

CANCELLATIONS AND KILLERS
OF THE
BANKNOTE ERA
1870 - 1894

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PUBLISHER'S PREFACE

This book takes a somewhat different approach to recording cancels than do several previously published books about cancels of other eras. Traditionally, those books have emphasized the unusual to the extent the routine is ignored. Those works have included not only the unusual cancels on stamps but the origin markings not normally used to cancel postage stamps. Mostly, the cancels shown in those works represent the whimsical carvings of clerks and postmasters, but little is said about the privately purchased or government-furnished devices that produced similar cancels used at many post offices.

The banknote era, however, was the period of transition from the whimsical carvings to what developed as the highly automated machine cancels of today. Thus, it appears desirable to avoid misunderstandings as to the scope and intent of this book. Due to the very large number of kinds of cancels on stamps of the banknote period, it was recognized from the outset that this work could not be complete but would only be representative. In fact, this became apparent immediately because the compiler had more tracings than could be included in a work much larger than this.

For this reason, and also because Mr. Cole had based a high percentage of his tracings upon auction catalogs, what he saw at exhibitions and in the reference material of stamps and postal history, it seemed pointless to ask other collectors to submit material by other than a general invitation in *Linn's Stamp News* and other publications.

The scope of this book is all cancels found on banknote era material, not just fancy cancels. Another facet of the problem stems from the changing meaning of the word "cancel," which is apparently being extended to include all postal markings rather than just those involving the cancellation of postage stamps. It appears rather misleading to include in the term even those postal markings of the prestamp period, in use before there were any postage stamps to cancel.

Thus, this book is about the postal markings used to cancel stamps or postal stationery indicia of the banknote era, 1870-1894. Such cancellations range from the traditional carved corks and target killers of the 1870's to the privately manufactured fancy killers, duplexed or not, used in duplicate by many offices for some designs, and on to the more sophisticated combination postmarks of the early machine cancel era. It also includes handstamps used on 3rd or 4th class mail that were used to cancel stamps.

There are several purposes for the publishing of this book. First, it was to provide some sort of reference where there was a large gap on publications available to collectors, as Clyde Jennings points out in his discussion of collections of cancellations. Another purpose is connected with Jim Cole's original reason for starting to accumulate pictures of cancels from which he could make tracings. This was that he noted many partial cancels on the off-cover banknote stamps in his collections, and he wished to know more about them. Undoubtedly, that same curiosity exists with most collectors. Thus, this book is aimed primarily at the collector of banknote stamps off cover rather than those who collect covers other than just as part of their stamp collections.

Still another purpose was to point out that many of the intriguing cancels of the late 1870's and early 1880's were made by manufacturers who furnished identical killers to many post offices. The well-known wheel-of-fortune is the primary example, believed to have been used in several hundred different post offices. Many other killers were also used in identical form in more than one office. Thus, these markings needed to be listed by manufacturer as well as by town of origin. It would appear that Jim Cole has developed a simple and yet very satisfactory method of handling such markings.

In many ways, publication of this work is a new departure for this Society as it is the first book published by it that has the banknote era not only as an included theme but as its exclusive subject. It is my personal opinion that there are far more collectors not presently members of the Society who will find the book useful than will the current membership. Accompanying this, is the thought that many of the former may eventually become members.

Richard B. Graham
Chairman,
Publications Planning Committee

AUTHOR'S FORWARD

I didn't start out in compiling tracings and information on Bank Note Era cancels with the idea of putting them into book form, but rather just for my own personal use. However, it soon became clear to me that there was a lack of reference material covering the cancellations of the Bank Note stamp period in general. What was available tended to be limited to a particular area, such as the New York foreign mail cancels, the kicking mule fancy cancels and on the 2¢ red-brown issue of 1883-87.

No period of 19th century philately provides a more diverse range of cancellations than the period of 1870-94. From the "Paid" cancels, holdovers from the stampless period, to numerous hand carved "fancy" cancels, to the commercially prepared and supplied "Wheel-of-Fortune" cancel, used in well over 300 towns, to the early machine cancels. Cities such as Boston and New York used series of letters or numbers, while New Orleans and Chicago used large numbers of geometric cancels.

An attempt has been made to show at least a representative number of each of these kinds of cancels, but it should be understood that completeness of the listings is an impossibility, at least within the intent of this book.

There were probably hundreds of solid star cancels alone used at various post offices during this period, and no purpose could be served by showing them all, even were it possible. Those types of cancels generally considered more desirable, such as the pictorial cancels, or the unusual, necessitated a more extensive listing in preference to the more mundane star or other types, though again, completeness is not attempted here.

Where a choice was necessary between similar cancels, a colored cancel usually took precedence over one found in black; one where the town(s) of origin and either dates of use or issue were known were used over one where information was less complete. An attempt was also made to show as many cancels from the states not represented as well as the rest. States such as New York, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Illinois are very well presented while states such as Nevada, Arkansas and Florida are not. This is due to a great extent to the lack of a sizeable population during this period, but also to the amount of research done by certain state postal history societies. (Both the Illinois and Wisconsin Postal History Societies have published works on this subject.)

No fakes were intentionally included. However, cancels on stamps off cover can at times be difficult to determine as genuine or not. As the project progressed, cancels determined to have been fakes were deleted. However, those that might be questionable were given the benefit of the doubt until proven to be other than genuine, if of sufficient interest.

Reports of fakes being detected, important additions and other information developed after this book appears may be reported through the *Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Issues*, the quarterly publication of the Society publishing this book.

James M. Cole

COLLECTING CANCELS OF THE BANKNOTE ERA

Clyde Jennings

The stamp bug bit me as early as age eight when I began collecting "gimmies" like many of us started out. By age 12 I knew U.S. was my main love and it has remained so ever since. About 1956 I became interested in cancels, per se, and began accumulating them. . . . but to this day I am stumped on how to answer the question, "What is a fancy cancel?" After all, the first postal regulation on how to cancel an adhesive stamp asked for a "pen stroke," as may be seen in Figure 1, which shows stamps of 1847 and 1851 with pen stroke cancels. So, the first time a postal employee used two strokes to make an "X," like to cancel the 5¢ 1847 stamp on the cover in Figure 2, was that not a fancy cancel? How about Figure 3, where the postal clerk canceled the two 5¢ 1847 stamps with a whole row of "X's" to form a cross hatch pattern? The example at the left end of the cover in Figure 2 is quite neatly done.

Figure 1. Stamps of 1847 and 1851 cancelled as per regulations, with black pen strokes.



Figure 2. A Columbus, Ohio cover of 1850 with a 5¢ 1847 stamp cancelled with two pen strokes making a cross.

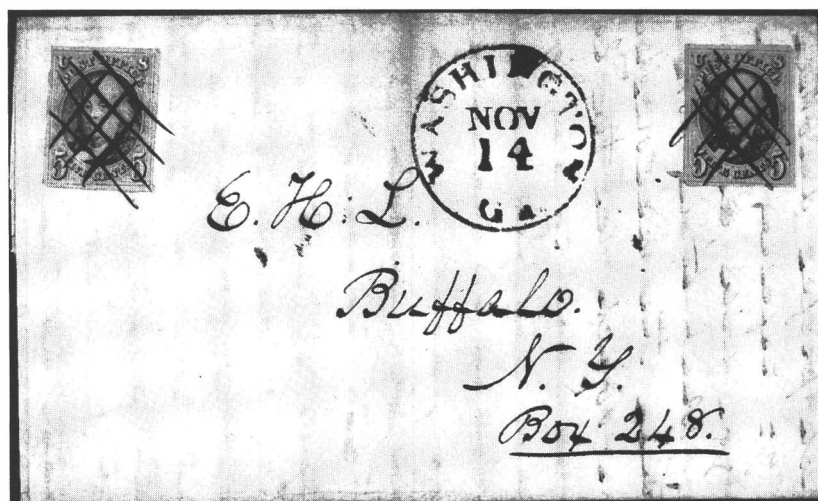


Figure 3. A cover sent from Washington, Georgia to Buffalo, New York in 1850, with 10¢ postage prepaid by two 5¢ 1847 stamps, one at each end of the cover. The stamps are cancelled by pen strokes forming a cross-hatched design.

To quote good friend Dr. Hubert Skinner of New Orleans, one of the leading exponents of (what I now call) unusual cancels, "I collect what strikes my fancy." That being the case, then I *do* collect fancy cancels.

However, the line between fancy cancels and all other cancels is very dim, if it can be seen at all. Some are so far to one side or the other that everybody called them "fancy" or nobody does. Some, like the government-furnished 4-ring target killers used in the mid-19th century, probably would be considered a fancy cancel if there weren't so many of them. So, the term "fancy cancel" implies not only something pleasing to the eye but something very unusual if not unique.

The above mentioned Dr. Skinner, together with the late Amos Eno, has published a very fine and informative tome covering cancels and markings of the U.S., *United States Cancellations, 1845-1869*. And Sol Salkind of Lake Worth, Florida has produced a study of the cancels and markings from 1890 to 1900, on the so-called small banknotes in *U.S. Cancels 1890-1900*.

These two books bracket what for a number of years has been sadly lacking a published study, the period 1870-1890, when the so called large banknote issues were current. Now, comes what you are holding in your hands, that long needed pioneer study. And I am—among others, I'm certain—happy to see it! This work was accomplished by a young man who has until now had a rather low profile in philately, one James M. (Jim) Cole of Fairfield, Ohio. Jim has collected and studied U.S. cancels for a number of years, an exhibit of which garnered a silver at VAPEX '87 in philately's very first marcophily exhibit.

Even then, this doesn't reflect the depth of Jim's interest in his subject. Rather than being based primarily on his own collection, as most authors of pioneering books are apt to do, Jim has included countless tracings made from photocopied auction catalog listings (adjusted for size by photocopier) and from many other sources. The number of tracings he has made and accumulated is far greater than the number shown in this book. Jim has remarked that he has enough tracings of star killers, alone, to fill a book this size again!

This book, although a pioneering work, thus cannot be a final and complete study of this period of prolific cancels, but it is a beginning—a first step. In years to come, Jim or other students, using this as a nucleus, will refine and add to this study as more data becomes available. That's a phenomenon that often happens when someone publishes a work on a new field. It seems to act as a catalyst for others to come forward and expand the field with new data, corrections and additions.

The problem is expanding the field of banknote cancels in future books lies in that this, already a large book, still is only a selection from what Jim has available with no attempt to be complete. Probably several more books this size would be needed to produce anything near completion in listing all cancels to be found on the stamps and postal stationery of the banknote era.

Some sort of logical means needs to be found to separate this gigantic subject into sub-divisions that could be published separately. Undoubtedly, clues to how the subject might be subdivided lie in the way Jim Cole has arranged this book. The government issued handstamps; those made and distributed by specific manufacturers to lots of different post offices, and machine cancels are some of the subdivisions that suggest themselves.

As mentioned above, the line between fancy cancels and other cancels is hard to establish. Probably the first interest in fancy cancels came when a stamp collector noticed that an ink blob cancel on one of his stamps looked like his wife's bonnet or a rooster's head or something else familiar. When the post office began to require separate killers for canceling the stamps, and postal clerks began to carve their initials or some sort of design they liked into the corks or whatever they used to cancel stamps, stamp collectors naturally began to notice the odd shapes of cancels on the stamps in their collections.

No thought was given to what town produced the unusual cancels, and on loose stamps long since removed from covers there really wasn't a good way to find out, which problem is still with us today.

One caution: in any area in which a minimum value stamp can be made into a three figure—or even four figure—item by the simple addition of a cleverly conceived and executed cancel a danger is presented that it entices and beckons the forger. Before paying into three figures or more for any unusual cancel or marking, a certificate of authenticity should be demanded or obtained. That is just good business practice applied to philately. These spurious cancels are not always copies of existing ones; some are created as "originals." The two cancels shown in Figure 4 are such examples, and both were offered in an auction by what was at that time one of New York's leading auction houses of a cancel collection which featured unusual cancels all over the front of the catalog. There were even sources quoted, the cow's head from



Figure 4. Faked fancy cancels on 3¢ banknote stamps offered as being applied by postmasters at Arcola, Illinois and Gloucester, Massachusetts, the former being identified as the head of a cow and the latter as a fish. the expert committee certificate denies this, calling them fake cancels. (Also, see page 17.)

Figure 5. A Waterbury three-leaf clover cancel, Rohloff's F-14, on a 3¢ Banknote stamp.



Arcola, Illinois, and the fish from Gloucester, Massachusetts. Neither ever saw either city and I can show certificates to prove it.

