTOFFICE OUTFITS,

and it will enable you to keep money in thy purse. Bear in mind always that every article quoted is guaranteed to be strictly first class and as represented, or money will be refunded.

OUTFIT No. 1 consists of Dater and Cancellor, as per illustration (fig. 1), with set of dates from 1 to 31, names of months (12), yearly dates from 1887 to 1895 (all neatly arranged in box), with ink, pads, tweezers, etc., complete, and also the 15 one-line stamps shown on opposite page, postage paid, for..... **\$1.88**

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If by registered mail add 10c. extra to above prices.

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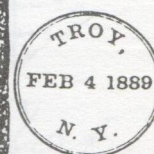
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THE ATLAS



Postoffice Dater & Cancellor.

OUTFIT No. 2.—The Improved "Atlas" is without doubt the best and simplest Dater and Cancellor ever offered to postmasters. All the dates, months and years are arranged on endless rubber bands and can be instantly changed by simply turning a pawl. In this way no tweezers or loose dates are needed. In addition to dates from 1 to 31, there are the names of the months, yearly dates from 1887 to 1895, and also extra dies, viz.—"paid," "out of," "face paid," and "received." We offer this outfit complete, with ink, pads, etc., and the fifteen one-line stamps shown below (first three altered to suit), at the remarkably low price, postage prepaid, of..... **\$2.38**

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A. O. Johnson, P. M.

W. B. Tuttle, A. P. M.

Woodberry, Md.

DUE 2 CTS.

DUE 4 CTS.

REGISTERED NO.

CORRECT.

Return to Writer.

POSTAGE DUE.

ADVERTISED.

UNCLAIMED.

Third Class Matter.

MISSENT.

FORWARDED.

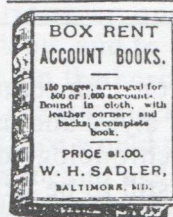
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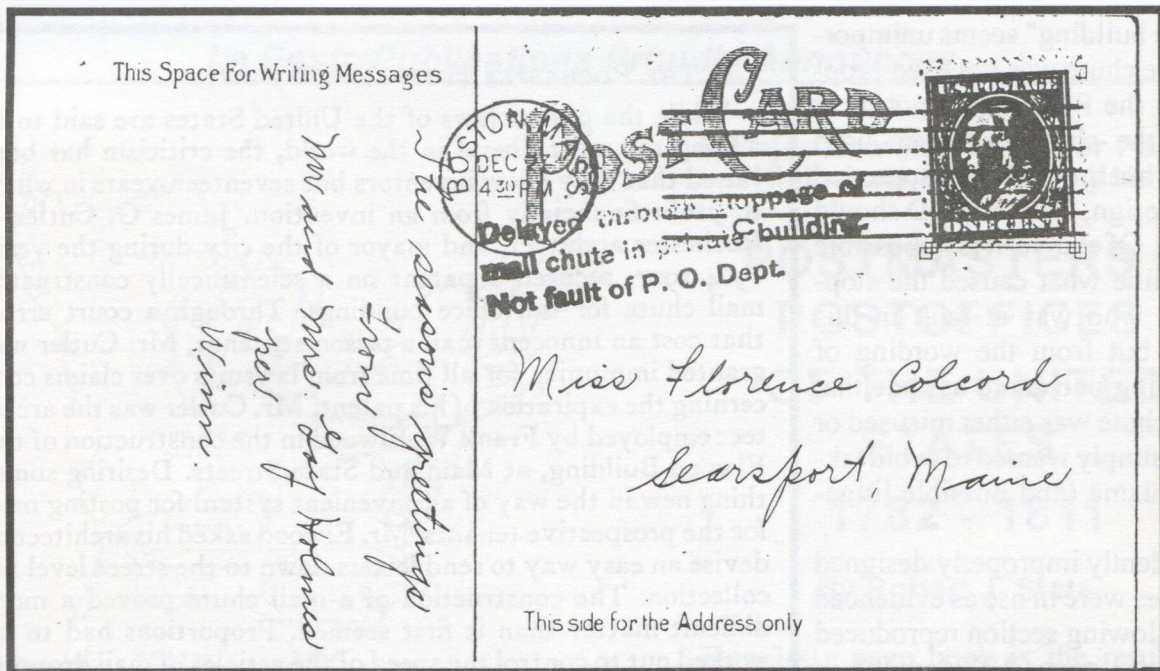


