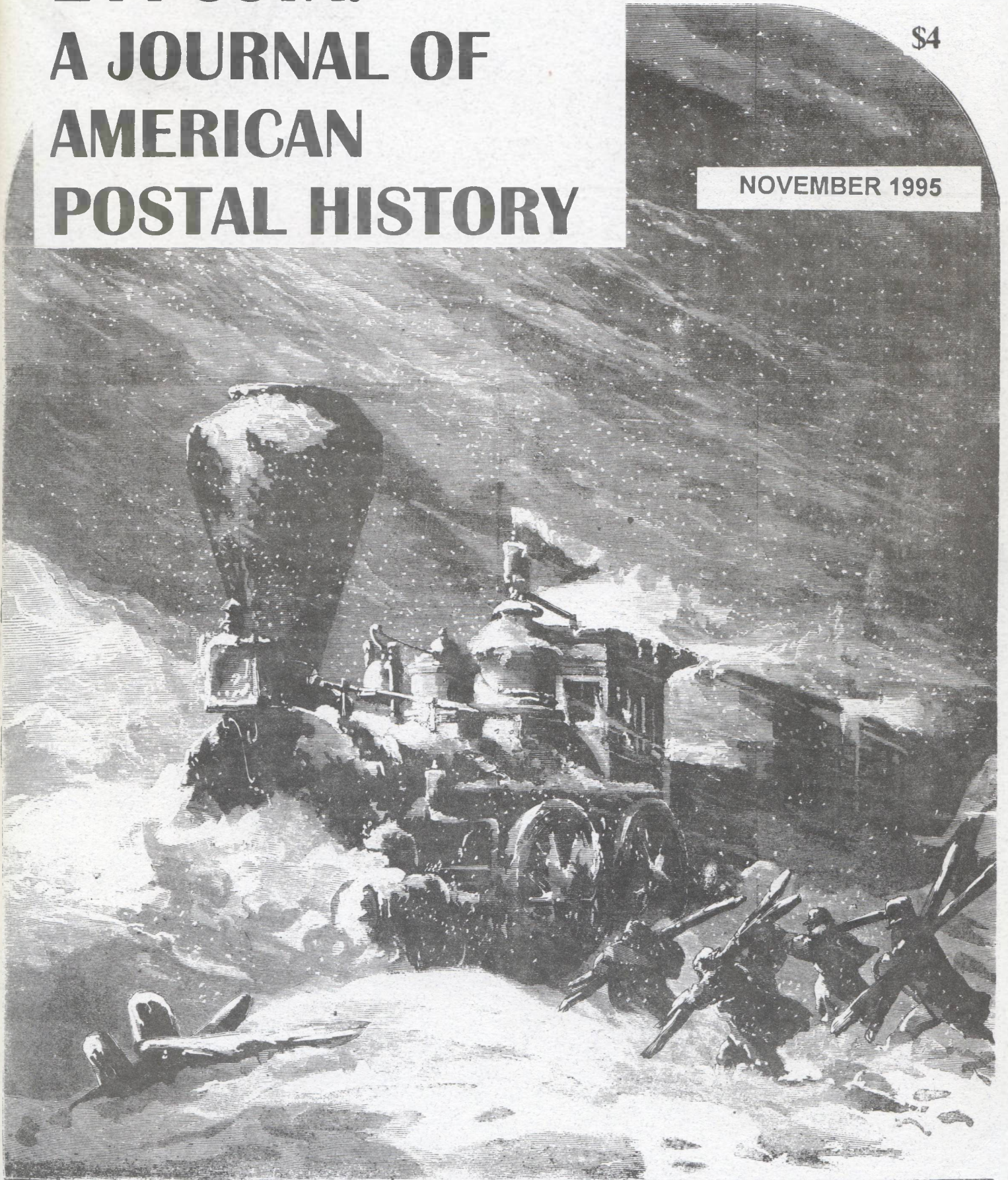


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Postal Branches & Stations

For the past several years I have been actively involved in publishing a set of post office checklists, which I hope, will eventually include volumes for each and every state. The basic information concerning post office dates of establishment and discontinuance contained in each of these volumes derives from a series of records available from the National Archives entitled "Records of Appointments of Postmasters". These records appear as microfilmed copies of ledger books with handwritten entries by postal employees recording the names of postmasters as they were appointed over the years. Errors of omission and commission are common throughout the series, but over all, the "Records of Appointments" gives us a fairly reliable building block upon which to assemble a listing of state post offices. Various students of postal history have taken advantage of this series over the past four or five decades, and today we have a set of volumes listing all the post offices for most -- but not quite all -- states. The contribution of our La Posta Checklist Series is to offer state post office listings in small, inexpensive booklets with the additional feature of a Scarcity Index to indicate the relative value of postmarks from each post office.

The first volume in our Checklist Series was published in 1988. In the seven intervening years - and 16 additional volumes -- I have received quite a lot of reader response. Far and away, the most common response received involves a question which goes, "I have a cover postmarked Somename, why doesn't your list include Somename?" Well, sometimes I have had to answer this question with an embarrassed "sorry, my mistake", but more often the reason for the omission is that the cover in question bears the postmark of a postal branch or station. When I explain that the Checklist Series lists only independent post offices, and not branches and stations, I usually receive the logical question, "Why not?" Here, the simple answer is that state by state listings of postal branches and stations have been compiled for only a small number of states. To compile such a list requires a laborious search through the *Postal Bulletin*, *Official Postal Guides*, and a variety of other sources. It is a very big job to assemble a listing of branches

and stations, and we are fortunate to be able to show you just how big a job it can be by publishing **Dennis Pack's** new listing of postal branches and stations for the State of Utah in this issue of our journal. Dennis not only provides details of Utah's postal branches and stations, but gives us a model and discusses his various data sources so that we might attempt to undertake a similar project in a state or smaller geographic area of our own choosing.

Dennis also demonstrates that compiling a listing of branches and stations for one's area of interest is very useful collecting aide. Branches and stations have used quite a wide variety of different postmark types, and obtaining examples of some of these markings can be very challenging. Indeed, in my opinion, some of the most difficult to find 20th century postmarks are those which originated at branches and stations. Generally speaking, such markings may not command high prices at a dealers bourse, but that bears little relationship to their true scarcity and is more a factor of how little emphasis they have received in the literature. Obviously, not all postmarks from branches and stations are scarce, but some are, and that is the point. Without a good listing of postal branches and stations to let us know what should exist in the way of postmarks, how can we know which markings are scarce and which are common?

In addition to Dennis' fine article, our November issue also contains another in **Gus Spector's** insightful pieces dealing with Philadelphia advertising covers; an exploration of snow delayed mail by **Randy Stehle**; a survey of W.W.II domestic Army forts, barracks, and related military reservations and their postal history; a continuation of **Tom Clarke's** study of Philadelphia fancy cancels; a glimpse of the postal past of Rolleg, Minnesota by **Ron Olin**; and a continuation of the Navy Mail Service manual reprint by **Bob Munshower**.

The third part of **Dan Meschter's** ground breaking study of "The First Trans-Mountain Mail Route Contracts" will appear in our January issue. Two maps, which should have appeared in the September issue with Part II of Dans study will be found on pages 5 and 6 of this issue.

Richard W. Helbock

Bill

POSTAL HISTORIANS ON LINE

The following individuals have expressed an interest in corresponding with other collectors via e-mail. Names are followed by specific interest (where known) and complete e-mail address. If you would like to join this list in future issues of *La Posta*, send us a note via e-mail at lapostsub@aol.com.

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TRACKIMOWICZ LAUNCHES ATTEMPT TO FORM POSTAL HISTORY NEWSGROUP ON THE INTERNET

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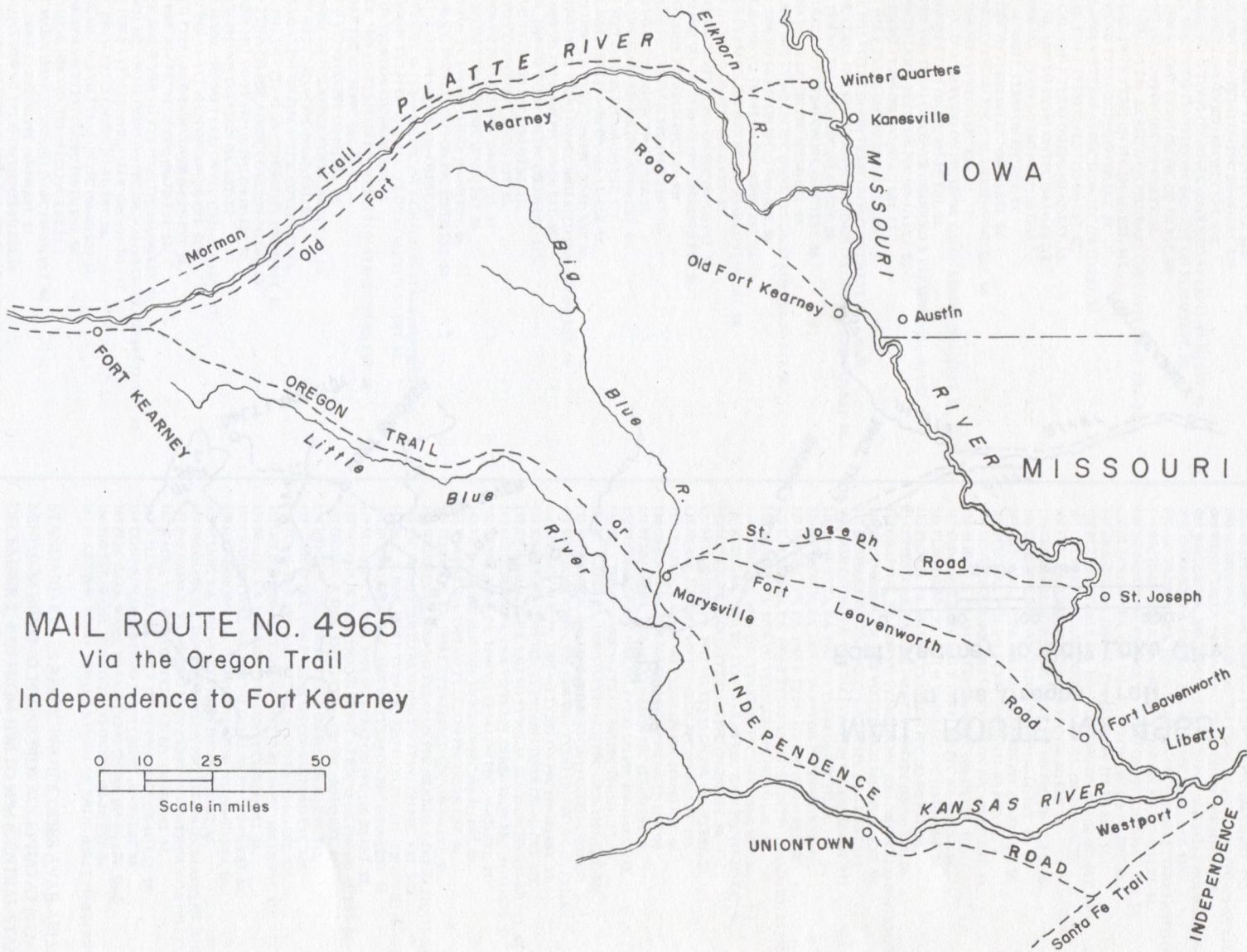
As some of you might be aware, I have been working on the formation of a postal history newsgroup for the Internet. My plans are finally coming together. The formal Request For Discussion, or RFD, for the postal history newsgroup has been approved by the Usenet moderators and has been posted to the appropriate newsgroups for discussion, the first step in the approval process.

As a reader of *La Posta*, I am pleased to see that Richard has decided to list those of us who are postal historians and users of the Internet in a conspicuous location in his journal.

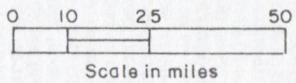
I am sending this message to each of you who is on the list noted in the September 1995 issue. I am urging you to take a minute and post your comments (all positive, I hope) to the newsgroup *news.groups* concerning the formation of the postal history newsgroup. Look for an article authored by me and respond. We really need a good showing and a lot of support, both now in the discussion stage and later in the voting stage.

If any of you have any questions on the subject of the new postal history newsgroup, please email me right away. I look forward to your support in this effort to further the hobby that we all enjoy so much.

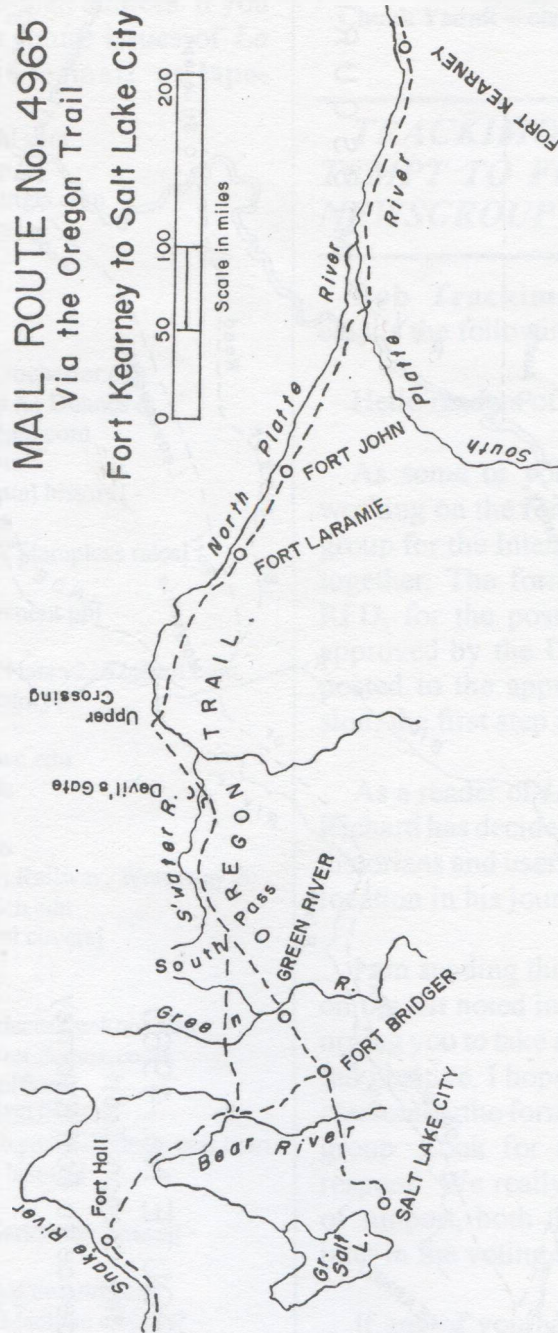
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MAIL ROUTE No. 4965
Via the Oregon Trail
Independence to Fort Kearney



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- 004 METLAKATLA, ALASKA 1908 G+ TY2/#1 ON PPC (DAMAGE STAMP) EST. \$15.
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- 028 ELDORA, COLO. 1909 VG TY2/#6 ON PPC (97-67) EST. \$5.
- 029 HALFWAY, COLO. 1906 F TY2/#1 ON PPC (03-17) EST. \$5.
- 030 MATTISON, COLO. 1911 VG(DOUBLED) TY3/#1 ON PPC (89-15) EST. \$8.
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- 054 BRASHEAR, KY. 1909 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (95-31) EST. \$7.
- 055 COSTELOW, KY. 1909 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (85-33) EST. \$6.
- 056 DORENA, KY. 1919 VG+ TY3/#1 ON COVER (06-50) EST. \$6.
- 057 DRENNON SPRINGS, KY. 1906 G TY2/#1? ON PPC (85-14) EST. \$8.
- 058 FACTORY, KY. 1911 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (86-13) EST. \$8.
- 059 GLASGOW JUNCTION, KY. G TY2/#5 ON PPC (NCTION O/S ON STAMP) (63-38) EST. \$6.
- 060 HOPEWELL, KY. 1908 G+ TY3/#1 ON PPC (ELL O/S ON STAMP) (74-57) EST. \$5.
- 061 JOPPA, KY. 1912 VG+ TY2/#1 ON PPC (94-41) EST. \$6.
- 062 LAYTONSVILLE, KY. 1908 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (LLE O/S ON STAMP) (90-13) EST. \$8.
- 063 MANTOU, KY. 1910 F TY3/#2 ON PPC EST. \$5.
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- 065 NED, KY. 1930 F TY2/#1 ON PHILATELIC COVER (86-84) EST. \$6.
- 066 SAMUELS, KY. 1909 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (94-87) EST. \$5.
- 067 SPEIGHT, KY. 1936 VG TY2/#1 ON PHILATELIC COVER EST. \$6.
- 068 TEMPLE HILL, KY. 1911 VG+ TY2/#1 ON STAINED PPC (58-34) EST. \$6.
- 069 UCUM, KY. 1931 G TY2/#1 ON PHILATELIC COVER(98-34) EST. \$6.
- 070 BEACHWOOD, MAINE 1911 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (95-18) EST. \$8.
- 071 BURKETTVILLE, ME. 1913 VG TY1/#2 ON PPC EST. \$7.
- 072 BLUNTON CENTER, MAINE 1909 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (1824-1923) EST. \$7.
- 073 CLARKS MILL, ME. 1904 VF TY1/#2 ON GPC (89-08) EST. \$15.
- 074 EGYPT, ME. 1905 VG TY1/#1 AS B/S ON COVER (84-20) EST. \$6.
- 075 GREENLAKE, ME. 1909 VG+ TY2/#2 ON GPC (90-72) EST. \$7.
- 076 HAMPDEN CORNER, MAINE 1908 VG TY3/#5 ON PPC (53-09) EST. \$6.
- 077 KENNEBUNK BEACH, ME. 1905 G TY2/#5 ON PPC (BEACH O/S ON STAMP)(83-72) EST. \$5.
- 078 LOOKOUT, MAINE 1936 F TY3/#1 ON PHILATELIC GPC (94-76) EST. \$6.
- 079 MARANCOOK, ME. 1907 G TY2/#3 ON PPC (91-42) EST. \$6.
- 080 MEDFORD CENTER, ME. 1913 VG TY1/#2 ON PPC (60-40) EST. \$8.
- 081 MEREPPOINT, MAINE 1908 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (95-73) EST. \$6.
- 082 NEW PORTLAND, MAINE 1908 VG+ TY1/#3 ON PPC EST. \$5.
- 083 NORTH BALDWIN, MAINE 1955 F TY3/#2 ON LD GPC (59-55) EST. \$6.
- 084 PARKERHEAD, ME. 1909 F TY2/#2 ON PPC (43-34) EST. \$7.
- 085 PATTAGUMPUS, MAINE 1909 VG TY1/#1 ON PPC (53-35) EST. \$8.
- 086 PROUTS NECK, MAINE 1906 VG TY2/#5 ON PPC (ECK O/S ON STAMP) (73-67) EST. \$5.
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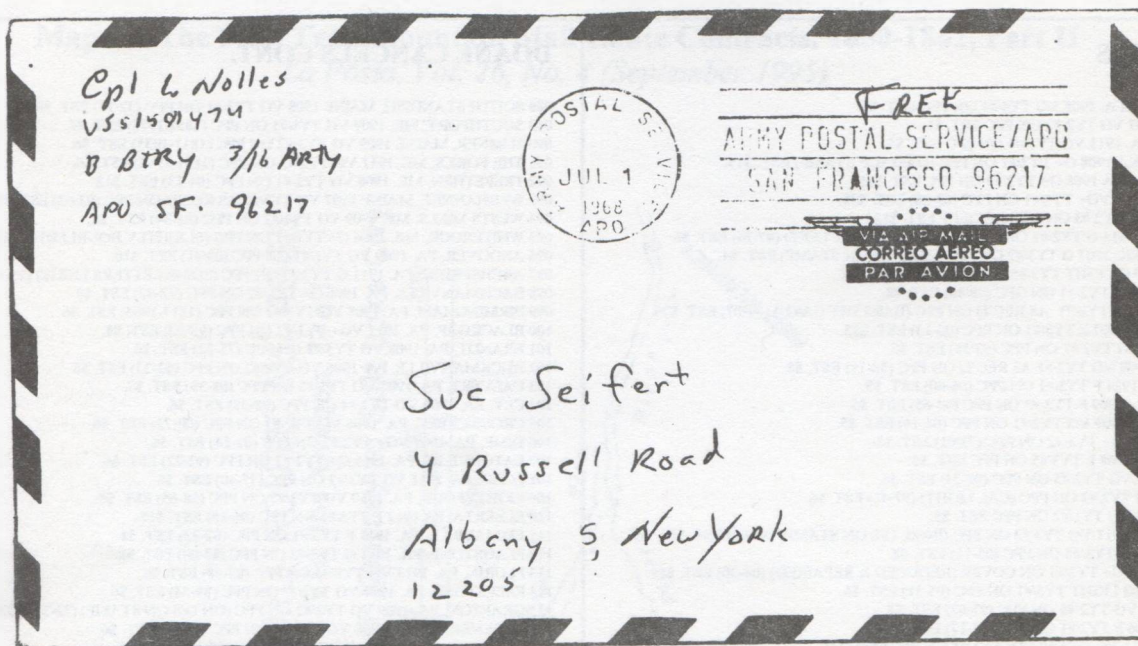
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- 088 SOUTH STANDISH, MAINE 1908 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (32/17) EST. \$8.
- 089 SOUTHPORT, ME. 1907 VG TY1/#1 ON PPC (1851/1975) EST. \$7.
- 090 SLUMNER, MAINE 1909 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (1811-1935) EST. \$6.
- 091 THE FORKS, ME. 1911 VG TY2/#3 ON PPC (1831-1966) EST. \$6.
- 092 TREFETHEN, ME. 1908 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (04-13) EST. \$12.
- 093 WEBHANNET, MAINE 1907 VG TY3/#2 AS REC'D ON PPC (93-63) EST. \$5.
- 094 WESTS MILLS, ME. 1909 VG TY1/#2 ON PPC (93-34) EST. \$8.
- 095 WHITEROCK, ME. 1906 G+ TY2/#1 ON PPC (SLIGHTLY BOUBLED) (60-17) EST. \$7.
- 096 ANDOVER, PA. 1909 VG TY1/#1 ON PPC (03/41) EST. \$10.
- 097 ARCHSPRING, PA. 1911 G TY2/#2 ON PPC (SOME LETTERS LIGHT) (95-16) EST. \$5.
- 098 BACHMANVILLE, PA. 1906 G+ TY1/#2 ON PPC (72-42) EST. \$8.
- 099 BIRMINGHAM, PA. 1908 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (1817-1963) EST. \$6.
- 100 BLACKGAP, PA. 1911 VG+ TY1/#2 ON PPC (95-30) EST. \$8.
- 101 BRANDT, PA. 1908 VG TY3/#3 ON PPC (75-32) EST. \$6.
- 102 BUCKMANVILLE, PA. 1906 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (62-22) EST. \$6.
- 103 CALVERT, PA. 1907 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (98-35) EST. \$7.
- 104 CLY, PA. 1906 VG TY2/#4 ON PPC (98-38) EST. \$6.
- 105 CROSS CREEK, PA. 1906 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (00-72) EST. \$6.
- 106 DIME, PA. 1909 VG+ TY2/#2 ON PPC (81-14) EST. \$6.
- 107 EATONVILLE, PA. 1911 G+ TY2/#2 ON PPC (92-22) EST. \$6.
- 108 ECHO, PA. 1911 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (57-40) EST. \$6.
- 109 EIGHTYFOUR, PA. 1910 VG TY3/#5 ON PPC (98-65) EST. \$5.
- 110 ELBERTA, PA. 1912 F TY3/#1 ON PPC (06-15) EST. \$12.
- 111 EMMAVILLE, PA. 1911 F TY3/#1 ON PPC (62-33) EST. \$8.
- 112 FLAGSTONE, PA. 1911 G TY2/#3 ON PPC (83-09) EST. \$8.
- 113 FLORIN, PA. 1913 VG TY3/#5 ON PPC (82-68) EST. \$6.
- 114 FREESTONE, PA. 1907 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (89-54) EST. \$6.
- 115 GRAFTON, PA. 1909 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (ON O/S ON STAMP) (73-25) EST. \$6.
- 116 GREENBRIER, PA. 1908 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (37-34) EST. \$6.
- 117 GUMBLES, PA. 1911 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (00-14) EST. \$10.
- 118 HAMLINTON, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#3 ON PPC (29-09) EST. \$12.
- 119 HENRIETTA, PA. 1911 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC (72-35) EST. \$6.
- 120 HICKS RUN, PA. 1907 G TY3/#1 ON PPC (05-12) EST. \$12.
- 121 IRISHTOWN, PA. 1907 F TY2/#1 ON PPC (86-14) EST. \$8.
- 122 KAUFFMAN, PA. 1906 F TY1/#2 AS REC'D ON PPC (DAMAGED STAMP) (89-15) EST. \$5.
- 123 KILMER, PA. 1909 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (90-34) EST. \$6.
- 124 KIRBY, PA. 1910 VG+ TY2/#2 ON PPC (1837-1934) EST. \$6.
- 125 KUHN, PA. 1910 VG TY3/#1 O/S AS REC'D ON PPC (84-16) EST. \$6.
- 126 MANCE, PA. 1908 G TY2/#1 ON PPC (92-28) EST. \$6.
- 127 MOSGROVE, PA. 1911 VG TY3/#5 ON PPC (86-38) EST. \$5.
- 128 NEALE, PA. 1907 VG TY3/#3 ON PPC (89-08) EST. \$15.
- 129 OBERLIN, PA. 1907 VG TY2/#3 ON PPC (83-56) EST. \$5.
- 130 OREGON, PA. 1906 VG TY1/#2 ON PPC (46-12) EST. \$8.
- 131 PENMAR, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#3 ON PPC (83-67) EST. \$6.
- 132 PLOWVILLE, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (94-11) EST. \$8.
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- 134 RUTLAND, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#3 ON PPC (1828-1957) EST. \$6.
- 135 SCHOENECK, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (1837-1973) EST. \$6.
- 136 SMITHS STATION, PA. 1906 VG+ TY2/#1 ON PPC (94-42) EST. \$6.
- 137 SPRINGVALE, PA. 1907 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (79-18) EST. \$7.
- 138 SPRUCE, PA. 1905 VG+ TY2/#1 ON COVER (70-06) EST. \$25.
- 139 STOKESDALE, PA. 1907 VG TY3/#3 AS REC'D ON PPC (77-09) EST. \$8.
- 140 SUEDEBERG, PA. 1908 VG TY2/#2 AS REC'D ON PPC (84-34) EST. \$5.
- 141 TWIN LAKES, PA. 1910 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (06-65) EST. \$5.
- 142 VINTAGE, PA. 1907 VG+ TY2/#2 ON PPC (89-41) EST. \$6.
- 143 WADDLE, PA. 1907 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (92-25) EST. \$6.
- 144 WARWICK, PA. 1935 F TY2/#2 ON LD GPC (68-35) EST. \$8.
- 145 WRIGHTS, PA. 1907 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (SLIGHTLY DOUBLED) (74-63) EST. \$5.
- 146 CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO 1910 VG TY3/#2 ON PPC EST. \$20.
- 147 BOZ, S. DAK. 1909 F TY3/#1 AS REC'D ON PPC (STAMP GONE) (86-09) EST. \$15.
- 148 BURDETTE, S. DAK. 1908 VG TY3/#3 ON PPC (83-20) EST. \$8.
- 149 MANILLA, S. DAK. 1907 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (98-28) EST. \$8.
- 150 NOWLIN, S. DAK. 1908 VG TY2/#1 AS REC'D ON PPC (90-63) EST. \$6.
- 151 ORMAN, S. DAK. 1912 G TY3/#1 ON PPC (06-14) EST. \$15.
- 152 RIDGE, S. DAK. 1909 F TY2/#1 ON PPC (86-10) EST. \$12.
- 153 OLMUS, TEX. 1904 F TY2/#1 ON COVER (79-05) EST. \$25.
- 154 ZORN, TEX. 1905 VG+ TY2/#2 ON COVER (91-06) EST. \$25.
- 155 GOLD SPRINGS, UTAH 1907 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (06-12) EST. \$35.
- 156 BEACH, VA. 1908 VG+ TY2/#2 ON PPC (90-54) EST. \$6.
- 157 CRABBOTTOM, VA. 1908 VG TY2/#2 ON PPC (82-45) EST. \$6.
- 158 GAINESBORO, VA. 1909 VG TY1/#2 ON PPC (93-67) EST. \$8.
- 159 MAJOR, VA. 1911 VG TY3/#1 ON PPC (84-32) EST. \$6.
- 160 OPEQUON, VA. 1908 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (ON O/S ON STAMP) (76-48) EST. \$6.
- 161 PARNASSUS, VA. 1911 VG BLUE TY2/#1 ON COVER (SUS O/S ON STAMP) (39-58) EST. \$6.
- 162 WADES, VA. 1909 VG+ TY2/#1 ON PPC (94-10) EST. \$8.
- 163 WELL WATER, VA. 1906 F TY2/#1 ON COVER (58-44) EST. \$8.
- 164 DOWNS, WASH. 1911 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (02-30) EST. \$8.
- 165 ELECTRON, WASH. 1910 VG TY2/#1 ON PPC (03-43) EST. \$6.
- 166 FOREST, WASH. 1909 VG TY3/#5 ON PPC (86-34) EST. \$6.
- 167 PLAINVIEW, WASH. 1908 G O/S TY3/#1 ON PPC (SOME LETTERS LIGHT) (05-10) EST. \$15.

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"In The Bars"



During the Vietnam War, to many veterans, being "in the bars" often had a meaning quite different than the one that is being explored here. In this case, it refers to the only recorded example of a combat zone machine cancel that has the APO number, a slogan, or other information contained within the bars of the cancel.

APO 96217 was the number assigned to U.S. Forces stationed in and around Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of South Vietnam. Prior to 1967, this area, infamous as a VC/NVA haven, had been the responsibility of the U.S. Marine Corps. In early 1967 the corps turned operational control of this area over to elements of the 101st Airborne, the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, parts of the 173rd Airborne, and the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division as well as the corresponding combat support units. What emerged from this composite force was the ill-starred and misfortune plagued 23rd Infantry Division, better known to American television viewers as the Americal Division. It was during this, the transition period, that APO 96217 was established at Duc Pho. The APO remained in support of the Americal Division until the division departed the Republic of Vietnam in both November and December, 1971.

This particular cover, mailed three and a half months after the infamous massacre occurred at the Viet Cong controlled village of My Lai 4 had been posted by an artilleryman assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery, one of six such battalions (and one battery) assigned to the "Metrecal." Two days prior to the mailing, the 3rd of the 16th had concluded its part in *Operation Chattanooga* a successful large scale combined search and destroy operation in the Ha Thanh, Base Area 121, and the Duc Pho Area.

As noted earlier, no other examples of cancels with APO numbers in the bars have been recorded. I would appreciate if any of our readers have information on, or examples of, "in the bars" type cancels used by units in the combat zone. I have been told that that similar cancels were used by both the 9th and 25th Infantry Divisions. I can be reached at: R. Munshower, P.O. Box 3484 Boulder, Colorado 80307.



Figure 1. Station No. 1 of the Salt Lake City Post Office operated 1900-59. The above cover was sent registered to Greece.

THE BRANCH POST OFFICES OF UTAH

by Dennis H. Pack

Most people who live in large or medium-size communities take branch post offices for granted. They visit them to buy stamps or mail packages, and think of them as "the post office". They stop at customer service counters in supermarkets without realizing that the sign "post office" often means there is a branch post office at the store. Without branch post offices, mail service would be a lot less convenient. Mailing a package or picking up insured mail would involve a lot more time and travel than it does today.

Studying branch post offices can tell about settlement patterns in a state or community, how commerce developed and what military installations and communities sprang up during times of war. Branch post offices have been around as long as most people can remember, but they are often overlooked by postal historians, and their cancels are not particularly popular with collectors.

This article considers the development of branch post offices in the State of Utah, lists the units and

their dates of existence, and starts a listing of the designs of the postmarks of these branches. It also mentions the collecting of Utah branch post office postmarks and sources of information. To keep the topic manageable, the article will not include rural branches, rural stations, community post offices, money order branches, COD units, retail store service counter postal units not listed in the *The Postal Bulletin*, *Postal Guide*, *Directory of Post Offices*, or *National Zip Code Directory*, and temporary stations established at philatelic or other events.