These fakes are not to be confused with the so-called "copy-cat" cancels. A postal employee would see on incoming mail a cancel carved by someone else and say to himself, "Shoot, I can carve that well," so he whipped out his trusty old blade and produced *his* version of what he just noticed. Figure 5 is an example of this, a genuine Waterbury, Connecticut three-leaf clover, Rohloff F-14. In Figure 6 is a copy of it done by a railway mail clerk. I wrote the whole story of this for the Philatelic Foundation, so you can find more detail in that organization's *Opinions VI*, if interested.

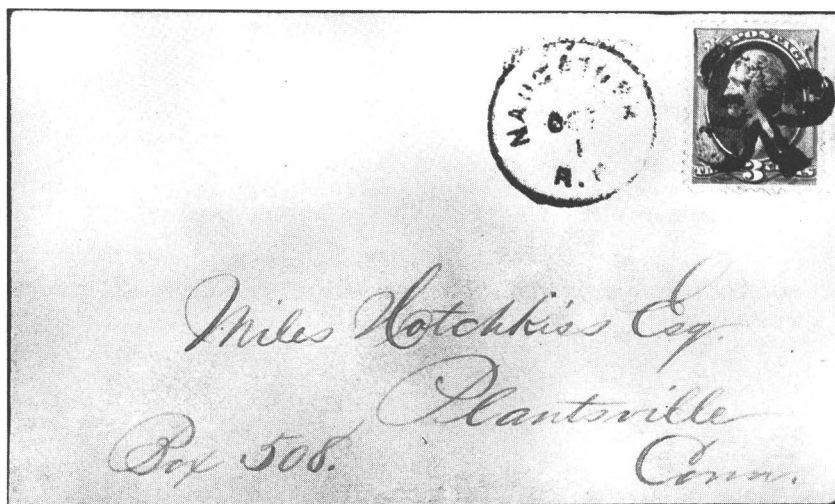


Figure 6. A cover with a railway postal clerk's carved "copy-cat" imitation of the Waterbury 3-leaf clover cancel.



Figure 7. Fakes, as guaranteed by expert committee certificate, of the West Meriden, Connecticut (or was it meant to be the copy-cat Brattleboro, Vt. version?); "devil-with-pitchfork" (left) and Waterbury Andrew Johnson's tombstone fancy cancels.

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POSTMARKS AND POSTMARKING DEVICES OF THE BANKNOTE ERA

Richard B. Graham

The form and appearance of the postmarks, cancels and the devices producing them saw a great deal of change during the Banknote stamp era, 1870-1894. These changes were produced by many factors, the chief of which were the more than doubling of the number of post offices in the United States and an even greater increase in the volume of mail handled.

Thus, not only does the collector of covers, postal stationary and loose stamps of the Banknote era have a far larger volume of material to cope with but the variety of markings and cancels and even their characteristic styles both changed and increased in variety during the period. The onset of machines to postmark mail and cancel stamps simultaneously and the awakening of Post Office Department officials in the 1880's to a need to provide postmarking equipment of a standardized nature to all post offices were major factors here. So was the development of auxiliary and ancillary markings reflecting new and changed services and thus applied for different reasons than the similar markings of the previous eras.

Banknote Era cancels may be roughly divided into three overlapping periods, all overlaid by the "G.I." (Government Issue) standardized postmarks furnished to larger offices by the Post Office Department. The first of these is the continuation, lasting into the 1880's, of the markings and devices of the 1860's. Next came a period when the 4th class offices, not furnished "G.I." devices, purchased their own cancellers from private suppliers. Many of the devices were rubber stamps with elaborate cancels furnished in identical design to many other offices. The final period saw the 4th class offices gradually supplied with standardized "G.I." devices and also saw the larger post offices starting to use rapid cancelling machines applying markings of entirely new styles.

The overlap stems from the fact that many instruments of the 1860's and 1870's or later eras lasted long into the subsequent eras. New equipment producing different markings usually went through an experimental period when only a single or at least very few post offices used them and even after acceptance, use in more offices was a gradual affair as equipment had to be manufactured in volume and therefore was distributed gradually.

The first period, covering the 1870's, saw use of the markings applied by postmarking devices produced in previous eras or, in the early 1870's, produced in the same styles. The large post offices used mostly handstamping devices furnished by the U.S. Post Office Department, and the smaller offices, depending upon how much mail was handled, used a wide range of devices furnished by either the government or the private sector, or simply used manuscript markings.

Until the late 1870's, the Post Office Department furnished postmarking devices of varying styles to post offices doing certain volumes of business above a minimum figure that varied from gross annual receipts of \$50 to \$200, depending upon the then current regulations. Going into the 1870's, the style of devices furnished were, as spelled out by Section 14, Chapter II of the 1866 P.L. & R, as follows:

GROSS RECEIPTS	STYLE OF HANDSTAMPS
Over \$1000 annually	Class 1 (steel, presumably)
Over \$500 but less than \$1000	Class 2 (iron)
Over \$100 but less than \$500	Class 3 (wooden)

Section 15, following, stated that postmasters at offices with gross receipts of less than \$75 per annum had to furnish their own handstampers. The \$25 gap here, between \$75 and \$100 as the minimum amount of annual business required to receive free handstamps, reflects a rather casual attitude of the P.L. & R.'s compilers that indicates other factors in the way the furnishing of handstamps was handled.

The "first class" handstamps were steel duplexed types, as shown in the photo (with tracing of the marking it produced) in Figure 1 and the patent type drawings in Figure 2. These were furnished to the post offices doing over \$1,000 annual gross business. The 4 ring target killer of the handstamp shown in Figure 1 and its style of dated townmark indicates it was manufactured in the mid 1860's. The style shown in Figure 2, with a socket ("F" in Figure III of the drawing) duplexed to accept cork killers (often with carved fancy devices) also was developed in the 1860's after it was learned that the softer corks generally did a more thorough job in canceling the stamps than the metal four ring targets, even though they wore out more quickly. Since corks or carved wood killers did require frequent replacement, easily done in the socket type mountings used with the handstamps made like the drawing of Figure 2, these became an almost endless source of fancy cancels. Some postmasters or clerks fancied one type design, and as they wore out, continually replaced them with a somewhat similar but slightly different cork of the same general design. This produced markings of confusing variation, many of which some experts deem to be fakes, but actually, barring ink chemistry variations, who knows?

It is assumed that the class 2 devices of 1866 were made of iron and that they were not necessarily duplexed. The difference between iron and steel, the latter being hardenable after finishing, would have produced longer life in terms of steel surfaces being usable to postmark a great many more pieces of mail before being worn out.

The wood instruments furnished, per the P.L. & R. of 1866, were almost certainly manufactured by E.S. Zevely of Cumberland, Maryland. Portions from his *Monthly Bulletin* of November, 1869 (Vol. 4, No. 5, Whole No. 41) are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The portions shown in Figure 3 comprise the major feature of the front page of the four-page bulletin. It shows typical postmarks of the kind supplied by Zevely, and also pictures a hammer type postmarking device plus an unduplexed "circular office stamp," together with

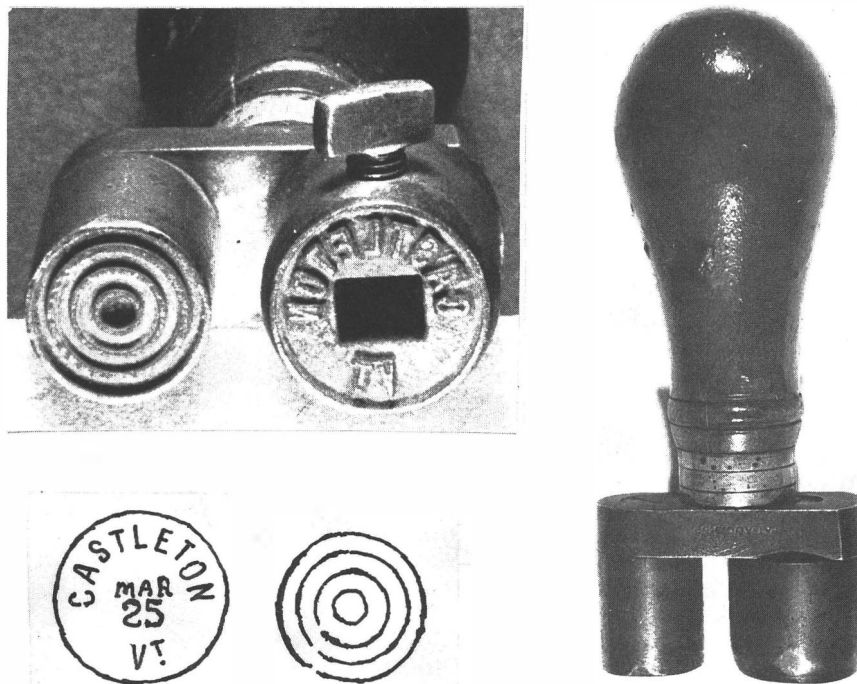


Figure 1. A first class duplexed handstamp with town datestamp and a target killer arranged to be applied at one blow. Used at Castleton, Vt., circa 1870. Courtesy, Dr. Donald B. Johnstone.

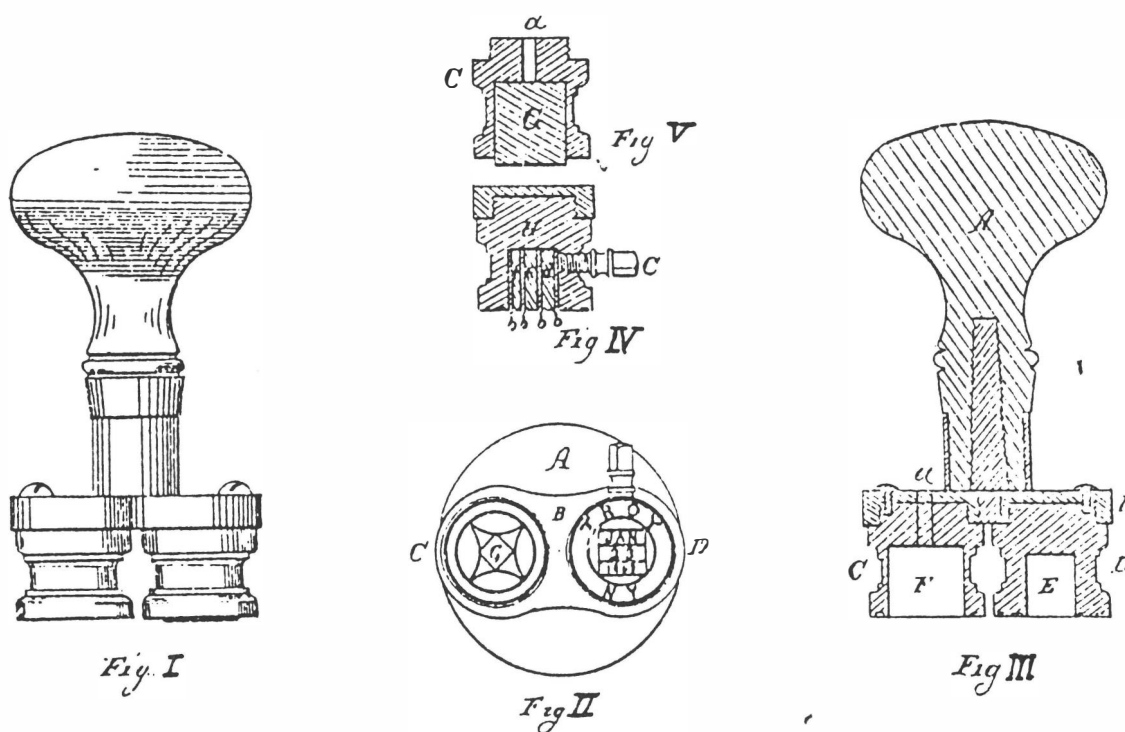
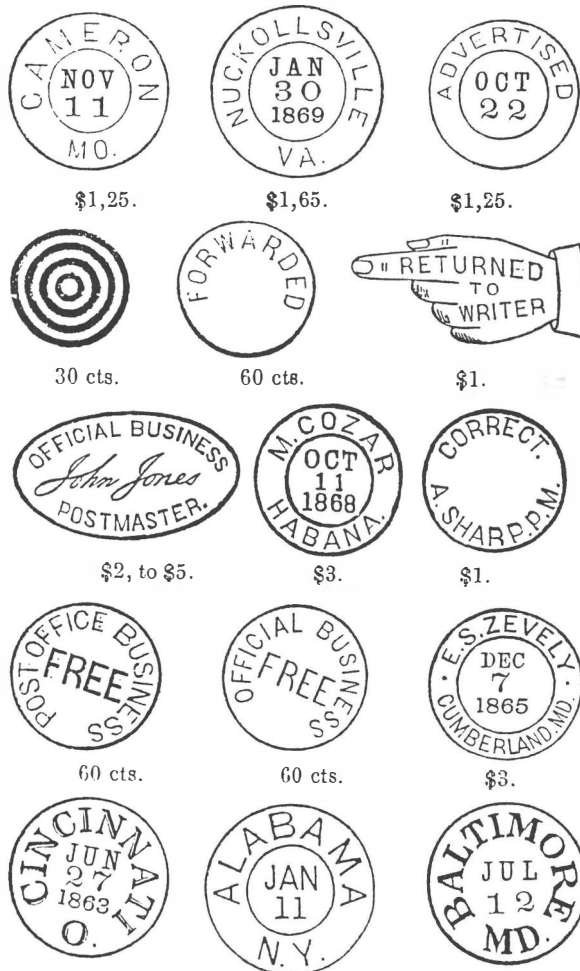


Figure 2. A patent drawing of a duplex handstamp, circa 1865, from a patent granted to Marcus P. Norton in the 1860's.