Figure 1

AUXILIARY MARKINGS: Update on Mail Chute Delays

By Randy Stehle

In the last issue of *La Posta* (Vol. 25, No. 4) I wrote about mail chute delays. After the article appeared, I received several interesting letters from some of the readers containing additional information and examples of these markings.

Figure 1 shows the earliest usage of such a marking that I have seen. It was applied in Boston in late 1910 and reads, "Delayed through stoppage of/mail chute in private building./Not fault of P.O. Dept." The marking raises a number of questions. The Post Office Department had to approve all mail chutes, and once approved the chutes fell under the Department's control. The fact that the chute was in

Figure 2.

a "private building" seems unimportant. If the chute was not used properly, then the POD would not be at fault. If the chute had been used properly, but the POD had approved a faulty design, then the POD should be at fault. Of course, it is impossible to determine what caused the stoppage and who was at fault in this instance, but from the wording of this marking one could assume that the mail chute was either misused or the POD simply wanted to avoid taking any blame (and possible litigation).

Evidently improperly designed mail chutes were in use as evidenced by the following section reproduced at right from pages 197 and 198 in "Some Rochester Inventions" by Henry R. and George B. Selden (copyright 1936) in the Rochester Historical Society Publication Series (Vol. XIV, 1936).

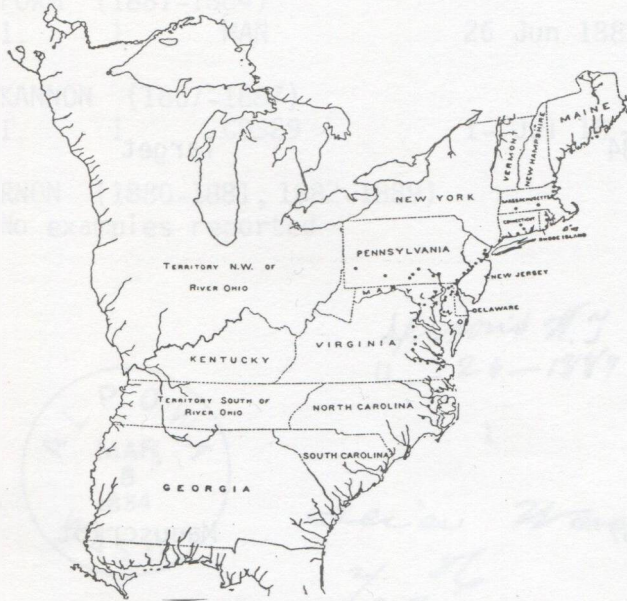
A very nice advertising cover from the Cutler Manufacturing Company is illustrated in Figure 2.

Many thanks to **Bob Payne** for the items used in Figure 1 and 2, as well as the extract by Selden and Selden. Thanks too to **Henry Berthelot** and **James Ware** for sending additional photocopies of mail chute stoppage auxiliary markings.