At the outset, it is useful to understand some terms. *Branch post office* is used in this article in its broadest sense to refer to any postal unit, named or numbered, which supplies services to the public and reported to or is currently under a post office. The terms branch, station and sub-station have been used to describe the units discussed in this article. Initially, *station* was used to describe all branch post offices. Most sold stamps, received parcels, issued money orders, and registered letters and parcels. A few, referred to as *carrier stations*, did not provide

services for the public, but were the bases from which letter carriers delivered mail. Little has been written about these. In the late 1890s, the emphasis changed to *full stations*, which provided services to the public and were bases for letter carriers. In 1908, *station* was narrowed to refer to only those branch post offices located inside the corporate limits of the city housing their parent post office. *Branch* was used to designate those branch post offices located outside the corporate limits of the city of their parent post office.¹ Branches were listed separately in the *Postal Guide* and their postmarks did not have to include the name of the parent post office.² This was done to help communities with branches to feel as though they had their own post office. After 1897, *sub-stations* sold stamps, issued money orders, registered letters and parcels, but did not serve as bases for letter carriers.³ Use of the designation *sub-station* was discontinued in 1902. Sub-stations became numbered stations.⁴ There were no branch post offices officially designated as sub-stations in Utah.

In this article, *branch* or *station* will be used to refer to particular offices. *Branch post office* will be used in a broad sense to include both branches and stations.

Starting about 1910, the terms *contract* and *classified* were used to describe branches and stations. A *classified* branch or station is one which is staffed by career post office or postal service personnel. *Contract* branches or stations are staffed by non-post office or non-postal service personnel. Most are located in businesses, colleges and universities or state government units.

There have been seven basic motives for establishing branch post offices:

1) providing additional window service for the receipt and dispatch of mail, and selling stamps and other postal supplies,

2) consolidating small post offices with adjacent larger post offices, often to extend carrier delivery service into areas where it would not otherwise be authorized, outside the previous boundaries of a city,

3) providing postal service to the armed services or other facilities during time of war or mobilization,

4) providing seasonal service to resorts or hotels during the vacation season, or businesses during the Christmas holiday season,



Map 1. The highest population density in Utah is along the front of the Wasatch Mountains in the dark shaded area on the above map. It is here that most of Utah's branch post offices have been located

5) providing temporary service at fairs, aviation shows or philatelic and other events,

6) providing convenient service in businesses and buildings where large quantities of mail are handled, and

7) facilitating the transfer of money between federal reserve banks.⁵

Branch post offices were established in Utah for five of these:

1) to establish additional window service in larger cities,

2) to consolidate small post offices with those in larger cities and establishing carrier delivery service,

3) to provide postal service to the armed services or others during time of war or mobilization,

4) to provide temporary service at fairs, aviation shows or philatelic and other events, and

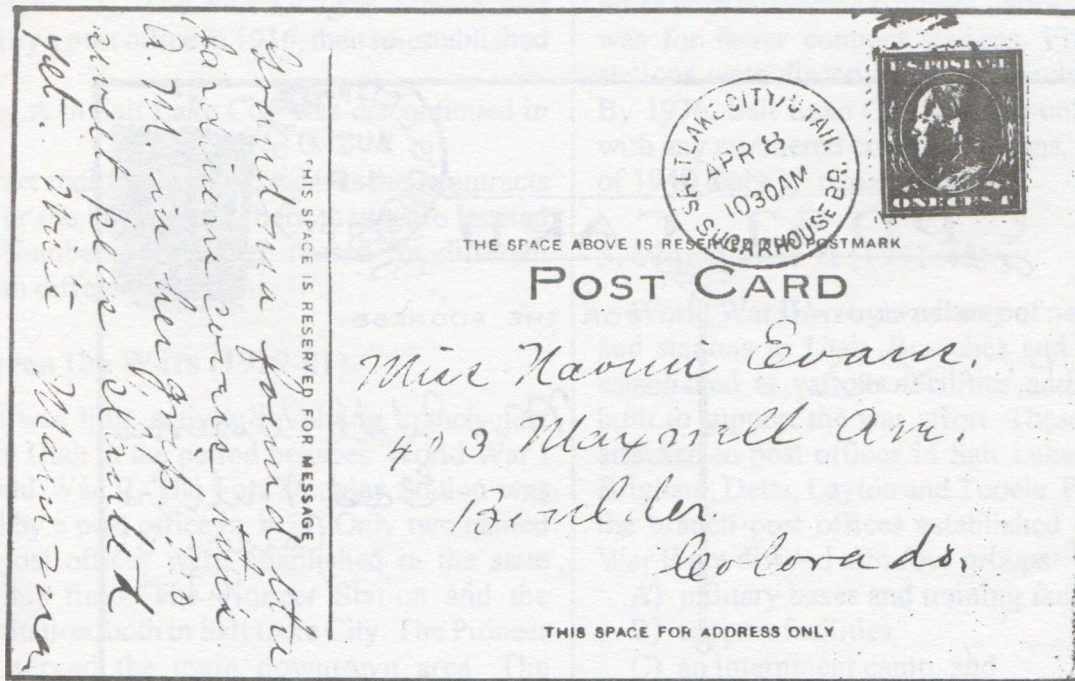


Figure 2. Cancels from the Sugarhouse Branch are common, even though the branch only lasted a little over two years. The name was changed from and to the Sugarhouse Station.

5) to provide convenient service in businesses.

In reviewing the development of branch post offices in Utah, it is useful to break the study into four time periods:

1. Before the end of World War I (1899-1919).
2. Between the wars (1919-1941).
3. World War II (1941-1946).
4. Since World War II (1946-date).

There was no need for branch post offices in Utah until just before the turn of the century. The population of Utah had grown from the original 147 pioneers in 1847 to more than 210,000 people in 1890, 93,000 of whom were clustered along the front of the Wasatch Mountains. (See Map 1.) The 1900 census recorded a population of 277,000, with 120,000 settled along the Wasatch front, which reaches from Ogden to Provo. In the 1910 census, 373,000 people were found in Utah, with 187,000 of them living along the Wasatch front.⁶ It was here that the first Utah branch post offices were established.

1. Before the end of World War I (1899-1919).

Branch post offices were established in four Utah communities before the end of World War I: Logan, Ogden, Provo and Salt Lake City. Named stations replaced post offices in three small communities adjacent to Salt Lake City and a military post: Sugar (Sugarhouse Station) and Calderpark in 1899, Fort Douglas in 1900 and Murray in 1901. Classified stations designated by the letter A were established in both Ogden and Salt Lake City, and a total of 43 numbered contract stations were established in the four cities.

The most important motive for the establishment of these branch post offices was to make available additional window service, although city delivery could have been extended into Sugar, since known as Sugarhouse, and Murray. Calder's Park was an amusement park located at the present site of the Nibley Park golf course.

When the Post Office Department distinguished between branches and stations in 1908, the Calderpark, Murray and Sugarhouse stations all became branches because they were outside the corporate boundaries of Salt Lake City. The Sugarhouse Branch was redesignated a station in 1910, after the area was incorporated into Salt Lake City (Figure 2). The Calderpark Branch was discontinued in

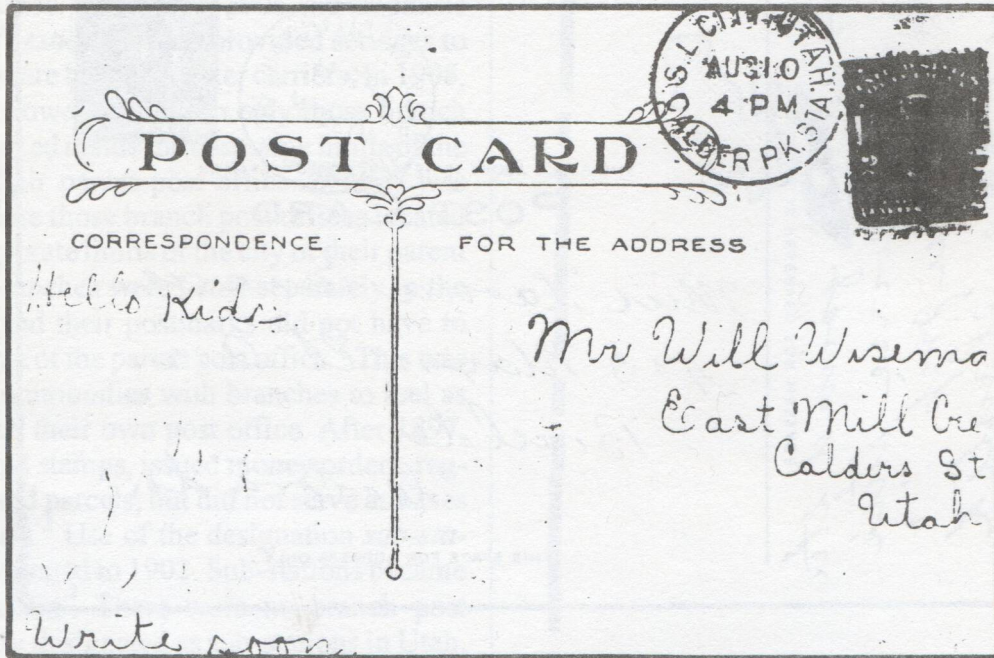


Figure 3. The Calderpark Station was the second branch post office in Utah. It replaced the Calderpark Post Office which had only been open six months.

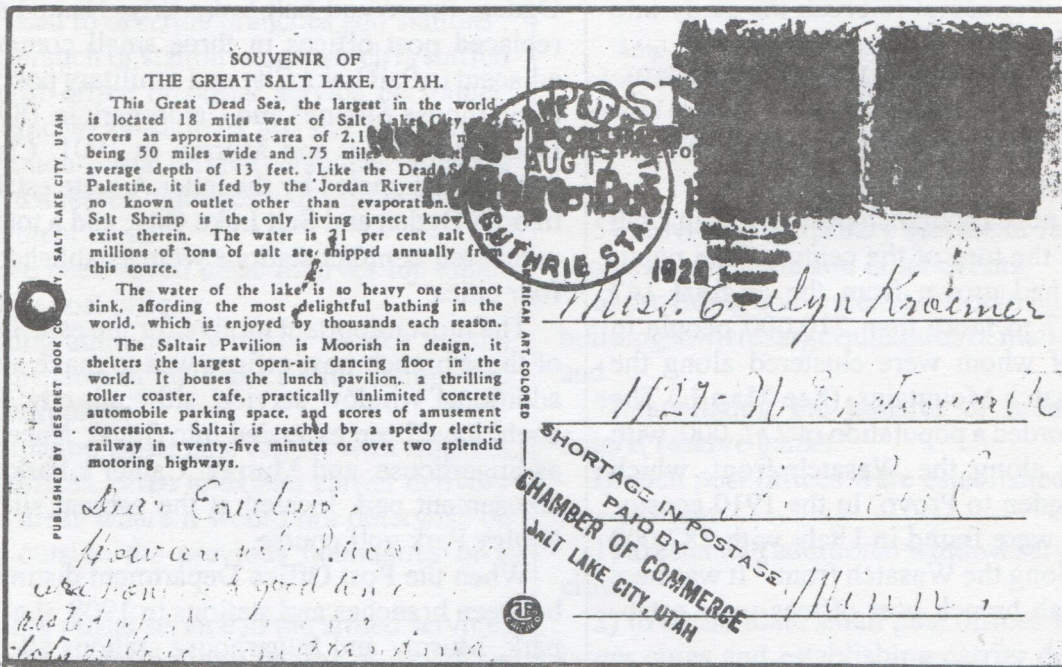


Figure 4. Close scrutiny of this card reveals that it bears two Guthrie Station postmarks dated a day apart. Visitors to Salt Lake City often sent home post cards with a bag of salt attached. They sometimes paid one penny in postage, not realizing that the bag required an extra penny. The Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce arranged to pay the extra penny, so the address would not have to pay postage due. The above card bears a "held for postage" marking and a notation that the Chamber had paid the extra postage. They stopped doing this in the 1950s.

1914 (Figure 3). The Fort Douglas Station was replaced by a post office in 1916, then re-established in 1917.

Station A in Salt Lake City was discontinued in 1913.

Contract stations came and went as their contracts expired or the businesses where they were located folded. Numbers were often reused for different stations in different locations.

2. Between the Wars (1919-41).

There was little activity involving branch post offices in Utah in the period between World War I and World War II. The Fort Douglas Station was replaced by a post office in 1921. Only two named branch post offices were established in the state during this time: The Pioneer Station and the Guthrie Station, both in Salt Lake City. The Pioneer Station served the main downtown area. The Guthrie Station was a few blocks further west. It came into existence in 1923, then was discontinued in 1933 when a new main Salt Lake City post office building opened (Figure 4).

Salt Lake City was still the only community with named stations. Station A continued in Ogden, and Bingham Canyon was added to the list of commu-

nities with numbered contract stations, but the trend was for fewer contract stations. Fifteen contract stations were discontinued in March, 1929, alone. By 1936, Salt Lake City was the only community with any numbered contract stations, and at the end of 1940, only 12 remained.

3. World War II (1941-45)

World War II brought a flurry of named branches and stations to Utah. Branches and stations were established at various facilities and communities built to support the war effort. These offices were attached to post offices in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Brigham, Delta, Layton and Tooele. For discussion, the branch post offices established during World War II are divided into four groups:

- A) military bases and training facilities,
- B) support facilities,
- C) an internment camp, and
- D) residential communities.

A. Military bases and training facilities.

The branch post offices at military bases in Utah were established starting in 1942 as the country mobilized for war. The Army Air Corps had built



Figure 5. Patriotic envelopes are often seen from branch post offices during World War II. The above cover was franked "free" and mailed from the Wendover Field Branch. Bomber crews were trained at Wendover Field.

Hill Field south of Ogden in 1939 to be an in-land air base which would be secure from enemy attack. Hill Field greatly expanded during World War II. The Hill Field Branch was attached to the Ogden Post Office.

The Army Air Base Station was established at the Salt Lake City airport. It was to have been designated the Army Air Base Branch, but this was changed to the Army Air Base Station before it opened. The name was changed to the Air Base Station five months later.

The Fort Douglas Post Office was once again replaced by the Fort Douglas Station. One of the functions of Fort Douglas was the housing of German prisoners of war, as it was during World War I.

The Kearns Branch was established to serve the Kearns Army Air Field Facility. The Kearns facility was used to train air corps personnel. It housed up to 40,000 airmen.

The Wendover Field Branch was also attached to the Salt Lake City Post Office, even though it was located more than 100 miles west of Salt Lake City near the Utah-Nevada border. Wendover Field, the largest military reservation in the state, was used for training bomber crews, including those which dropped the atomic bombs on Japan. During the war, the Wendover Post Office was replaced by the Wendover Field Branch (Figure 5).

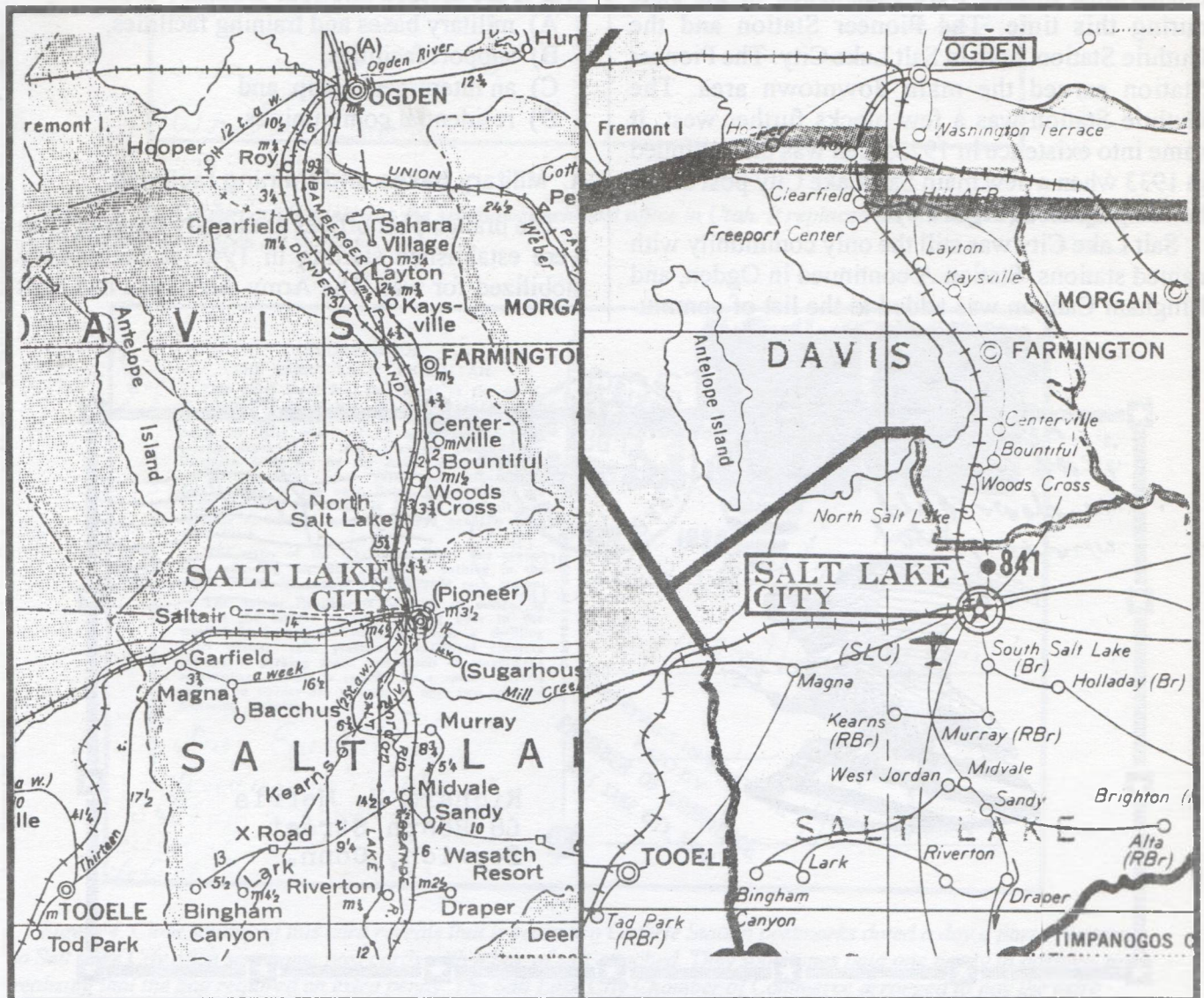


Figure 6. Sections of the 1944 (left) and 1970 (right) Utah State Postal Maps showing some branch post offices of the Ogden, Clearfield, Layton, Salt Lake City and Tooele post offices. The 1944 map does not show branch post offices at military installations. The 1970 map mislabels Kearns, Murray and TAD Park as rural branches. They were branches.

B) Support facilities.

Most support facilities in Utah were concerned with providing materiel for the war in the Pacific, but one rehabilitated wounded personnel. A number of installations were built near Ogden because of excellent rail and other transportation facilities.

The Bushnell General Hospital Station was established with Brigham, now Brigham City, as its parent post office. It served as a surgical and rehabilitative center 1942-46.

The Clearfield Naval Supply Depot was built in 1942. It was originally served by NPO 10295 which later became the Naval Supply Depot Branch of Ogden.

The Utah General Depot provided war materiel to the Pacific, but also manufactured and repaired transportation and other items. The Quartermaster Depot Station, attached to Ogden, was located there.

C) Internment camp.

The Topaz Japanese Relocation Camp was established in a windswept area northwest of Delta. Sections of the 1944 (left) and 1970 (right) *Utah State Postal Maps* showing some branch post offices of the Ogden, Clearfield, Layton, Salt Lake City and Tooele post offices (Figure 6). The 1944 map does

not show branch post offices at military installations. The 1970 map mislabels Kearns, Murray and TAD Park as rural branches. They were branches.

The Topaz Japanese Relocation Camp was built in a windswept ancient lake bottom northwest of Delta. Residents of Japanese descent from the west coast were brought to Topaz because they were thought to be a threat to national security. Many were families with children who had been taken from their homes to live in this bleak, barren place. The Topaz Branch of the Delta Post Office was located at the camp (Figure 7).

D) Residential communities.

As the number of military bases and facilities in Utah grew, so did the need for housing for workers and their families. Several new communities were served by branch post offices.

Sahara Village was built to house workers at the bases and facilities south of Ogden. The Sahara Village Branch was attached to the Layton Post Office.

Washington Terrace is just south of Ogden. The Washington Terrace Branch opened in 1944.

The Tooele Ordinance Depot started in 1942 to provide war materiel and ordinance repair service

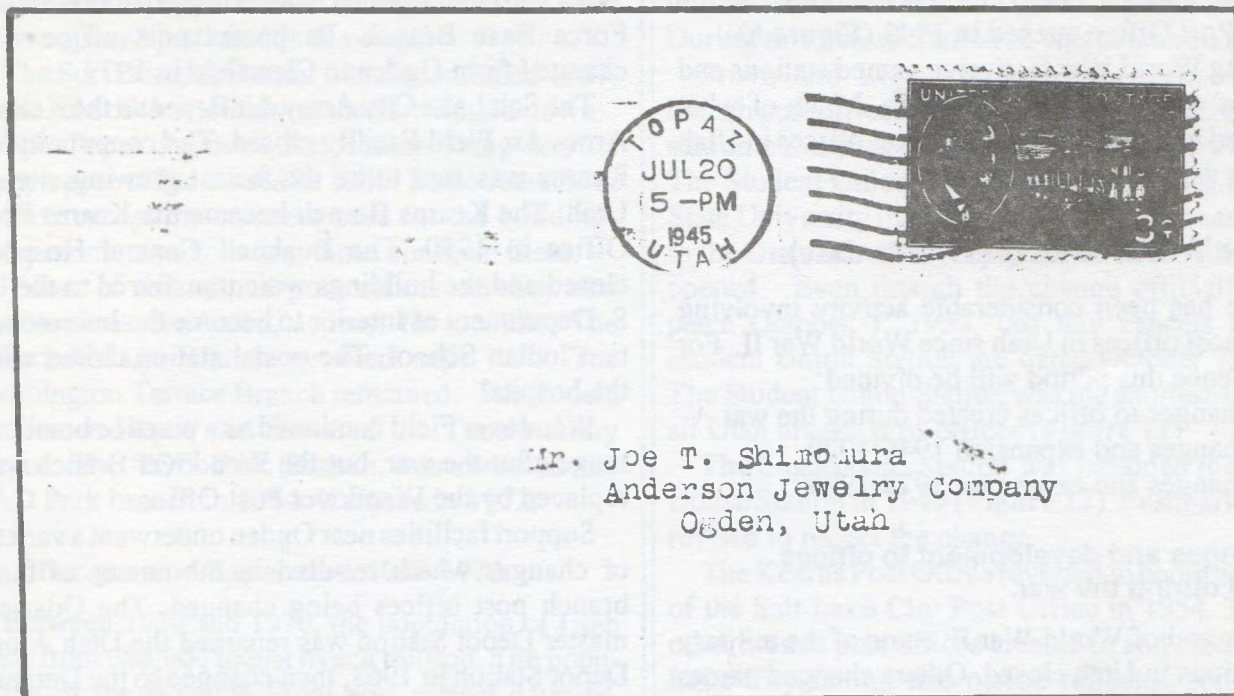


Figure 7. The Topaz Branch was located at the Topaz Japanese Relocation Camp northwest of Delta, the parent post office for the branch.

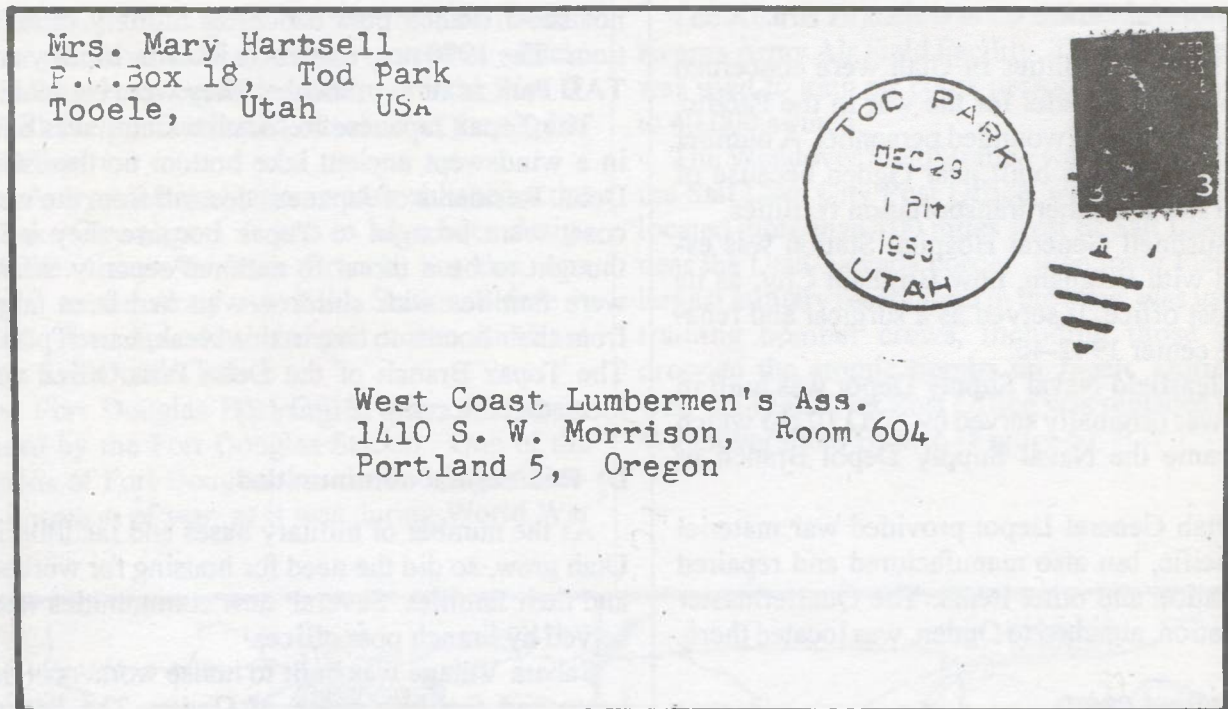


Figure 8. TOD Park was a residential community for the Tooele Ordinance Depot south of Tooele. The postmark is from the TOD Park Branch of the Tooele Post Office.

support to the Pacific Theater. TOD Park was a small community located just outside the depot and south of Tooele. The TOD Park Branch of the Tooele Post Office opened in 1943 (Figure 8).

During World War II, twelve named stations and branches were established in Utah. Much of what happened with regard to branch post offices in Utah after the war involved these units.

4. Since World War II (1946 to date).

There has been considerable activity involving branch post offices in Utah since World War II. For convenience this period will be divided:

- A) Changes to offices created during the war.
- B) Changes and expansion 1946-1970.
- C) Changes and expansion 1970-1995.

A) Changes and development to offices created during the war.

At the end of World War II, some of the military installations in Utah closed. Others changed names or roles during the Korean War or in response to the Cold War.

When the U. S. Army Air Corps became the U. S. Air Force, Hill Field became Hill Air Force Base. The Hill Field Branch was renamed the Hill Air Force Base Branch. Its parent post office was changed from Ogden to Clearfield in 1979.

The Salt Lake City Army Air Base and the Kearns Army Air Field Facility closed. The community of Kearns was said to be the fastest growing city in Utah. The Kearns Branch became the Kearns Post Office in 1950. The Bushnell General Hospital closed and the buildings were transferred to the U. S. Department of Interior to become the Intermountain Indian School. The postal station closed with the hospital.

Wendover Field continued as a practice bombing range after the war, but the Wendover Branch was replaced by the Wendover Post Office.

Support facilities near Ogden underwent a variety of changes which resulted in the names of their branch post offices being changed. The Quartermaster Depot Station was renamed the Utah Army Depot Station in 1963, then changed to the Defense Depot Ogden Station four months later (Figure 9).

The Clearfield Naval Supply Depot was converted to the Freeport Center, a privately owned

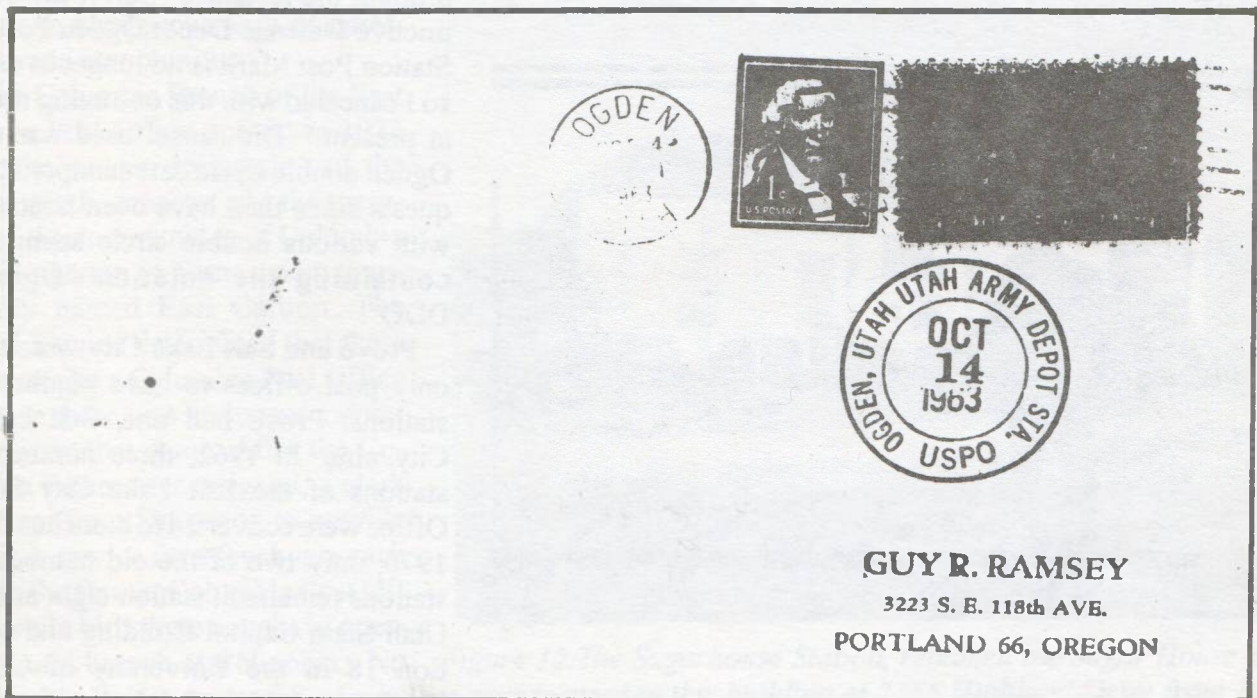


Figure 9. The Utah Army Depot Station existed for less than four months in 1963 after the name was changed from the Quartermaster Depot Station, and before it was changed to the Defense Depot Station.

facility where goods in-transit can be stored. The Naval Supply Depot Branch of Ogden closed, and the Freeport Center Branch of the Clearfield Post Office opened just outside the center.

The Fort Douglas Station was discontinued 1967, as the role of the military at the fort wound down.

The Topaz Japanese Relocation Camp and its branch post office closed in 1945. Little remains at the site except the concrete pads for the buildings and a monument honoring those confined there.

Most of the branch post offices serving new communities continued, at least for a while. The Sahara Village Branch survived until 1955. The Washington Terrace Branch remained. The Tooele Ordinance Depot was renamed the Tooele Army Depot. The TOD Park Branch was renamed the TAD Park branch in 1964. It closed in 1972.

B) Changes and Expansion 1946-1970.

Between 1950 and 1970, the population of Utah went from 688,000 to just over a million. The population of the Wasatch Front area almost doubled, going from 406,000 to 709,000.⁸ Again, this was the area with the greatest number of new branch post offices.

Ogden gained two new stations and one branch: the Gorder Station in 1952, the Ben Lomond Station in 1962 and the South Ogden Branch in 1958. During this period Station A was discontinued.

Provo and Logan received their first named branch post offices. The University Station replaced station number one at Brigham Young University. The Student Union Station was established at Utah State University in Logan (Figure 10). Its name was to the Utah State University Station a month after it opened. Even though the change officially took place October 1, 1957, last day cancels for the Student Union Station are dated October 7, 1957. The Student Union Station was the shortest-lived of all Utah branch post offices (Figure 11).