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See inside, second and third pages.

N. B.,—The contract for furnishing marking and rating post office stamps to the P. O. Dept. was re-awarded to E. S. Zevely for four years from April 1, '67.

Figure 3. Pages from the *Monthly Bulletin* published by E.S. Zevely of Cumberland, Maryland in 1869. Zevely made hand-stamps of boxwood for the Post Office Department and also, as shown in his *Bulletin*, offered them privately to postmasters who were not eligible to receive them from the government and who wanted additional handstamps. Courtesy, David G. Phillips.

prices.


Zevely's note at the bottom of the right-hand column, "The contract for furnishing marking and rating post office stamps to the P.O. Dept. was re-awarded to E.S. Zevely for four years from April 1, '67." is of interest. This probably refers to only the wood handstamps, since Fairbanks & Co. had the contract for the metal handstamps from 1863 to 1867, although they were manufactured by Edmund Hoole of New York as a sub-contractor.

Zevely's *Bulletin*, although aimed at postmasters, does provide us with the form the wooden handstamps furnished under government contracts took, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, from pages 2 (left) and 4 of the *Bulletin*. Figure 4 shows portions of pages 2 and 4, and give Zevely's terms and also show a very great familiarity with the regulations and practices of the Post Office Department. This isn't surprising, since E.S. Zevely was a brother of A.N. Zevely, 3rd Assistant Postmaster General from 1859-69. The note in small print is especially significant that notes, "Post offices collecting (gross) Fifty dollars or more annually can get Stamps from the Department by writing the First Assistant P.M.G." The portion at the right in Figure 4 provides instructions for use of the handstamps and ink supplied with it, from page 4 of the *Bulletin*.


A section on page 3 traces the history of manufacturing of postmarking handstamps in the United States and is worth repeating, as follows:


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No stamps sent by Express "C. O. D." but promptly forwarded on receipt of price by mail.

 In writing, give the name of your post office, county and State plainly and in full.

 When writing for information or circulars &c., it would be well to enclose a stamp.

 The INK sent with stamps must be thinned with raw linseed or sweet oil See directions.

 Describe what kind of a Stamp you want, [if you do not see it in this paper,] and I can then state price, &c.

Post Offices collecting (gross) Fifty dollars or more annually, can get Stamps from the Department, by writing to the First Assistant P. M. G.

Postmasters must be careful to use the stamp for postmarking Registered packages, as well as letters, according to the new regulations concerning the registration of letters. *Written postmarks are not allowable.*

OBSERVE—The Department only furnishes the circular office stamp. All other stamps, &c., must be procured by the postmasters. See prices elsewhere on this sheet.

DIRECTIONS

FOR USING THE

MARKING AND RATING STAMPS


Supplied by E. S. ZEVELY,
Cumberland, Maryland.

The INK should be of an oily nature, as printers' ink. Vermillion, or Ivory Black, or Prussian Blue, or any other fine color, mixed with oil, will answer very well, though printers' ink does better, and may be had at any printing office. This should be slightly thinned with raw linseed or sweet oil. In order to apply the ink properly to the face of the stamp, the following simple fixtures should be provided:


1. A cushion or PAD made by stretching a piece of buckskin or cloth over a block three or more inches in diameter and stuffed with cotton or wool.
2. A bit of glass, wood, stone, or porcelain.
3. A small wooden spatula, (vulgo "paddle.")

THEN, to transfer the ink properly to the pad—which may require a little practice—with the spatula rub out a small portion of ink on the glass, and gently strike the pad upon it until it is perfectly "distributed." This being done, the process of stamping may be proceeded with as rapidly as desirable by first pressing or striking the stamp on the pad and then on the letter or paper to be stamped, which should be placed with layers of cloth or paper under it—and not directly on a hard table.

The ink, pad and glass should be kept covered when not in use, to protect them from dust, and the pad should also be kept moist with sweet oil, and by keeping it covered when not in use with a damp woollen cloth.

 These stamps will do good service many years, and yield plain impressions, when used with care as per above directions, and will seldom require cleaning; but this may be done by rubbing gently with a soft brush with weak lye, camphene, or spirits of turpentine, &c., and completed when necessary by picking with a small pointed stick. Lastly, wipe stamp dry and oil.

TO USE SEALS—the same directions apply, except that the pressure should be harder than is necessary for a stamp; and if it be desired to use a seal without ink, a press or leverage of some kind must be used, with cloth or buckskin over the seal.

 To use wood seals on hot wax, (and they answer for this just as well as metal, at much less cost,) it is only necessary to have them slightly moist or oily on face at the moment of using, and to use dexterously—allowing them to rest on the wax but an instant, or to allow the wax partly to cool first.

 All kinds of stamps or seals made and delivered through the mails

Figure 4. Terms for purchasing handstamps from E.S. Zevely and his instructions for using them, from his *Bulletin* of 1869. Courtesy, David G. Phillips.

"MARKING AND RATING HANDSTAMPS"

(From the U.S. Mail)

"In days long syne, that is to say perhaps forty years ago, prior to the burning of the old general post-office and patent office building in Washington, Dec. 15, 1836, the P.O. Dept. furnished certain offices with stamps made of brass. These were made by William J. Stone; price \$15 for an office stamp. About the year 1850, or nineteen years ago, necessity, the parent of invention, was the means of introducing a much cheaper stamp to the notice of the Dept. and the public, and had it not been for this the Dept. would even yet probably would be paying much higher prices for stamps than it is paying. In that year, E.S. Zevely, then Postmaster at Pleasant Grove, Allegany Co., Md., engaged in teaching, who had previously elsewhere been a printer, editor and amateur engraver, after supplying his own office with stamps, conceived the idea of supplying others also. He was the first person who exhibited specimens of *wooden* stamps in the P.O. Dept.—which were approved, and an order obtained at prices, however, which experience has since shown were too low...."

Thus, Zevely combined a bit of history as a space filler in his house organ *Bulletin* published to advertise his products.

The development of the duplexed postmarking devices in the 1860's had stemmed from Post Office Department objections to use of the town datestamps to cancel the postage stamps on a letter. Such use not only usually caused the postmark to frequently be illegible, but also did a poor job cancelling the stamp. Thus, after some years of negligible effect of the P.L. & R.'s in pressing use of a separate handstamp to cancel the stamps, an order by Postmaster General Joseph Holt on July 23, 1860 absolutely required use of a separate killer to cancel the stamps and banned use of the town datestamp for that purpose. This caused problems, particularly in the large post offices where large volumes of mail had to be postmarked in limited time to meet scheduled departures of mail. Additional time was taken by applying the separate markings, a problem only solved by adding additional people to postmark letters.

This led to the development of the duplex handstamp, combining town datestamp and killer so that both could be applied with one stroke.

The government issue devices furnished to the offices having over \$1000 per year gross business were

duplexed for the most part after the mid-1860's, but smaller offices received iron or wooden handstamps and, as per Zevely's comment in his *Bulletin* (Figure 4, bottom, under "OBSERVE") the Department furnished only the town postmarking device but no other devices including those to cancel the stamps.

POST OFFICE CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS

The postal act approved July 1, 1864 established classes of post offices for the first time. At that time, five classes were established (later reduced to four), of which the postmasters of the top three classes, whose annual compensation was over \$1000, were appointed by the President and those with less salaries were appointed by the Postmaster General. In 1869, as of June 30, there were 27, 106 U.S. post offices, of which but 980 were of the top three classes having postmasters appointed by the President. The two lower classes, with annual compensation under \$1000 per year, were comprised of 4th Class offices with compensation from \$200 to \$1000 annually and 5th Class post offices with compensation under \$200 per year. These two classes, as of June 30, 1869 thus consisted of 26, 126 post offices or over 96% of the total.

It should be noted that while post office classification was based upon annual salary of the postmaster, the form of postmarking devices, if any, issued to those offices by the Post Office Department depended upon the gross receipts of the offices considered, which was a considerably higher sum. While salaries were also based upon the gross receipts of the post offices, they were but a small percentage of the post office receipts in the Class 1 or Presidential post offices. As per the 1873 P.L. & R., postmasters received as salary 60% of the first \$100 of annual gross receipts produced by their office, 50% of the next \$300, 40% of all receipts over \$400 and under \$2400 and 15% on all revenue exceeding \$2400 per annum.

Sections 65-70 of the 1873 *Regulations* redefined the details of the issuance of postmarking devices from those of 1866 although the change probably was in effect prior to 1870. Under the 1873 code, post offices with under \$50 annual receipts (or, thus, \$30 salary), received no postmarking devices whatsoever, those with gross receipts of \$50 to \$500 received wood circular townmarks; \$500 to \$1000, iron and over \$1000, "first class steel marking stamps."

Translating the breaking points on the style of postmark stamps furnished by the Post Office Department, all postmasters receiving over \$450 per year salary would have received the first class, steel duplexed stamps, those getting between \$250 and \$450 per year, stamps of iron, those getting from \$30 to \$250, wood devices and those receiving less than \$30 per year had to furnish their own.

Annual salaries were recorded in the semi-annual *U.S. Registers*. Compiling data from random selected pages of the 1871 *U.S. Register*, an estimate was made of what percentage of post offices would have received each class of government issued handstamps, if any, by 1871. Considering some 1200 post offices listed on 15 pages from that many different states, it appears that only about 15% of the post offices would have received metal devices made from iron or steel. Of the remaining 85%, about half would have been eligible to have wood handstamps furnished by the government and the remainder would have been entitled to none at all. They not only furnished their own cancels but their own datestamps.

Undoubtedly, from our awareness of the activities of E.F. Zevely and some occasional competitors whose advertisements have survived, many of the wood handstamps were sold to postmasters and postal clerks who purchased them on their own as time saving devices. Also, some of the offices whose mail volume had been decreasing had postmarking stamps left over from earlier years when they had been furnished by the government. But, from the number of small post office manuscript postmarks known from the 1860's and early 1870's, it is estimated that at least 20% of U. S. post offices, all of which sent very little mail were still using manuscript postmarks by 1870.

One of the interesting aspects of attempting to locate data on the process of supplying postmark devices as outlined in the P.L. & R. is the constant variation of terminology used when discussing the handstamps. They were called "Rating Stamps" in the 1866 P.L. & R.; "circular office stamps" or "marking stamps" in the 1873 P.L. & R. and "canceling stamps" or "dated stamps" in the 1879 edition. In the 1887 and 1893 editions they were called "canceling" and "postmarking" stamps. After the mid 1870's, instructions were to order the devices from the Blank Agency of the Post Office Department in Washington. Probably the problem was then, as now, the need to distinguish between the adhesive postage stamp and the rating or postmarking stamp in the discussion.

POSTMARK SUPPLIERS AND POSTMARKS, 1873-9

Chapter V of the 1873 P.L. & R. listed blank forms for ordering supplies. Among the more than two pages of different forms listed was one for ordering "marking and rating stamps" from the Blank Agency in Washington. This was followed by Sections 65 etc. which gave the basis for such orders cited previously.

The first issue of the *United States Official Postal Guide* appeared as a quarterly publication in October, 1874. While the early issues were intended to serve more as a guide for the public than for the postmasters, in 1879, their emphasis was completely shifted. From then on, they were issued monthly and were changed to provide postmasters with necessary information involving changes in laws, regulations and procedures, as well as post office openings and closings. During the 1870's while the quarterly *U.S. Postal Guides* were current, each subsequent issue carried a reference to the 1873 P.L. & R., listing "canceling stamps, to offices entitled to same" under supplies obtainable from the Blank Agency, but there was no other mention of any standards for supplying postmarking devices. However, under "Rulings of the Post Office Department," a section providing changes, instructions, additions and corrections of the P.L. & R.,

Advertisement for
Marking and rating stamps

July 15, 1877.

Ordered That the included
advertisement dated July 15.
be published in the following
newspaper viz "National
Republican" Washington D.