THE ROCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

While the patent laws of the United States are said to be among the most liberal in the world, the criticism has been raised that they allow inventors but seventeen years in which to profit financially from an invention. James G. Cutler, a Rochester architect, and mayor of the city during the years 1904-1907, secured a patent on a scientifically constructed mail chute for tall office buildings. Through a court error, that cost an innocent man a prison sentence, Mr. Cutler was granted immunity for all time from lawsuits over claims concerning the expiration of his patent. Mr. Cutler was the architect employed by Frank W. Elwood in the construction of the Elwood Building, at Main and State Streets. Desiring something new in the way of a convenient system for posting mail for the prospective tenants, Mr. Elwood asked his architect to devise an easy way to send letters down to the street level for collection. The construction of a mail chute proved a more difficult matter than it first seemed. Proportions had to be worked out to control the speed of the articles of mail dropped from the upper to the lower floors, so they would not suffer damage in descent. The possible differences in temperature on the various floors of the building had to be considered also, lest condensation operate to cause dampness, which might open sealed packets of mail. The Cutler mail chute proved a success, however, and Mr. Cutler secured a patent on the invention. The demand for mail chutes was large. Other builders entered the field and the result was a long series of lawsuits for patent infringements. Regardless of local air conditions as well of patent rights, many builders employed local tinsmiths to install mail tubes with results that sometimes proved unsatisfactory. It is said that in a town in Indiana where a local tinsmith had installed a mail tube, certain letters deposited therein having failed to reach their destination, an investigation started by post office authorities resulted in the arrest of a mail carrier when some marked letters disappeared. The mail carrier, found guilty of meddling with United States' mail, was given a prison sentence. He had been confined a year before a necessary repair job on the mail chute showed that a joint in the tin tube had become unsoldered, and the missing letters were found lying safely in a wall space between floors. Naturally, the innocent mail carrier was given his freedom. The Post Office at Washington, to avoid further loss in this manner, made a ruling that thereafter no mail deposited in other than the Cutler mail chutes would be collected by post office employees.

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POSTMARKS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY

By Richard A. Long

Part 20 - Garfield County

ALPOWA (1874-1910, 1917-1923)

1.	2	CDS27.5	8 Mar 1884	Target
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CENTRAL FERRY (1877-1881)

No examples reported

CHARD (1887-1911)

No examples reported

DEADMAN (1879-1880)

No examples reported

DIXON (1887-1891)

1.	1	MAN	26 Nov 1887	Manuscript
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ILIA (1880-1915)

1.	2	MAN	22 Feb 1886	8 Mar 1886	Manuscript
2.	2	CDS27.5	12 Dec 1887		
3.	1	CDS27.5	10 Mar 1889		

MAY VIEW (1879-1959)

1.	2	MAN	19 Dec 1885		
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PATAHA (1871-1878)

1.	2	MAN	19 Jan 1875	10 May 1877	Manuscript
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PATAHA CITY (1879-1908)

1.	4	CDS28	9 Dec 1880	1 Aug 1881	Target
2.	13	CDS33.5	26 Aug 1881	21 Mar 1888	Star in Circle

PATAHA PRAIRIE (1873-1876)

No examples reported

PEOLA (1880-1934)

No examples reported

PING (1889-1910)

No examples reported

POMEROY (1878-open)

1.	1	MAN	16 May 1878		
2.	6	CDS31.5	3 Mar 1880	21 Jul 1882	Cork
3.	1	CDS27.5	7 Nov 1882		
4.	9	CDS32	25 Jun 1883	5 Aug 1884	Circular Grid
5.	6	CDS27	1 May 1884	28 Mar 1885	Target
6.	15	CDS30	28 Nov 1885	21 Sep 1887	Star in Circle
7.	3	CDS27.5	- Dec 1887	31 Oct 1889	Cork

GARFIELD COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

REFORM (1881-1884)

1. 1 MAN

26 Jun 1882

TUKANNON (1867-1887)

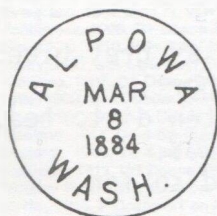
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VERNON (1880-1881, 1882-1889)

No examples reported



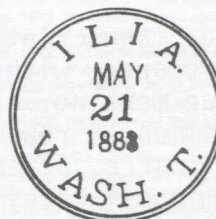
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Ilia Wash
7/22

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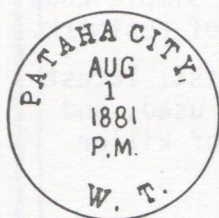