The Sugarhouse Station was renamed the Sugar House Station in 1949 (Figure 12). Postmarks were revised to reflect the change.

The Kearns Post Office reverted to being a branch of the Salt Lake City Post Office in 1954. The six other branch post offices created in and around Salt Lake City during this period reflected population growth and the need for additional postal service.

The Fairgrounds and Foothill stations provided new service within the city limits, while the Cotton-



Figure 10. The Utah State University Station is located in the Glen L. Taggart Student Center on the university campus. The photograph shows the station's customer service windows in 1993.

wood, Granger-Hunter, Holladay and Millcreek branches served nearby communities.

Two other changes affected military installations. The Deseret Depot Branch of the Tooele Post Office served the Deseret Chemical Depot in Rush Valley 1955-59. The depot was a storage and shipment point for chemical warfare gases and munitions. The classified station at the Defense Depot Ogden was "deleted" in *Postal Bulletin* 20719, dated September 11, 1969. A contract station was established which was not listed in the *Postal Bulletin*, and which has not been listed in the *Directory of Post Offices* or the *National Zip Code Directory*. A request for a postmark in 1970

brought the response "Sorry, the distinctive Defense Depot Ogden Postal Station Post Mark is no longer in use, so I canceled with this one being used at present." The cancel used was an Ogden double circle date stamper. Requests since then have been honored with various double circle stampers containing the notation "Ogden DDO".

Provo and Salt Lake City were the only post offices to have numbered stations. Provo had one, Salt Lake City nine. In 1962, three numbered stations of the Salt Lake City Post Office were converted to branches. By 1970, only two of the old numbered stations remained: station eight at the Utah State Capitol Building and station 18 in the University of Utah Bookstore, both in Salt Lake City.

C) Changes and expansion 1970-1995.

The population of Utah has increased rapidly, going from slightly more than a million in 1970 to almost a million and a half in 1980 to 1.8 million in 1992. The population of the Wasatch Front grew from 709,000 in 1970 to 936,000 in 1980 to 1.16

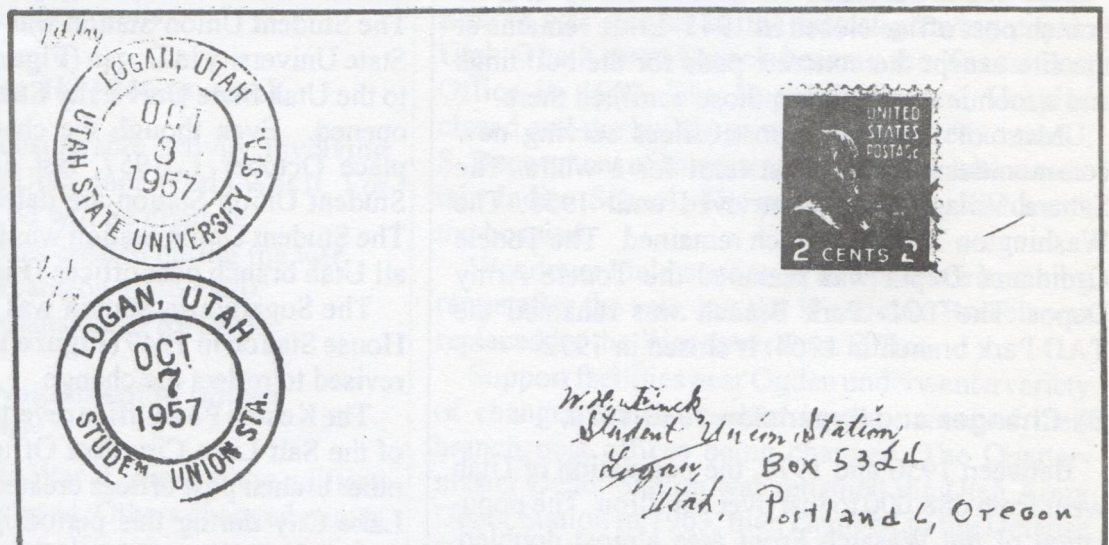


Figure 11. The Student Union Station of the Logan Post Office existed for a month before the name was changed to the Utah State University Station. The above card shows last and first day cancels for the stations.

million in 1992, making the area almost one continuous strip of cities, towns and communities.

The Columbia Branch of the East Carbon Post Office opened in 1973 after the sudden resignation of the Columbia Postmaster and the merging of the communities of Columbia and Dragerton to form a new community named East Carbon. The Postal Service determined that there could not be a Columbia Post Office because there was no longer a community by that name. After the Columbia Postmaster resigned, a clerk was sent from Dragerton to provide window service for a few hours each day in the former Columbia Post Office while bids were sought to operate a rural branch at Columbia. No acceptable bids were received and the lease on the Columbia Post Office building expired, so the Columbia Post Office was officially discontinued in 1975. Covers sent for last day postmarks received the Columbia Branch cancel. The Columbia Branch was not listed in the *Postal Bulletin* or *Directory of Post Offices*.¹⁰

Bountiful, Midvale and Park City received their first named branch post offices, and Layton received

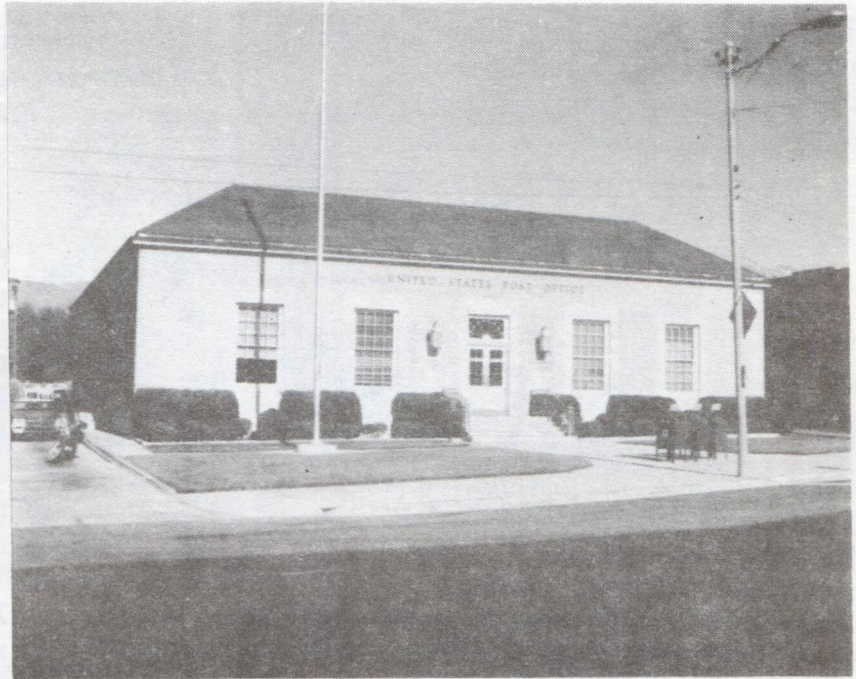


Figure 12. The Sugarhouse Station, renamed the Sugar House Station, was located in this building at 2155 Highland Drive from 1940 until 1992.

its first since 1955. North Salt Lake and Woods Cross were both converted from post offices to branches of the Bountiful Post Office. Their postal markings do not indicate they are branches. The Harmon's Branch of the Midvale Post Office was established in a supermarket. It existed until about 1986, when it was probably replaced by a contract post office not listed in the *The National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory*.

Park City, an important winter sports area, has two branch post offices: the Emporium Station, opened in 1994, and the Snyderville Branch, established in 1995. No doubt these will receive considerable use during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The Layton Hills Station of the Layton Post Office was established in 1989. It is located in the Layton Hills Shopping Center.

A new station of the Logan Post Office, the North Logan Station, is scheduled to open in 1995.

In Ogden, the Gorder Station and the South Ogden Branch were discontinued, the Downtown Station was established in 1974 and renamed the Town Station three years later.

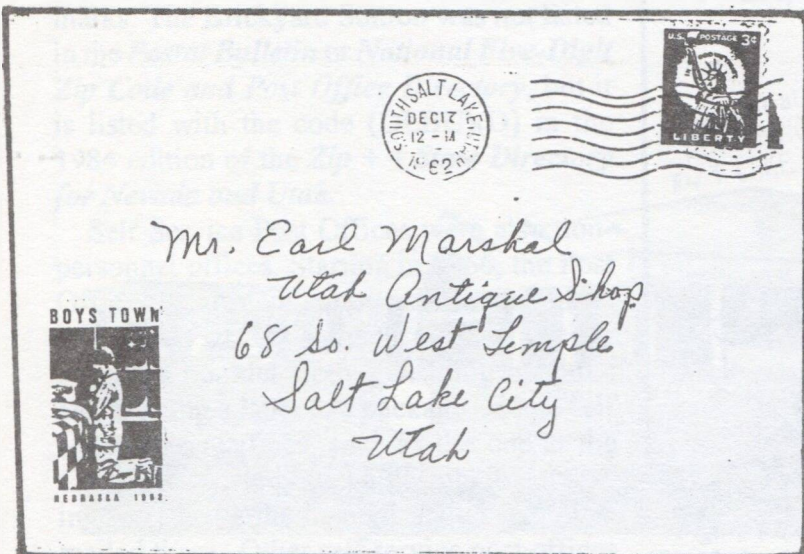


Figure 13. South Salt Lake cannot be identified as a branch of the Salt Lake City Post Office in this postmark



Figure 14. The North Ogden Branch of the Ogden, Utah, Post Office was housed here with the Ellison Cleaners when this photo was taken in 1987, nine years after the North Ogden had been "deleted" from post office listings.

Two other Ogden branch Post Offices were "deleted" in 1978. *Postal Bulletin 21153*, dated August 24, 1978, reported that the Washington Terrace Branch and the North Ogden Branch, both contract units, would be deleted. The Washington Terrace Branch continues to serve the public at 156 E 4600 South St., and until recently, the North Ogden Branch was housed with the Ellison Cleaners at 2599 N 400 East Street (Figure 14). Recent postmarks from both no longer include the word branch.

The East Bay Station of the Provo Post Office was established in 1987. The next year, the East Bay Mail Processing Facility was dedicated. Postal markings read "East Bay GMF". Mail with Provo machine cancels containing the Zip Code 84605 has been processed there.

Changes in Salt Lake City branch post offices reflect population growth and settlement patterns. In 1977, the Granger-Hunter Branch was renamed the Hunter Branch. It was renamed the West Valley City Branch in 1982, two years after Granger, Hunter, Redwood and Chesterfield had merged

to form West Valley City (Figure 15). In 1986, the Fairgrounds Station was moved and renamed the Northwest Station.

The Downtown Station was established in the old main post office building in 1977 after a new main post office opened on 2100 South St. The Downtown Station later moved to the Expo Mart at 200 West and 200 South Streets.

The Sugar House Station is now called the Sugarhouse Station even though no official action appears to have been taken to make the change. The designation was changed in the Zip Code directories starting in 1988, and the name on the new facility occupied in 1991, is written as one word.

The Pioneer Station was moved from the Federal Building at First South and State Streets into the ZCMI Mall and renamed the Pioneer Postal Store in 1994.

The Custer Annex Station was established to serve an industrial park along 2100 South Street in September 1991.

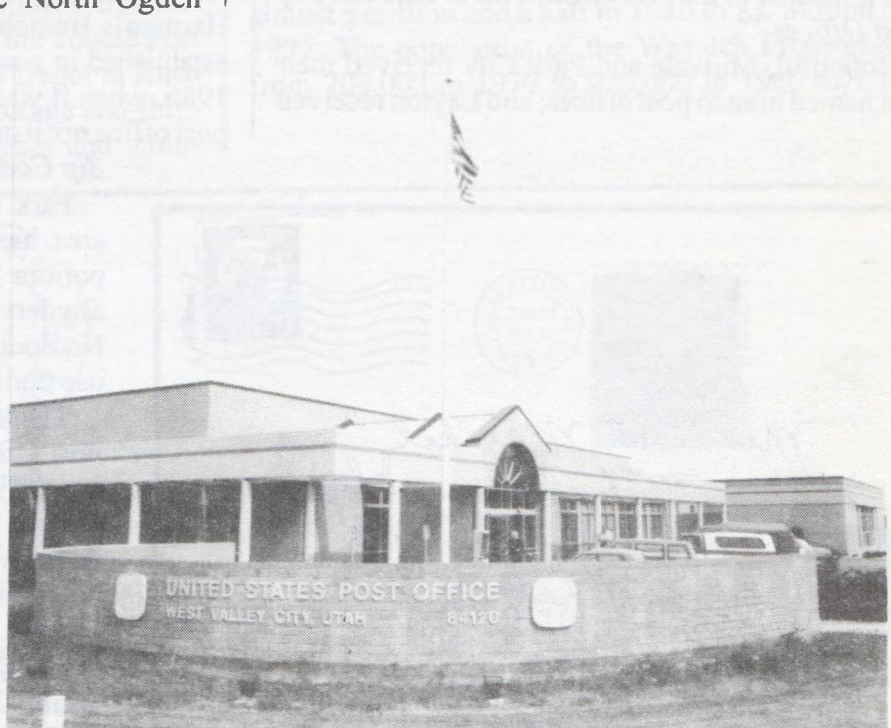


Figure 15. The the sign for the modern West Valley City Branch building does not reveal it is a branch post office in this 1991 photograph.



Figure 16. The Brickyard Station, photographed in 1985, was a non-personnel branch post office in Salt Lake City.

Non-personnel branch post offices.

The branch post offices discussed above have all been staffed either by post office or non-post office personnel. A few branch post offices are not staffed. The Brickyard Station shown in the photograph was a non-personnel station in Salt Lake City's Brickyard Plaza shopping center. It contained post office boxes, vending machines and mail slots, but offered no window service. It was not possible to mail insured or registered mail there, so there was no need for postmarks. The Brickyard Station was not listed in the *Postal Bulletin* or *National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory*, but it is listed with the code (DLBU)(D) in the 1984 edition of the *Zip + 4 State Directory for Nevada and Utah*.

Self Service Post Offices were also non-personnel offices. Starting in 1966, the Post Office Department permitted insurance fees to be paid at self service post offices by buying a booklet from a vending machine and affixing a label to a package. Some self service post offices, such as the one at the Cottonwood Mall, used a straight line marking to indicate the insured matter had been mailed there. Other self service post offices were located in the Utah Mall in Provo and the Downtown Station in Salt Lake City.

Insured mail posted at these stations did not receive any distinctive marking. This type of insurance has not been available since the early 1980s.

Collecting Utah branch postmarks

The demand for postmarks from Utah branch postmarks is not high. Still, collecting them requires patience. Older markings range from plentiful to rare. The Calderpark CDS shown on the postmark design chart is probably the rarest Utah branch post office marking. The example shown can be identified as a branch marking by its date. or the most part, markings used during the post card period 1900-20 are read-

ably available, although markings from the early 1900s are scarcer than those from after 1908. The Cottonwood Mall Self Service marking is probably rare because it was used on insured third and fourth class mail (Figure 17).

Some markings are scarce or non-existent. Postmarks from the Army Air Base and Air Base sta-

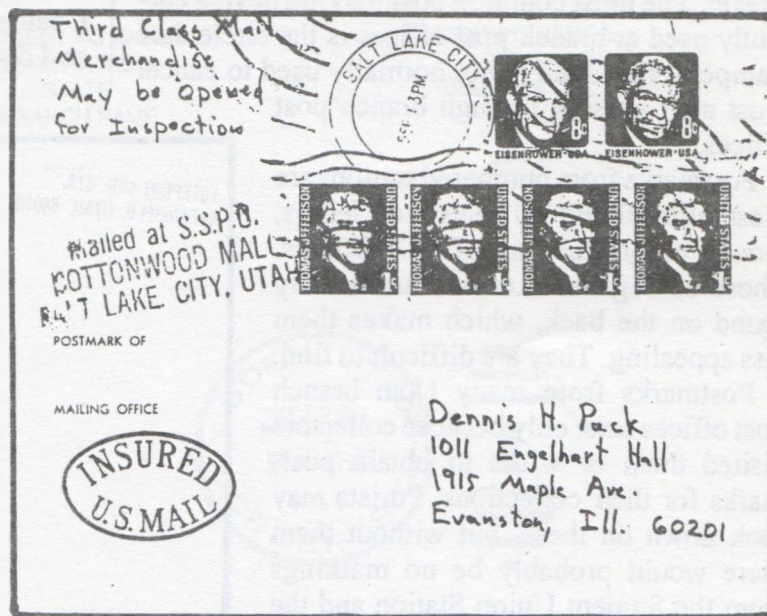


Figure 17. Only insured third or fourth class mail can be identified as having been mailed at the Cottonwood Mall Self Service Post Office. The insurance fee was paid by purchasing a booklet from a vending machine and attaching a sticker to the package.

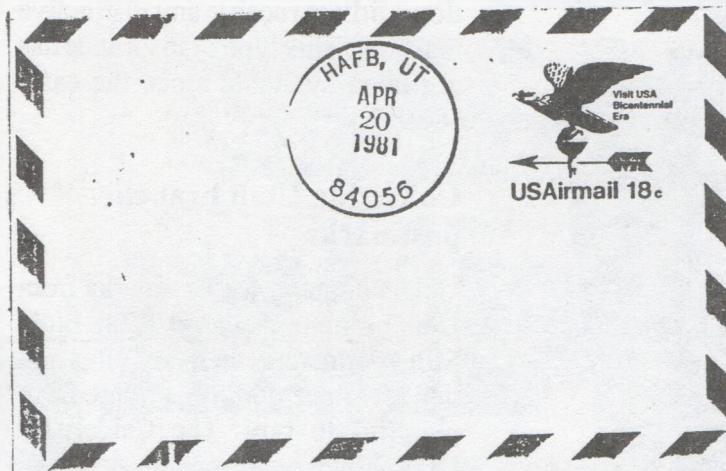


Figure 18. The above cancel is from the Hill Air Force Branch of the Clearfield Post Office. It was a branch of the Ogden Post Office 1949-79.

tions, and NPO 10295 are difficult to find. Harmon's Station and the Layton Hills Station appear to have used postmarks from their parent post offices, which cannot be identified as coming from the stations.

Recent postmarks can be elusive. Even though the number of branch post offices is increasing, it is not easy to find their postmarks on mail. Mail is centrally postmarked and sorted, and branch post office postmarks are not often found in the mail stream. The most common postmarking device currently used at branch post offices is the circle date stamper, one which is not normally used to cancel most mail passing through branch post offices.

Postmarks from numbered stations are most often found on registered letters, money order stubs and COD receipts. Those on registered covers are usually found on the back, which makes them less appealing. They are difficult to find.

Postmarks from many Utah branch post offices exist only because collectors visited them or wrote to obtain postmarks for their collections. Purists may look down on these, but without them there would probably be no markings from the Student Union Station and the Utah Army Depot Station, which lasted short periods of time.

Listings and charts.

Information in the listing of Utah branch post offices is from the *Postal Bulletin*. The *Directory of Post Offices* and *National Zip Code Directory* were used to estimate dates missing from the bulletin. Local USPS sources were consulted when the information was not available from other sources.

The postmark design charts show the different postmark designs used at Utah branch post offices. The author will appreciate receiving photo copies of designs which are not in the charts.

Sources of information.

It is easier to obtain information about the establishment and discontinuation of post offices which existed almost a century ago than it is those which operate today. The *Postal Bulletin* provided important, though incomplete, listings of the dates branch post offices were established, relocated and discontinued. It also printed *Orders from the Postmaster General* which affected all aspects of postal operations, including those relating to branch post offices. Over the last several years, *Postal Bulletin* listings for branch post offices in "Post Office Changes" have been inadequate. Changes to branch post offices, their establishment and discontinuation have not always been reported.

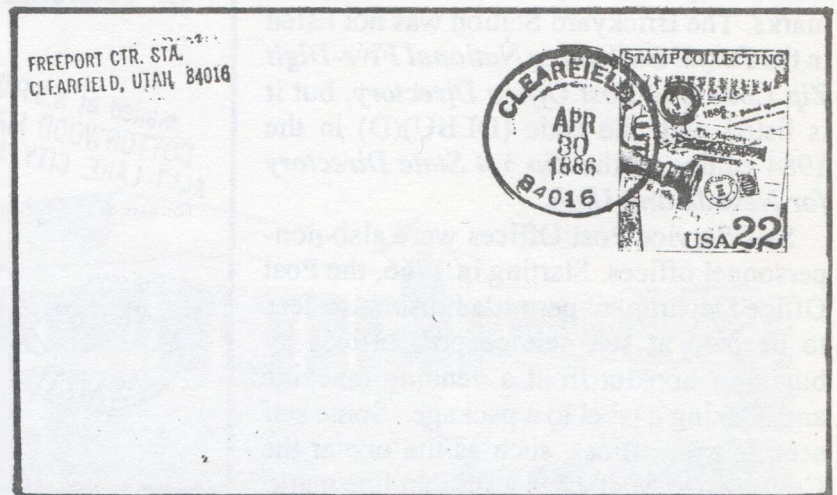


Figure 19. Some branch post office postmarks are only identifiable by their Zip Code or return address. The cover above was mailed from the Freeport Center Station of the Clearfield Post Office. The Zip Code for the station is 84016.

DESIGNS OF UTAH BRANCH POST OFFICE POSTMARKS

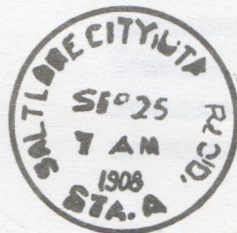
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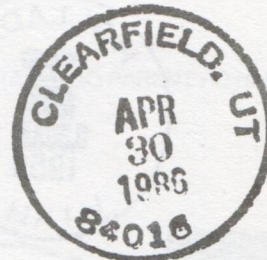
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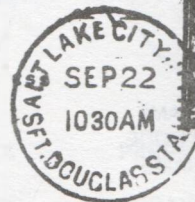
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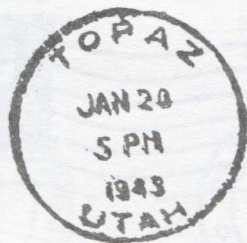
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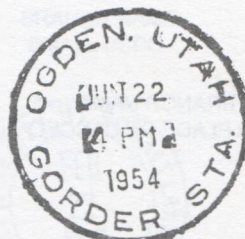
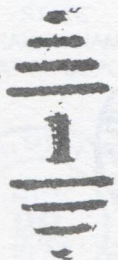
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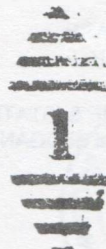
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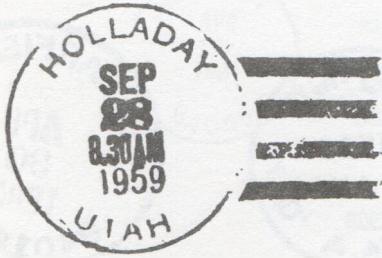


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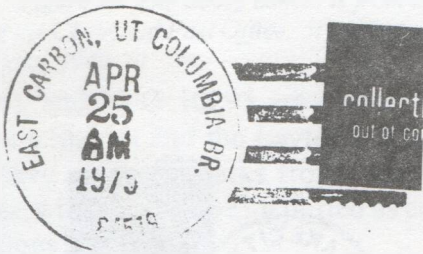
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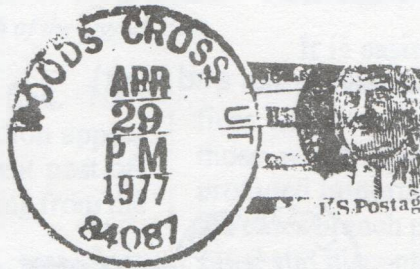
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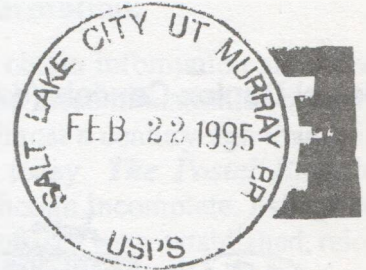
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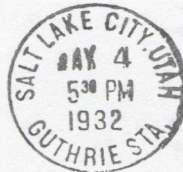
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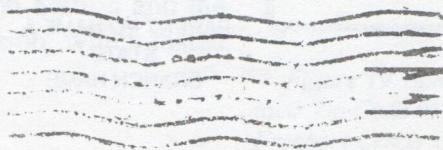


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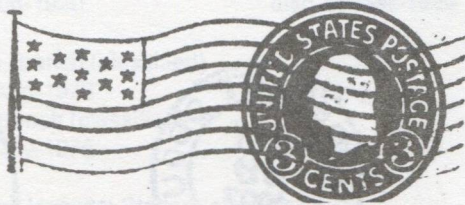


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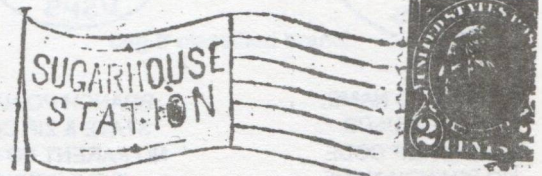
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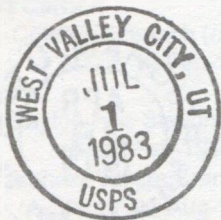


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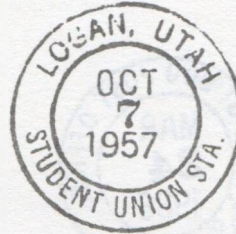
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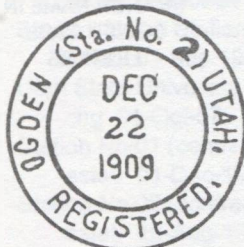
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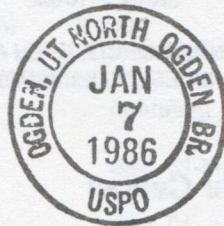
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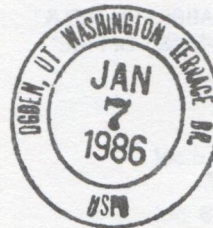
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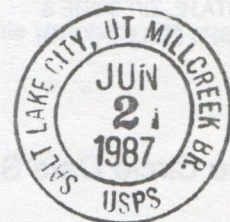
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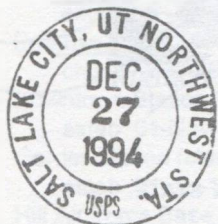
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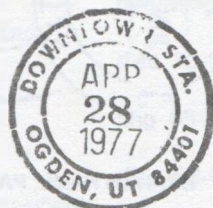
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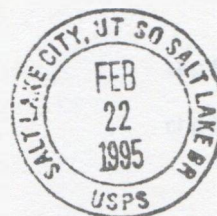
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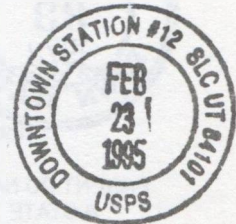
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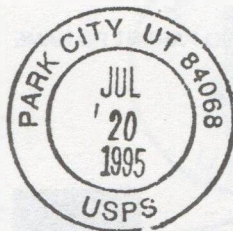
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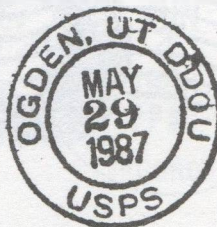
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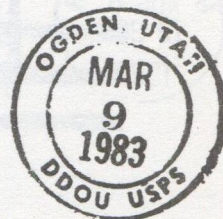
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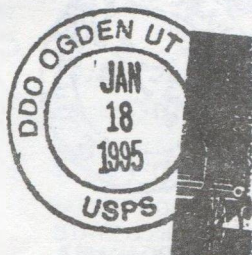
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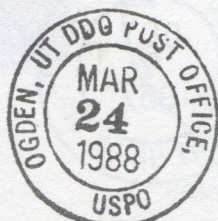
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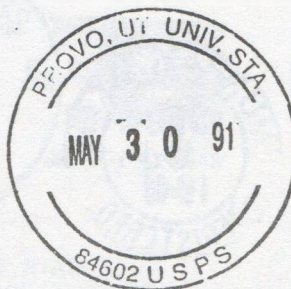
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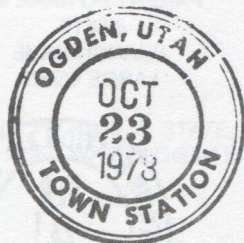


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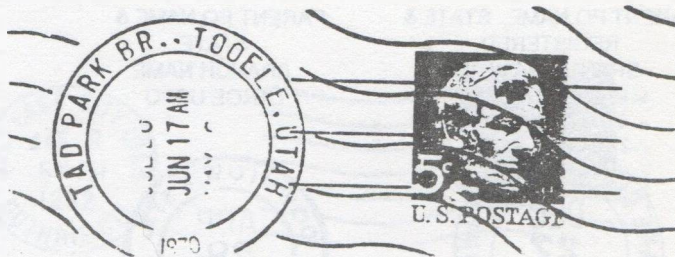
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UTAH BRANCH POST OFFICES

Bingham Canyon

Station No. 01 (contract)
 estab 16-Jun-1920 disc 31-Mar-1929

Bountiful

North Salt Lake Branch (classified)
 estab 17-Aug-1973 operating chg fr North Salt Lake PO

Woods Cross Branch (classified)
 estab 08-Nov-1975 operating chg fr Woods Cross PO

Brigham

Bushnell General Hospital Station (classified)
 estab 21-Sep-1942 chg 16-May-1946 chg to contract branch

Bushnell General Hospital Station (contract)
 chg 16-May-1946 disc 30-Jun-1946 chg fr classified branch

Clearfield

Freeport Center Branch (classified)
 estab 25-May-1963 operating

Hill Air Force Base Branch (classified)
 chg 01-Jan-1979 operating chg fr branch of Ogden PO

Delta

Topaz Branch (classified)
 estab 01-Sep-1942 disc 30-Nov-1945

East Carbon

Columbia Branch (classified)
 estab 19-Feb-1973 disc 25-Apr-1975 see note a

Layton

Layton Hills Station (classified)
 estab Feb-1989 operating

Sahara Village Branch (classified)
 estab 02-Aug-1943 chg 01-Apr-1950 chg to contract branch

Sahara Village Branch (contract)
 chg 01-Apr-1950 disc 31-Dec-1955 chg fr classified branch

Logan

North Logan Station (classified)
 estab 01-Oct-94 scheduled to open Oct-Nov 1995

Student Union Station (contract)
 estab 01 Sep 1957 chg 01-Oct-1957 chg to Utah State University Sta.

Utah State University Station (contract)
 chg 01-Oct-57 operating

Station No 01 (contract)
 estab 01-Dec-1914 disc 31-Mar-1929 loc:b 67 N Main

Station No 02 (contract)
 estab 16-Aug-1916 disc 04-Jul-1917 loc: 67 N Main

estab 01-Oct-1957 operating

Midvale

Harmon's Branch (contract)
 estab 01-Sep-1977 disc 1986

Ogden

Ben Lomond Station (classified)
 estab 16-Jul-1962 operating

Defense Depot Station (classified)
 chg 01-Jan-1964 disc 30-Sep-1969c chg fr Utah Army Depot Station

Downtown Station (classified)
 estab 01-Nov-1974 chg 09-Sep-1977 chg to Town Station

Gorder Station (classified)
 estab 01-Jul-1952 disc 03-Oct-1981

Hill Air Force Base Branch (classified)
 chg 01-Oct-1949 chg fr Hill Field Branch
 chg to branch of Clearfield PO

Hill Field Branch (classified)
 estab 01-Sep-1942 chg 01-Oct-1949 chg to Hill Air Force Base Branch

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Ogden (Cont.)