James N. Tyner
Postmaster General

RG28

Miscellaneous Orders
of the Postmaster General
1876 to 1883

PROPOSALS FOR MARKING AND
RATING STAMPS

Post-office Department,
Washington, February 1877

1876 1877

Sealed Proposals will be received at this Department until the 1st day of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, for furnishing for the use of the post-offices in the United States for one year, from the 1st of April next, Marking and Rating Stamps of the following description, namely:

CLASS NO. 1.

Circular Marking Stamps of Steel, with cancel combined, the stamp to be about one inch, and the cancel one-half inch in diameter, with the name of the office and State, with type for months and days in blocks of like material, with sufficient thumbscrew for the same, and with handles of mahogany, walnut, or other heavy wood.

In proposals for this class of stamps, the bidder will state the charge when fitted for and accompanied by 24-hour blocks, as 8 A. M., 4 P. M., etc.; also the charge for separate figures and months.

Also, Octagon Marking Stamps, without the cancel, but similar in all other respects to the circular stamp above described, and with type for year, months, and days of the same material, in blocks.

CLASS NO. 2.

Circular Marking Stamps of Steel, without the cancel, but similar in all other respects to No. 1 Circular Stamp, and with type for months in blocks and single figures for days, all of the same length as the steel type, but of type metal.

Also, Rating and other miscellaneous Stamps, of steel or iron, containing such words as "Advertised," "Missent," "Returned for better directions," or any other word, sentence, or figures not exceeding in length the sentence, "Returned for better directions," when several of the same are required.

Also, for such Stamps as names of persons when but one of a kind is required.

Also, Cancels of Hard Wood, half-inch diameter, containing four or more parallel lines.

Stamps will be ordered for the different classes of offices, according to present or future regulations and necessities of the Department, or the Postmaster General may at any time cease to order any of them in his discretion.

Models of stamps complete, of the bidders' own manufacture, must accompany the proposals.

Each proposal must be accompanied by the guarantee of two sufficient guarantors, that the bidder will enter into contract within ten days after his bid is accepted to furnish the articles specified in his accepted bid, and a certificate from a postmaster that such guarantors are reliable persons.

The accepted bidder will be required, within ten days after his bid is accepted, to enter into contract, with sureties to be approved by the Postmaster General, to supply the articles the proposal for which is accepted, in which contract it shall be provided that in case of failure to supply the articles, or any of them, according to the contract, the contractor and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract as liquidated damages to be sued for in the name of the United States.

The stamps must be delivered at the Blank Agency of the Post-office Department at the expense of the contractor.

Proposals should be indorsed on the outside of the envelope: "Proposals for Office Marking Stamps," and addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.

also cancels suitable for cancelling stamps on packages

Postmaster General

Figure 5. A galley of an advertisement, annotated and corrected by Postmaster General James N. Tyner, to invite proposals for furnishing "marking and rating stamps" to the Post Office Department in 1877. From *Miscellaneous Orders of the Post Master General*, National Archives.

in the April, 1879 *U.S. Postal Guide* (69, page 68) noted as follows:

"69. The Postmaster General has issued an order to the effect that no allowance for the purchase of marking and rating stamps of any kind will be made to postmasters, unless authority therefore shall first be obtained from the First Assistant Postmaster General. This order will be enforced, without distinction, against all postmasters."

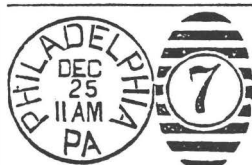
Oddly, although a new edition of the P.L. & R. with letter of transmittal by Postmaster General David Key dated July 1, 1879 appeared soon after the publication of the ruling in the April 1879 *Postal Guide*, the new P.L. & R. contained no statement of the basis upon which handstamps might be provided as had been the case in earlier editions. It did list "canceling stamps" among post office supplies obtainable from the Blank Agency. It repeated, under Sections 721 and 722, the instructions of previous years as to the use of black printing ink to cancel stamps and continued the ban on use of the "Post-marking Stamp" to cancel postage stamps.

The 1879 P.L. & R. also had, as per an act of July 12, 1876, provisions combining the 4th and 5th Class post offices into the 4th Class, eliminating the "break" at \$200 annual gross receipts that had hitherto separated the two classes. The dividing point between Presidential appointment and appointment by the Postmaster General continued at an annual salary of \$1000, but the method of calculating salaries changed somewhat. The Presidential postmasters' salaries were calculated upon the gross annual receipts of their offices but the 4th class postmasters' salaries were, after July, 1876, computed upon the volume of stamps and postal stationery canceled rather than sold, plus box rents and other sources of revenue.

For both, the percentages allowed as salaries were about the same but the basis shifted from annual to a quarterly basis. On the first \$100 per quarter, 60% was allowed as salary; of the next \$200, 50% and for all over \$300, 40% for the postmasters of 4th class offices. Salary for any one quarter was limited by law to not exceeding \$250 for 4th class postmasters. However, provision was made for reclassifying to a higher level if the amount exceeded \$250 per quarter for four consecutive quarters. At the same time, the basis upon which expenses such as clerk hire, etc. were allowed was limited to the two higher classes of Presidential offices with nothing said about expense allowances for 3rd or 4th class post offices. The net effect on the furnishing of postmarks is uncertain, but it appears that the wood town datestamp contract was dropped and the iron handstamps changed to steel, insofar as the devices purchased by contract are concerned. Figure 5 shows a copy obtained by Dr. Alfred E. Staubus from the National Archives of a printer's galley of an advertisement for marking and rating stamps of 1877. The galley, dated Feb. 15, 1877, was annotated and corrected by James N. Tyner, then serving as Postmaster General. The advertisement is headed "Proposals for marking and rating stamps," and was to run in newspapers commencing February 17th, with the proposals to be received by March 17th, 1877, and the contract to run just one year.

In essence, the requirement was for first and second class devices, the first class handstamp being a round duplexed device of steel and the second class also of steel but without the cancel attached. Separate townmarks, and various auxiliary handstamps, some of hard wood, were also required. From this, it appears the intent of the Post Office Department was to only supply standard postmarking devices to the larger classes of post offices, letting the others acquire their postmarking and office equipment on their own directly from suppliers. This idea stems from the Post Office Department ruling quoted previously, in the *U.S. Postal Guide* for April, 1879, cutting off allowances for purchasing rating stamps without obtaining prior permission. Just whom the offenders were who caused this ruling to have been published is unknown, but it seems probable that both large and small post offices were ordering handstamps on their own and submitting the costs to the Department as an expense.

Just who furnished these devices is also uncertain since they were probably not covered by existing contracts. However, advertisements in the *U.S. Postal Guides* and other publications seen by postmasters, such as circulars addressed to them, offers clues. Occasional ads had appeared in the *Postal Guides* of the late 1870's and Figure 6 shows such an ad from the Issue of April 1879. The style of marking shown, with a barred oval or ellipse, became the standard U. S. postmark form for many years thereafter well beyond the Banknote period. Advertiser John Goldsborough of Philadelphia developed the elliptical barred oval type killer such as was commonly used in the following decades. This killer and Goldsborough's ads are discussed in detail on pages 314-15. The first of these style of markings appeared in 1875 in New York, their use evidently being experimental.



POSTMASTERS AND OTHERS,

Send 3-cent stamp for Circulars and information of STAMPS OF ALL KINDS,
FOR BANKS, RAILROADS, etc., and Postmasters' Complete Set.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH, 919 Market Street, Philadelphia,

(OPPOSITE NEW POST OFFICE.)

Figure 6. Goldsborough's ad in the quarterly April 1879 *U.S. Postal Guide* displays a duplexed Philadelphia postmark with ellipse and star cancel, furnished from 720 Chestnut St. of that city. (See page 314 for other Goldsborough ads.)

THE U.S. POSTAL GUIDES OF THE 1880'S

It was noted earlier that the *U.S. Postal Guides* changed form in 1879. Previously, they had been a quarterly publication with information intended for the general public, but with the January 1880 issue, it became a monthly publication. The publication revolved around a huge January issue of each year with small monthly supplements for the remaining eleven months. The January issues invariably ran to several hundred or even a thousand pages, but the rest of the monthly issues seldom reached 50 pages. The January issues had a huge alphabetic list of all post offices, plus additional large lists of the post offices by states and counties. In addition, there were lists of post offices by classification, of money order, special delivery and classes of registration offices. The data on the foreign mails was extensive and a capsule of the important provisions of the last issued P.L. & R., updated as required, was also included. In short, the January *U.S. Postal Guides* were the "bible" of post office operations in the U.S. from the 1880's on for many years.

The monthly supplements simply updated post office establishments and closings and brought postal laws, regulations and procedures up to date. Both the January and the monthly issues were sent free to all postmasters and to all members of the Railway Mail Service.

All the *Postal Guides* of the 1880's carried advertising, the advertising pages being confined to sections in the front and back but never interposed into the pages dealing with the post office operations. The advertising was naturally aimed at those who read the *Guides* the most, the postmasters and postal clerks, after January, 1880.

The January 1881 *U.S. Postal Guide* carried several offerings of postmarking devices for purchase by postmasters who either were not furnished handstamps by the Department or needed more handstamps than the Department would furnish to efficiently operate their post offices.

SOURCES OF CANCELLING DEVICES, 1870-1880

All through the 1870's, the "cork" or other styles of handstamps used to cancel stamps, as distinguished from the town postmarks, were of about the same pattern as of previous decades. This is to say, while "separate" (as identified by Postmaster General Joseph Holt in his order of July 1860) handstamps were used at times prior to 1860 to cancel stamps, such was usually done with the town postmark until Holt positively banned the practice. When separate handstamps were used, they were either a solid wood or steel grid or target or a soft "cork" inserted into some kind of holder. After 1860, the cancelers evolved into two major groups, having either hard solid designs or soft corks. The cancelers were either separate or duplexed with the soft "corks" inserted into sockets as shown in the patent drawings of Figure 2.

It had been found in the 1860's that the softer materials did a far better job of cancelling the stamps than the harder wood or steel killers, which was probably true with the inks, devices and stamp pads involved. Thus, while the corks wore out rather quickly, the handstamps were designed so that corks could be easily replaced. It was also found that a blank, solid cork didn't produce as densely black a cancel or carry cancelling ink as well as did a cork that had scored grooves or recesses in its face. The relief that was thus provided would not only carry more ink but the smaller areas remaining applied it better.

BRASS, STEEL, RUBBER, AND RIBBON STAMPS.

Brass, price \$5.00.

Ribbon, price \$5.00.

POSTMASTERS,

We have the greatest variety of stamps made in the United States. Before purchasing send for our 48-page catalogue, containing over one hundred different styles of Post Office Daters alone.

Steel, price \$5.00. Eureka Rubber Dater, price \$3.00.



Address F. P. HAMMOND & CO., 164 Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.
Factory at Aurora, Ill.

Figure 7. Ad of F.R. Hammond of Chicago (and Aurora), Illinois for brass, steel or rubber postmarking devices. From the *U.S. Postal Guide* of January, 1882.

We will duplicate any offer made by other Manufacturers

No. 500.



No. 501.



No. 502.




WAR! WAR! WAR!

On receipt of \$2.00 each we will mail you our unequalled offer, consisting of one Flexible Rubber Dater and Cancellor, combined or separate, Dates for 10 years in a walnut case, 100s, Tens, and everything complete, ready for use. Also the 16 line stamps shown below.
 Dater and Cancellor with fixtures alone, without 16 lines, only \$1.00.
 The 16 line stamps for \$1.00.
 "Postage stamps will not be accepted for these offers."
 The best machinery, with every facility in our new factory, enables us to make stamps at prices never before thought of.

THESE 15 LINE STAMPS AS SHOWN.


J. T. Stevens, P. M.
 L. R. Marsh, Ass't P. M.
 Utica, N. Y.
 Held for Postage.
 Missent.
 Correct.
 Advertised.
 Registered No.
 Forwarded.
 Unclaimed.
 Postage Due.
 Due 2 cts.
 Third Class Matter.
 Returned to Writer.
 Due 4 cts.

We send Dater and Cancellor combined or separate. State plainly how you want yours. Our stamps are warranted for 10 years use if Postmasters will follow directions packed in every box. Rubber Stamps have taken the place over all other kinds, doing better work, requiring no repairs, and costing less money. A fact to be remembered is that we were the first to put down prices, and we are to-day, with over 11 years' experience, selling better goods for less money than any other firm.

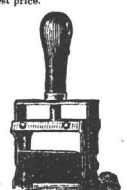
Special Offer Until Further Notice.
 For \$3.00 cash any (2) Daters shown on this page. For \$4.00 cash any (3) Daters, each complete with all fixtures. We warrant these Daters to be made of better material, more durable and lasting, than any \$2.00 or \$3.00 Dater sold by other parties. The base is made of Cherry, with a large, finely enameled handle. For large or small offices it is a really good article, and will last as long as a more expensive stamp.
 See page 20 for description of Post Office Account Books. Send for our 72-page catalogue containing over 100 different styles of Daters. Any stamp made in the United States we keep in stock, and will furnish at lowest price of any house. Send 3 ct. stamp for samples of over 40 designs in Post Office Note-Letter-Heads and Business Headings.