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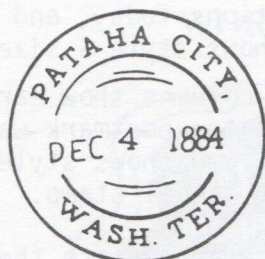
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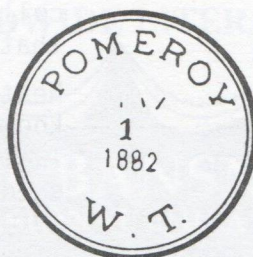
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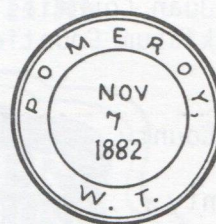
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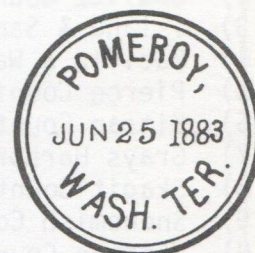
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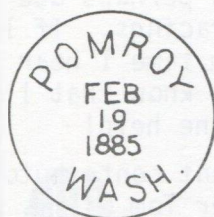
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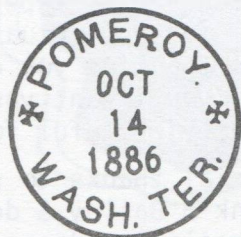
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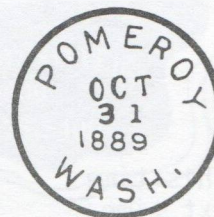
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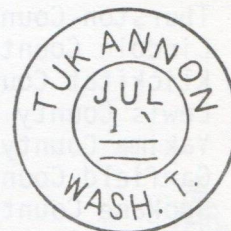
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GARFIELD COUNTY TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

ALPOWA 1 is rare, 2 reported, 1 with a bar in the year slot.

DIXON 1 is a unique manuscript marking, given as "Dixon's".

ILIA 1 is a rare manuscript; the 2 known were in McBride's November 1988 auction.

ILIA 2 is rare, 2 known, 1 in a collection, the other in the Landis catalog but without the T of WASH T visible.

ILIA 3 is a unique marking on a government postcard.

PATAHA 1 is a rare manuscript, 2 known, McBride's 1970 & Zimmerman 1975.

PATAHA CITY 1 is rare, 4 known, 2 reported as magenta markings.

PATAHA CITY 2 is common, often blurred or distorted, several reported purple.

POMEROY 1 is a unique manuscript marking.

POMEROY 2 is rather scarce, with 6 reported, 3 of which are given as grey-blue.

POMEROY 3 is a unique marking; all we have is the Chase-Cabeen report.

POMEROY 4 is more common, 9 reported, some black, some purple, often distorted.

POMEROY 5 is rather scarce, 6 reported; note unusual spelling POMROY.

POMEROY 6 is the commonest marking of the county, with 15 reported so far.

POMEROY 7 is quite rare, with just 3 reported.

TUKANNON 1 is a unique marking, rather faint, with a bar in the year slot. The killer appears to be a large round fancy cancel.

Here is a list of the counties that we have covered so far in our catalog of all the postmarks used on first-class mail in Washington Territory:

- 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
- 11) Walla Walla County
- 12) Clark County
- 13) Clallam County
- 14) Jefferson County
- 15) Thurston County
- 16) Lincoln County
- 17) Klickitat County
- 18) Lewis County
- 19) Yakima County
- *20) Garfield County this time
- 21) Spokane County next time
- 22) Asotin, Benton, & Columbia
- 23) Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant

In early installments we explained our format, which is standard. We list each town within a county, and give its years of operation. Then columns show number assigned to the postmark, number known to exist in collections today, and a simple code that shows style & size of postmark.

Next 2 columns show earliest, latest known dates postmark was used, and last column shows style of killer used to cancel stamp.

I really appreciate the input from collectors and dealers who have sent information. Particularly useful are photocopies of actual covers, so we can verify type and perhaps use them for our actual tracings. If I miss thanking you each time I hear from you I want you to know that I am very grateful for the help!