Main Office Station (classified)		
estab 1987 [1977]d	operating	
Naval Supply Depot Station (classified)		
estab 16-Jul-1945	disc 24-May-1963	replaced NPO 10295
North Ogden Branch (contract)		
estab 01-Nov-1961	disc 23-Sep-1978e	
NPO 10295		
estab 21-Mar-1944	disc 14-Jul-1945	loc: Naval Supply Depot
Quartermaster Depot Station (classified)		
estab 01-Mar-1943		
South Ogden Branch (contract)		
estab 01-Sep-1958	disc 30-Jun-1973	
Town Station (classified)		
chg 09-Sep-1977	operating	chg fr Downtown Station
Utah Army Depot Station (classified)		
chg 25-Sep-1963	chg 01-Jan-1964	chg fr Quartermaster Depot Sta. chg to Defense Depot Station
Washington Terrace Branch (classified)		
estab 01-Feb-1944	chg 01-Jul-1956	chg to contract branch
Washington Terrace Branch (contract)		
chg 01-Jul-1956	disc 23-Sep-1978f	chg fr classified branch
Station A (classified)		
estab 02-Feb-1903	disc 06-Aug-1962	loc: Five Points - Washington Ave & 2nd St
Station No 01 (contract)		
estab	disc 15-Apr-1935	
Station No 02 (contract)		
estab 16-Oct-1907	disc 30-Nov-1936	loc: 2421 Washington Ave.
Station No. 03 (contract)		
estab 01-Nov-1911	disc 30-Jun-1918	loc: 3100 Washington Ave
estab 01-May-1929	disc 31-Dec-1929	loc: 2435 Washington Ave
Station No 04 (contract)		
estab 01-Nov-1911	disc 30-Jun-1918	loc: 1012 22nd St
Station No 05 (contract)		
estab 01-Mar-1915	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 111 25th St

Park City

Emporium Station (classified)		
estab 1994	operating	
Synderville Branch (classified)		
estab 01-Sep-1995		

Provo

East Bay Station (classified)		
estab 01-Jan-1987	operating	
University Station (classified)		
chg 16-Sep-1963	operating	loc: BYU Ernest Wilkinson Center
Station No. 01 (contract)		
estab 01-May-1907	disc 23-Feb-1915	loc: 466 W Center St
estab 16-Feb-1916	disc 30-Jun-1917	loc: 498 N Academy Ave
estab 09-Feb-1947	chg 16-Sep-1963	chg to University Station
Station No 02 (contract)		
estab 16-Jan-1911	disc 30-Jun-1917	loc: Brigham Young University
estab 16-Jun-1921	disc 31-Mar-1929	
Station No 03 (contract)		
estab 01-Jul-1911	disc 19-Apr-1924	loc: 104 W Center St
Station No. 04 (contract)		
estab 01-Oct-1912	disc 30-Jun-1915	loc: 301 S 7th East St

Salt Lake City

Air Base Station (contract)		
chg 16-Sep-1942	disc 31-Jan-1946	chg fr Army Air Base Station

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Salt Lake City (Cont.)

Army Air Base Station (contract) chg 16-Apr-1942	chg 16-Sep-1942	chg fr Army Air Base Branch before being established chg to Air Base Station
Airport Mail Facility (classified)	operating	
Calderpark Branch chg 01-Jul-1908	disc 30-Jun-1914	chg fr Calderpark Station
Calderpark Station estab 01-Nov-1899	chg 01-Jul-1908	chg fr Calderpark PO chg to Calderpark Branch
Cottonwood Branch (classified) estab 28-Nov-1966	operating	
Custer Annex Station open [Sep-1991]g	operating	
Downtown Station (classified) estab 01-Sep-1977	operating	
Fairgrounds Station (classified) estab 01-Jun-1957	chg 21-Jun-1986	chg to Northwest Station
Foothill Station (classified) estab 01-Apr-1957	operating	
Fort Douglas Station (classified) estab 03-Jul-1900 estab 01-Aug-1917 estab 16-Aug-1942	disc 31-Jul-1916 disc 30-Nov-1921 disc 01-Mar-1967	chg fr/to Fort Douglas PO chg fr/to Fort Douglas PO chg fr Fort Douglas PO
Granger-Hunter Branch (classified) estab 15-Feb-1963	chg 13-Jan-1977	chg to Hunter Branch
Guthrie Station (classified) estab 27-Nov-1923	disc 15-Jan-1933	
Holladay Branch (classified) estab 29-Sep-1959	operating	
Hunter Branch (classified) chg 13-Jan-1977	chg 28-Aug-1982	chg fr Granger-Hunter Branch chg to West Valley City Branch
Kearns Branch (classified) estab 01-Aug-1942 estab 08-Dec-1954	disc 31-Aug-1950 operating	chg to Kearns PO chg fr Kearns PO
Millcreek Branch (classified) estab 01-Sep-1970	operating	
Murray Branch (classified) chg 01-Jul-1908	operating	chg fr Murray Br
Murray Station estab 01-Aug-1901	chg 01-Jul-1908	chg fr Murray PO chg to Murray Branch
Northwest Station (classified) chg 21-Jun-1986	operating	
Pioneer Postal Store (classified) opened 31-May-1994	operating	chg fr Pioneer Station
Pioneer Station (classified) estab 20-Apr-1920	chg 27-May-1994	chg to Pioneer Postal Store
South Salt Lake Branch (classified) estab 01-Nov-1949	operating	
Sugar House Station (classified) chg 02-May-1949	1987h	
Sugarhouse Branch (classified) chg 01-Jul-1908	chg 15-Sep-1910	chg fr/to Sugarhouse Station
Sugarhouse Station (classified) estab 01-Sep-1899	chg 01-Jul-1908	chg fr Sugar PO chg to Sugarhouse Branch

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Salt Lake City (Cont.)

Sugarhouse Station (Classified) (Cont.)

chg 15-Sep-1910	chg 02-May-1949	chg fr Sugarhouse Branch chg to Sugar House Station chg fr Sugar House Station
chg 1987h	operating	
Wendover Field Branch (classified) estab 01-Dec-1942	disc 31-Oct-1947	chg fr/to Wendover PO
West Valley City Branch (classified) chg 28-Aug-1982	operating	chg fr Hunter Branch
Station A (classified) estab 15-Jul-1904	disc 31-Mar-1913	loc: 2nd South and 8th East Sts
Branch No. 02 (contract) chg 31-Aug-1962	disc 01-May-1963	chg from Station No. 02
Branch No. 03 (contract) chg 31-Aug-1962	disc 1964	chg fr Station No. 03
Branch No. 05 (contract) chg 31-Aug-1962	disc 31-Jul-1964	chg fr Station No. 05
Station No. 01 (contract) estab 03-Jul-1900 other loc: 6 Main St (01-Nov-1905)	disc 30-Sep-1959	loc: 11-15 Main St
Station No. 02 (contract) estab 03-Jul-1900 estab 16-Nov-1964	chg 31-Aug-1962 disc	loc: First and N Sts estab in lieu of Glendale Station
Station No. 03 (contract) estab 03-Jul-1900	chg 31-Aug-1962	loc: 7th South and 7th East Sts chg to Branch No. 03
Station No. 04 (contract) estab 03-Jul-1900 other loc: 1st South & 4th West Sts (26-Jul-1904)	disc 26-Feb-1935	loc: 111 S 5th West St
Station No. 05 (contract) estab 01-Aug-1901 estab 01-Sep-1961	disc 30-Sep-1959 chg 31-Aug-1962	loc: 242 W South Temple St chg to Branch No. 05
Station No. 06 (contract) estab 01-Aug-1901 estab 01-Feb-1906 other loc: 4th South & State Sts (15-Aug-1906)	disc 31-Jul-1903 disc 31-Jul-1943	loc: 8th South and 8th West Sts loc: 630 S 1st West St
Station No. 07 (contract) estab 01-Aug-1901 other loc: 324 S Main St (27-Jul-1904)	disc 26-Feb-1935	loc: 537 N 1st West St
Station No. 08 (contract) estab 01-Aug-1901 other loc: 9th East & 10th South Sts (19-Oct-1903)	operating	loc: 252 S 9th East St currently located in Utah State Capitol Building
Station No. 09 (contract) estab 01-Aug-1901	disc 30-Jun-1959	loc: 740 E 4th South St
Station No. 10 (contract) estab 01-Oct-1901	disc 31-Dec-1942	loc: 380 W 3rd North St
Station No. 11 (contract) estab 01-Jul-1902	disc 30-Sep-1959	loc: 669 W South Temple St
Station No. 12 (contract) estab 01-Sep-1902 other loc: 7th South & 3rd West Sts (02-Jun-1904) other loc: 679 S 3rd West St (Nov-1905) other loc: 49 W 2nd South St (26-Feb-1906)	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 176 Meade St
Station No. 13 (contract) estab 01-Sep-1902	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 1401 Indiana Ave
Station No. 14 (contact) estab 01-Jul-1903 other loc: 842 W 3rd South St (19-Aug-1904) other loc: 854 W 3rd South St (28-Mar-1905)	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 535 Post St

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Salt Lake City (con't.)

Station No. 15 (contract)		
estab 01-Jul-1903	disc 31-May-1954	loc: 370 W 7th South St
other loc: 876 W 8th South St (20-Apr-1904)		
other loc: 8th South & 8th Wests Sts (19-Aug-1904)		
other loc: 876 W 8th South St (01-Nov-1905)		
Station No. 16 (contract)		
estab 01-Jul-1903	disc 31-Dec-1929	loc: 3rd East and 6th South Sts
other loc: State & 11th South Sts (19-Oct-1903)		
Station No. 17 (contract)		
estab 01-Jul-1907	disc 31-Jul-1943	loc: E and South Temple Sts
Station No. 18 (contract)		
estab 01-Oct-1907	operating	loc: University of Utah currently located in University of Utah Bookstore
Station No. 19 (contract)		
estab 01-Jul-1909	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 679 S State St
Station No. 20 (contract)		
estab 16-Jul-1909	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 101 S Main St
Station No. 21 (contract)		
estab 01-Oct-1909	disc 31-Dec-1929	loc: 1045 S 7th East St
Station No. 22 (contract)		
estab 16 May 1910	disc 31-Dec-1916	loc: SW corner of 7th North and 2nd West Sts
estab 01-Oct-1917	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 602 W North Temple St
Station No. 23 (contract)		
estab 01-Mar-1911	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 215 S Main St
Station No. 24 (contract)		
estab 01-May-1911	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 9th East and 10th South Sts
Station No. 25 (contract)		
estab 16-Dec-1911	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 11th East and 11th South Sts
Station No. 26 (contract)		
estab 01-Feb-1912	disc 31-Dec-1940	loc: 14th South and State Sts
Station No. 27 (contract)		
estab 16-Dec-1912	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 435 W 2nd South St
Station No. 28 (contract)		
estab 16-Dec-1912	disc 30-Apr-1915	loc: 301 S State St
estab 16-Mar-1916	disc 31-Jan-1917	loc: 2046 S 5th East St
Station No. 29 (contract)		
estab 16-Feb-1913	disc 31-Mar-1929	loc: 275 S State St
Station No. 30 (contract)		
estab 01-Apr-1913	disc 31-Mar-1917	loc: 775 E 2nd South St
Station No. 31 (contract)		
estab 16-Mar-1913	disc 15-Mar-1917	loc: 600 N West Temple St [?]
Station No. 32 (contract)		
estab 01-Aug-1914	disc 31-Mar-1916	loc: 3509 S 7th East St

Tooele

Deseret Depot Branch (contract)		
estab 01-Oct-1955	disc 30-Sep-1959	
TAD Park Branch (classified)		
chg 01-Aug-1964	disc 30-Jun-1972	chg fr TOD Park Branch
TOD Park Branch (classified)		
estab 15-Sep-1943	disc 01-Aug-1964	

NOTES

a The Columbia Branch was not listed in the Postal Bulletin or Directory of Post Offices. For more information, see Dennis H. Pack, "The Columbia, Utah, Branch Post Office: Branch that Never Was," *La Posta*, Vol. XIV, No. 1 (Feb. 1983), pp. 11-13.

b Locations are from the initial listing in the *Postal Bulletin*. Contract stations moved frequently since in the period 1911-16 contracts were only good for one year, and 1916-58 for two years. Locations in parentheses are from the Record or Register of Stations, in the National Archives.

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c *Postal Bulletin 20719*, p. 6, informs that the Defense Depot (classified) Station should be deleted because it has been discontinued as a classified station. It has continued as a contract station not listed in the National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory.

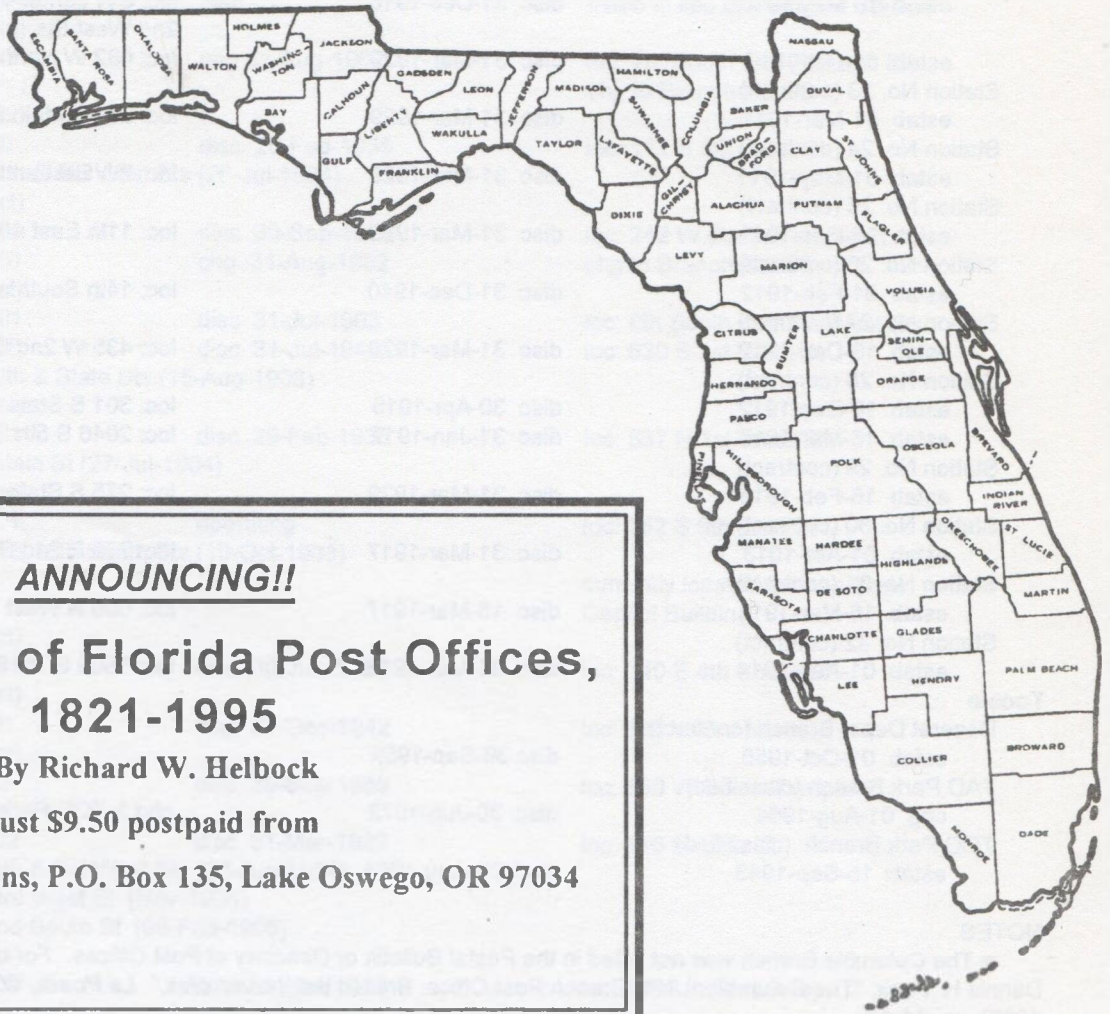
d An inquiry to Ogden's Main Post Office Station brought the reply that the station was established in 1977. It first appeared in the National Zip Code Directory in 1987.

e The North Ogden Branch was listed as "deleted" in *Postal Bulletin 21153*, dated Aug. 24, 1978. It continued to operate as a contract station at 2599 N 400 East Street in Ogden.

f The Washington Terrace Branch was listed as "deleted" in *Postal Bulletin 21153*, dated Aug. 24, 1978. It continues to operate as a contract station at 156 E 4600 South Street in Ogden.

g An inquiry to the Custer Annex Station brought the reply that it was established in September, 1991.

h The Customer Relations Coordinator of the Sugarhouse Station reports the records do not indicate exactly when Sugar House changed to Sugarhouse. Sugarhouse first replaced Sugar House in the *1987 National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory*.



ANNOUNCING!!

A Checklist of Florida Post Offices, 1821-1995

By Richard W. Helbock

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The establishment of several current Utah branch post offices and changes to others since 1986 have not been reported. When changes are listed, the date of establishment given is sometimes months before the office actually opens. This may be necessary for administrative purposes, but it makes it difficult to know the exact dates of operation.

The National Five-Digit Zip Code and Post Office Directory is not often helpful. From 1991-94 no stations were listed for the Ogden or Salt Lake City post offices. Branches were also not listed for 1993-94. In 1995, branches and stations are both listed.

Inquiries to branch post offices and their parent offices bring incomplete or even inaccurate information. Most USPS personnel make an honest effort to answer questions about the current status of their units or when they were established or discontinued, but the information they provide is often incomplete or vague. The author believes that the dates are probably not readily available to them. Other inquiries are simply ignored, especially when they relate to a change which occurred in the past. The USPS as a whole seems to pay less attention to disseminating this type of information than did the Post Office Department of a century ago. The quantity of mail and the number of branch post offices have grown astronomically over the last hundred years, and this alone probably makes it impossible for one office to keep track of all the changes. In any event, the result is that it is currently impossible, or at best very difficult, to gather accurate information about new branch post offices and changes to old ones.

Surprisingly, the author has learned of the existence of several new branch post offices from the government listings in telephone books. Telephone books usually provide street addresses for branch post offices, which are useful in finding the offices, and for writing for postmarks.

Conclusion.

There have been more than 110 branch post offices in Utah, according to the listing in this article. Sixty-five of them have been named and 47 designated by numbers. Fifteen have been located at military installations. Salt Lake City has had the greatest number with 29 named branch post offices and 32 numbered. Ogden is second with 16 named and five numbered.

Studying Utah branch post offices shows that the demand for postal services changes as communities grow and shrink, and that communities have grown together to form urban areas. At a time when the USPS does not often create new post offices, some communities have maintained their identity through branch post offices. Study also shows that military installations and support facilities in Utah have changed over the years. If the current rate of population growth in Utah continues, it is likely that additional branch post offices will be needed to serve growing urban areas, including some which do not currently have branch post offices.

Research by its nature is always incomplete. The information in this article is the best the author has available. Fortunately, new sources of information are found and holes in the record are filled. This article is more complete than it would have been a year ago, but certainly less complete than it might be in the future. Hopefully, sharing the results of this research adds to what has been learned and provides a base to which others can add their own research. The author invites comments, additional information and photo copies of new postmark designs used by Utah branch post offices.

END NOTES

¹ PMG Order 1890, in *Postal Bulletin 8907*, May 21, 1908.

² *PMG Report*, 1908, p. 23.

³ PMG Order 595, in *Postal Bulletin 5401*, November 15, 1897.

⁴ PMG Order 349, in *Postal Bulletin 6731*, April 2, 1902.

⁵ See Pack, "The Development of Branch Post Offices," *La Posta*, Vol. 23, No. 5, pp. 7-15.

⁶ Greer, et.al., *Atlas of Utah*, p. 110.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 108.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 110.

⁹ 1970 and 1980 figures from *Atlas of Utah* p. 110; 1992 figures from U.S., Department of Commerce, *County and City Data Book*, 1994, p. 564.

¹⁰ See Pack, "The Columbia, Utah, Branch Post Office: A Branch That Never Was," *La Posta*, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 11-13.

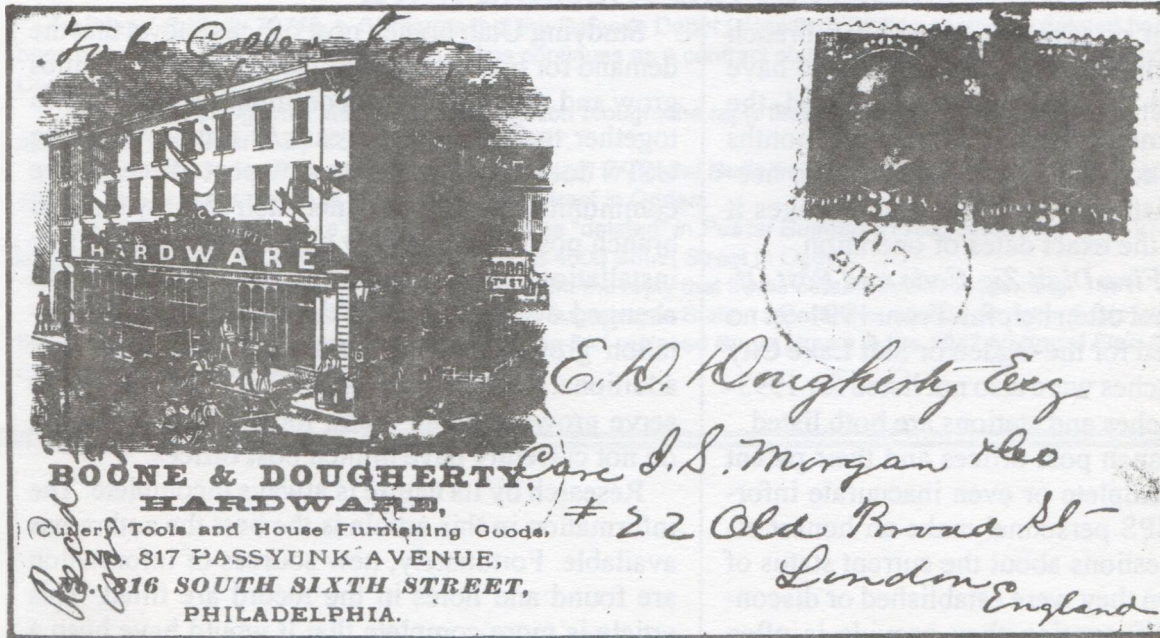


Figure 1 (above) and 2 (below) illustrate Philadelphia advertising covers with an interesting similarity.

THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT

... a bit of Americana chicanery in the advertising cover industry.

by Gus Spector

Before penning this article I felt that I possessed an incredibly detailed collection of advertising covers, precisely depicting the life and times of various pre-1900 Philadelphia buildings. Then I began to notice obvious flaws in the cover designs.

While researching an article dealing with a particular geographic area in Philadelphia, I realized that several of my covers bore different addresses and letterheads, but sported the same engraving (Fig. 1 and 2).

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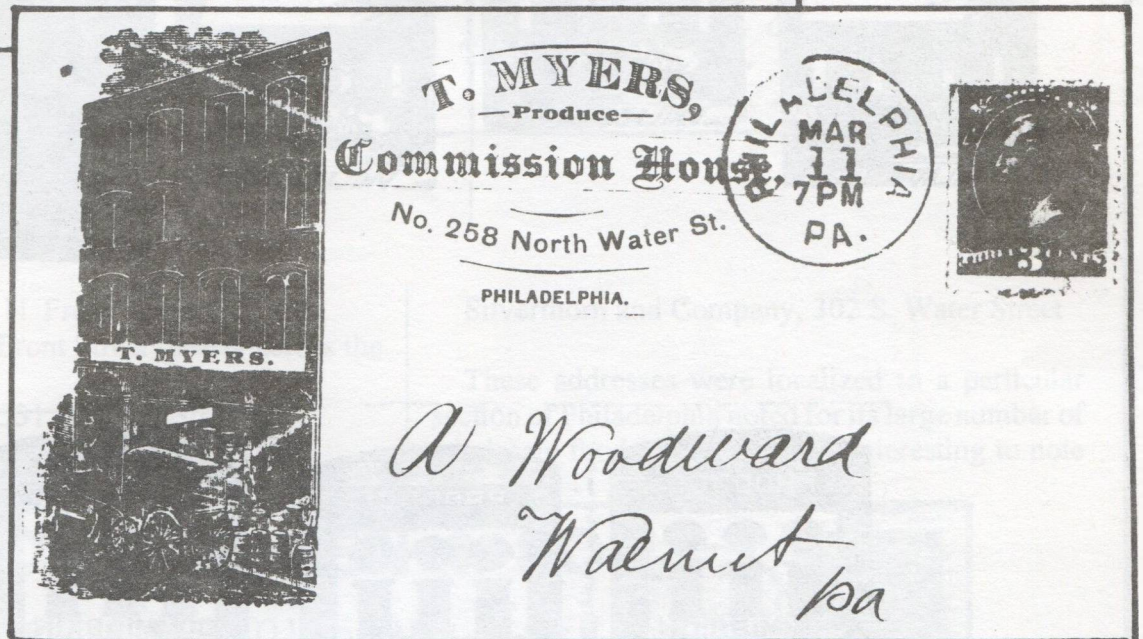
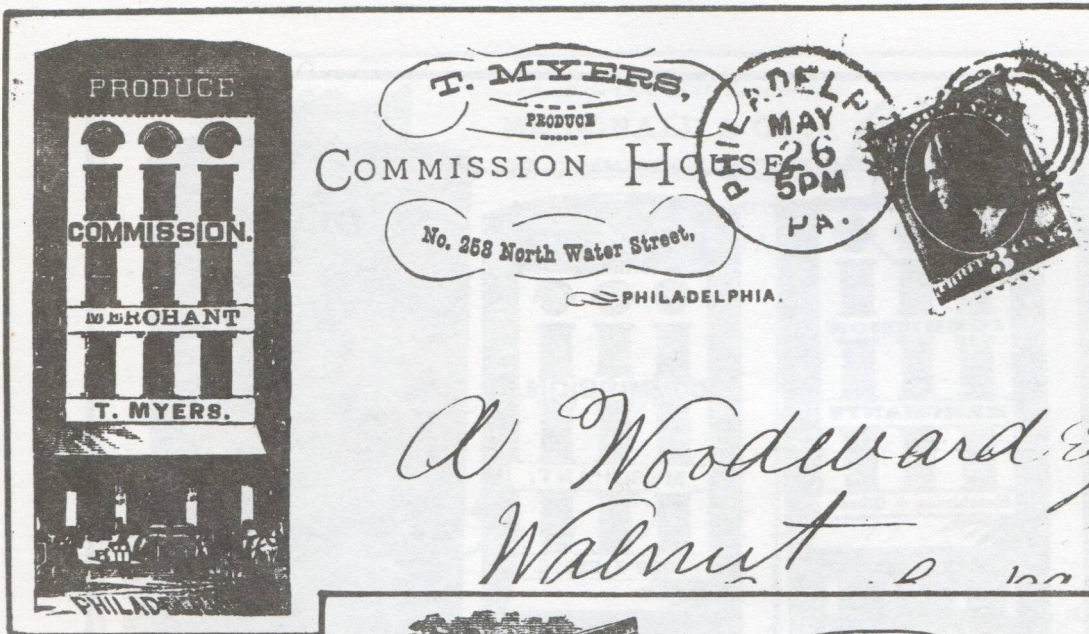


Figure 3 (above) and 4 (below) illustrate advertising covers of T. Myers Produce Commission House at No. 258 North Water Street

I recently purchased two advertising covers, both bearing the logo of the same Philadelphia merchant, T. Myers. Although the originating address was 258 N. Water Street on both covers, the architectural designs were radically dissimilar (Fig. 3 and 4). Scanning my collection, and to my surprise, I was quickly able to set aside small piles of covers with different addresses but with the same printers designs.

The cover depicting MacDonald and Company, located only three of four blocks from T. Myers, bore an identical imprint to figure 4, but the Mac-

Donald company's name was neatly blocked into the illustration (Fig. 5).

The most common store facade found was that similar to figure 3. The work cannot be attributed to any printer in particular, since no markings are apparent. For the sake of brevity, I have included only the advertising vignettes (Fig. 6) referable to the following list of Philadelphia merchants:

- R.P. Stewart and Company, 300-302 N. Delaware Avenue
- Hutchinson and Gibson, 108 Spruce Street

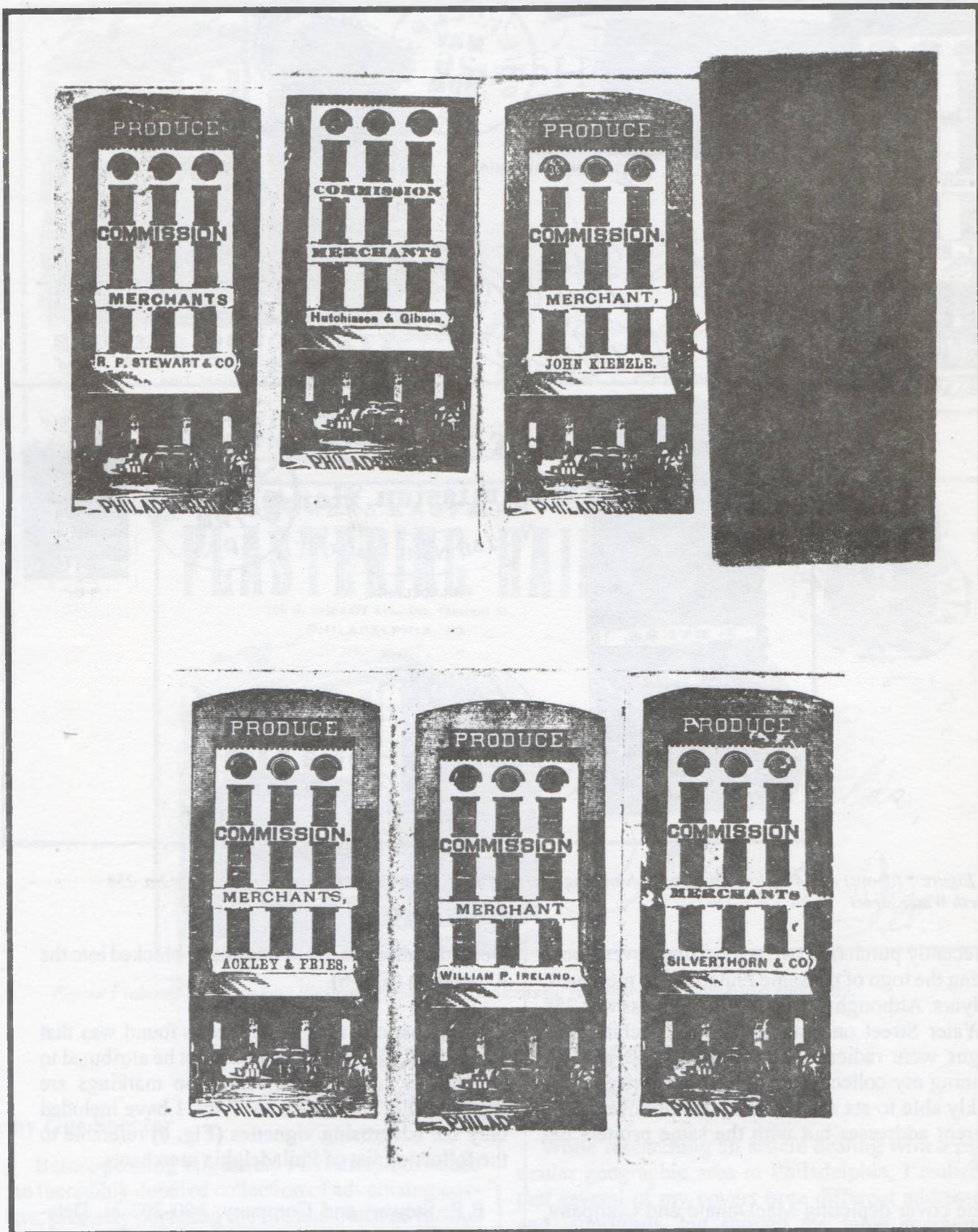


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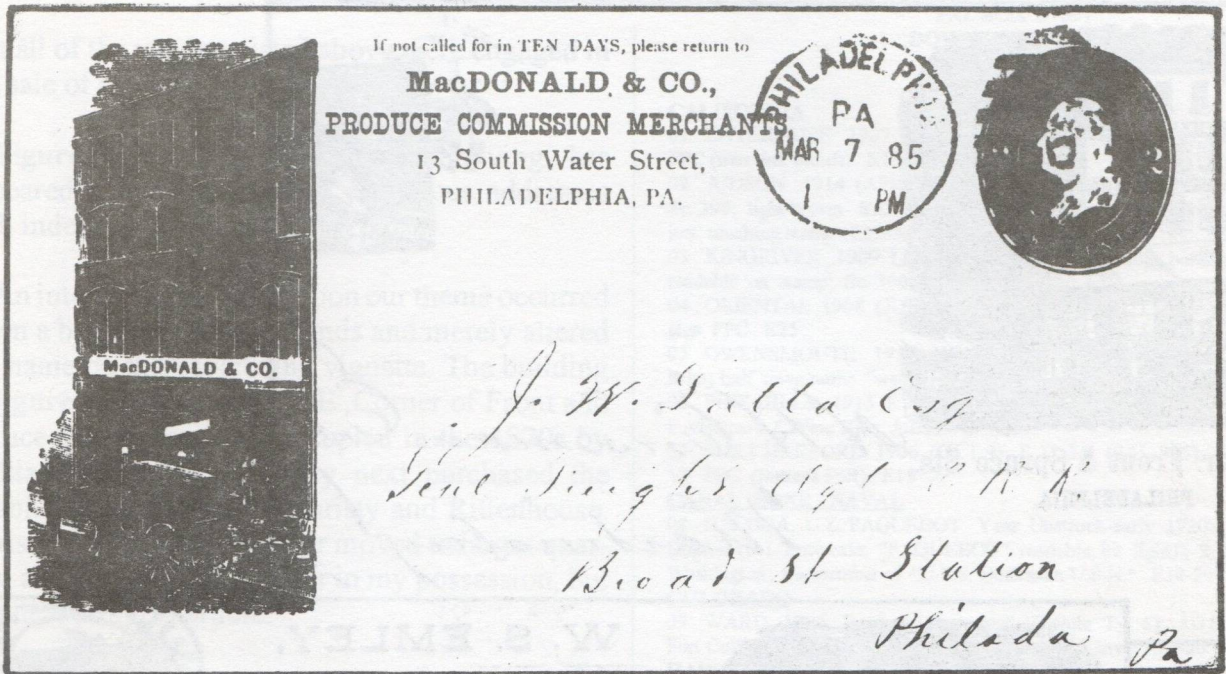


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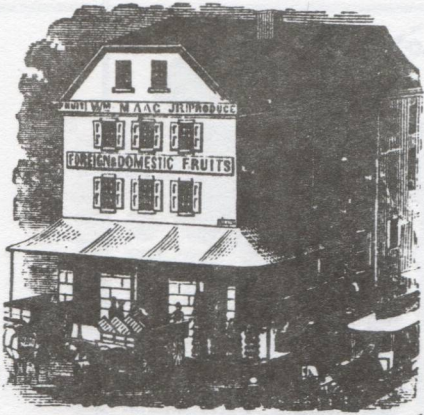

John Kienzle, 315 N. Front Street
 P.S. Scott, 323 S. Front Street (nearly across the street from Kienzle!)
 Ackley and Fries, 331 N. Front Street
 William P. Ireland, 121 Callowhill Street

Silverthorn and Company, 302 S. Water Street

These addresses were localized to a particular section of Philadelphia noted for its large number of wholesale food merchants. It is interesting to note

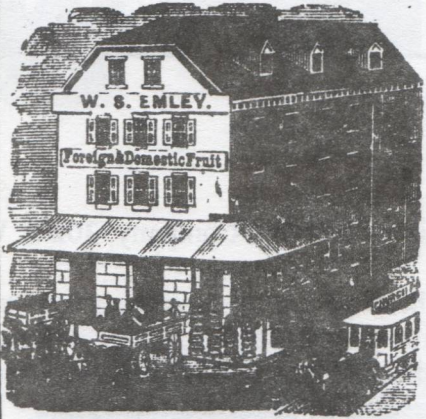


Figure 7.