Address F. P. HAMMOND & CO., Aurora Illinois.

LOOK OVER THIS PAGE OF
NEW STYLES FOR MONEY-ORDER BUSINESS.



The above style of dater for only \$2.00, all complete with any die wanted. Remember we can furnish anything made in the United States. If you don't see what you want, describe it, and we will furnish at lowest price.



This elegant stamp complete for \$5.00
 The very best in use.






Rubber Machine Stamp. We furnish the best kind made; a splendid stamp with solid brass and brass wheels, with dates for 10 years, months, and days. We can refer you to hundreds of Postmasters who have purchased from us, as to its good qualities. Price \$8.00 by express, by registered mail only \$5.74.

All goods sent by mail post-paid, unless otherwise stated in description given.

Manufactured by F. P. HAMMOND & CO., Aurora, Illinois.




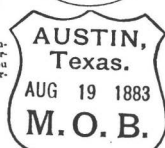
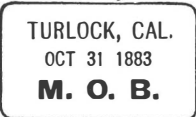






Figure 8. Two page ad of F.P. Hammond & Co., of Aurora, Illinois in the *U.S. Postal Guide* of January, 1884. Note that the cancelling devices for stamps are not illustrated but, in spite of being banned the previous year, rubber postmarking devices are still being offered in the official *Postal Guide*.

This, of course, led to the carving of the soft corks into fancy designs by postmasters and clerks so as to provide cancels distinctive of their offices or, in the larger offices, probably of the clerks themselves. These, of course, provided the highly collectible cancels of the 1850's into the 1880's. When the duplexed handstamps supplied by the Post Office Department with sockets for the cork killers became widely distributed, they seemed to supply an endless variety of cancels to delight today's collectors.

It is also apparent from many of the varieties of devices listed here that when a cork with a design fancied by the postmaster or clerk wore out, it was promptly replaced with a new cork of basically but not meticulously the same design as to exact detail. This factor causes a considerable problem today to decide whether such cancels on loose stamps are simply a non-identical replacement or the product of some faker. It is also of interest that many postmasters and clerks copied designs, with more or less accuracy, that appeared on mail incoming from other post offices when the designs caught their fancy. This, too, compounds the problem of just what post office or faker applied a cancel to a stamp that has long since been removed from its cover.

In any case, a fair proportion of the cancels described in this book stemmed from the carvings on cork, wood or other soft materials and used to cancel stamps in the 1870's and into the 1880's.

SOURCES OF CANCELLING DEVICES IN THE 1880'S

Earlier, mention was made of advertisements offering postmarking devices for sale that appeared in the *U.S. Postal Guides* of the 1880s. The January 1880 *Postal Guide* carried two small ads of John Goldsborough of Philadelphia and one, full page, of F.P. Hammond of Aurora, Illinois. The latter, while showing only dated postmarks without killers, did mention rubber stamps. The January 1881 *Postal Guide* had a double page ad of Hammond and a full page ad of E.S. Miller of Newark, Ohio. Both Hammond and Miller advertised rubber stamp postmarking devices. The process of making datestamps from vulcanized rubber started just as the Banknote stamp period opened, and the Hammond ad in the January 1881 *Postal Guide* presented four duplexed examples of the beautiful and popular "wheel-of-fortune" killers, called by some the "Japanese parasol" and by others,

"doodles." This page is duplicated on page 56 and the Hammond "Eureka dater" which appeared on the opposite page of Hammond's ad, is shown on page 81.

It has been estimated that the wheel-of-fortune killer was used by at least 600 different small post offices, and over 350 of them are listed in this book, pages 56-61. Figure 7 shows another Hammond ad that appeared in the January 1882 *Postal Guide*. This is a much more modest affair, and Figure 8 shows, much reduced, Hammond's two page ad from the January 1884 *Postal Guide*. Other Hammond ads continued to appear in the *Postal Guides* on through the 1880s, although other types of killers are shown in the ads. A Hammond ad in the 1887 *Postal Guide* illustrates markings of Bath, Ills. (Hammond's abbreviation) and White Rock, Texas. Both these are duplexed with killers of much less intricacy than the wheel-of-fortune cancels, the Bath duplex having a positive, segmented star and the White Rock cancel being a negative star.

Figure 9 shows a postal card, front and back, offering vulcanized rubber handstamps made by the Excelsior Rubber Stamp Co. of Elmhurst, Ill. The card illustrates two markings, one of Columbus, Ohio duplexed with a shaded cross (see page 115) dated June 11, 1879. The Elmhurst postmark on the card is a similar style duplex in magenta with the same killer. The other marking is a money order business stamp of Atlanta, Georgia. The address is a partially printed "POSTMASTER" and finished in manuscript, "Albany, Portage County, Wis.," which makes quite clear to whom the mass mailing was directed.

One of the questions aroused from seeing the reproduced postmarks in the ads of the 1880's is whether the towns whose markings are shown actually ordered and used the particular markings. While two of the four wheel-of-fortune markings shown in the Hammond advertisement on page 56 are known with different dates than those shown, there is no record of a Denver, Colorado example.

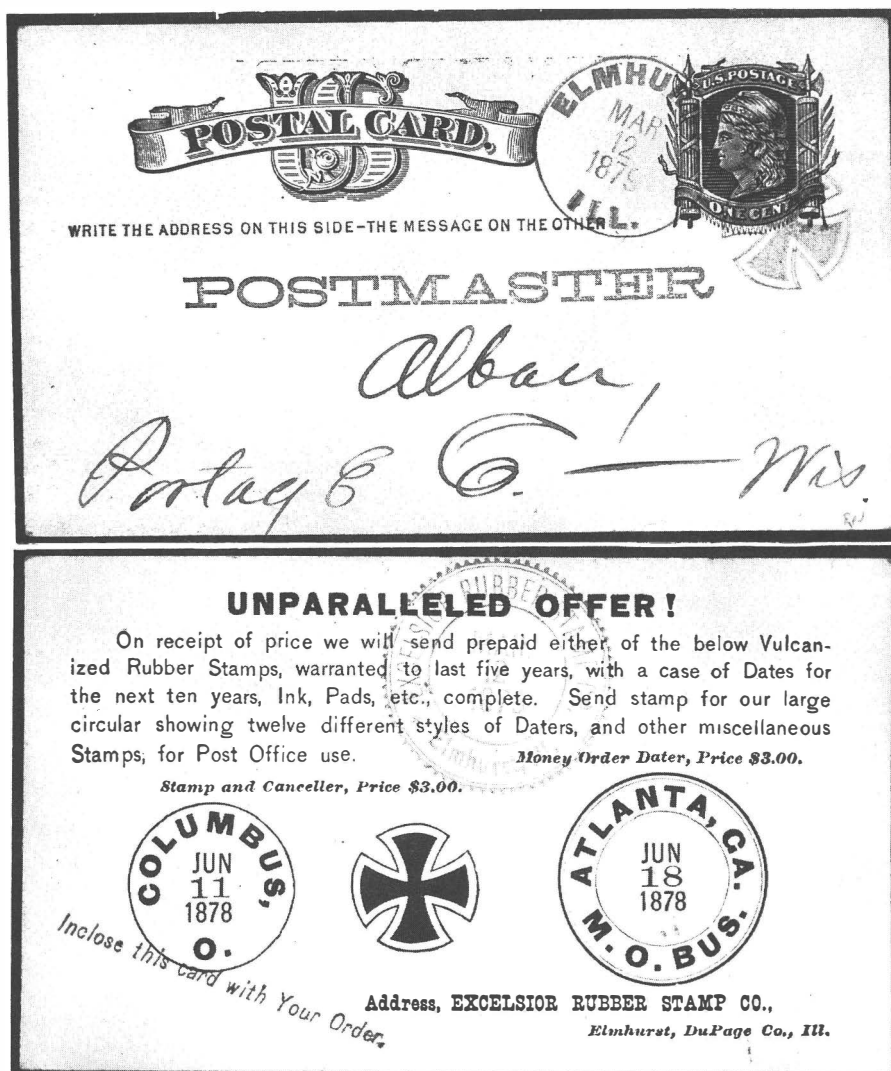
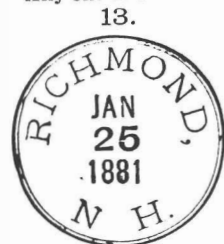


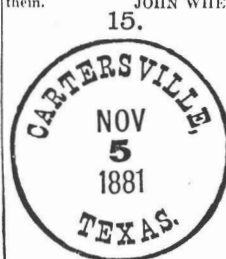
Figure 9. A postal card advertising rubber postmarking stamps with a fancy cross duplexed, of the Excelsior Rubber Stamp Co. of Elmhurst, Illinois, sent in 1879.

WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!
TO POSTMASTERS ONLY. No pay until you get the goods and test them. For \$3.00 I will send by mail my best FLEXIBLE P. O. Dater and Canceler, Pads, Ink, Dates for 10 years, in Walnut Case, with Tweezers and 15 one-line stamps, and everything to use the stamps with.

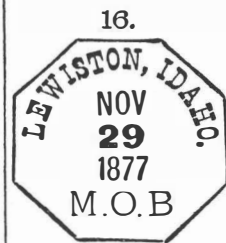
No reduction made when Canceler is not wanted, but we will put Dater and Canceler on same or separate handle, as desired. Order by number.
 Any one of these Daters with the 15 Stamps for \$3.00, or without the 15 Stamps, \$2.00.



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



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



To Postmasters and Merchants. — Having purchased the block in which we do business, owning our own ruling machines, and running our presses with an Otto gas engine, and buying our paper in large lots, we are prepared to furnish Note Heads, Statements, Bill Heads, and Letter Heads at prices astonishingly low, where not less than 1,000 of a kind are ordered at a time. Send for specimens and mention this ad.

E. S. Miller, Dear Sir: I like the Dater very much.
 WARREN P. HUNT, P. M., Lewiston, Idaho.

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

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

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

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

Postmasters not needing the 15 one-line stamps can have the Dater, Canceler, Ink, and Pads for \$2.00. The 15 Stamps, \$1.00.

Twenty-five per cent. discount on Dater Outfits when cash in full comes with order.

Send 3-cent stamp for circular of Stencil and Rubber Alphabets and Figures, Rubber Name and Business Stamps, and samples of Comic Envelopes, Bill Heads, Post Office Note and Letter Heads, Statements, etc.

E. S. MILLER, Flexible Stamp, Stencil, and Printing House, NEWARK, OHIO.

Please mention January Postal Guide.

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The Ink Supplied with these Stamps is Approved by the P. O. Department.

Figure 10. Advertisement of E.S. Miller of Newark, Ohio for his "flexible" (actually, rubber) postmarking stamps, from the January, 1884 U.S. Postal Guide. Note that Richmond, New Hampshire and Cartersville, Texas duplexed postmarks. The former imitates the target killers made in steel of the previous decades and the latter has a fancy, double lined Maltese cross killer duplexed.

This writer collects Columbus, Ohio covers, including those from the Banknote period, but a marking like the duplexed postmark shown in Figure 9 has yet to be seen. The conclusion is that if the larger towns did order such markings, they were for occasional or emergency use. While Hammond was a prominent advertiser of his handstamps in the U.S. Postal Guides of the early 1880s, another frequent advertiser that offered rubber handstamps was E.F. Miller of Newark, Ohio. Miller's ad from the Guide for January 1884 is shown as Figure 10, in which he offers various styles of duplexed handstamps.