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- CO-3 Arrow, 1908, F Doane 3/5 on PPC (05-15). E \$6
- CO-4 Arvada, 1912, VG duplex on penalty cover. E \$8
- CO-5 Association Camp, 1939, G+ 4-bar (E) on PPC (16-66). E \$6
- CO-6 Barr, 1909, F+ Doane 2/2 on PPC (83-14). E \$25
- CO-7 Cardiff, 1909, VG 4-bar (dial bit hi) on PPC (89-18). E \$16
- CO-8 Cassells, 1923, F+ 4-bar on PPC (99-29). E \$15
- CO-9 Clifford, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC (08-18). E \$35
- CO-10 Crook, 1907, VG Doane 2/2 on PPC. E \$10
- CO-11 Estabrook, 1908, VG cds/target (dial bit hi) on PPC (80/37). E \$8
- CO-12 Evergreen, 1908 (Aug 7), VG+ Doane 3/4 (EKU) on PPC. E \$12
- CO-13 Forkscreek, 1908, G+ Doane 3/2 on PPC (78-23). E \$8
- CO-14 Harrisburg, 1910, VG+ 4-bar (dial bit hi) on PPC (87/55). E \$10
- CO-15 Henry, 1917, VG 4-bar (LAYE!) on PPC (07-17). E \$60
- CO-16 Kremling, 1907, G+ Doane 2/3 (part on stamp) on PPC. E \$8
- CO-17 Lytle, 1909, G+ cds/cork (overall lite) on PPC (85-20). E \$30
- CO-18 Masonville, 1908, G+ Doane 2/2 (LITE, scrape affects "C") on PPC. E \$7
- CO-19 Meekton, 1911, G+ 4-bar (part blurred) on toned PPC (10-18). E \$20
- CO-20 Monarch, 1915, VG 4-bar on PPC (07/22). E \$22
- CO-21 Montclair, 1911, VG Doane 2/5 (purple) on PPC (88-12). Est \$6
- CO-22 Moraine Park, 1916, G+ 4-bar (part on stamp) on PPC (02-21). Est \$8
- CO-23 Myrtle, 1910, F Doane 3/1 on PPC (08-13). Est \$50
- CO-24 Nederland, 1904, F+ Doane 2/3 (EKU, bit stutter) on PPC. Est \$14
- CO-25 Newmire, 1913, G+ 4-bar (swollen dial) on PPC (95-13). Est \$15
- CO-26 Norrie, 1911, VG 4-bar on PPC (94/18). Est \$25
- CO-27 Osgood, 1912, VG 4-bar (o/s) as recd. on PPC (10-28). E \$12
- CO-28 Portland, 1909, VG 4-bar on PPC (00-52). Est \$6
- CO-29 Silt, 1912 (Sep 20), G+ Doane 3/2 (LKU) on cvr. E \$12
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- CO-31 Sunlight, 1912, G+ 4-bar as recd. on front of PPC (97/12). E \$25
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NORTH DAKOTA (Not your state? Write or call for free catalog!)