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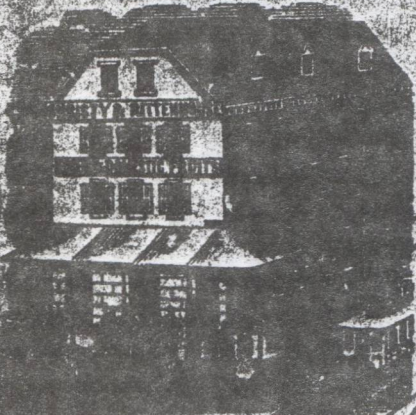


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A. T. Silsbee

CHRISTY & RITTENHOUSE,




Cor. Front & Spruce Sts.
PHILADELPHIA.

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Figure 8

that all of the vendors listed above were engaged in the sale of produce.

Figure 7, a rather pretty little engraving, has appeared under many guises at various addresses and, indeed different cities.

An interesting variation upon our theme occurred when a business changed hands and merely altered the name on the advertising vignette. The building in figure 8, located at the S.E. Corner of Front and Spruce Streets was first occupied in the 1870s by William Maag. W.S. Emley next purchased the establishment, and lastly Christy and Rittenhouse. Christy and Rittenhouse later moved to larger quarters, as seen on another cover in my possession, but not shown in this article.

While many covers accurately and decoratively depicted actual existing structures, the more economically conscious consumer was able to utilize the printers art and airbrush, choosing from a number of possible pre-existing designs. Although not acknowledged as such at the time, this was flagrant visual misrepresentation! I am sure that the printer never dreamed that he would be "caught" more than one hundred years later by a collector assembling an entire run of his advertising material.

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02 JUDSON 1914 (APR 9) VG-F 4-B (SBE-1595); Sc. 398; light brown SANTA FE (RR) logo cc opened rough @ R just touching stamp E20-25
03 KINGRIVER 1909 Light D. 3/2 (FRE-1725)-killer portion unreadable on stamp; Sc. 300; VG PPC (crease) E12
04 ORIENTAL 1908 (JUL 27) F D. 3/1 (GLE-335); Sc. 300; F ggs PPC E25
05 OWENSMOUTH 1919 VG 4-B (LOS-5255; killer bars off @ R/last half town-name "weak" on stamp; F viewcard E20
06 PINE HILLS 1915 F 4-B (SAN-2860); 1 ct. green Washington; F viewcard (...Pine Hills, Julian...) E15
07 PORT HARBOR 1906 (OCT 9) F D. 3/3 (SAL-856); Sc. 300; VF PPC (Sutter's Fort) E15

CANAL ZONE - NAVAL

- 08 BALBOA, C.Z./PAQUEBOT Year Unstruck-early 1920's VG Duplex (P-1 Entwistle; "PAQUEBOT" readable, bit light); 2 ct. red Washington; r/a-member of "U.S.S. Buchanan/U.S.N." E18-20

COLORADO

- 09 WARD 1895 F cds w/ "smudge" (Frajola Ty. 6); U311; ptl Fort Collins b/s; pre-RR use on clean/unreduced env. E20-25

HAWAII (terr.)

- 10 MAKAWELI 1911 VG Duplex (runoff @ R); 2 ct. red Washington; Honolulu f.c. trans. mk.; ave. opening tears E25-35
11 PUUNENE 1920 VG-F Duplex; 2 ct. red Washington; printed r/a w/ "HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL & SUGAR COMPANY" corner on min. weathered env. E40

INDIANA

- 12 INDIANAPOLIS 1877 VF purple cds w/ fancy cut cork; U163 w/ printed r/a E10-12

IDAHO

- 13 CHESLEY 1909 F cds on F unfranked viewcard ("The Loop, Culesac to Grangeville")-mess. "climbing mountain near C..." E15

MONTANA

- 14 UNDERDAHL 1922 (FEB 6) Neat 2-line black provisional pen ms. pmk w/ ptl. target; 1 ct Washington; VF ggs PPC E40-50

NEW MEXICO

- 15 LOS VIGILES 1919 VG ("N. MEX." unstruck) 4-B (Ty. B); UX27 w/ 1 ct. a/a war tax, mess. in Spanish w/ state abbrev. in dateline; Scarce E25-30

OREGON

- 16 AURORA MILLS 1892 VF cds (in the clear) w/ bit smudged target; U311; purple (vertical) comm. h/s r/a E20-30

PENNSYLVANIA

- 17 NED 1904 VF cds (ink oxidized) w/ target; Sc. 319; Env. slit weathered/trim slit @ L; two b/s incl. Littleton, W. Va. E15

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 18 EVARTS 1906 U395 Duplex w/ just discernible town-name; pse has ptl town r/a & Sc. 319 for dble-rated use; Ephrata, Pa b/s E30

WYOMING

- 19 HAT CREEK 1905 F cds w/ target; PPC; Sc. 300 E8
20 RED CANON 1894 VG cds w/ target; U311; Readdr. & fwd fm S. Roylton, Vt. to Volo, Ill.-various b/s; Scarce E80-100

MACHINE CANCELS

- 21 HAMPDEN Ty. B-8 WOONSOCKET, RI 1900 (May 25); 2 ct. red Washington; slit reduced env. w/ just clipped UL corner E25

RPO/RR

- 22 ASHFORK & LOS ANG. R.P.O. W.D./TR.7/JAN.1/1929 VG 964-P-1; 2 ct Washington; F blue RR cc "Los Angeles Limited/ CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN RY./ UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM" E20

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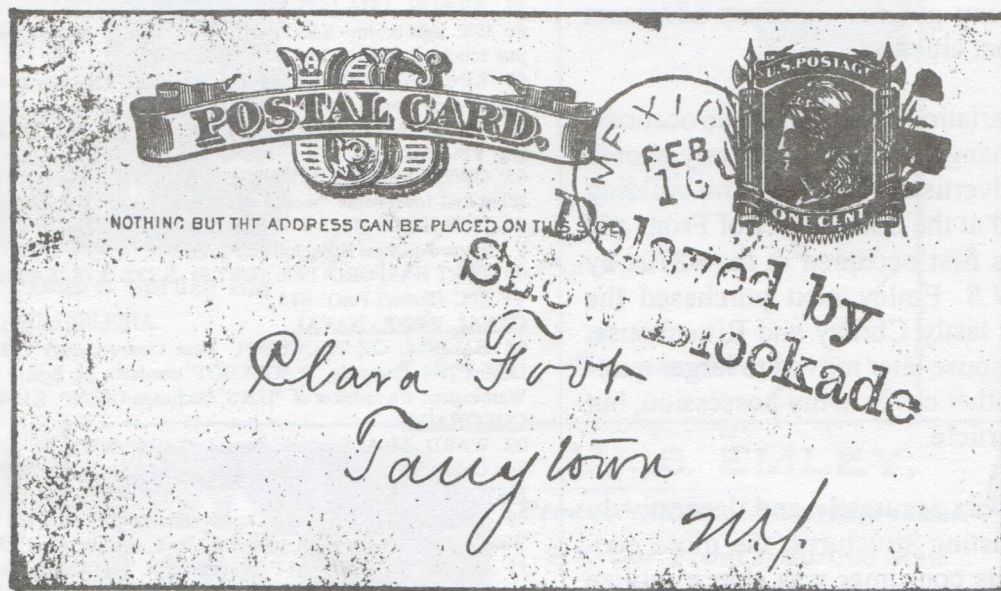


Figure 1. Postmarked MEXICO, NY in February 1885, this postal card displays the marking "Delayed by/ Snow Blockade" and therein lies a story.

AUXILIARY MARKINGS - SNOW DELAYS

By Randy Stehle

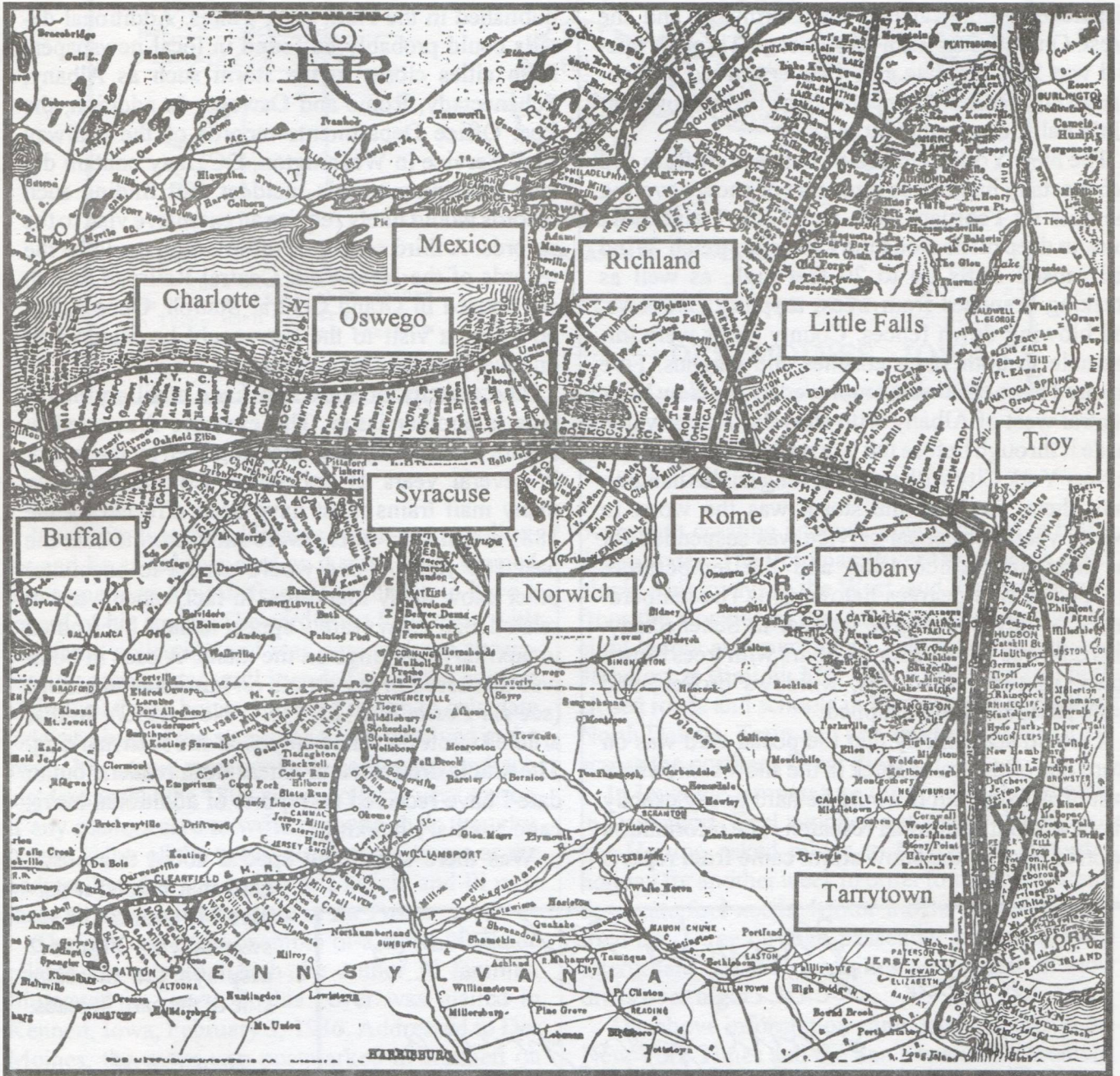
This article will deal with auxiliary markings that were used to explain one type of delay in the delivery of the mails. Whereas damaged mail (overviewed in the September 1995 issue of *La Posta*) most likely was delayed to some extent, the markings examined here specifically refer to some sort of delay. There is obviously some overlap in all this, but the intent here is to categorize the markings by what they say. The two pieces of mail examined here show no evidence of damage.

The first marking to be discussed is illustrated in Figure 1. The postal card was postmarked at Mexico, NY, at the eastern end of Lake Ontario, on Feb. 16, 1885. Addressed to Tarrytown, NY, it received the auxiliary marking "Delayed by/Snow Blockade". The story behind the use of this marking bears telling.

The snow storm started on the day the postal card was canceled. It turned out to be one of the worst storms in over fifty years, affecting the nation from Denver to New England. Temperatures dropped to four degrees at Chicago, ten degrees at Omaha, five degrees at Des Moines, and minus twenty degrees in the Dakotas.

The card could have been transported to its destination on either the New York Central Railroad (Map 1) or the Delaware, Lackawana & Western Railroad. The latter railroad did not experience anything greater than a four hour delay, while the New York Central had major problems. Therefore, it is safe to say that the snow blockade marking indicates that the card was carried on the New York Central.

We can assume that after leaving Mexico, NY, the mail train would have gone east to Richland and then southeast to Rome on the main trunk line. It is possible that the train could have gone due south to Syracuse, or even to Oswego and then on to Syracuse, but in any case it would have ended up on the main line heading toward Albany. The real



Map 1. From "The Official Guide of the Railways of the United States" 1902.

question is, where did the train carrying the card become blockaded? By February 17, the day after the card departed Mexico, the line between Oswego and Richland was closed. To the west of Oswego conditions were even worse -- all of the trains from Oswego to Charlotte had been abandoned. The track was also blockaded between Oswego and Norwich. We could expect that by February 17th, the card should have been carried well beyond these trouble areas.

The main line west of Albany was shut down on Tuesday, February 17th. One of the largest and most important mail trains into New York City was the Chicago Through Special on the New York Central road. It normally arrived at New York's Grand Central Station at 5:45 A.M. The train carried late

dispatches from Canada, the Northwest and the West. On February 17th the Chicago Through Special was 21 hours late and it never arrived on February 18th. On that date it was stuck in the snow near Little Falls, due east of Rome.

The New York Central line between Buffalo and Schenectady had two to three feet of snow covering the rails on February 16th and 17th. Trains were stuck in deep drifts along the 270-mile stretch. Wind had caused drifts up to 20 feet high, as well as breaking branches from trees, toppling chimneys, and blowing down fences. County roads were impassable to both stage coaches and wagons. Five hundred extra men were employed by the New York Central west of Albany with shovels. Trains which made it through before the worst weather hit arrived in New York City with two foot long icicles hanging from them. In Troy the storm was the worst in twenty years. Street car service was suspended for the first time since 1866 and the temperature dropped to five degrees below zero. The temperature was only one degree warmer in Schenectady. This city was isolated for 24 hours with trees blown down, shutters blown off, windows broken, and many telegraph lines snapped.

It would seem likely that the postal card was on board one of the trains stuck in the snow somewhere west of Albany, but it would be hard to say exactly where without additional research. The information reported here on the snow storm came from reports

published in the New York Times. Additional details could probably be found in local newspapers from cities closer to the storm such as Albany, Schenectady, Rome and Oswego. In addition, the Post Office Departments records of the Railway Mail Service in Washington, DC, may contain details pertaining to this incident, but finding such records would likely require an extensive visit to the records. A third source of information could be the records of the New York Central Railroad, which are housed in Grand Central Station. Once again, however, a visit to the site would be required to uncover pertinent information.

The scarcity of snow blockade auxiliary markings is another issue. The example illustrated in Figure 1 is the only such marking seen by the author in several years of collecting. Considering how many mail trains must have been affected by the 1885 storm -- or other severe snow storms over the past 160 years -- one would expect to encounter other snow delay markings. In fact, other weather related mail delays rarely appear to have been noted in auxiliary markings on the mails. A case in point was discussed in my article on hurricane markings (see *La Posta*, Vol. 23, No. 5 Nov. 1992). In that article I wrote that I had only seen one such marking. The article drew several letters from readers, but to date I have received no reports of additional hurricane auxiliary markings.

Was there something special about this postal card that helped it survive 110 years? The answer is yes! Figure 2 displays the message side of the card. It reads,

Mexico M.F. 2/16/85
 Dear Friend
 I will give you a
 stamp from Cape of Good Hope
 Triangular, a Newfoundland 2
 + 3 c. also a Treasury 3 c for
 your coin of 1803. My stamps
 are in good condition please
 let me hear from you soon
 P.L. Wing

Dear Friend
 I will give you a
 stamp from Cape of
 Good Hope Triangu-
 lars, a Newfoundland
 2 and 3 c, also a Treas-
 ury 3c for your coin of
 1803. My stamps are
 in good condition.
 Please let me hear
 from you soon.
 P.L. Wing

Figure 2

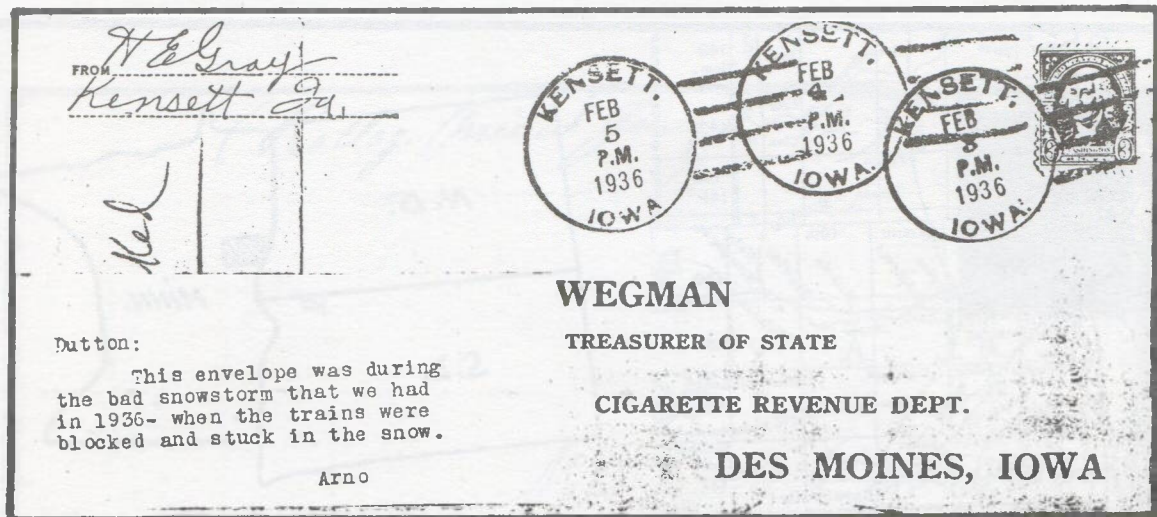


Figure 3

It appears that the addressee was a stamp collector and he saved this card as it must have seemed like something a bit different (or maybe to have a record of his trade). The card must have been with his stamp collection and was passed down to successive generations until it ended up in the auction of an East Coast house. It would be fun to calculate today's values of the stamps and coin involved in the swap. My vague memory from earlier coin collecting days is that the 1803 silver dollar is very scarce. If any readers care to write me with their thoughts on the value of the trade, direct them to me at the address listed at the end of this article and I'll pass them along in a future issue of *La Posta*.

There is one other example of a snow blockade related cover with which the author is familiar. Illustrated in Figure 3, this cover was mailed in Kennett, Iowa, February 3, 1936. Addressed to Des Moines, the cover was postmarked in Kennett on Feb. 3, 4, and 5. Though the cover bears no official explanatory postal markings, some non-postal employee attached a note to his friend which reads, "Dutton: This envelope was during the bad snowstorm that we had in 1936 - when the trains were blocked and stuck in the snow. Arno"

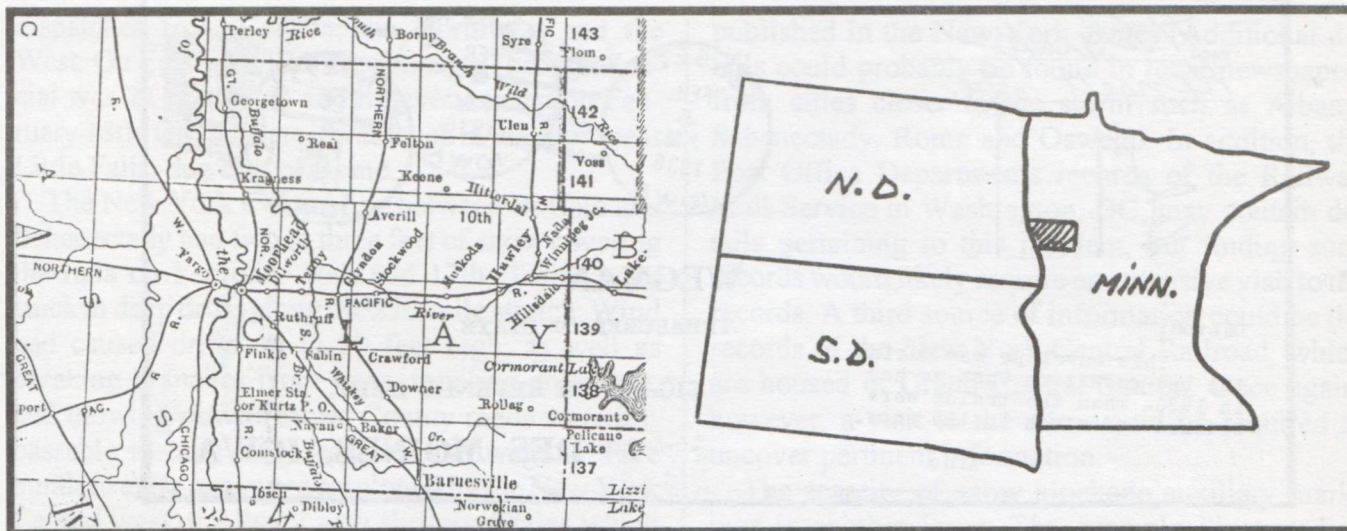
This snow storm was part of a larger system that wreaked havoc with most of the eastern section of the country. Flooding occurred in northern Alabama and eastern Mississippi. A dam burst in Ashville, NC, killing two people. There were 40 mile per hour winds over the Great Lakes and a 70 mph gale at Buffalo. Temperatures dropped 25 to 40 degrees

over night creating an acute coal shortage in half a dozen states. The Potomac River froze, snow drifts blocked highways in the West, and ice coated roads from the Rockies to the Atlantic. The mercury hit eight below at Amarillo, 11 below at Chicago and 38 below at Bismarck, MN. Snow drifts ten feet high closed roads and schools in Minneapolis and across North Dakota. Train and bus service was curtailed across the northern Great Plains.

In Iowa the temperature dropped to three below in Davenport. Coal supplies got so low that Governor Herring asked mines to forgo their Saturday holiday for another week in order to supply his states desperate fuel needs. Motor traffic was hopelessly tried up. Three through passenger trains and three interurbans out of Des Moines were stalled in snow drifts over night.

The above information came from reports in the New York Times and the San Francisco Chronicle. More detailed reports were no doubt published in newspapers of Des Moines and midwestern cities, but, as always, it is a matter of individual judgment as to how much time and effort should be put into researching a piece of postal history.

Please send any comments to the author at 16 Iris Court, San Mateo, CA 94401.



Map 1. Rollag, Clay County, Minnesota.

Some Postal Markings of Rollag, Minn. 1880-1929

By Ronald Olin

The postcard views and postmarks of Clay County Minnesota are one of the author's special interests. Clay County is located in west-central Minnesota bordering on The Red River of the North ('Old Ruby'). The hamlet of Rollag, in south-eastern Clay County is approximately 30 miles, as the crow flies, from Moorhead, the county seat (Map 1).

Rollag was established about 1876 by Scandinavian farmers. The township soil favored potatoes. The hamlet had two churches, a blacksmith shop, a grocery store and a post office. Early postcard views are scarce and there are none in the author's collection.

The Rollag post office was established about 1880 as a fourth class. A rural free delivery (R.F.D.) route of 31 miles existed during the early 1900's.

By the turn of the century Rollag had grown into a busy little hamlet with a population of 50. Polk's Directory for 1901 showed the following information for the community:

The population in 1920 was about 100, but afterward began a slow decline so that the post office closed on October 15, 1929.

For the past 40 years, Rollag has been the host of a major local event called The Western Minnesota Steam Thresher's Reunion every Labor Day weekend.

Six different postal markings have been recorded by the author from Rollag dating from 1882 to 1929. Figures 2 and 3 illustrate the two earliest types.

ROLLAG. First settled in 1870, in Parke township, Clay county, about 250 miles n w of St Paul, and 32 s e of Moorhead, the county seat, 12 from Hawley, its usual shipping place, on the N P Ry, and the most convenient banking point. It has saw and feed mills and 2 Lutheran churches. Stage with mail to Hawley and Pelican Rapids daily. Wm Middagh, P. M.

Anderson Andrew, blksmith.
 Arneson T, peddler and tombstone agt.
 Bjergaard R H, peddler.
 Haavig Nels H, blksmith.
 Halvorsen Bros, threshers.
 Hanson H, carp.
 Lee Iver G, carp.
 Lee Knut, carp.
 Lee S N, feed mill.
 Lien Tosten P, fruit tree agt.
 Middagh E H & Co, gen store.
MIDDAGH WM, Hotel, Commission
 Notary and Justice.
 Nelson C C, thresher.
 Nelson C C & Bro, saw and feed mill.
 Ness Peter, blksmith.
 Olson H O, thresher.
 Olson O H, notary.
 Robinson J E, vet surgeon.
 Solum, & Steffenson, feed mill and threshers.
 Steffenson Bros, well drilling.
 Tollum H A, carp.

Source: Polk's Directory, 1901

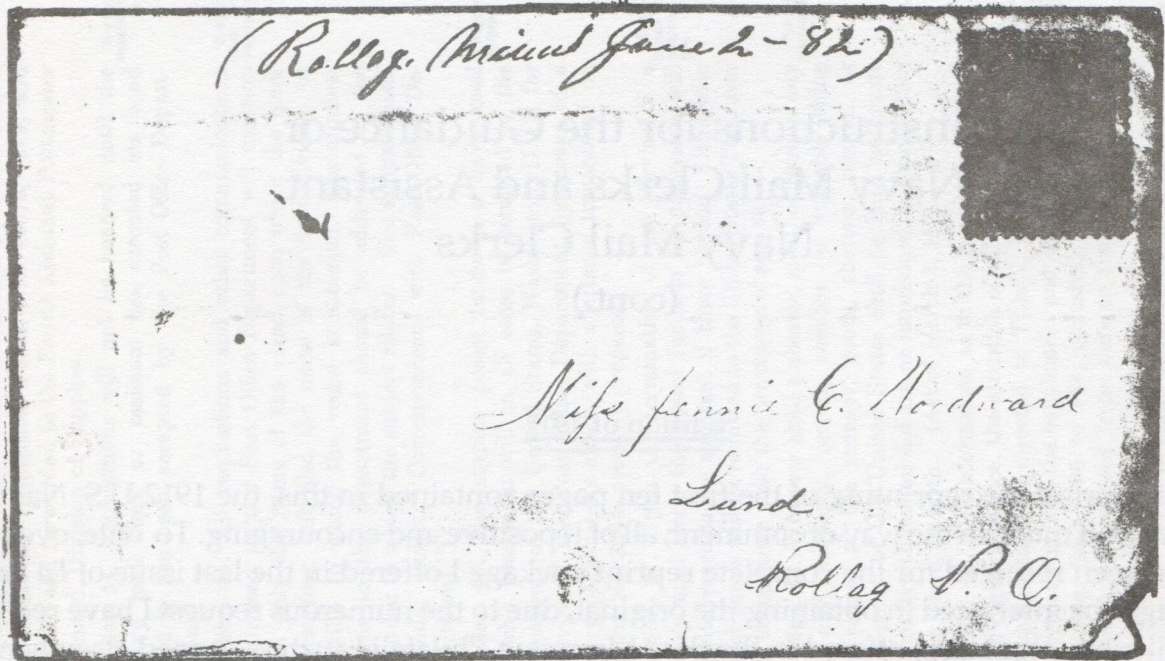


Figure 2: Manuscript postmark, dated June 2, 1882. Pen - cancel. One-cent Franklin stamp (Scott #145). Addressed to Lund (Clay Co.), p.o. 1879-1881

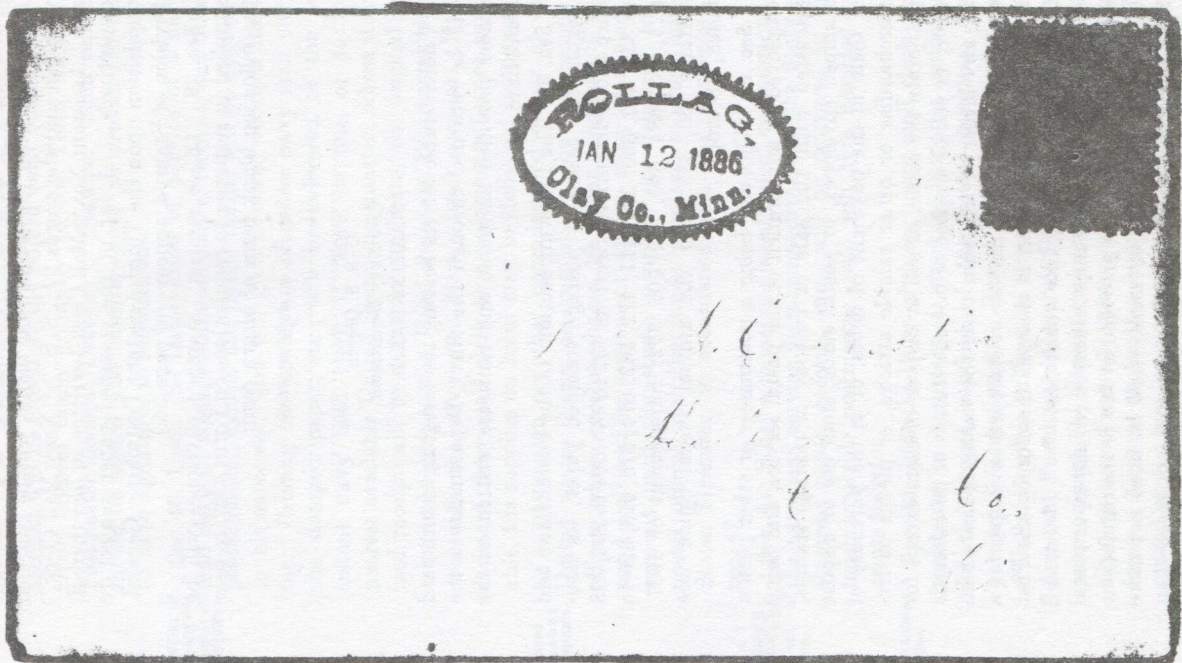


Figure 3: Fancy, black, oval, saw-toothed postmark, dated Jan. 12, 1886. Serifed letters. 4-ring killer. 2-cent Huntington stamp (Scott #210).