Illustrated in the ad is a rubber handstamp with a double line outer circle and a duplexed 4-ring target killer of Richmond, N.H. dated Jan. 25, 1881. Figure 11 shows a cover from Richmond using the identical

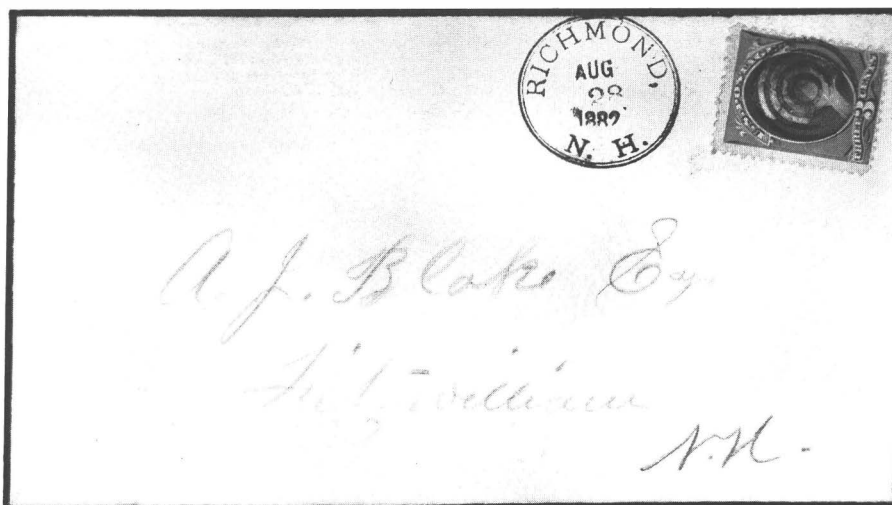


Figure 11. Cover showing use of Richmond, New Hampshire duplexed handstamp with target killer shown in the advertisement in Figure 10. Courtesy, Guy Purington.

type handstamp dated Aug. 28, 1889. Presumably, the other markings shown in Miller's ads, from Millville Cal, Lewiston, Idaho and Cartersville, Texas also could be known on covers, although a cover from Cartersville hasn't as yet been recorded with the fancy cross.

Although Miller used exactly the same artwork including all the postal markings shown in his ad in Figure 10 in similar full page ads in the 1884 and 1887 January *U.S. Postal Guides*, he varied his wording somewhat in each ad. His quarter page ad in the 1881 January *Guide* and his full page ad in that of January 1882 are, like the 1883 ad shown in Figure 10 both headed "Wonderful! Wonderful!" but both identify the material from which the handstamps are made as being rubber. The 1883 ad shown in Figure 10 and all later ads simply say "flexible" instead of "rubber" handstamps. The 1883 ad was duplicated in January, 1884, but the 1887 ads and later have other headings such as "Cash in advance will tell," and "Rock bottom prices!" The Richmond, N.H. duplexed marking shown in the earlier ads was replaced with a nearly identical Richmond duplexed design in 1887 and again, in September 1889, with a single lined marking dated January 25, 1886 rather than 1881, as previously.

John Goldsborough of Philadelphia, who was apparently the first to offer the steel duplexed handstamp with a barred oval or ellipse style killer into which a number, letter or symbol could be placed, had ads in the *U.S. Postal Guides* from about 1878 until at 1886, when he sold his business. One of his ads is shown in Figure 12, from the January 1883 *U.S. Postal Guide*. In this ad, Goldsborough offers 13 rubber stamps for \$3.00, including a rubber duplexed handstamp of the type with elliptical killer and a star in the center. This is the type which he pioneered in steel versions, but didn't actually manufacture. In his ads shown on page 314, he offers postmarking and cancelling devices made of steel or hard brass, but it appears that all his metal devices were made by the Chambers family, until about 1874 located in Washington, D.C. when they moved to Lodge, Virginia. This family, as described by Arthur H. Bond in a chapter in Vol. I of J. David Baker's *The Postal History of Indiana*, and others, manufactured steel and other metal handstamps through four generations. They apparently made, either as sub-contractors or under direct contracts with the Post Office Department, nearly all the steel, wrought iron and brass handstamps used by postmasters of the Banknote era.

There is little doubt that Goldsborough and all others advertising metal postmarking devices bought their advertised products from the Chambers family.

The January 1883 issue of the *U.S. Postal Guide* saw the high water mark in the number and size of the advertisements of handstampers intended to be sold privately to postmasters. In addition, to the two Goldsborough ads and the full or double page ads of Miller and Hammond there was a full page ad from Ward & Adams of Aurora, Illinois and a half page ad from H.W. Hubbard & Co. of Nassau Street, New York, a familiar address to philatelists. It is possible that Ward & Adams, being located at Aurora, Illinois as was F.P. Hammond & Co., were a spin-off or associated with Hammond.

In addition, the 1883 *Guide* had a tiny advertisement of S.A. Brown of Buffalo, New York, advising "YOU can make money with my outfit for making RUBBER Stamps." This is probably the source of the equipment used by some of the suppliers of the rubber postal handstamps, but the business actually started to go sour in the same issue of the *Postal Guide*, January 1883, in which the greatest number of ads appeared.

THESE 13 RUBBER STAMPS, \$3.00.

Complete with Dates, Black Ink, and Pad.
Other stamps for Post Office use may be chosen in place of any of these.

Insufficiently Prepaid

RETURNED TO WRITER.
 POSTAGE DUE.

CORRECT. HELD FOR POSTAGE.
 UNCLAIMED. FORWARDED.
 ADVERTISED. MISSENT. DUE 3.

J. H. MUSSER, P. M.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, 720 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

MISSENT TO PAWTUCKET, R. I.

Figure 12. Advertisement of John Goldsborough of Philadelphia appearing in the January 1883, *U.S. Postal Guide*. Note Goldsborough's own imitation in rubber of the standard duplexed, with elliptical killer, postmarking devices he had been furnishing in steel to the Post Office Department.

THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF MAY 4, 1882

On May 4, 1882 Congress appropriated \$35,000 for the purpose of supplying fourth-class postmasters, "in the discretion of the Postmaster General, with the necessary instruments for canceling stamps and weighing and postmarking mail-matter, not to exceed in value five dollars to anyone office, to be accounted for like public property of the Government, and to be turned over to the successor in office."

This enactment probably was reported in the monthly supplemental *U.S. Postal Guides* that appeared prior to the January 1883 *Guide*. However, pages 764-765 of the 1883 *Guide* make the attitude and future course relative to providing and controlling the use of postmarking and cancelling devices very clear. After repeating the provisions that had appeared in previous years as to using only black ink of the approved sort and requirements for postmarking letters, Rule No. 976 banned the use of rubber postmarking devices, as follows:

"The use of a rubber postmarking device is a violation of the law. The Post Office Department furnishes metal postmarking stamps and requires postage stamps to be canceled with black printing ink, which cannot be used with the rubber stamp."

The section providing requirements as to postmarking mail and canceling stamps is shown in Figure 14, combined from pages 764-5 of the 1883 *Guide* at the end of this chapter.

While the act providing funds to supply the 4th class post offices with postmarking and cancelling equipment and scales rather set the tone for the years continuing long after the Banknote period, the implementation probably lasted until after the Banknote stamps were history. This was because of the number of post offices that had to be supplied. While the larger of the 4th class offices, those with several hundreds of dollars salary but not exceeding \$1000 annually probably had long since been furnished government handstamps, there were, as of January 1, 1883, 46,893 post offices in the United States, of which 44,798 were 4th class offices.

Thus, since \$35,000 was appropriated by Congress to supply them with equipment they had not previously been furnished, on the basis of a value of not more than \$5.00 per post office, it is estimated that the number of post offices supplied by the appropriation was but 7,000 to 10,000 post offices. On that basis, assuming Congress continued to add similar amounts to annual Post Office Department appropriations, the time lag is obvious. In addition, the supplying of postmarking devices to all offices was done against requisitions from those offices, worn out equipment also had to be replaced and newly established or newly named post offices also had to be equipped.

The use of rubber stamps, although banned in 1883, apparently again became acceptable within a few years since the manufacturers supplying them privately to postmasters continued to advertise. Only E.S. Miller changed his ad to eliminate any mention of the devices being rubber, by calling them "flexible." The tone of the ads changed, however, cancellers soon disappearing from the illustrations with the handstamps shown being intended for supplemental use such as for money order business or auxiliary markings and thus not being cancels.

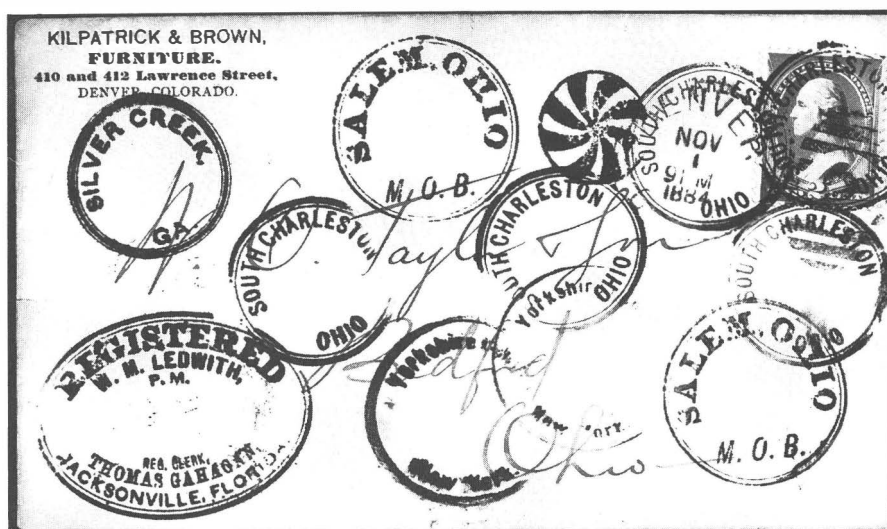


Figure 13. An envelope used for test strikes, possibly by the manufacturer, of rubber stamps intended for several post offices. The original origin of the cover was Denver, Colorado on Nov. 1, 1884 and it is addressed to W.O. Taylor & Son at Bedford, Ohio.

Figure 13 shows a routine piece of mail, sent from Denver, Colorado in late 1884 to W.O. Taylor & Sons of Bedford, Ohio. Received there, the cover abruptly lost its mundane character, insofar as today's collectors are concerned. It was apparently used to test out various new postmarking devices, with their markings covering most of the cover front.

Included in the group is a duplexed example of the Salem, Ohio pinwheel, shown in this book as GCR-197 on page 55, and also a Salem, Ohio "M.O.B." (Money Order Business) handstamp. The group also includes strikes of Silver Creek, N.Y. five South Charleston, Ohio and two partially legible Yorkshire Center, New York postmarks, and a "Registered" oval marking of Jacksonville, Florida that includes names of both the postmaster and the registry clerk.

This cover strongly suggests that the addressee, H.O. Taylor & Sons, manufactured rubber stamps for postal use, but to date, no advertisements under that name have been seen. However, since the kits for making vulcanized (as originally named by Charles Goodyear) rubber stamps were widely available and not expensive, it is probable Taylor advertised only by mail. Printed U.S. postal cards or printed post cards bearing a 1¢ stamp for circular rate could be a controlled advertising expenditure. It was also far more convenient and economical for a small enterprise than an ad in the *U.S. Postal Guide* or other periodicals with national circulation.

A reproduction of a printer's sample page of C. A. Klinkner & Co. of San Francisco in the 1880s is shown as Figure 15. This sample page, depicting various rubber stamps available in a wood handle at 50¢ each, shows, eighth from the top in the right hand row, the famous "kicking mule" design used as a cancel at Port Townsend, Washington and other post offices, as shown on page 154 of this book. A few others of the designs shown bear considerable similarity to known cancels. It also should be observed that surviving handstamps of this nature are tools for fakers to produce some remarkably attractive cancels on loose stamps. It is presumed the original of Figure 15 (made from a photocopy from an unknown origin) dates from the late 1880s or 1890s.

The comment made in rule 976 that black printing ink couldn't be used with a rubber stamp is of interest. This probably meant that the major factor considered by the Post Office Department was their fear of reuse of badly canceled or stamps having cancels being washed off. However, several of the ads of Miller and Hammond and also of others of the late 1880's clearly state that black ink was available that was approved by the U.S. Post Office Department which could be used with steel, brass, wood or rubber handstamps.

Thus, by the end of the banknote period, although many fancy cancels are known on the small Banknote stamp issues and the Columbians, most post offices were using either steel handstamps duplexed with the ellipses or barred ovals, or, in the larger offices, postmarking and cancellations were applied by machines.

The first experiments with machines dated from the early part of the Banknote period, but before it came to a close, the Leavitt machines were cancelling postal cards in most large post offices and International and American machines were also seeing extensive use. These, in combination, were to largely eliminate the fancy "cork" and its less pretty associated markings by the turn of the century.

3. *Postmarking.*

969. Section 379, P. L. & R. ed. of 1879, is amended to read as follows: "Allailable matter (except that of the second class) deposited in any post office for mailing or delivery must bear a postmark giving the name of the post office and an abbreviation of the name of the state (and on first-class matter the date of deposit); and all letters received from other offices or post offices for delivery or for redistribution to other offices or post offices must be postmarked on the reverse side with the date and, when possible, the hour on which they are received. But in the case of packages of letters from other offices or post offices, received to be forwarded intact to the post offices of final destination, the facing slips only will be postmarked at the post offices through which they pass. Missent matter of any class, received at any post office, must be stamped 'Missent,' and postmarked with the date of receipt before the same is forwarded to its proper destination."