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- ND-3 Bowbells, 1909, VG duplex on PPC. E \$6
- ND-4 Fairdale, 1909, G+ (state weak) 4-bar on PPC. E \$6
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- ND-8 Kintyre, 1909, VG Doane 2/1 on PPC. E \$8
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- ND-10 Menoken, 1911 (Jun 29), VG+ Doane 3/2 (LKU) on PPC. E \$12
- ND-11 Mott, 1909, VG Doane 3/1 ("MO" lite) on PPC (04-0P). E \$8
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- ND-13 Oriska, 1911, VG 4-bar (part on stamp) on PPC (81-op). Est \$8
- ND-14 Schafer, 1910, VG+ 4-bar (couple filled letters) on PPC (99-41). Est \$8
- ND-15 Selma, 1910, VG 4-bar on PPC (07-13). E \$35
- ND-16 Sterling, 1913, VG 4-bar (bit stutter) on PPC. Est \$6
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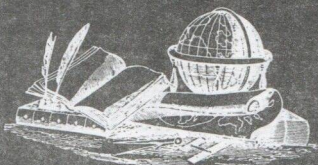
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- WA-2. Battleground, 1908 (May 28), VG Doane 3/2 (EKU, bit lite) on PPC. Est \$15
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- WA-11. Hobson, 1909, VF 4-bar (LATE) on PPC (1903-09). Est \$60
- WA-12. Kenmore, 1911, G+ 4-bar (town lite; dial bit hi) on PPC (03-73). Est \$10
- WA-13. Lowden, 1909, VG+ Doane 3/1 (o/s) on PPC (06-84). Est \$8
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- WA-15. Mesa, 1907, F+ Doane 2/3 (bit stutter) on PPC. Est \$10
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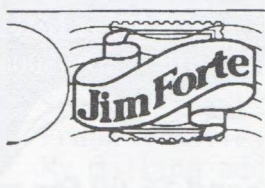
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New London 1889 manuscript back flap missing

California

Chula Vista 1893 cds on Columbian Expo Card (Fisheries Bldg) from Iowa. creased
San Jose 1902 duplex on cover to Aukland N.Z.

Colorado

Chandler 1914 4bar train photolith govt card
Denver 1911 ad cover, huge red swastika
Edgewater 1909 duplex on 2c Hudson Fulton
El Moro 1878 cds on Ux 5
Firestone 1908 purple 4 bar PPC Early!
Hill Top 1915 4bar different spelling PPC
Howbert 1931 4 bar PPC
Pagosa Springs 1889 CDS cnr nibble
Pagosa Springs 1891 CDS

Connecticut

Bridgecenter 1850's manuscript

Florida

Lake Como 1883 cds pretty mourning cover

Georgia

Monroe Large blue townmark
Thomasville 1884 mourning cover w/2 1c blues

Indiana

Bloomington 1893. pretty reg cvr w/2 4c Lincolns.
Ft Wayne 1899 Transfer Clerk CDS on beautiful cover with U75 5c garfield to England.
Hartford City 1946 airmail cvr to Curacao returned to sender. U.S. and Curacao stamps, various markings
Hartford City 1946 airmail cover as above but Chilean stamps and markings. Both items are unusual
Otterbien 1870's registered cover

Illinois

Chicago 1839 red townmark w/manuscript 25 on SFL every bit of space has text - interesting content
Chicago 1908 machine cancel ties 2 2c reds 1c green to Kobe Japan. Purple Kobe bs

Chicago 1908 as above
 Chicago 1928 duplex w/5c Beacon. International
 Aeronautical Exposition cachet. "Via Aeroplane Mail hs
 Chicago 1930 DLO CC w/star of David imprint,
 3c due
 Crossroad 1890's manuscript
 Jerseyville 1884 octagon w/nice cc
 Makanda 1880's nursery mailing tag w/blk 4 2c
 greens
 Metropolis City 1880's cds w/5 3c greens on lgl cvr.
 docketing and faults
 Raymond 1890 lage cds w fancy grid
 Williamsville 1860's cds edge faults

Iowa

Bloomfield 1860's townmark r at right
 Delta 1902 straightline on PPC
 Des Moines 1916 Embalming College cornercard
 Indianola 1911 5c blue on cvr to India
 Iowa City 1860's cds on War Dept Surgeon Gnl
 franked cvr. Wash D.C. "Free"
 Middletown 1860's manuscript on all-over patriotic
 Orillia/Barney 1906 two purple doanes on one card
 Tipton 1850's red town mark w/3c 1857
 Washington 1860's double circle

Kentucky

Frankfort 1937 multicolor kentucky whiskey cvr
 Louisville 1894 illus ad cvr Louisville Courier
 Portwood 1894 cds