Instructions for the Guidance of Navy Mail Clerks and Assistant Navy Mail Clerks (cont.)

Edition of 1912

Much to my surprise, the reprinting of the first ten pages contained in this, the 1912 U.S. Navy postal clerk's has received much in the way of comment, all of it positive and encouraging. To date, over a dozen requests have been received for the complete reprint package I offered in the last issue of *La Posta*. For those who might be interested in obtaining the original, due to the numerous request I have received for it, the original manual is being offered in the Bear Mountain Philatelic auction carried elsewhere in this issue. I am still trying to locate a copy or photocopy of the U.S. Army postal manual, FM 65-1 dated 1967 or 1968. Any suggestions in regard to obtaining one is greatly appreciated. Please send information to: Bob Munshower, P.O. Box 3484 Boulder, Colorado, 80307

The words "Post office," "Postmaster," and "Assistant Postmaster" on the requisition blanks will be canceled with pen and the words "U. S. S.," "Navy Mail Clerk," and "Assistant Navy Mail Clerk" written in lieu thereof, respectively. (A list of the stamped paper subject to requisition upon the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, appears on page 34.)

Sec. 36. "Office request" stamped envelopes will be supplied in response to requisitions on Form 3202, to bear the following blank form of return card:

After..... days return to

U. S. S. Oregon,
Care Navy Department,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Undeliverable letters bearing the foregoing return card will be returned through the Navy Department to the sender provided his name and rank are written on the blank lines.

Sec. 37. The following sections of the Postal Laws and Regulations relate to postage stamped paper, its issuance and redemption: Sections 132 to 140, 204 to 206, 328 to 335, 340, 360, 397, 411, 412, 562, 614, 616, 618, 620 to 623, 632, 684, 690, 702, 706, 772: Supplement of 1907, sections 330, 339: also the annual Postal Guide (see index, "Stamps").

Sec. 38. Whoever, being a postmaster or other person employed in any branch of the postal service, and being intrusted with the sale or custody of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, or postal cards, shall use or dispose of them in the payment of debts, or in the purchase of merchandise or other salable articles, or pledge or hypothecate the same, or sell or dispose of them except for cash; or sell or dispose of postage stamps or postal cards for any larger or less sum than the values indicated on their faces; or sell or dispose of stamped envelopes for a larger or less sum than is charged therefor by the Post Office Department for like quantities: * * * or sell or dispose of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, or postal cards otherwise than as provided by law or the regulations of the Post Office Department, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. (Act of March 4, 1909.)

U. S. Law
and
Regulation
relating to
sale
of stamps.

Return-card
stamped en-
velopes.

Issuance and
redemption of
stamps.

Stamp account. **Sec. 39.** Navy mail clerks shall keep an account, in a suitable book, of their postage-stamp transactions. This account will be closed at the end of each quarter and a report thereof made promptly to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps. Such reports should be signed and countersigned as provided in sec. 35 as to signatures to requisitions.

Disposition of supplies on termination of clerk's service. **Sec. 40.** Upon the termination of service of a navy mail clerk all postage-stamped paper, records, and other postal effects, except the postal funds, will be delivered to his successor, who will give itemized receipts therefor. Pending the qualifying of a new navy mail clerk the stamped paper, etc., will be delivered to the assistant navy mail clerk, if there be one, or to the nearest available United States postmaster, whose itemized receipt will be taken in duplicate, the original receipt to be sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster General with the navy mail clerk's final account. If an assistant navy mail clerk or a postmaster be not available, the supplies on hand may be delivered temporarily to a paymaster or other commissioned officer of the United States Navy, designated by the commanding officer, whose receipt should be taken; but credit will not be allowed in settlement of the navy mail clerk's account until the stamp supplies are delivered to a postal official and the funds remitted to the United States Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of sec. 47.

Disposition of supplies when vessel out of commission. **Sec. 41.** When a vessel is placed out of commission or the navy mail service discontinued thereon, the postage-stamped paper, records, etc., will be delivered to the most available postmaster, who will give itemized receipts therefor.

Maintaining of supplies. **Sec. 42.** It is the duty of every navy mail clerk and assistants to maintain a stock of supplies sufficient for the proper conduct of the postal business. See paragraph 3, section 892, Postal Laws and Regulations. A list of supplies subject to requisition upon the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Supplies, appears on page 34. Do not make use of letterheads, facing slips, or miscellaneous scraps of paper as requisition forms. Orders, no matter how small, should be submitted on the regular requisition form covering the class of supplies requested.

Sec. 43. Requisition for supplies enumerated in the registry instructions contained in this pamphlet should be made on requisition Forms Nos. 1567a, 1579, and 1580B and forwarded to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Supplies. Requisition for registry supplies.

Sec. 44. Requisitions will not be honored until the navy mail clerk or assistant has executed his bond and it has been accepted by the Post Office Department. Honoring of requisitions.

Sec. 45. All requisitions and other communications addressed to the Post Office Department will mention not only the name of the vessel upon which the clerk is serving, but also the name of the fleet, division, or flotilla to which the vessel is attached. Communications to the department should be addressed to the Bureau to which the subject relates. (See annual Postal Guide; Index, "Correspondence with Post Office Department.") Correspondence with the Department.

Sec. 46. The surplus postal funds in a navy mail clerk's possession will in all cases be remitted to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for service of the Post Office Department, by means of a navy paymaster's check, with a letter of transmittal on Form No. 3044, properly prepared. Disposition of surplus funds.

Sec. 47. Upon the termination of the service of a navy mail clerk the postal funds in his possession will be delivered to the assistant if there be one. Otherwise such funds will be remitted to the United States Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of sec. 46. Disposition of funds on termination of service.

Sec. 48. Whoever shall embezzle, steal, or purloin any money, property, record, voucher, or valuable thing whatever of the moneys, goods, chattels, records, or property of the United States shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. (Act of March 3, 1875.) Penalty for embezzlement.

Sec. 49. For information as to the general conduct of the registry service, the attention of all navy mail clerks and assistants is directed to Title V, Postal Laws and Regulations, and the supplement and other amendments thereto (secs. 976 to 964, inclusive), as well as the instructions printed from time to time in the current Postal Guides. Registered mail. Title V, Postal Laws and Regulations and Postal Guides.

Sec. 50. When in doubt as to any detail of the registry business, either in connection with the general postal When in doubt ask department.

service or any branch thereof, navy mail clerks should communicate immediately with the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Registered Mails, as required by sections 806 and 904 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, stating fully and clearly the question to be decided.

Special registry
forms.

Sec. 51. Registry books and forms of a special character and not known as standard forms may be furnished to naval vessels upon authority of the Third Assistant Postmaster General only, and by "special allowance," when the volume of registry business transacted warrants it, or when for other reasons the registry business would be benefited by the use of such forms. Special conditions of this character should be reported to the Third Assistant Postmaster General with a full statement of the facts, with application for any of the special books or forms needed.

Registration
of mail matter.
Preparation of
matter for regis-
tration.

Sec. 52. Before receiving matter for registration the sender must be required to have the matter fully, legibly, and correctly addressed, and the name and address of the sender written or printed upon the envelope or wrapper, and the necessary stamps to pay postage and registry fee attached. (See sec. 807, P. L. and R.)

First class mat-
ter.

Sec. 53. Letters must be placed in a firmly sealed envelope strong enough to safely carry inclosures in the mail. Parcels prepaid at the letter rate of postage should be sealed before acceptance for registration. Third and fourth class matter for registration must be so wrapped that it will safely bear transportation and easily admit of examination, which should be made before the matter is registered to ascertain if it is mailable or contains matter

Third and
fourth class mat-
ter.

subject to a higher rate of postage. No letter should be accepted for registration the condition of which is doubtful or which bears the appearance of having been opened and resealed. Navy mail clerks are forbidden to address registered matter, place the contents in an envelope, seal it, or affix the stamp. (See sec. 807, P. L. and R.)

Letters im-
perfectly resealed
not to be ac-
cepted

Imperfectly
sealed envelopes.

Sec. 54. Navy mail clerks and assistants accepting for registration letters in unsealed or imperfectly sealed envelopes, or letters or parcels without cover or in envelopes or wrappers which are manifestly not strong enough to safely carry inclosures, or letters or parcels without cover, will be held responsible in cases where their neglect causes loss or depredation which can not be traced to another person.

Sec. 55. Matter vaguely or indefinitely addressed, or addressed to fictitious names other than legitimate trade names, to initials, or to box numbers simply, or with lead pencil when for delivery in foreign countries, must not be accepted for registration. (See secs. 807 and 942, P. L. and R.)

Vaguely and indefinitely addressed matter.

Sec. 56. Whenever the sender desires a return receipt for any registered article, he should indorse the envelope or wrapper "Receipt desired" or with words of similar import. When such request is made for registered mail addressed for delivery in the United States, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam, Canal Zone, the Philippine Islands, Shanghai in China, Pago Pago and Tau in Samoa, and on board United States naval vessels, the domestic form of return receipt (card Form 1548) must be filled out and accompany every such registered letter or parcel. When return receipts are desired for registered mail addressed for delivery in foreign countries, such receipt will be supplied at the United States exchange office of dispatch.

Sender's return receipts.

Domestic.

Foreign.

Sec. 57. If the article when presented for registration is mailable and properly prepared, a receipt must be filled up from the window registration book, Form 1549-B, giving the name and address of the sender, name of addressee, and destination of the letter or parcel, registration number and date of mailing, and the class of the article, whether "first class," "second class," "third class," or "fourth class," if domestic, and "letter," "postal card," "prints," "commercial papers," "samples of merchandise," or "parcel post," if addressed to foreign countries. The following abbreviations may be used in recording the several classes of mail accepted for registration:

Record of registration.

Classification.

Domestic classification.

	Class abbreviation.	Domestic classification.
First class.....	1st.	
Second class.....	2d.	
Third class.....	3d.	
Fourth class.....	4th.	

Foreign classification.

	Class abbreviation.	Foreign classification.
Letters.....	L.	
Postal cards.....	P. C.	
Commercial papers.....	Com. P.	
Printed matter.....	Pts.	
Samples of merchandise.....	Smple.	
Parcel post.....	P. P.	

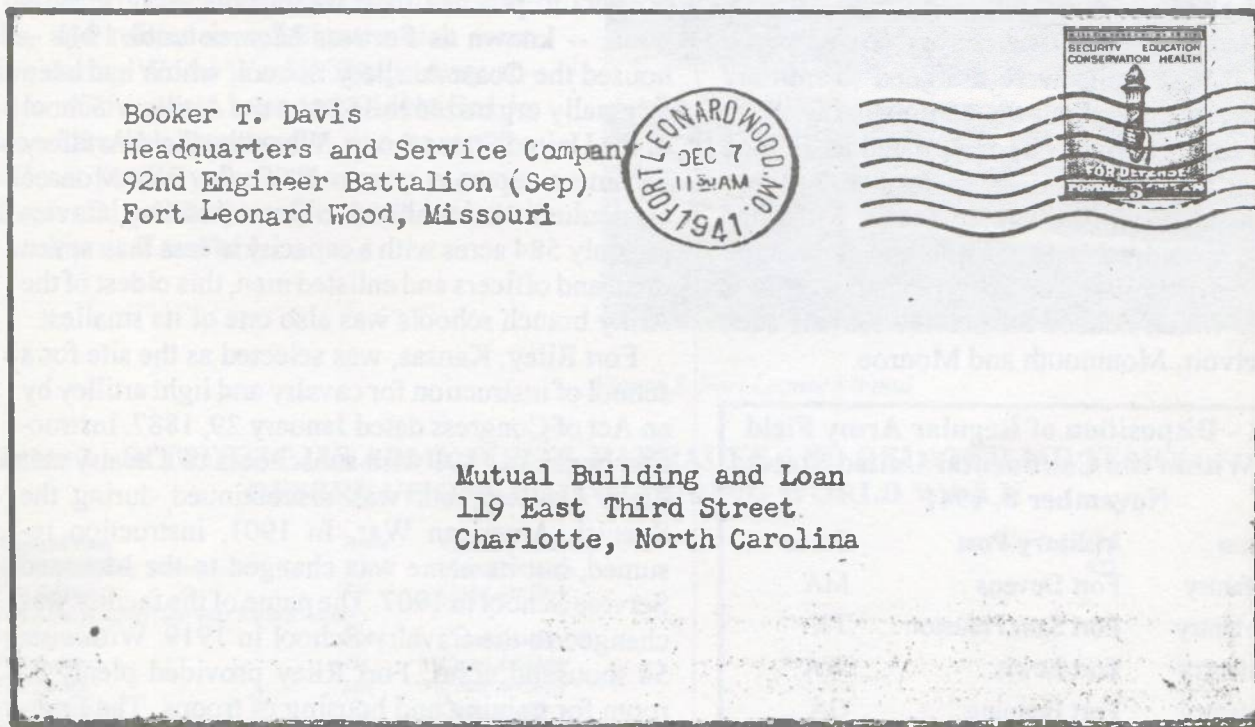


Figure 1. This cover was postmarked at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on the date Pearl Harbor was attacked. Mail from America's WWII era domestic forts represents a exciting opportunity to build a postal history specialty collection at little cost.

POSTAL FACILITIES OF UNITED STATES DOMESTIC MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN WORLD WAR II

Part IV. Forts, Barracks and Related Military Reservations, except Coast Artillery Installations

By Richard W. Helbock and Rod Crossley

Forts, as opposed to camps and cantonments, were typically seen as more permanent military installations. Of course, the degree of permanence has varied tremendously over the years with changing political realities, the attitudes of politicians and the public, and the nature of military technology. Cavalry posts, once seen as vital in protecting the nation's interest along the Western frontier, quickly became obsolete as trucks and tanks replaced horses and mules in the early decades of this century. As the United States stood poised on the bring of war in early 1941, the Army's roster of forts, barracks, and related military reservations included a sizeable number of Coast Artillery posts devoted to the

harbor defense of the nation's major ports; a collection of antique barracks sheltered within the confines of selected American cities; a scattering of cavalry forts and Indian War posts mostly strewn across the Great Plains from the Dakotas to Texas; and a small group of "modern" forts which had been selected by Secretary of War John Weeks in 1921 as either training centers for the nine corps areas or educational centers for the five combat arms branches. The purpose of the current installment of our series is to examine more closely this roster of Army forts, barracks and related military reservations which saw the United States through World War II, and to explore the postal services available to the men and women who occupied these posts. Given the relatively large number and special character of the Coast Artillery harbor defense posts, we will delay a detailed consideration of this particular group until a future installment.

On November 8, 1941, field forces of the Regular Army of the United States consisted of nine Infantry Divisions, two Cavalry Divisions and five Armored Divisions. These units were assigned to military posts scattered throughout the continental U. S. as listed in Table 1 below. The forts listed in Table 1 represented the largest, most up to date, military facilities available in the United States. Most had undergone considerable expansion and renovation since the early 1930s. The only other major forts were those which housed the service schools such as Sill, Belvoir, Monmouth and Monroe.

Table 1 - Disposition of Regular Army Field Forces Within the Continental United States, November 8, 1941

Division	Military Post	State
1st Infantry	Fort Devens	MA
2nd Infantry	Fort Sam Houston	TX
3rd Infantry	Fort Lewis	WA
4th Infantry	Fort Benning	GA
5th Infantry	Fort Custer	MI
6th Infantry	Fort Leonard Wood	MO
7th Infantry	Fort Ord	CA
8th Infantry	Fort Jackson	SC
9th Infantry	Fort Bragg	NC
1st Cavalry	Fort Bliss	TX
2nd Cavalry	Fort Riley	KS
1st Armored	Fort Knox	KY
2nd Armored	Fort Benning	GA
3rd Armored	Camp Polk	LA
4th Armored	Pine Camp	NY
5th Armored	Fort Knox	KY

Fort Benning, a huge 98,000 acre tract in southern Georgia, was selected as the home of the Infantry School in 1919 when the former Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill was combined with the Small Arms Firing School from Camp Perry and the Machine Gun School from Camp Hancock. The Field Artillery School was founded on June 5, 1911 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, after the United States Artillery was divided into Coast and Field Artillery. Fort Sill consists of over 70,000 acres of quiet Oklahoma

prairie, and offers ample opportunities for the cannoneers to practice their trade. Fort Monroe, Virginia, -- known as Fortress Monroe until 1941 -- housed the Coast Artillery School, which had been originally organized in 1824 as the Artillery School of the United States Army. When the Field Artillery became a separate arm in 1907, the Fort Monroe curriculum was confined to Coast Artillery. Covering only 584 acres with a capacity of less than seven thousand officers and enlisted men, this oldest of the Army branch schools was also one of its smallest.

Fort Riley, Kansas, was selected as the site for a school of instruction for cavalry and light artillery by an Act of Congress dated January 29, 1887. Instruction began in 1891 with subschools of Cavalry and Field Artillery, but was discontinued during the Spanish American War. In 1901, instruction resumed, but its name was changed to the Mounted Service School in 1907. The name of the facility was changed to the Cavalry School in 1919. With over 54 thousand acres, Fort Riley provided plenty of room for training and housing of troops. The Engineer School was housed at Fort Belvoir, formerly known as Camp Humphreys, near Alexandria, Virginia. Although the post itself consisted of just over nine thousand acres, the school also controlled a training area in Shenandoah National Park with 180 thousand acres. Fort Monmouth, a 1,700 acre post near Red Bank, New Jersey, was the home of the Signal School.

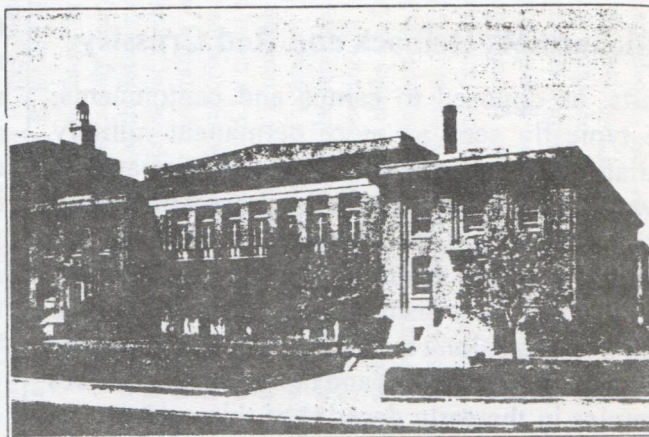


Figure 2. Fort Monroe, VA, was the home of the Coast Artillery School.

Table 2 displays an alphabetical listing of all domestic United States Army forts, barracks, and related installations which were active during World War II. The primary activities of the posts have been identified in cases where they were known, and, except for the Coast Artillery forts, the troop capacity (officers and enlisted) as of June 1944 is listed for each post if available.

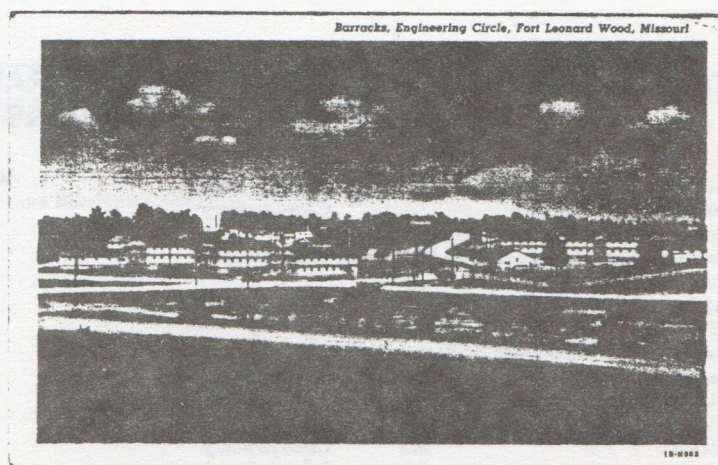


Figure 3. Fort Leonard Wood

Table 2 - DOMESTIC U.S. ARMY FORTS, BARRACKS AND RELATED MILITARY RESERVATIONS ACTIVE DURING WORLD WAR II

Name of Post	State	Primary Activity	Troop Capacity
A.P. Hill Military Reservation	VA	Maneuver Area	932
Fort Adams	RI	Coast Artillery	
Fort Allen, Eathan (See Fort Eathan Allen)			
Fort Andrews	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Baker	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Banks	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Barrancas	FL	Coast Artillery	
Fort Barry	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Belvoir	VA	Engineer School & Replacement Training Center	24,137
Fort Benjamin Harrison	IN	Finance Replacement Training Center	14,368
Fort Benning	GA	Infantry School & Ground Forces Training Center	98,843
Fort Bliss	TX	Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center	49,163
Boise Barracks	ID ¹	Training Center	1,480
Fort Brady	MI ²	Military Reservation	4,806
Fort Bragg	NC	Field Artillery Replacement Training Center	80,486
Fort Brown	TX	Cavalry Post	1,300
Fort Burnside	RI	Coast Artillery	
Fort Canby	WA	Coast Artillery	
Carlisle Barracks	PA	Medical Field Service Training School	3,496
Fort Casey	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Church	RI	Coast Artillery	
Fort Clark	TX ³	Cavalry Post	8,717
Fort Columbia	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Constitution	NH	Coast Artillery	
Fort Crockett	TX	Coast Artillery	
Fort Cronkhite	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Crook	NE		
Fort Custer	MI	Military Police Replacement Training Center	28,832
Fort D. A. Russell	TX	Cavalry Training Center	2,392
Fort Davis DC			
Fort Dawes	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Dearborn	NH	Coast Artillery	
Fort Delaware	DE	Coast Artillery	
Fort Des Moines	IA	Women's Army Corps Replacement Training Center	8,015
Fort Devens	MA	Military Reservation	35,298
Fort Dix	NJ	Training & Pre-staging Area	53,423
Fort Douglas	UT		
Fort DuPont	DE	Coast Artillery	
Fort Eathan Allen	VT ⁴	Field Artillery Camp	
Fort Ebey	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Emory	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Eustis	VA	Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center	18,081
Fort Fisher	NC	Antiaircraft Artillery Firing Point	6,482
Fort Flagler	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Foster	NH	Coast Artillery	
Fort Francis E. Warren	WY	Army Service Forces Training Center	17, 183
Fort Funston	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort George G. Meade	MD	Army Ground Forces Replacement Center	37,151
Fort Getty	RI	Coast Artillery	
Fort Greble	RI	Coast Artillery	

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Name of Post	State	Primary Activity	Troop Capacity
Fort Hancock	NJ	Coast Artillery	
Fort Harrison, Benjamin (See Fort Benjamin Harrison)			
Fort Harrison, William Henry (See Fort William Henry Harrison)			
Fort Hayes	OH		
Fort Heath	MA	Coast Artillery	
Hill, A.P. Mil. Res. (See A.P. Hill Military Reservation)			
Fort Houston, Sam (See Fort Sam Houston)			
Fort Huachuca	AZ	Military Reservation	25,688
Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation	CA	Training Area	1,396
Indiantown Gap Military Reservation	PA	Training Center	27,002
Fort Jackson	MS	Coast Artillery	
Fort Jackson	SC	Infantry Training Center	78,724
Fort Jay	NY		
Jefferson Barracks	MO	Range	1,516
Fort John Curtis	VA	Coast Artillery	
Key West Barracks	FL		
Fort Knox	KY	Armor School & Replacement Training Center	60,537
Fort Lawton	WA	Seattle Port of Embarkation	
Fort Leavenworth	KS	Command & General Staff School	12,488
Fort Leonard Wood	MO	Engineer Replacement Training Center & Division Camp	46,152
Fort Levett	ME	Coast Artillery	
Fort Lewis	WA	Army Ground Forces Training Center	67,269
Fort Lincoln	ND	Military Reservation	
Fort Logan	CO	Military Post	6,973
Fort Lyon	ME	Coast Artillery	
Fort MacArthur	CA	Coast Artillery	
Madison Barracks	NJ ⁵	Military Reservation	2,102
Fort McClellan	AL	Infantry Replacement Training Center	44,296
Fort McIntosh	TX	Cavalry post	1,447
Fort McKinley	ME	Coast Artillery	
Fort McPherson	GA	Reception & Reclassification Center	6,252
Fort McRee	FL	Coast Artillery	
Fort Meade	SD ⁶	Ground Forces Training Center	2,091
Fort Meade, George G. (See Fort George G. Meade)			
Fort Miles	DE	Coast Artillery	
Fort Miley	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Missoula	MT	Military Reservation	
Fort Monmouth	NJ	Signal Corps Laboratory	21,345
Fort Monroe	VA	Coast Artillery School	6,668
Fort Mott	NJ	Coast Artillery	
Fort Moultrie	SC	Coast Artillery	
Fort Myer	VA	Military Reservation	4,958
Fort Niagara	NY	Army Service Forces Training Center	4,619
Fort Oglethorpe	GA	Womens Army Corps Training Center	13,675
Fort Omaha	NE		
Fort Ontario	NY ⁷	Pre-Basic Training Station	2,396
Fort Ord	CA	Army Ground Forces Training Area	51,253
Fort Pickens	FL	Coast Artillery	
Plattsburg Barracks	NY ⁸	Military Reservation	-
Fort Preble	ME	Coast Artillery	
Presidio of Monterey	CA	Reception Center	5,652
Presidio of San Francisco	CA	Military Reservation	5,721
Fort Reno	OK		
Fort Revere	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Riley	KS	Cavalry Replacement Training Center & School	35,985
Fort Ringgold	TX ⁹	Cavalry Post	854
Fort Robinson NE			
Fort Rodman	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Rosecrans	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Ruckman	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Russell, D.A. (See Fort D.A. Russell)			
Fort Sam Houston	TX	Military Reservation	26,544
San Carlos War Dog Traing Center	CA		262
Fort San Jacinto	TX	Coast Artillery	
Fort Saultsbury	DE	Coast Artillery	
Fort Sheridan	IL	Military Post	13,005
Fort Sill	OK	Field Artillery School & Replacement Training Center	51,802

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Name of Post	State	Primary Activity	Troop Capacity
Fort Snelling	MN	Army Service Forces Reception Center	6,898
Fort Standish	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Stark	NH	Coast Artillery	
Fort Strong	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Sumter	SC	Coast Artillery	
Fort Taylor	FL	Coast Artillery	
Fort Terry	NY	Coast Artillery	
Fort Thomas	KY		
Fort Tilden	NY	Coast Artillery	
Tobyhanna Military Reservation	PA		
Fort Townsend	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Travis	TX	Coast Artillery	
Fort Tyler	NY	Coast Artillery	
Vancouver Barracks	WA	Staging area for Seattle Port of Embarkation	7,545
Fort Varnum	RI	Coast Artillery	
Vint Hills Farm School	VA	Signal Corps Training Center	1,833
Fort Wadsworth	NY	Coast Artillery	
Fort Warren	MA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Warren, Francis E. (See Fort Francis E. Warren)			
Fort Washington	MD	Adjutant Generals School	2,888
Fort Wayne	MI		
Fort Wetherill	RI	Coast Artillery	
Fort Whitman	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort William Henry Harrison	MT ¹⁰	Ground Forces Training Area	
Fort Williams	ME	Coast Artillery	
Fort Winfield Scott	CA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Wood, Leonard (See Fort Leonard Wood)			
Fort Wool	VA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Worden	WA	Coast Artillery	
Fort Wright	WA		

¹Declared surplus 17 Mar 44

²Declared surplus 5 Apr 44

³Declared surplus 2 Jun 44

⁴Declared inactive 20 Mar 44

⁵Declared surplus on 4 Feb 44

⁶Declared surplus 24 Mar 44

⁷Declared inactive 21 Feb 44

⁸Declared surplus 28 Jan 44

⁹Declared surplus 15 May 44

¹⁰Declared inactive 28 Feb 44

Table 3 presents the particulars of postal service provided for the World War II domestic forts, barracks and military reservations, except the Coast artillery posts. Readers may recall that Army camps and cantonments were given a similar display in Table 4 of Part III [*La Posta*, Vol. 26, No. 2 (May 1995)].

In addition to the name of the installation, the table identifies the city or town responsible for the postal needs of the fort, the name of the designated postal subunit which handled mail for the fort (if such a subunit was authorized), the dates of operation for this subunit.

Collecting Covers from WWII Domestic Forts

A collection of postmarks from domestic forts of the WWII era makes a wonderful addition to a broader U. S. fort collection (Civil War era, Indian Wars forts, etc.). It can also form a logical extension of a military postal history collection with a World War II focus. Many of the domestic forts housed large numbers of service men and women, and examples of covers and cards are rather plentiful fifty years after the event. Other forts, barracks and related military reservations were quite small and locating examples of surviving mail from them can provide today's collector with a stiff challenge.