970. The Postmaster General has declined to exempt any post office from the requirement of section 379, P. L. & R., relative to postmarking letters on the reverse side with the date of receipt, deeming that whatever of inconvenience may be occasioned by the few minutes' delay then incurred is amply compensated by the certainty with which delay in transportation or in delivery may be detected by the postmaster showing the date of receipt as well as of dispatch, or of receipt at the mailing office. Postal cards must be so postmarked on the address side, and not on the side containing the communication. See ruling 318.

971. The Postmaster General insists that black printing ink must be used in postmarking. See ruling 629.

972. It is the intention of the law that the postmark on mail-matter shall bear the date of its deposit in a post office, and that the postage stamps affixed be canceled as soon after its deposit as possible.

973. The postmark on mail-matter is a very important feature thereof; but from the number of entirely illegible postmarks on matter received at the Post Office Department alone, it is evident that the fact is not taken into consideration by a large number of postmasters. They should read section 381, P. L. & R., and take care that every postmark is distinct enough to be correctly read.

974. Postmasters are forbidden to postmark postal cards on the side intended for the communication. The postmarks should be made only on the side intended for the address and so as not to interfere with the address.

975. On account of the value of impressions of daily postmarking and dating stamps as evidence, it is deemed best to require the record of such impressions to be preserved at least two years, after which period they may be sold as waste paper. See section 380, P. L. & R.

976. The use of a rubber postmarking stamp is a violation of law. The Post Office Department furnishes metal postmarking stamps, and requires postage stamps to be canceled with black printing ink, which cannot be used with the rubber stamp.

977. It having been brought to the attention of this Department that many postmasters are using railway stamps, and other similar stamps, for postmarking their mail-matter, and as the stamp upon such matter is often of very great importance as evidence of the date of mailing, and as the value of this evidence is materially affected by the use, by postmasters, of irregular stamps, postmasters are directed in future to use no stamp for postmarking unless it contains the name of the post office and the date of its use, and it must contain no other matter, and must make a clear and distinct impression and be used only with black ink.

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Figure 14. Instructions for postmarking, from the *U.S. Postal Guide* for January, 1883, including (rule 976) a statement that use of rubber postmarking stamps was a violation of the law.

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978. The attention of postmasters is called to sections 375 and 377, page 103, Postal Laws and Regulations, ed. 1879: "Only black ink should be used for postmarking. All violations of this order should be promptly reported to the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, who is charged with the instruction of postmasters in their duties prescribed by chapters 9, 10, 11, and 12 of title II. of the Postal Laws and Regulations."

Any of these Cuts inserted in any Stamp Free of Charge

Any of these stamps mounted on a handle, 50 cents each.



The above prices are for stamps only. If Pads, Ink and Patent Lithographic Tin Box are wanted add Sec. 2.00 to any address on receipt of price. In ordering state number, and color of ink wanted

Any of the above cuts can be put on our Midgut Self-Inker for \$1.00 extra.

Figure 15. G. A. Klinkner of San Francisco furnished the famous “kicking mule” rubber stamps as described on page 154. Several other cancels of that and other sections may be noted in the designs shown available from him shown in this reproduced offer sheet. It is also possible the surviving rubber stamps of this nature were used to make fake cancels on loose stamps!

RATING SYSTEM

The primary reason for this book is to present a sampling of the various cancels used during this period and to identify the place(s) of origin and dates of use, where known. It is not intended to be a catalog of prices.

The intent of these ratings is to give the user a general idea as to value in comparison to other cancels listed here.

Many factors come into play in determining the value of a particular cancel. Quantities available, color (other than black), quality and centering of the cancel and to some extent, the quality of the stamp itself, all play a part in determining the value of a cancel. However, what may play as big a part as any, is the nature of the cancel itself. For example, a particular star cancel may have been used for only a few days, resulting in only a limited number or copies known, while the "Kicking Mule" cancels are fairly common, as evidenced by their inclusion in so many auctions and dealers stock who handle this material. However, the "unusual" nature of the later make them much more desirable.

Each of the tracings in this book has a Cole catalog number assigned that appears at the left above the tracing. For those cancels used by many post offices in duplicate, the single Cole number applies to all the markings of that exact configuration, regardless of from how many towns it was used. When a cancel appearing in a half tone illustration is not traced, the Cole number will be found, often as an "A" or subsequent letter addition, near the illustration or in or at the end of the caption.

At the right above each tracing will be found a Roman numeral rating indicating a combination of scarcity and desirability. Similar numerals will be found applied to cancels not traced but found in the half tone illustrations, but only in those cases when the cancel is considerably different from the norm for that group.

To assist the user in determining a general idea of desirability, three groups are used, I, II, III. In addition, within each group a (-) or (+) may also be used, indicating a tendency towards the higher or lower end of that group. The ratings are for well struck and centered cancels, using the most common values, on off cover stamps. In most cases this will be the 3¢ green or 2¢ 1883 and 1887 issues. An exception to this would be the New York Foreign Mail cancels which appear most frequently on the 6¢ issues. The same cancel on cover will invariably be valued higher, with factors such as destination increasing this further.

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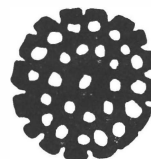
I - Markings relatively common and/or not much in demand.

II - Markings fairly scarce and/or with considerable demand.

III - Quite rare and/or with strong demand.






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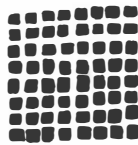






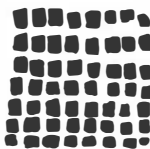
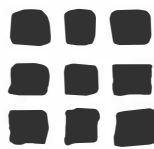
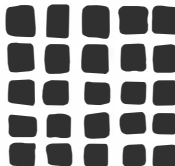
Troutville, Pa.
February 18, 1890

Value rating systems are really an expression of scarcity versus desirability. Neither factor is fixed in a given period of time. A newly discovered correspondence may render a previously scarce cancel readily available. The sale of a large collection, seldom if ever exhibited, may abruptly sate the market with desirable cancels. It is also true there is very little demand for many markings that are both attractive and scarce because they are relatively unknown and have not been publicized.

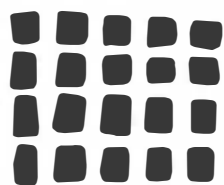
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1873 issues						1878					

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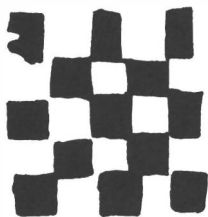
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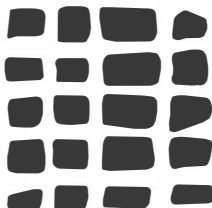
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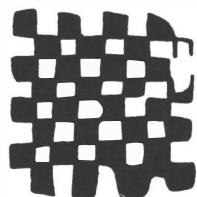
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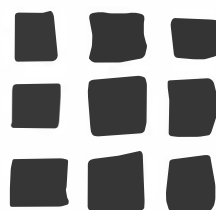
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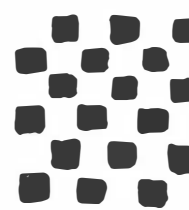
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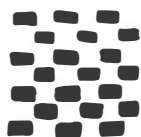
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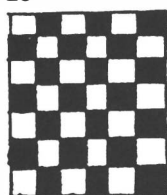
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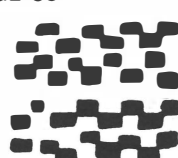


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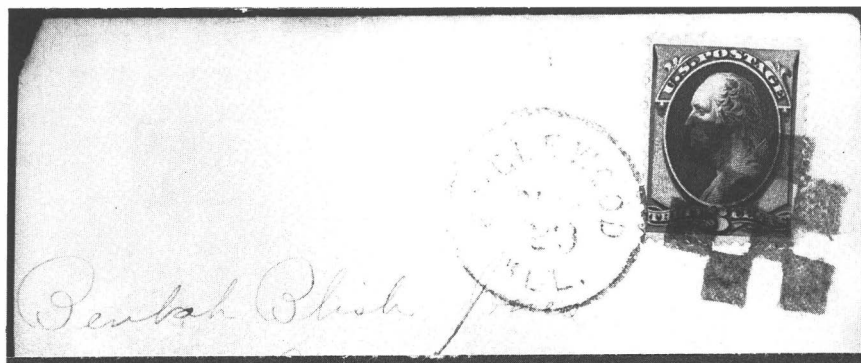


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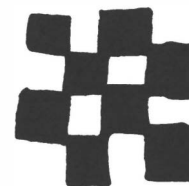


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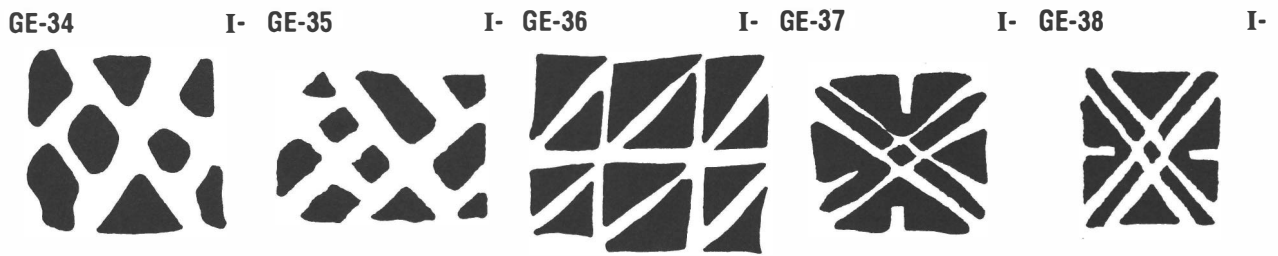
Englewood, Illinois duplexed checkerboard.

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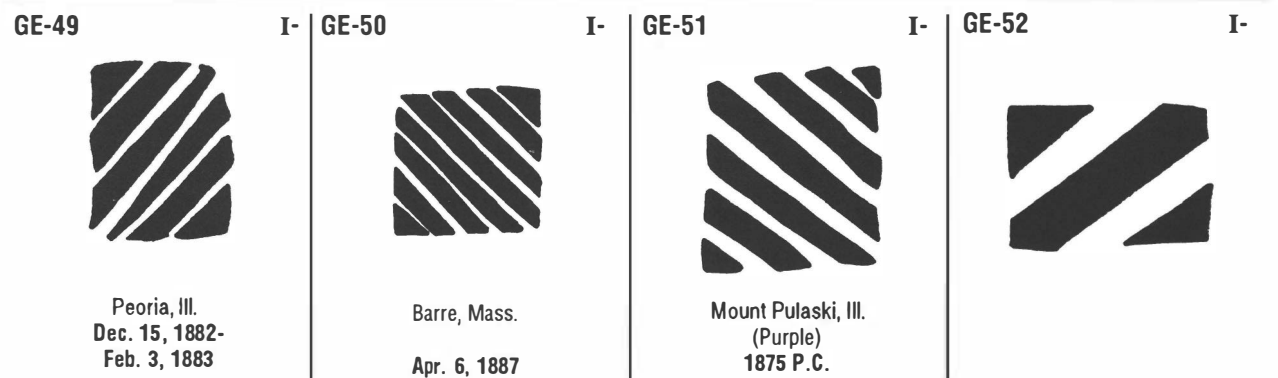
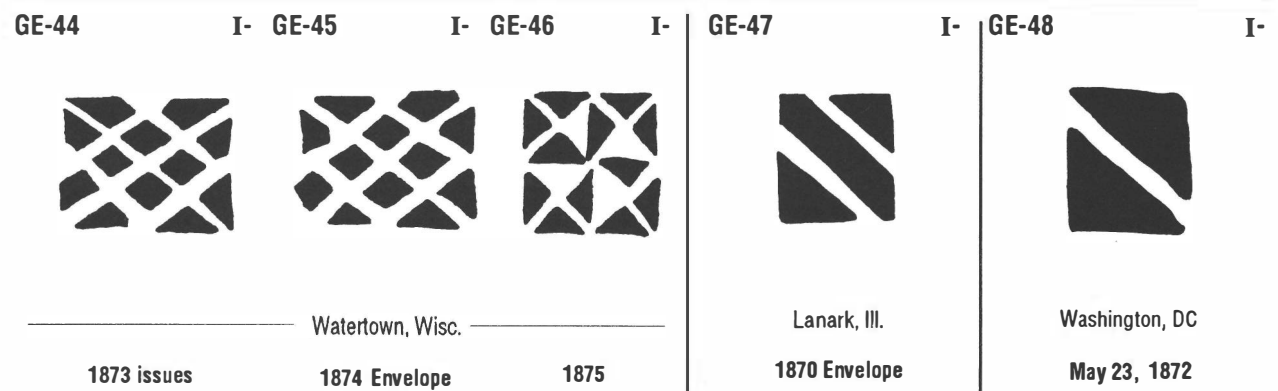
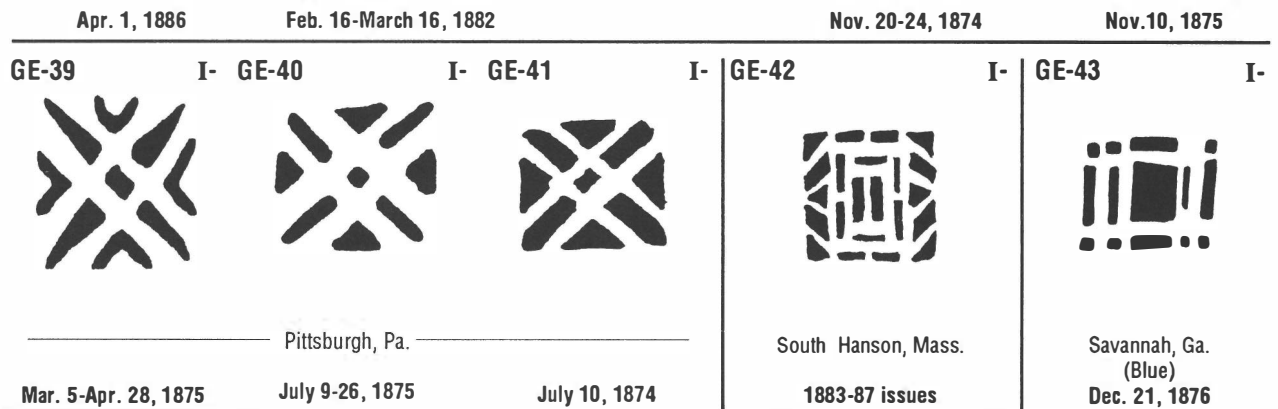


Englewood, Ill.