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Bedford 1889 manuscript
 Clinton 1850's town mark pair 3c 1857
 Collinsburgh 1890 cds
 Egypt 1889 cds
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 New Orleans 1860 townmark straightline "STEAM"
 New Orleans 1895 duplex on U74 grant to Zurich
 New Orleans? manuscript "per Steamer Annie Wagley"
 straightline "paid" on 3c gov env
 New Orleans 1900 Barry ties 1 & 2c to Belgium
 New Orleans 1880's cds w/fancy Maltese in
 starburst cancel nice cc
 Pleas(a)nt Hill 1889 cds
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 Pulpit Harbor 1914 4bar bit lite

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Point Lookout 1864 double circle

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 Central Mine 1882 purple double circle
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 Ingalls 1885 toothed county oval struck upside dn
 Lansing 1860's cds
 Pierson 1877 purple cds readable opened at rt
 Union City 1880's cds
 Minnesota
 Felton 1888 cds w/4c green Jackson
 Minneapolis 1929 Philatelic Exh Sta 4 bar
 St Paul Park 1892 cds two cvrs

Mississippi

Horn Lake 1870's no date indicia
 Horn Lake 1870's manuscript in date indicia
 Meehan Junction 1908 4 bar PPC
 Plum Point 1879 manuscript
 Pontot(oc) Townmark w/1857 open at right
 Port Gibson 1867 cds on lgl cvr w/3 61's docketing
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New Hampshire

Camden 1809 SFL "FREE" Benj Cushing PM with
 Pembroke NH manuscript. also forwarded/missent

New Mexico

Grandview 1916 4 bar on PPC
 Santa Rosa 1911 duplex on PPC

New York

Amagrusette? 1850's manuscript
 Buffalo 1898 cvr w/4 1c trans mississippi's to
 Germany
 Cornwall 1885 cogged oval county cancel
 Danby 1887 fancy postmaster cancel with
 hollow maltese cross
 East Aurora 1884 octagon with "A" killer in circle
 Georgetown 1886 large cds w/pinwheel cancel
 Hartland 1887 purple toothed octagon fancy
 New Lisbon 1860's manuscript
 Oxford 1839 red townmark on SFL red PAID
 Ravenswood 1850's manuscript
 South Hartford 1890 cds
 Van Wagner 1888 illus (eagle) ins co cc
 Whitney's Point 1850's townmark
 Whitney's Point 1850's different than above

North Carolina

Asheville 1940 2" clock dial as cancel!
 Enfield 1880's cds
 Pleasant Hill 1860's cds
 Shaws Mills? 1880's partial

South Dakota

Garretson 1902 RFD handstamp on o/s cover

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Foxholm 1911 4 bar PPC
 Dogden 1911 4 bar PPC
 Souris 1904 duplex on private bank mailing card

Rhode Island 1891 duplex on executive dept envelope with card bearing governor's autograph

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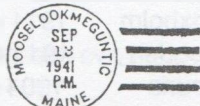