TABLE 3 - Postal Units Associated with World War II Domestic Forts, Barracks & Military Reservations

Name of Post	Civil Post Office	Designated Postal Unit	Established	Discontinued	Notes
A.P. Hill Military Reservation	Bowling Green, VA	None			
Fort Allen, Eathan (See Fort Eathan Allen)					
Fort Belvoir	Fort Belvoir, VA	Independent P.O.	?? ??? 1935	Operating	
Fort Benjamin Harrison	Indianapolis, IN	Fort Benjamin Harrison Branch	23 Aug 1910	?? ??? 1987	
Fort Benning	Columbus, GA	Fort Benning Branch	?? ??? 1931	Operating	Was Ind. P.O.
Fort Bliss	El Paso, TX	Fort Bliss Branch	1 Sep 1916	Operating	Was Ind. P.O.
Boise Barracks	Boise, ID	None			
Fort Brady	Sault Ste. Marie, MI	None			
Fort Bragg	Fayetteville, NC	Fort Bragg Branch	1 Jul 1941	Operating	
Fort Brown	Brownsville, TX	None			
Carlisle Barracks	Carlisle, PA	Carlisle Barracks Branch	10 Oct 1943	Operating	
Fort Clark	Brackettsville, TX	Fort Clark Branch	1 Mar 1943	5 Aug 1944	
Fort Crook	Fort Crook, NE	Independent P.O.	15 Sep 1896	30 Dec 1966	
Fort Custer	Battle Creek, MI	Fort Custer Branch	15 Aug 1940	31 Dec 1947	
Fort D.A. Russell	Marfa, TX	Fort D.A. Russell Branch	1 Oct 1942	11 Jul 1945	
Fort Davis	Washington, DC	Fort Davis Branch	17 Jan 1944	Operating	
Fort Des Moines	Fort Des Moines, IA	Independent P.O.	4 Jun 1904	15 Nov 1955	
Fort Devens	Ayer, MA	Fort Devens Station	1 Jan 1933	?? ??? 1987	
Fort Dix	Wrightstown	Fort Dix Branch	15 Aug 1917	4 May 1941	
Fort Douglas	Salt Lake City, UT	Fort Douglas Branch	15 Aug 1942		
Fort Eathan Allen	Burlington, VT	Fort Eathan Allen Branch	1 Jul 1917	15 Dec 1943	
Fort Eustis	Newport News, VA	Fort Eustis Branch	1 Mar 1941	30 Sep 1944	
			1 Mar 1945	30 Apr 1946	
Fort Fisher	Wilmington, NC	Fort Fisher Branch	10 Mar 1943	25 Aug 1944	
Fort Francis E. Warren	Cheyenne, WY	Fort Warren Branch	1 May 1942	c1946	
Fort George G. Meade	Washington, DC	Fort George G. Meade Branch	1 Jul 1941	31 Dec 1941	
Fort Harrison, Benjamin (See Fort Benjamin Harrison)					
Fort Harrison, William Henry (See Fort William Henry Harrison)					
Fort Hayes	Columbus, OH	Fort Hayes Station	?? ??? 1922	post-1960	
Hill, A.P. Mil. Res. (See A.P. Hill Military Reservation)					
Fort Houston, Sam (See Fort Sam Houston)					
Fort Huachuca AZ	Fort Huachuca, AZ	Independent P.O.	5 Feb 1891	5 Jan 1974	
Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation	Jolon, CA	None			
Indiantown Gap Military Reservation	Annville, PA	Indiantown Gap Branch	1 Mar 1941	30 Jun 1946	
Fort Jackson	Columbia, SC	Fort Jackson Branch	15 Aug 1940	Operating	
Fort Jay	New York, NY	Governors Island Branch	26 Nov 1917	?? ??? 1987	
Jefferson Barracks	St. Louis, MO	Jefferson Barracks Station	1 Mar 1941	31 Dec 1946	
Key West Barracks	Key West, FL	None			
Fort Knox	Fort Knox, KY	Independent P.O.	?? ??? 1932	Operating	
Fort Lawton	Seattle, WA	Fort Lawton Branch	1 Sep 1941	28 Feb 1945	
Fort Leavenworth	Fort Leavenworth, KS	Independent P.O.	19 Oct 1841	Operating	
Fort Leonard Wood	St. Louis, MO	Fort Leonard Wood Branch	1 Apr 1941	1 Apr 1944	
Fort Lewis	Tacoma, WA	Fort Lewis Branch	16 Oct 1927	Operating	
Fort Lincoln	Bismarck, ND	None			
Fort Logan	Fort Logan, CO	Independent P.O.	3 May 1889	Operating	
Madison Barracks	Sackets Harbor, NJ	None			
Fort McClellan	Anniston, AL	Fort McClellan Branch	c1935	Operating	
Fort McIntosh	Laredo, TX	None			
Fort McPherson	Atlanta, GA	Fort McPherson Station	15 Dec 1942	?? ??? 1987	
Fort Meade	Fort Meade, SD	Independent P.O.	29 Jan 1879	Operating	
Fort Meade, George G. (See Fort George G. Meade)					
Fort Missoula	Missoula, MT	None			
Fort Monmouth	Red Bank, NJ	Fort Monmouth Branch	21 Oct 1940	Operating	
Fort Monroe	Fort Monroe, VA	Independent P.O.	?? ??? 1941	?? ??? 1972	Was Fortress Monroe
Fort Myer	Arlington, VA	Fort Myer Station	1 Jul 1942	Operating	
Fort Niagara	Youngstown, NY	None			
Fort Oglethorpe	Rossville, GA	Fort Oglethorpe Branch	c1917	15 Jan 1947	
Fort Omaha	Omaha, NE	None			
Fort Ontario	Oswego, NY	Fort Ontario Station	1 Feb 1941	29 Feb 1944	
Fort Ord	Monterey, CA	Fort Ord Branch	1 Nov 1940	Operating	
Plattsburg Barracks	Plattsburg, NY	Military Branch	8 May 1917	1 Aug 1947	
Presidio of Monterey	Monterey, CA	Presidio of Monterey Station	1 Nov 1937	Operating	
Presidio of San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	Presidio Station	1 Jul 1902	Operating	
Fort Reno	El Reno, OK	None			
Fort Riley	Junction City, KS	Fort Riley Branch	1 Jun 1917	Operating	Was Ind. P.O.
Fort Ringgold TX	Rio Grande City, TX	None			

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Name of Post	Civil Post Office	Designated Postal Unit	Established	Discontinued	Notes
Fort Robinson	Fort Robinson, NE	Independent P.O.	9 Sep 1879	?? ??? 1953	
Fort Russell, D.A. (See Fort D.A. Russell)	San Antonio, TX				
Fort Sam Houston	San Antonio, TX	Fort Sam Houston Station	c1916	Operating	
San Carlos War Dog Traing Center	San Carlos, CA	None			
Fort Saulsbury	Milford, DE	None			
Fort Sheridan IL	Fort Sheridan				
Fort Sill OK	Lawton, OK	Fort Sill Branch	15 Aug 1917	Operating	
Fort Snelling	Saint Paul, MN	Fort Snelling Branch	1 Jul 1918	Operating	Was Ind. P.O.
Fort Thomas	Newport, KY	Fort Thomas Branch	c1913	c1950	was Ind. P.O.
Tobyhanna Military Reservation	Tobyhanna, PA	None			
Vancouver Barracks	Vancouver, WA	None			
Vint Hills Farm School	Warrenton, VA	None			
Fort Warren, Francis E. (See Fort Francis E. Warren)					
Fort Washington MD	Washington, DC	Fort Washington Branch	15 Jan 1942	15 Oct 1944	
Fort Wayne MI	Detroit	None			
Fort William Henry					
Harrison	Helena, MT	Fort William Henry Harrison Branch	24 Aug 1942	c1946	
Fort Wood, Leonard (See Fort Leonard Wood)					
Fort Wright	Spokane, WA	Fort Wright Station	11 May 1907	15 Jul 1950	

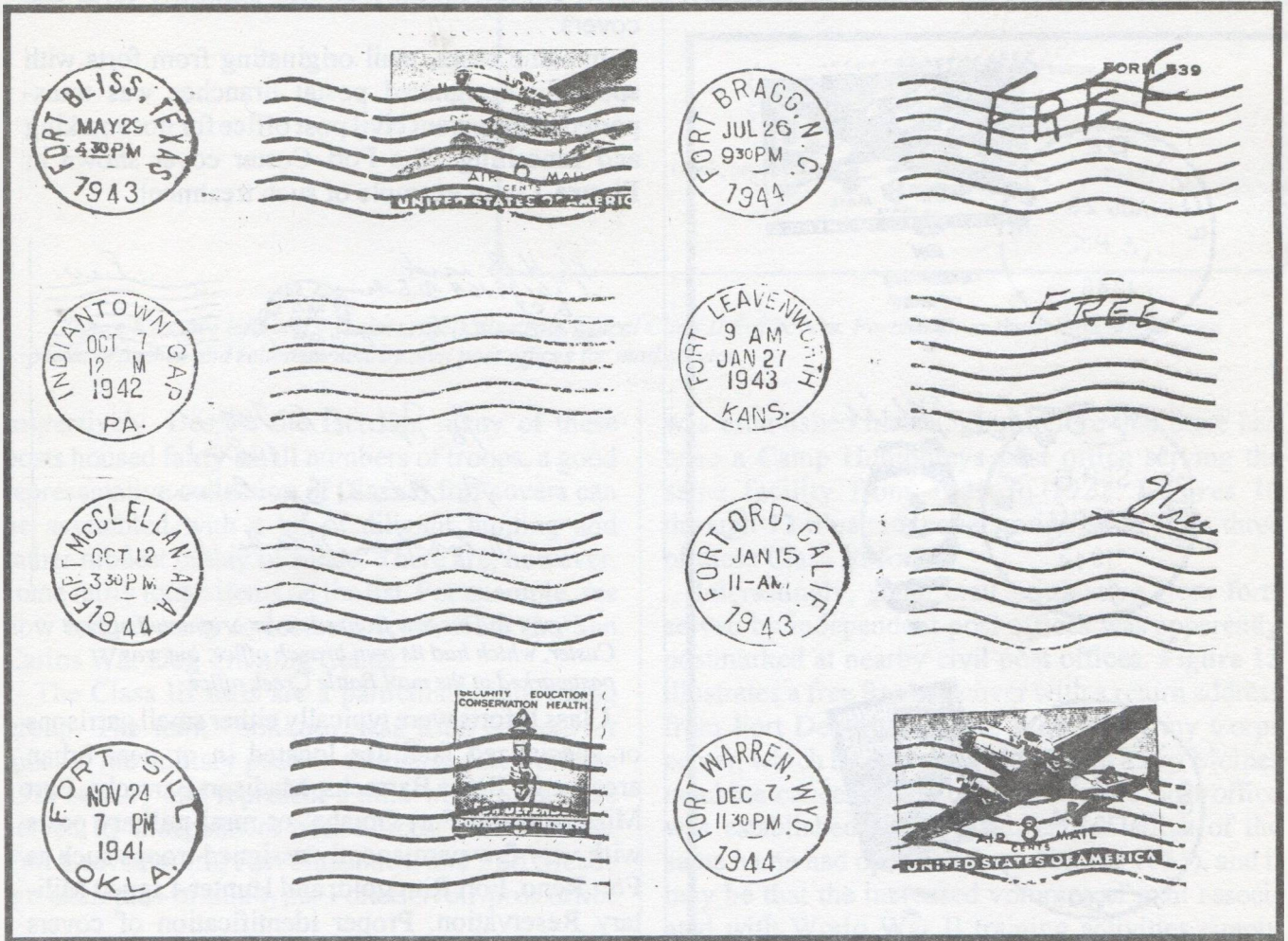


Figure 4. Postal branches at most of the Class I forts cancelled mail with machines. The markings illustrated here are representative.

A close examination of Table 3 reveals that WWII era domestic forts may be divided into three classes based upon the type of postal service provided for their troops: **Class I** - large military posts served by specially designated branches of a nearby civil post office; **Class II** - small military posts with no specially designated postal units; and **Class III** - "antique" military posts surviving from an earlier era when forts were served by independent post offices.

Examples of cards and covers from Class I forts are rather easy to find in dealers stocks and accumulations of WWII era postal history. Most such military reservations postmarked mail with machine cancellations. **Figure 4** illustrates a selection of such markings. It is also possible to find covers postmarked with steel duplex handstamps from most, if not all, of these major domestic forts (**figure 5**). A third type of postmark issued to all specially

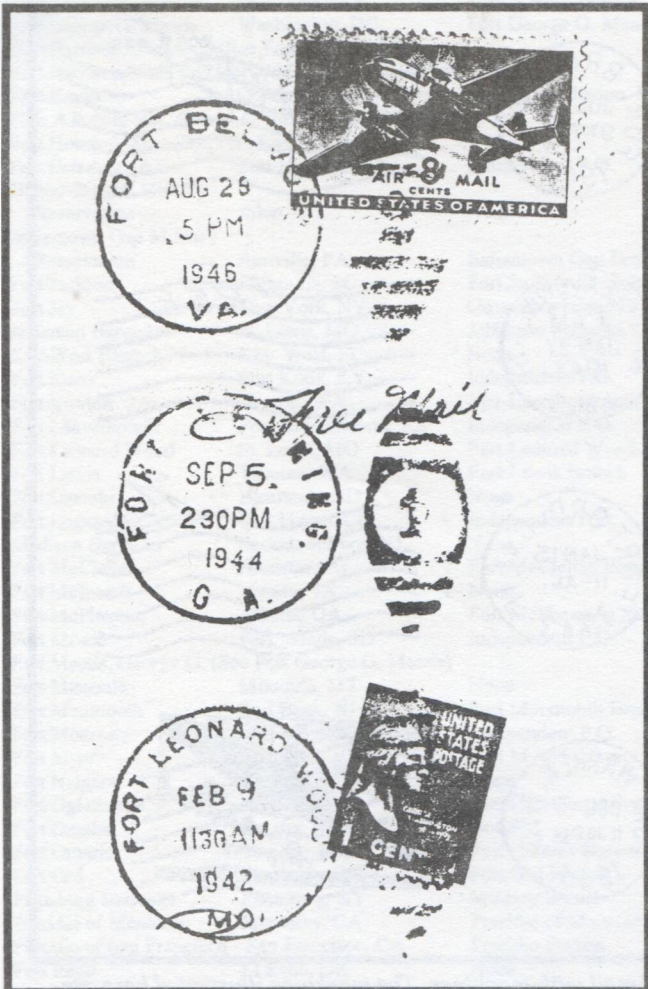


Figure 5. Branches at most Class I fort occasionally postmarked mail using steel duplex handstamps such as these.



Figure 6. While not commonly found on first class mail (except philatelic examples) utility daters such as this were issued to branches serving Class I forts.

designated branches and stations was the double circle utility dater (**figure 6**). Typically used to cancel stamps on parcels, money orders or non-first class mail business, examples of postmarks of this type appear frequently on philatelic mail from the forts, but infrequently on non-philatelic cards and covers.

In some cases, mail originating from forts with specially designated postal branches was transported to the parent civil post office for postmarking and cancelling. The Fort Custer cover shown in **Figure 7** is an example of such treatment.

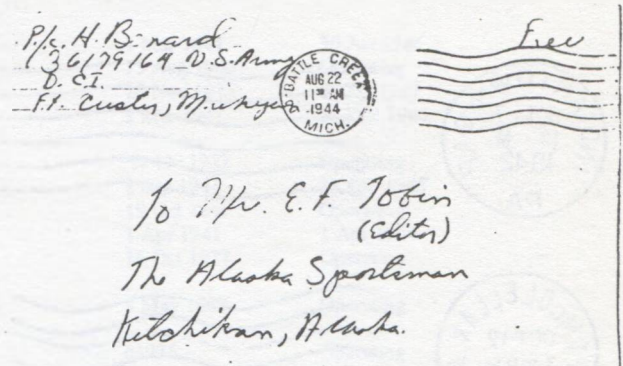


Figure 7. This free franked cover originated at Fort Custer, which had its own branch office, but was postmarked at the mail Battle Creek office.

Class II forts were typically either small garrisons or specialized facilities located in or near urban areas, e.g., Boise Barracks, Madison Barracks, Fort Missoula, and Fort Omaha; or rural military posts with very few permanently assigned troops such as Fort Reno, Fort Ringgold, and Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation. Proper identification of covers from Class II forts depends almost entirely upon the return address. **Figures 8** and **9** illustrate free franked covers from Fort Omaha and Fort Wright

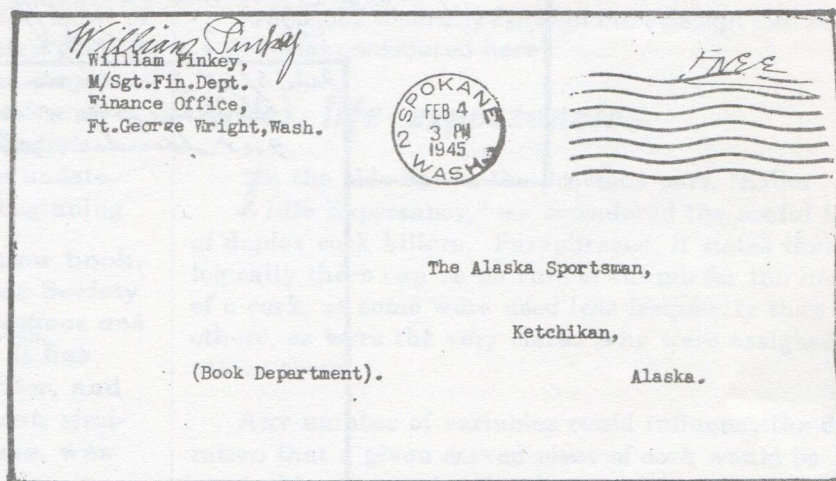
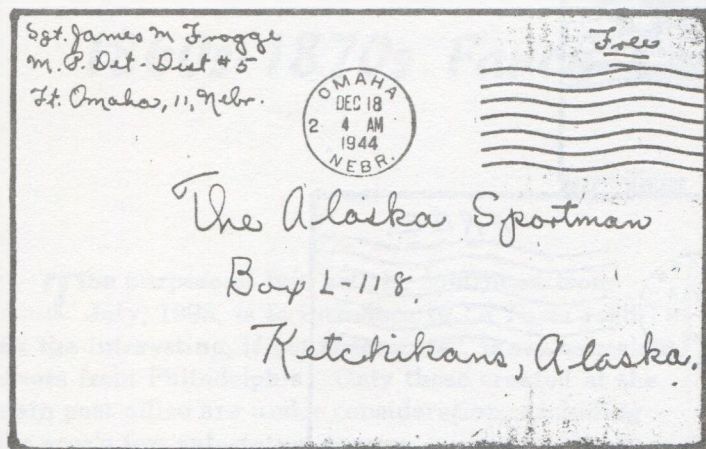


Figure 8 (above left) and 9 (below right) illustrate typical Class II fort covers. Forts such as these lacked their own postal branches and relied on nearby civil post offices for mail service.

respectively. Despite the fact that many of these posts housed fairly small numbers of troops, a good representative collection of Class II fort covers can be assembled with a bit of diligent hunting and rather modest outlay of funds. There are, however, some fairly tough items on the list. For example, see how long it takes to locate a cover from the San Carlos War Dog Training Center.

The Class III forts are a particularly interesting group. The term "antique" was used earlier, for most of the military posts in this class date from the 19th century and represent a time when forts were served by independent post offices. Fort Monroe, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Huachuca, and Fort Meade are examples of this type. Fort Belvoir post office

was established in 1935, but before that there had been a Camp Humphreys post office serving the same facility from 1920 to 1922. Figures 10 through 12 illustrate covers originating from three of these Class III forts.

Interestingly, some mail originating from forts served by independent post offices was apparently postmarked at nearby civil post offices. Figure 13 illustrates a free franked cover with a return address from Fort Des Moines, the Womens Army Corps center, which has been cancelled with a Des Moines machine cancel. The Fort Des Moines post office was established in 1904 (an earlier office of the same name had operated from 1837 to 1855), and it may be that the increased volumes of mail associated with World War II training activities simply overwhelmed the facilities of the small post office and they called upon nearby Des Moines for mail cancelling assistance.

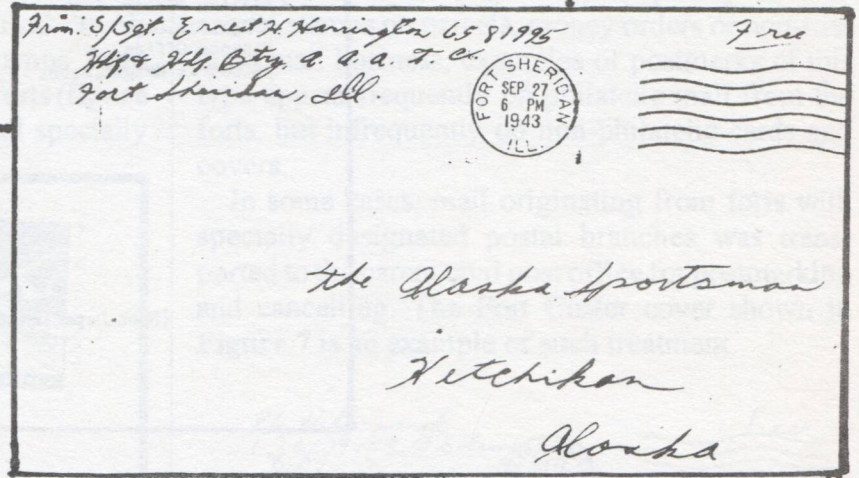
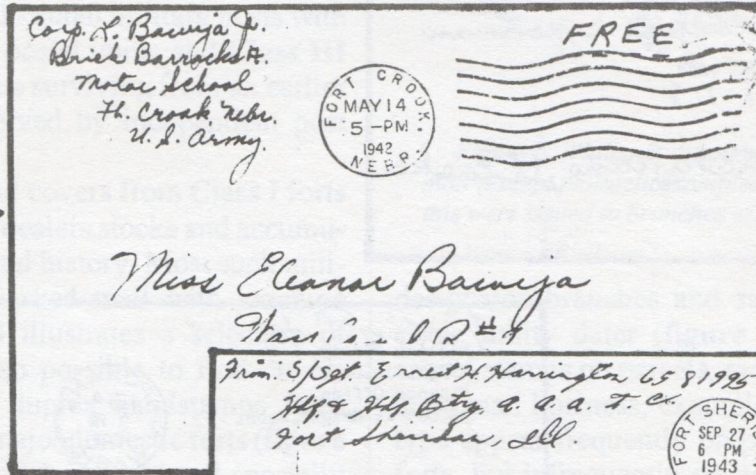
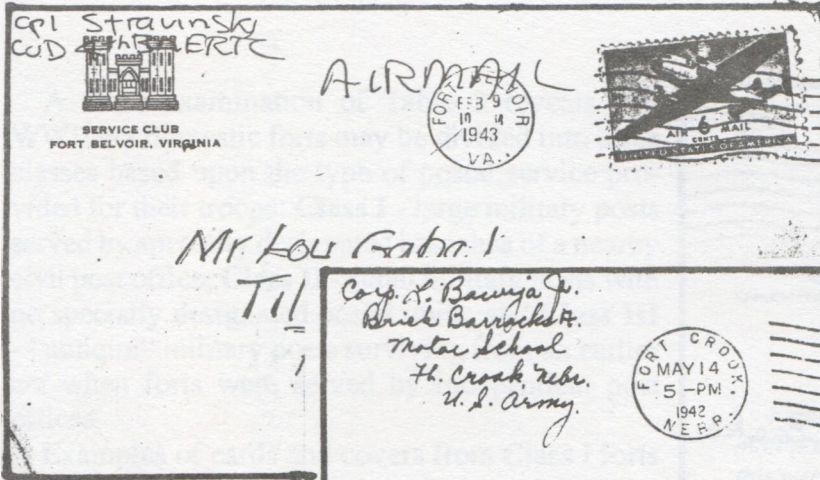


Figure 10 (top), 11 (center) and 12 (bottom) are typical of the covers originating from Class III domestic forts during the WW II era.

In summary, collecting postal history material from the WWII era domestic forts, barracks and related military reservations can be an enjoyable and challenging pursuit. Quite a large volume of cards and covers have survived, allowing the collector ample opportunity to build a substantial collection at very little cost. On the other hand, however, there were a few WWII domestic military posts from which it should prove rather difficult to find mail.

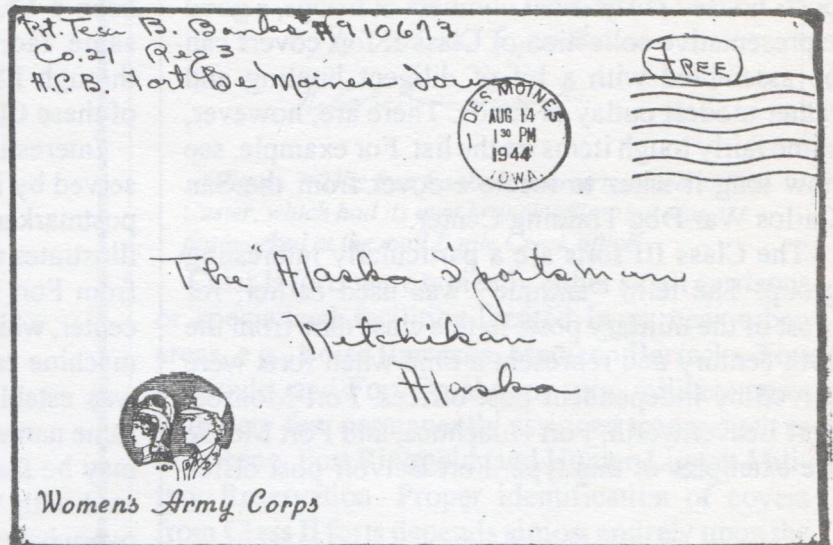


Figure 13. Although Fort Des Moines was served by its own independent post office, some mail from the fort was postmarked in Des Moines.

1860s-1870s Fancy Cancels of Philadelphia-2

by Tom Clarke

The purpose of this article, continued from July, 1995, is to introduce to *La Posta* readers the interesting, if not spectacular, fancy canceled covers from Philadelphia. Only those created at the main post office are under consideration, excluding the area's few sub-station fancies.

Since these cancels are, according to the habit of the time, mostly non-year-dated, the article's goal is to correlate usage over time and give them proper date parameters. Though the data will be forever spotty, it should be appreciated that a collector's ability to even partially date an otherwise undateable cover is highly desirable. This is a beginning.

**Since Part One's appearance, a new book, sponsored by the US Philatelic Classics Society has appeared: James M. Cole's *Cancellations and Killers of the Banknote Era, 1870-1894*. It has provided several items new to this writer, and they have been added. It's arrangement, similar to Skinner's 1845-1869 classic volume, was gratefully used as a source here.

Canceler dials covered

For this concluding installment, the dial types listed below are the pertinent ones keyed to and illustrated with their known killers.

- [#104 -the 103 type with patent and patent-like duplex bars; considered previously (*La Posta*, Sep. 1992, p.25-30)]
- #105-107 -Carrier daters, non duplex
- #110-111 - these supplanted the balloon 103s and 104s, the small duplexes, and the balloon DC carrier cancel (the #106 and 107s) by early 1866
- [#112 -first Phila. one-piece duplex cancel --no fancies, just the standard bullseye killer]
- #113
- #114
- #115 -the primary workhorse of the period
- #116 Carrier cancel
- #117 NY-bound train mail cancel
- #121 Carrier cancel
- #125 Carrier cancel
- #130

- #131 Carrier cancel
- #132 -the second workhorse, in use after 1870; it was followed by experimental one-piece duplex ellipses in 1877, etc. (see *La Posta*, July 1994, p. 20-30)
- #678 Foreign mail -a reused domestic cancelers, #131-2
- #679 Foreign mail -ditto, #131-2
- [#680-682 distinctly Foreign mail design and so not considered here]

Killer life expectancies

In the side-bar in the previous part, "Killer Life Expectancy," we considered the useful life of duplex cork killers. Paraphrased, it states that logically there can be no rule of thumb for the life of a cork, as some were used less frequently than others, as were the very clerks who were assigned to utilize them.

Any number of variables could influence the duration that a given carved piece of cork would be servicable: the grade of cork, temperature, humidity variation, the acidity of the ink supply, etc. As the days proceed, wear and tear erodes the surface. Devices are dropped, cast across the desk, wiped and rinsed in solvent. The sharp edged, precise image that comes with a newly cut cork face weakens as the days and weeks proceed into a blur.

The familiar 1868-9 "Mummers" fez hat fancy, in blue or black, for example, is one with which collectors are familiar. The progression of its fitness over time is easily visible (illustrated in Part I).

Likewise, the striking "ray-burst" killer. From few examples (not considered as worthy to save?) than the "Mummer", a parallel progression from sharp to obscure can be established and an approximation of its placement during the usual 2-3-4 week long lifespan can be approximated. Educated guesstimates can be made for most corks' lives thus.

With the "screaming eagle" too, serviceability is observed as pristine, intermediate, or late state, similar to postage stamp plate wear. Keeping in mind the many variables affecting them, we can ap-

proximately gauge the average cork's usage dates. Other more routine dating factors assist in placing killers in their proper series and sequence, that is, once the initial work of determining the dial's subtype series is confirmed.

Missing types

Thus, the progression of killer use can help us zero in on the actual usage year. However, in all probability, killers were mis-cut or were otherwise too delicate that self-destructed quickly, and for which we have no examples to bear witness of their existence. Consider the following:

Assume that killer A were carved and, from cover evidence, seemingly placed in service on or about May 3rd. It gave relatively nice impressions for most of its first two weeks, then inexorably began a slide toward oblivion over the last two weeks of its life, with a last known use on June 6.

Then we have an apparent succeeding killer, type B, utilizing the *precise dial subtype* as killer A. According to surviving covers, it exists from June 10 with no further examples known after July 1. This set of hypothetical circumstances, to be able to delimit usage of cancels so closely, is very satisfying. However, this sort of very welcome data does *not* prove that another, or even two or three, as yet unidentified killers weren't created between June 7th and June 10th. We must accept the limits of our ignorance and keep open the chance for new identifications, freely admitting that any such charts as follow are wide open to amendment.

Subtype and dial-killer series

For this type of study, do understand the absolute necessity of pre-determining and listing all subtypes of each major dial type *before* attempting to correlate their killer series. In the 1870's, the time of the yearless cancels we are discussing, methods for precise duplication of exactly alike handcancelers wasn't possible. Each was individually engraved and crafted.

To unsuspecting eyes, the dial portion of cancelers are quite similar to one another, but distinctions can be seen in letter spacing differences and angle, slight differences in dial diameter, etc. Welcome aid comes when rim knocks or missing rim portions are found on corresponding dials, so that, these dials and their accompanying killers can at least be grouped into roughly similar time slots.

Recognizing that dials were difficult to manufacture as carbon copies of one another, how much more impossible was it for two independently inspired clerk killer-carvers to make the precise same design. Thus, these individualized killers can, vice versa, help determine the particular dial they belongs to when carefully compared to another, even when only partially struck. (Of course, except for very carefully created and preserved covers, ie, those non-smudged, smeared, over-inked, and non-worn, improper families of killers can occur.)

Conservative judgment is the order of the day, with a resulting large "pile of possibles," to show proper concern for the vagaries of precise kinship allocation. Thus, we must first judiciously allow for the individual dial's subtypes. Then we must very prudently recognize our personal limitations when analysing and assigning these crude ink-blot killers. The eye and our active imaginations may well suggest a false chronology. Chaotic results ensue when mixing and superimposing wrong dials and killer series' upon one another, all to no one's benefit.

Caveats in interpretation

Note that cork killers often rotated in their housings. This rotation should not be a factor when placing cancels in state- let alone date-sequence. Covers of the *same date and state* can show corks in different attitudes. Without understanding this, comparing covers spaced at several days, let alone hours, would yield fruitless identification and frustrating conclusions.

Incomplete elements, also, within a killer can be misleading. Missing portions of a killer may simply be due to the uneven base of the folds of the letter contained beneath. Consideration must be given to the existing elements and their placement, the extent of inking, and the physical dimensions of the cork (though cork edges would be the first to suffer damage, shrinkage, over time). Corks may easily have been RE-CARVED with the aim of touching up such damage to sharpen it. A touch of intuition and a smattering of sage insight comes in handy.

Additionally, keep in mind that the same cork can reflect a marked difference in appearance based merely on the angle at which the cancelling device struck the cover. Top-angled versus bottom-angled strikes, and particularly dial-angled strikes, when compared to a full perpendicular-struck cancel will bear this out.

Simply, care must be exercised when interpret-

ing "differences" in similar cancels where none may exist. You, too, look different upon rising compared to the 11AM meeting with colleagues.

Method and results

By using cancel transparencies made on a reliable copier and then judiciously aligning the resultant images one by one upon each questionable cover helps to remove the "personal equation" from the mix and allow for precision. (But, still, always be willing to make provision for 'uncertains' and 'unknowns.' Cover interpretation, unlike politics, requires brutal honesty and is forever the best policy. It is an intriguing and time consuming, but amazingly satisfying, little job. The process properly done results in varying height stacks of like covers, and soon, with them, alike killers. Separate timeline series of the fancies can then be generated and charts constructed.

A proper population of covers is necessary to draw convincing conclusions. Of the thousands of covers produced at the post office, only hundreds remain --if we can find them-- to come to the attention of interested local cancel specialists. These few must bear the brunt for an imperfect but an-accurate-as-possible sketch of a decade or more of postal endeavor.

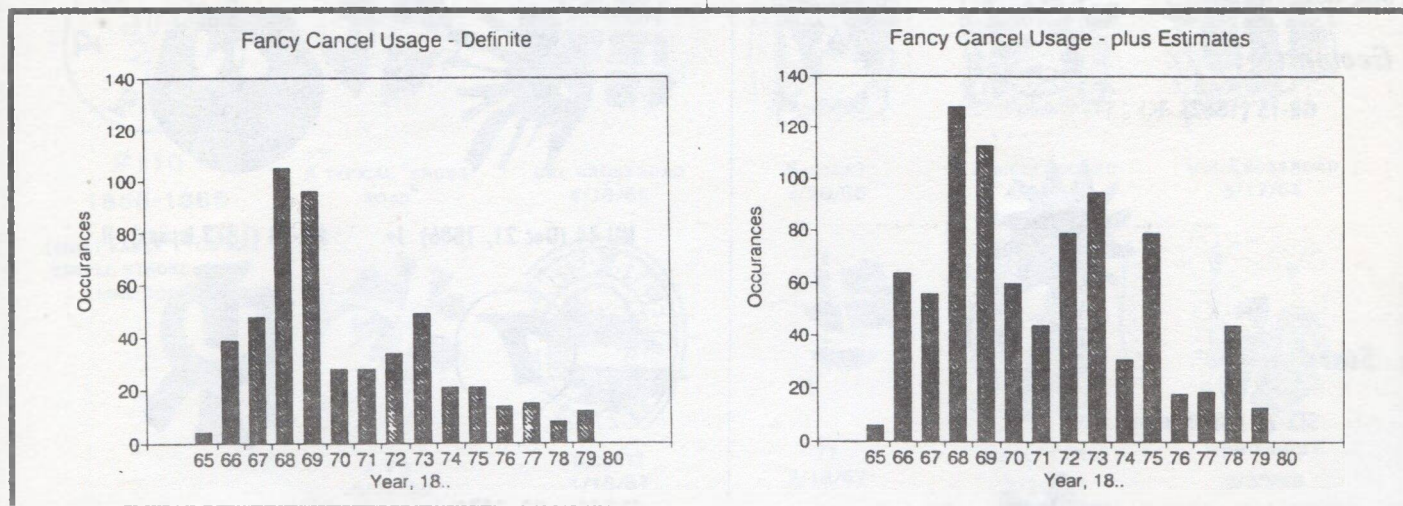
Completed, one's efforts will also suggest, for instance, how many clerks had been occupied in the

18 individual cancelers/clerks, and 23 by 1888. This is clearly evident by noting the succeeding duplex canceler's integrated killer-numerals which denote the number of canceling cages and/or clerks.

Usage period graphs

It is interesting to see the dominant usage periods of Philadelphia's fancies displayed on simple charts. Fancy momentum was strong in the late 60s, but then so was a willingness to docket covers with send/received dates. The late 60s data also are more definitive, naturally, because identity the 1869 issue leaves little room for speculation. The 1870s issues are more of a problem, but then, so are the correspondents, who took little or no time to record the comings and goings of mailings on the front or back of covers. Delightful news for exhibitors and other purists who prefer pristine items, but a sad development for detailed research. (Perhaps it was the boom-time hustle and bustle in the North after the close war that led to this sloppier accounting and lack of concern to detail?)

The difference in the two charts reflects the definitely datable items and then those along with guesstimated items. The total population of covers is small, 544 covers, and only 52% [of those in the writer's collection] were year datable, thus the large number of killers in the unknown year categories.



task of stamping covers year to year (one clerk per canceler subtype surely). Thus, for Philadelphia, we determine that by 1870 there were a dozen or so cancelers and a like number of stamping clerks.

Future evidence backs that assumption. Growth mirrored the rapid expansion of the country. By the beginning of the 1880s need called for 15, and then

The Cole book

Included next are the illustrations of the Philadelphia fancies noted by James Cole in his new work. They represent some of the interesting types to be found. The charts that follow will show many more.

Cole reference of 1870-1894 fancies of Philadelphia

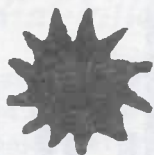
James Cole frankly admits that his work necessarily had to be representative rather than complete. The "whimsical carvings of clerks and postmasters" continue through this next period but now are supplemented by the growth of government cancelling devices. These include varied "bullseye" and "barred-oval" style killer components as well as the beginnings of machine made impressions.

Here we select only those items of whimsey located by Cole over many years of tracing cancels from catalogs and while attending exhibitions, etc. Likewise, his work does not claim to be exhaustive. By their absence, it shows that Philadelphia clerks were not willing, or were not permitted, to spend part of their wages on these privately manufactured shortcuts to supplement their own creativity. So, not included in the Philadelphia series are the well known wheels of fortune, kicking mules, stars, pin-wheels, "US Mail," "POD," etc.

There are no typed descriptions as in the Skinner-Eno book, just drawings with location and dates if known. The arrangement is roughly based on the arrangement in the S-E book, but simplified into four large divisions. (Note the Roman numerals, I to III, with pluses and minuses, which indicate rarity/collectibility: I represents common/not in demand; II, scarce/considerable demand; and III, rare/strong demand.)

I- Geometrics

GR-15 (1882) I-



II- Stars

STX-29 (1870 issues) II-



III- Crosses [none]

IV- Pictorial

SH-100 Blue (1873 issues) II RN-24 (1870 issues) II+



LCK-1 (1879 issues) II HE-14 (1879 issues) II



HE-15 (1879 issues) II CV-20 (1873 issues) II



Bi-14 (1873 issues) II+ JO-44 (1873 issues) II



NU-44 (Dec 21, 1886) I+ NL-53 (1873 issues) II



L-9 (Aug 31, 1874) I-



(Excluded are the 1880s duplexes and a Station B fancy (ML-118 II))

The charts

The fancy charts are straight forward. From those items identified and dateable, collectors can narrow down usages of their own covers and letter contents as well as otherwise undatable associated markings of Philadelphia or any other town.

Naturally, *La Posta* readers can help. The large number of 48% undateds is unacceptable. Look for docketing and contents if you have similar covers (but do accompany the information with xeroxes for unambiguous identification, please. Particularly, readers can help by adding examples missing here. (That number is manifold since he never bothered to collect fancies *per se*). Please send clear copies (reimbursed) and other pertinent cover/letter information to Box 290145, Davie FL 33329-0145. May these charts rapidly fill.

N.B. Thanks goes in particular to collector-writer Edward T Harvey of Pitman NJ for sorting through his vast collection for pertinent covers. His help greatly expanded these listings. Further grati-

tude is extended to all the other collectors who have sent material over the past decade assisting in the production of the Philadelphia Catalog and ultimately these lists.

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NOTE: in the following charts, the definition of a "fancy" cancel is any cork obliterator more ornate than a standard "crossroad," "X-design". Odd crossroads, however, qualify, as do solid corks.

No indication of subtypes is needed as the corks will identify themselves; date ranges merely indicate observed usages. Since grilled stamps were not available in Philadelphia before February 1868, that fact helps pinpoint many cancels.



#110
1866-1868

(MOST EARLY 110s ARE
SIMPLE STROKE HASH-
LINE CORKS)



A TYPICAL "CROSS-ROAD"



DBL CROSSROAD
4/16/66



6-LOBE?
4/20/66



CHECKERBOARD
4/26/66



DBL CROSSROAD
5/17/66



4 V's
6/19/66



BISECT?
1/18/67



??
2/18/67



BISECT CORK?
2/22/67



MINI-EAGLE?
8/30/68

This listing has grown to such an extent that it requires continuation through the next issue. Note, though, that the writer maintains his aplomb by holding fast his promise to complete the project in two parts --he will simply stretch this second portion till it is complete.

Thanks to correspondants who commiserated with the grueling ordeal of his recent short-distance move which slowed the appearance of this segment. Hopefully, too, with O.J.'s travails finally behind us, we can get back to our covers, their markings, sanity intact.



4-SEGMENT RING
3/10-23/68



6-PETAL
3/18/68



SOLID CORK
3/26/68



STAR
4/6-17/68



STAR
4/8/68



STAR
4/11/68



HOLED SQ
4/8/68



4-WEDGE
5/1/68



8-WEDGE
5/20-21/68



8-WEDGE
6/8/68



8-PETAL
6/10-25/68



VOID TRIANGLE
6/25/68



4? Vs
6/27/68



SEGMENTED RING?
7/16-20/68



8-SEGMENT RING
7/22-30/68



4-V PETALS
8/6/68



4 SEGMENT RING
8/9-20/68



4 HEARTS?
8/17/68

An attractive cover bearing the #110 type cancel and the killer, probably just another run-of-the-mill hashline cork. Note the condition of the basket dial, smudged, worn down and state indicators, but sharp, replacement date slugs, usually indistinguishable.


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#111
1866-1868



6-WEDGE
1/27/66



77
3/14/66



SQ.8-WEDGE
3/15/66



CHECKERBOARD
3/16/66



6-WEDGE
4/17/67



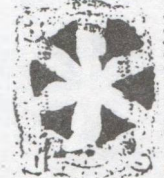
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4/20/67



6-WEDGE
4/24/67



8-WEDGE
5/10-18/67



6-WEDGE
5/23-6/14/67



6-WEDGE
7/18/67



6-WEDGE
7/26-8/1/67



6-WEDGE
8/3-23/67



6-WEDGE
8/29/67



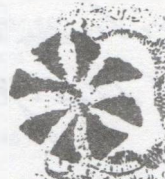
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9/3-10/4/67



6-WEDGE
9/11/67



6-WEDGE
10/12-31/67



8-WEDGE
10/28/67



6-WEDGE
10/30/67



8-WEDGE
11/7/67



CUT RING
11/12-18/67



6-WEDGE "HOOVES"
11/14-27/67



CUT RING
11/27-12/4/67



CUT RING
12/9/67



CUT RING
12/16-27/67



4 SEG. RING-LIGHT



SAME, MEDIUM
1/2-27/68



SAME, HEAVY



RING
1/29-2/16/68



CUT RING
2/22-24/68



6-PETAL
2/28-3/1/68

111 YEAR-DATE
UNKNOWN:



4-Vs
2/5/6x



61-V PETALS
3/15/6x



8-WEDGE
3 OR 5/--/6x



6-WEDGE
5/8-10/6x



8 V-PETALS
5/14/6x



8-WEDGE
5/15-28/6x



SAME, HEAVY



6-WEDGE
6/17/6x



4-WEDGE?
7/10/6x



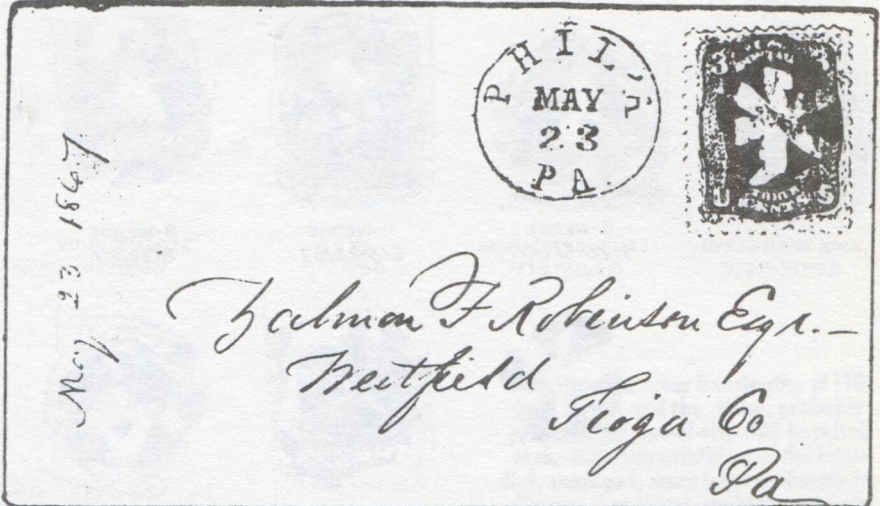
PINECONE
8/21/6x



8-WEDGE
9/6/6x



8-WEDGE
10/31/6x



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CALIFORNIA

- 001 ALMOND, 1910 F DOANE O/S ON PPC (98-14). EST. \$15
- 002 BAGDAD, VG 1912 DUPLEX ON PPC (89/23 SBE-195 LKU). E \$20
- 003 BLACKBEAR, 1910 F 4-BAR ON PPC (74-41). EST. \$8
- 004 BUTCHER RANCH, 1912 F 4-BAR ON PPC (71-35). EST. \$8
- 005 DEL MONTE, 1907 SL REDIRECTIONAL MARKING ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 006 EL CASCO, 1907 G+ CDS REC'D ON PPC (88-14). EST. \$15
- 007 EL RIO, 1907 F DOANE O/S ON STAINED PPC (95-11). E \$25
- 008 FIRMIN, 1912 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (11-12). EST. \$12
- 009 FLUME, 1908 F 4-BAR ON PPC (03/10). EST. \$35
- 010 FORT ROSS, 1912 F 4-BAR ON PPC (77-28). EST. \$12
- 011 GIBSONVILLE, 1907 VG DOANE ON COVER (55/10). EST. \$20
- 012 HEMLOCK, 1910 VG TYPE 1 DOANE ON PPC (90-13). EST. \$12
- 013 HOAGLIN, 1924 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (93-36). EST. \$8
- 014 LANCHA PLANA, 1915 F 4-BAR ON PPC (59/19). EST. \$20
- 015 LASSEN VIEW, 1940 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (37-41). EST. \$10
- 016 LEON, 1910 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (88-11 RIV-477 LKU). EST. \$20
- 017 LONETREE, 1909 G+ DOANE ON PPC (00-11). EST. \$40
- 018 LYNCH, 1910 G+ 4-BAR REC'D & O/S ON PPC (92-12). EST. \$15
- 019 MARIGOLD, 1919 VG 4-BAR ON COVER REDUCED @ LEFT (11-29). 15
- 020 MOHAWK, 1914 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (81-23). EST. \$12
- 021 NEIGHBOURS, 1910 F 4-BAR ON PPC (05-20 RIV-579 EKU). E \$12
- 022 (MONTEREY)/NEW MONTEREY STA, 1910 G PARTIAL DPLX ON PPC. 8
- 023 ORRS, 1919 G+ 4-BAR ON PPC (89/33 MEN-1112 LKU). EST. \$6
- 024 OTAY, 1909 G+ LITE DOANE ON PPC (70/25). EST. \$8
- 025 PERRY, 1907 F DOANE REC'D ON PPC (05-16). EST. \$8
- 026 PORT KENYON, 1908 F DOANE REC'D & O/S ON PPC (88/13)15
- 027 PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, 1917 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (15-19). E \$12
- 028 ROBLES DEL RIO, 1952 LD DUPLEX ON COVER (41-52). EST. \$10
- 029 ROOSEVELT, 1908 F 4-BAR ON PPC (02-25). EST. \$15
- 030 SKAGGS, 1911 F DOANE ON PPC (95-27). EST. \$6
- 031 SPRECKELS, 1909 VG DUPLEX ON CREASED PPC (98-73). EST. \$6
- 032 STAGG, 1910 F SBE-2750 LKU W/BARS REMOVED (02-26). E. \$10
- 033 STOCKYARDS, 1907 VG CDS ON COVER W/CC (98-08). EST. \$25
- 034 STONE CANON, 1915 G+ 4-BAR ON PPC W/EDGE FAULTS (00-32). 6
- 035 SUR, 1912 G+ DOANE ON COVER (99-13). EST. \$8
- 036 UPTON, 1905 F CDS O/S ON PPC W/SMUDGES (99-07). EST. \$25
- 037 VALENCIA, 1906 VG DOANE O/S ON PPC (93-09). EST. \$25
- 038 ZELZAH, 1921 F 4-BAR ON PPC (11-29 LOS-8440 EKU). EST. \$12

COLORADO

- 039 BRADFORD, 1895 F CDS AS BACKSTAMP ON COVER (89-95). E. \$50
- 040 HIGHO, 1908 G CDS ON PPC (89-30). EST. \$8
- 041 (LA)KEWOOD, 1916 G PARTIAL 4-BAR ON PPC (12-20). EST. \$20
- 042 NEWETT, 8/4/08 EKU VG DOANE ON PPC (95-18). EST. \$25
- 043 NOEL, 1912 VG LITE 4-BAR ON PPC (09-23). EST. \$20
- 044 PICEANCE, 1909 VG FORWARDING 4-BAR O/S ON PPC (92/29). \$15
- 045 SUMMIT OF PIKES PEAK/PAPAHO, 1923 F MAGENTA DC ON PPC. \$8
- 046 THOMASVILLE, 1908 G+ CDS REC'D ON PPC (90-18). EST. \$15

MONTANA

- 047 COALVILLE, 1911 G+ 4-BAR ON PPC (07-12). EST. \$35
- 048 CORBIN, 8/30/08 G+ LKU DOANE REC'D ON PPC (87-43). E \$6
- 049 CYR, 1908 VG 4-BAR REC'D ON PPC (08-14). EST. \$25
- 050 FULTON, 1910 G+ LITE DOANE ON PPC (88-14). EST. \$15
- 051 HOWARD, 1911 F 4-BAR ON NP PPC W/MP PERFIN (83/24). E \$15
- 052 NEWLON, 1911 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (81/13). EST. \$20
- 053 PINECREEK, 1909 VG DOANE REC'D ON PPC (04-14). EST. \$8
- 054 RUBY, 1914 G+ LITE 4-BAR ON PPC (01-24). EST. \$8
- 055 WOLD, 1911 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (09-12). EST. \$75

NORTH DAKOTA

- 056 CANFIELD, 1908 F DOANE ON PPC TO JAPAN (05-12). EST. \$8
- 057 KLARA, 1908 F 4-BAR ON PPC (98-09). EST. \$20
- 058 NEWPORT, 1912 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (02-14). EST. \$6
- 059 RUDSER, 1908 F DOANE REC'D ON PPC (08-17). EST. \$8
- 060 SKERMO, 1915 G+ 4-BAR ON PPC (08-14). EST. \$15

OREGON

- 061 BOOTH, 1908 F 4-BAR ON PPC (07-14). EST. \$12
- 062 LEABURG, 1906 VG CDS ON PPC (77-07). EST. \$8
- 063 MELVILLE, 1910 G CDS ON PPC (91-22). EST. \$8
- 064 NATRON, 1910 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (92/24). EST. \$12
- 065 MOUNT TABOR, 1896 F CDS BACKSTAMP ON CREASED CVR. (78-01) 15
- 066 PROSPER, 1914 F LITE 4-BAR ON PPC (93-29). EST. \$10
- 067 WALKER, 1/1/06 VG EKU DOANE REC'D ON PPC (91-25). EST. \$8
- 068 WELLS, 1913 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (80-36). EST. \$8
- 069 ZUMWALT, 1908 F DOANE ON PPC (03-36). EST. \$12

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 070 DANTON, 1912 VG 4-BAR REC'D & O/S ON PPC (09-17). EST. \$15
- 071 HELMICK, 1909 G+ CDS ON PPC (88-10). EST. \$18
- 072 MENTOR, 1912 VG 4-BAR REC'D ON PPC (09-17). EST. \$15
- 073 MINNEKAHTA, 1908 G CDS ON PPC (91/34). EST. \$5
- 074 MOREAU, 1910 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (07-18). EST. \$20
- 075 ROCKERVILLE, 1908 F 4-BAR O/S ON PPC (79-15). EST. \$8
- 076 SEIM, 1911 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (01-18). EST. \$18
- 077 VERNON, 1911 F 4-BAR ON PPC W/SM STAIN (92-13). EST. \$15
- 078 WINTHROP, 1910 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (83-11). EST. \$18

WASHINGTON

- 079 COYLE, 1911 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (08-28). EST. \$12
- 080 EAGLECLIFF, 1914 F 4-BAR ON PPC (75/36). EST. \$6

- 081 EAGLE GORGE, 1912 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (91/32). EST. \$8
- 082 EDEN, 1910 F 4-BAR ON PPC (99/35). EST. \$6
- 083 ELECTRON, 1910 F DOANE ON PPC (03-42). EST. \$8
- 084 FRANKFORT, 1909 F CDS ON PPC (90/18). EST. \$12
- 085 FRAVEL, 1912 G+ 4-BAR ON PPC (03-13). EST. \$8
- 086 GETCHELL, 1912 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (90-18). EST. \$10
- 087 REGENTS PARK, 1910 VG 4-BAR ON PPC (08-17). EST. \$12

RPOs

- 088 ALBUQ & LOS ANG, 1900 VG (984-F-1) ON COVER. EST. \$15
- 089 ALLIANCE & DENVER, 1915 F (948-C-1) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 090 ARLINGTON & CONDON, 1933 VG (896 1-A-2) ON COVER. EST. \$15
- 091 ASH ABB & MILW, 1916 VG (849-G-1) ON PPC. EST. \$12
- 092 BAKERSFIELD & FELLOWS, 1913 VG (982 1-A-1) ON PPC. E. \$20
- 093 BEARDS & FLORA/AGT, 1881 G+ (718-D-1) ON SPINDLED GPC. \$12
- 094 BILLINGS & THERMOP, 1911 F (951-H-1) ON PPC. EST. \$18
- 095 B(H)AM & BELLE ELLEN, 1908 G (413-D-1) ON PPC. EST. \$10
- 096 BREM & STAMFORD, 1907 VG (485-F-2) ON PPC. EST. \$20
- 097 BRIDGEPORT & GUERNSEY, 1911 G O/S ON PPC W/O STAMP. E \$8
- 098 BUFF, NY & EAST EMP PA, 1908 F (148-C-1) ON PPC. EST. \$12
- 099 CARONADO & (TACOMA), 1910 G+ (NEW TYPE) ON PPC W/TEARS. 8
- 100 CAZADERO & SAN FRAN, 1913 F (985-H-3) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 101 CENT & SO BEND, 1913 VG (901 3-B-1) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 102 COLO SPGS & C CREEK, 1910 VG (856-B-1) ON PPC. EST. \$18
- 103 DENVER & SILVER PLUME, 1902 VG (952-D-2) ON CVR W/TEAR REP 12
- 104 DEN & STEAMBOAT SPGS, 1911 G (982 2-D-1) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 105 DUNSMUIR & S F, 1935 F (982-G-1) ON COVER. EST. \$10
- 106 EUGENE & POWERS, 1935 VG (900 2-B-1) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 107 EUREKA & SCOTIA, 1908 VG (985-M-2) ON CREASED PPC. EST. \$8
- 108 FT. W. TEAGUE & HOUS, 1913 VG (475-B-1) ON STAINED PPC. \$6
- 109 FRESNO & COALINGA, 1910 F (982 4-A-1) ON PPC. EST. \$8
- 110 FRESNO & FAM(OA), 1918 G+ (992 3-D-1) ON PPC. EST. \$12
- 111 GALE & KEAT G SUMMIT, 1907 VG (153-G-1) ON PPC W/O STAMP 8
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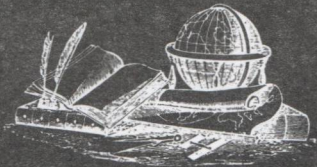
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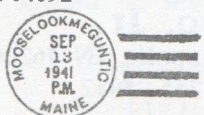
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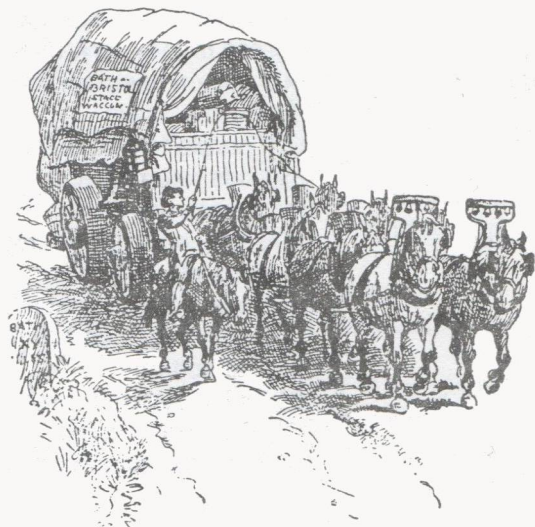
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Ames 190? 4bar on ppc stp torn
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Denver 1939 pictorial D & F
advertising corner card
Denver 1872 2 cvrs w/encl
Denver 1880 long letter to Fort Kla-
math Ore, "Lawlessness"
etc.

Denver 1972 4x7 Postage due bill
w/many due stamps
Dolores 1898 cds bit of rim missing
Durango 1890 cds
Durango 1896 Denver & Rio Grande
Express money env. used

Fort Garland 1905 cds on telegraph cvr
sent via U.S. Mails
Granite 1897 purple "clock" as rec.
Highlands 1893 cds returned and
struck twice gov card

Highlands Sta 1898 gov cd Fwd 4x many
markings etc.

Hill Top 1916 spelled as two words
Langford 1892 cds on gov cd spindle
holes at bottom

Leadville 1897 s.l. registered (mag)
w/8c Sherman, 2c red.

Leadville 188? ornate Hotel Kitchen

Oakview 1914 4bar ppc (Col) lite
Ouray 1909 great real photo of
town & Mtns Sal & Ouray rpo
Pagosa Springs 1891 cds.
Pandora 190? locally made photo-
lith of Ingram, Pandora etc.
Parlin 1893 cds
Sawpit 189? Denver & Rio Grande
Express money env. Large
w/much printing, used.
Telluride 1898-99 four Rio Grande
Southern shipping receipts
w/battleship revenues
1899 cds on cvr front

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<u>KANSAS</u>		<u>New York</u>	
Fancy Creek Fort Leavenworth Rosalia?	1889 manuscript 1883 lots of enclosures 191? RFD RFD block letter handstamp 1880 manuscript open rgt	Albany Carmel Champion East Westmoreland Henderson	1860's cut-punch cancel 1891 cds 1860's manuscript 1877 hand stamp 1860's green blue town as fwd cancel. Wash DC cancel & missent ms, 1883 nice cvr to Mexico 1893 cds 1902 Doremus dotted bars w/odd Hampden mac as b/s 1870's h/s, to Denver
Wilder		Kinderhook Upper Lisle West New Brighton	
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Collinsburgh Fort Necessity Elbe Winnsborough	1890 cds Fancy 1889 cds 1889 manuscript 1889 cds as backstamp	Clifford Hurd Maxbass Powers Lake Williston	
<u>MAINE</u>		See Hawaii!	
E Palermo New Sweden West Mount Vernon	1870's manuscript 1894 cds USDA penalty imp 1895 cds USDA penalty imp	<u>OHIO</u>	
<u>MARYLAND</u>		— Campbellstown 90P-P Cincinnati Derby Glenville = MC'Kay 29P-P Mohawkville Orrville Rows Sego Sharonville	
Baltimore	1890 gov cd w/1c blue added to Hamburg 1882 cds gov cd 1880's, pretty		1880's manuscript 10 ⁰⁰ 1838 FL to Tenn 183/4 man 1909 doane 2c Alaska- Yuk 1881 triple circle 5 ⁰⁰ 1880's large purple cds 15 ⁰⁰ 1898 cds 1894 to Bulgaria! 1898 registerd cvr 1870's manuscript 1870's straightline 5 ⁰⁰
(Green)? Spring Furnace Lapidum			
<u>MASS</u>			
Bardwell's Ferry East Stoughton Groton Shutebury	1910 RFD h/s unusual 1886 purple fancy as fwd 1890 fancy purple dbl circ 1899 cds		
<u>MICHIGAN</u>			
Byron	1870's handstamp		
<u>MINNESOTA</u>			
Minnetonka (lake?) Minneapolis	1908 Doane PPC 1909 Riverside Sta. Pnuem machine cancel.		
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	1846 red cds turned cvr to Washington City DC, faults		
<u>NEBRASKA</u>		<u>OREGON</u>	
Wakefield	191? Main Street real photo	The Dalles	1899 duplex, local returned to writer pointing hand 1880 letter from Denver. See Denver listing. 1885 cds to West Point M.A., land office enclosures
<u>Nevada</u>		Fort Klamath	
Dayton Winnemucca	1915 reg cvr, repaired. 1894 reg cvr to Germ 230/1	La Grande	
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>			
Canton	1885 huge purp dbl circ h/s	<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	
<u>NEW MEXICO</u>		Ernstville Lee's X Roads Lumberville McClure Oak Station Perryopolis	1881 manuscript 1878 manuscript 1892 cds 1908 RFD manuscript 1912 Doane on Gov cd. 1860's manuscript fwd'd
Concha Dam Deming East Las Vegas Eddy Gallup	1936 magenta 4bar 1889 cds 1889 cds some ltrs lite 1890 cds 1910 real photo ppc of cowboys "Roman Riding"		

Port Trevorton <u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u> Anderson	1866 manuscript 1920's Anderson Corn Rur Sta purple 4 bar ppc 1895 as backstamp	Columbians	1895 5c w/ 1894 rare International New York wavy bar mach can.
Little Mills <u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u> Colman	1892 large purple cds on 2 U.S. Grant cards.	Cross Border	Canada sm queen and 3c US banknote Fwd N. Scotia to Calais maine (manuscript)
Garretson	1902 RFD handstamp o/size envelope 1891 cds cnr nicked	Unusual Doanes	Barney, Orilla Iowa purple doanes on ppc
Minnesela <u>TEXAS</u> Austin Southard <u>UTAH</u> Ogden	Aeronautic Br. 1918 duplex 4bar 1 1/2 yr P.O. ppc Ogden Union Railway CC. RRB. 1890's not post used	Everett, Mass prexies Natick, Mass prexies Mexico US military	15 and 11/2 ct prexies used to register parcel post 1945 2 15ct, 1 3ct prex used on reg cvr "Refused FWD'D" si 1940 reg cvr to Ill w/many stamps and "Prohibited" hs 1941 4bar Marine Det Bermuda
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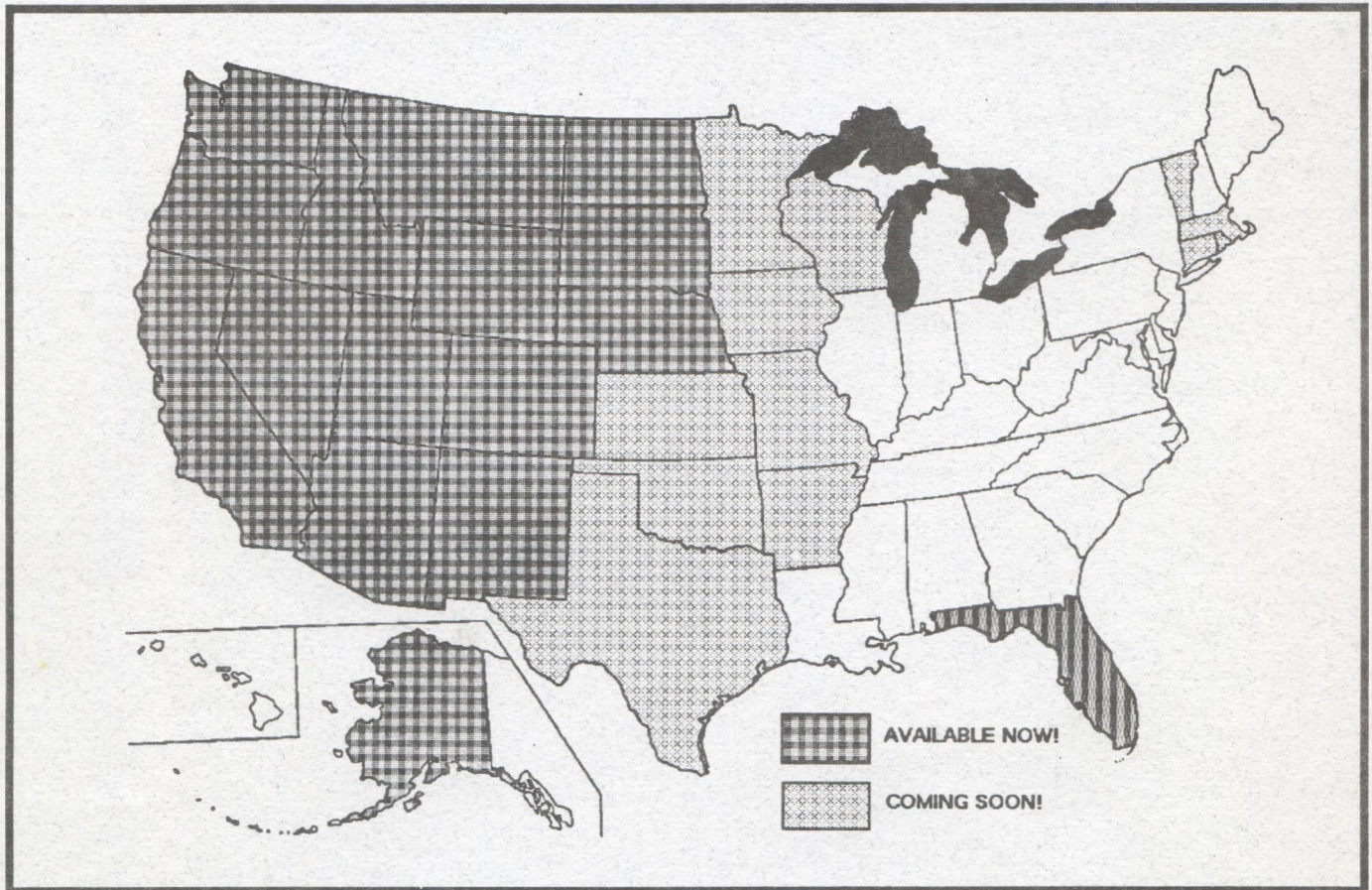
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