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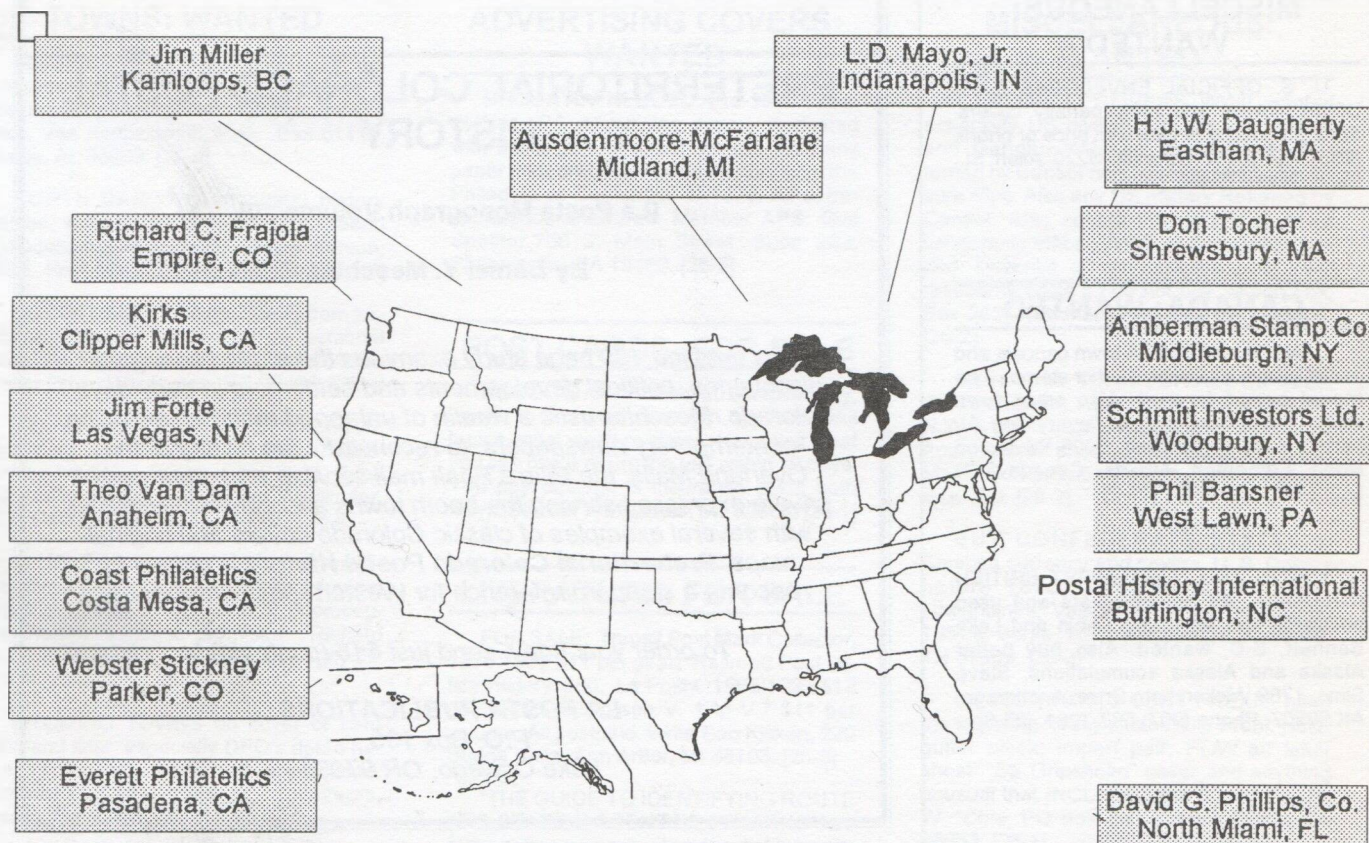
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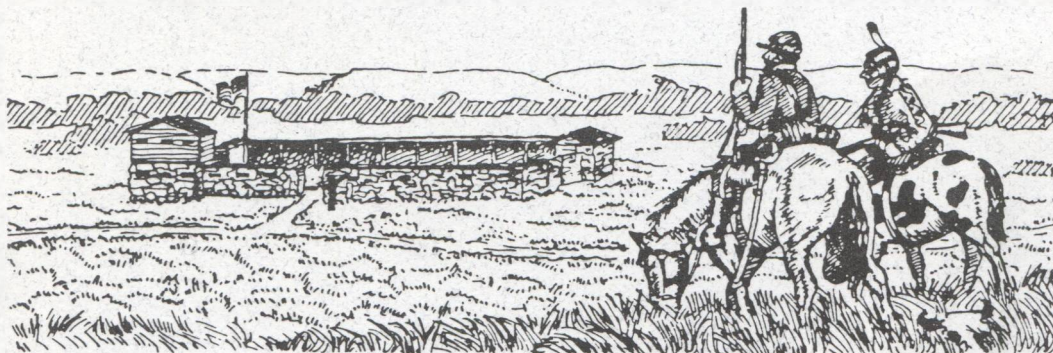
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