I+



Pittsburgh, Pa.



GE-53



Taunton, Mass.

1879 issues

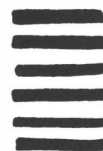
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Avondale, Coshocton Co., Ohio
(Purple)
Nov. 9, 1888

I- GE-55

Elton, NY
(Reddish-Purple)
June 3, 1878

I- GE-56

Mill Point, N.Y.
(Purple)

I-

GE-57



Hellam, Pa.

June 7, 1887

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1883 issues

I- GE-59



Canton, Ill.

Nov. 9-17, 1883

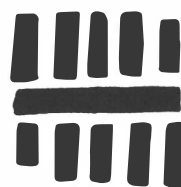
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Aug. 20, 1881

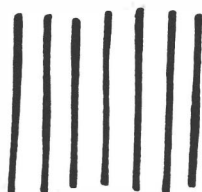
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1870 issues

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GE-62



Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sept. 2-Oct. 20, 1879

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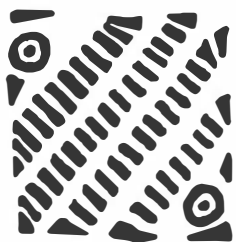
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(Blue)
1873 issues

I- GE-65

Lincoln, Ill.
(Purple)

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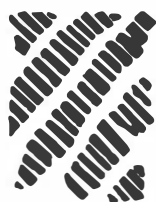
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1881 issues

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July 17, 1882-Sept. 16, 1887

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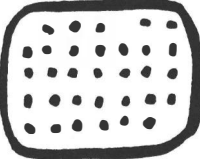
Putnam, Conn.
Jan. 30, 1883






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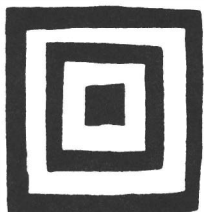
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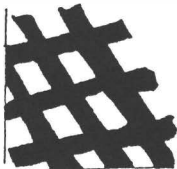
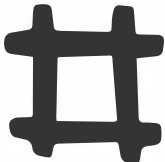
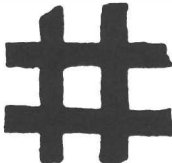

















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GE-75	I-	GE-76	I-	GE-77	I-	GE-78	I-	GE-79	I-
									
1887 issues		Mar. 22, 1878		Pittsburgh, Pa. Mar. 29, 1879		June 9-12, 1875		St. Louis, Mo. March 14, 1873-Feb. 24, 1874	

GE-80	I-	GE-81	I-	GE-82	I-	GE-83	I-	GE-84	I-
									
1873 issues		1883 issues		Gridley, Ill. (Blue) Apr. 18, 1894		St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 29, 1884		Osceola Mills, Pa. Feb. 28, 1874	

GE-85	I-	GE-86	I-	GE-87	I-	GE-88	I-
							
St. Louis, Mo. 1873 issues				1879 issues		(Blue)	

GE-89  1881-83 issues	I	GE-90  (Purple) 1873 issues	I	GE-91  Grand Gorge, NY 1887 Envelope	I	GE-92  1883 issues	I-	GE-93  1873 issues	I
GE-94  San Francisco, Ca. 1881	I-	GE-95  1873 issues	I-	GE-96  "Prison Bars" Columbus, Ohio (Circular mail cancel) 1880-84	I-	GE-97  1873 issues	I-	GE-98 	I-
GE-99  1873 issues	I-	GE-100  (Blue) 1875 issues	I-	GE-101  Waterbury, Conn. April 17, 187?	II	GE-102  1873 issues	I-	GE-103  (Blue)	I-
GE-104  Pittsburgh, Pa. May, 9-18, 1881	I-	GE-105  1873 Issues	I-	GE-106  Fredericksburg, Va. 1879 issues	I-	GE-107  1890 issues	I-	GE-108  1879 issues	I-

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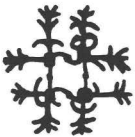




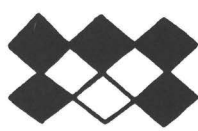







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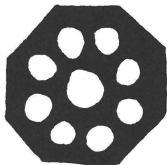



















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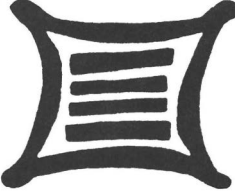
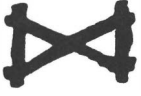
86 AND 88½ NORTH HIGH ST., COLUMBUS, OHIO.



The Civil War era Columbus, Ohio prison bar grid (GE-96) was revived and used on circular rate mail, without town datestamp, in the 1880s. Only the printed envelope provides indication of origin.

<p>GE-109 I-</p>  <p>Alexandria, Va. 1887 issues</p>	<p>GE-110 I-</p>  <p>Castleton, Vt.</p>	<p>GE-111 I-</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>	<p>GE-112 I-</p>  <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>GE-113 I</p>  <p>(Purple) 1883 issues</p>
<p>GE-114 I+</p>  <p>Tiskilwa, Ill. 1873 issues</p>	<p>GE-115 I+</p>  <p>(All examples well struck) 1873 issues</p>	<p>GE-116 I+</p>  <p>1881 issues</p>	<p>GE-117 I+</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>	<p>GE-118 I</p>  <p>Lancaster, Tx. 1890 issues</p>
<p>GE-119 I+</p>  <p>So. McAlester, Indian Terr. 1892</p>	<p>GE-120 I</p>  <p>1890 issues</p>	<p>GE-121 I+</p>  <p>Marietta, Ohio May 28, 1871</p>	<p>GE-122 I+</p>  <p>Cleveland, Ohio 1883 issues</p>	<p>GE-123 I+</p>  <p>Spencer, Mass. Sept. 6-23, 1883</p>
<p>GE-124 I-</p>  <p>Allentown, Pa. 1879 issues</p>	<p>GE-125 I-</p>  <p>Greenwich, NY</p>	<p>GE-126 I-</p>  <p>Official issues</p>	<p>GE-127 I-</p>  <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>GE-128 I-</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>

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GE-134 I-  Morris, Ill. 1879 issues	GE-135 I-  Peo. & Terre Agt. (Blue) July 31, 1878	GE-136 I-  Lebanon, NH 1890 issues	GE-137 I-  Gainesville, Tx. 1890 issues	GE-138 I-  Racine, Wisc. 1872
GE-139 I-  1887 issues	GE-140 I-  Normal, Ill. 1873 P.C.	GE-141 I-  Boston, Mass.	GE-142 I-  	GE-143 I-  Cavendish, Vt. (Blue) 1886
GE-144 I-  1881 issues	GE-145 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan. 5-6, 1880	GE-146 I-  Fredericksburg, Va.	GE-147 I-  New York City Oct. 11, 1871	GE-148 I-  (Blue) 1873 issues

GE-149	I-	GE-150	I-	GE-151	I-	GE-152	I-	GE-153	I-
									
Rochester, NY 1875 P.C.		York, Pa. 1875 P.C.		Farmington, Mo. 1870 issues		Columbus, Ga. 1883 issues		Boston, Mass.	
GE-154	I-	GE-155	I-	GE-156	I-	GE-157	I-	GE-158	I-
									
Belvidere, Ill. (Blue) 1874 Envelope		Earl Park, Ind. (Blue) May 7, 1888		Milwaukee, Wisc.		Pittsburgh, Pa. July 6, 1876		Nacogdoches, Tx. 1890 issues	
GE-159	I	GE-160	I	GE-161	I+	GE-162	I-	GE-163	I
									
Joliet, Ill. 1873 issues				Montgomery, Calif. Feb. 13, 1889		Schoharie, NY		1890 issues	
GE-164	I-	GE-165	I	GE-166	I-	GE-167	I-	GE-168	I-
									
Evanston, Ill. 1873 issues		1890 issues		Pleasant Hill, Ala.		1879 issues		Carbonateville, N.M. Oct. 12, 1879	



This Pleasant Hill, Alabama ornate cancel, dated just four days after St. Valentine's Day, may represent wedding bells.

GE-190



I- GE-191



I- GE-192



I- GE-193



I- GE-194



I-

New Orleans, La.

Chicago, Ill.

(blue)
Feb. 16-24, 1871

(Blue)
1873 P.C.

GE-195



Sandy Spring, Md.

I-

GE-196



1870 issues

I- GE-197



1870 issues

I- GE-198



1873 issues

I- GE-199



1873 issues

I-

Boston, Mass.

GE-200



Philo, Ill.
1873 issues

I-

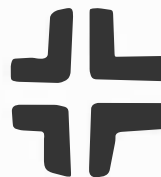
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Pekin, Ill.
(Blue)
Feb. 19, 1878

I-

GE-202



Geneva, Wisc.
(Red)
1878

I-

GE-203



Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dec. 16, 1874-Jan. 5, 1875

I-

GE-204



Northampton, Mass.

I-

GE-205



Feb. 8, 1875

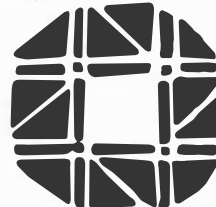
I+ GE-206



Nov. 23-26, 1875

I+

GE-207



1881 issues









I-

GE-208



1873 Issues

I-

GE-209	I	GE-210	I	GE-211	I	GE-212	I	GE-213	I
									
Caledonia, Ill. (Purple) 1893 Envelope		Cadiz, Ky. (Blue) Apr. 13, 1894		Iroquois, Dak. Terr. Apr. 2, 1883		Norland, Dak. Terr. (Purple) 1881 Brookings, Dak. Terr. (Blue) 1882		Dekalb, Dekalb Co., Ill. March 9, 1889	
GE-214	I	GE-215	I-	GE-216	I				
									
Pittsville, Wisc. Newtonville, Mass. (Reddish-Purple) Apr. 21, 1879		Modella, Minn. Sept. 23, 1885		Caledonia, NY Sept. 15, 1887 Hingham Center, Ma. Aug. 24, 1884		Delta, York, Co. Pa. Mar. 10, 1887 Guernsey, Iowa(Purple) July 28, 1890 Hillsborough, Md. Marion, Pa. (Purple) March 14, 1887 Atglen, Pa., Wm. McCanna, P.m. Jan. 26, 1886 Shabbona, Ill. (Purple) May 23, 1894			

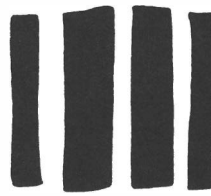


Marion, Pennsylvania duplexed scarab on Grand Army of the Republic cover of Green Castle, Pennsylvania.

The Chicago post office and its sub stations used a variety of hand carved cancels throughout the 1870's and into the 1880's. Blue was the predominant color early on, but by the end of the 1870's, black had become the color most used.

GEC-1

I-



(Blue)
1874 Envelope

GEC-2

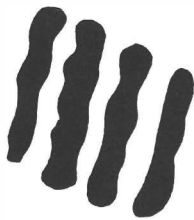
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(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-3

I-



1870 issues

GEC-4

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-5

I-



1870 issues

GEC-6

I-



(Blue)
1879 issues

GEC-7

I-



1879 issues

GEC-8

I-



(Blue)
Aug. 9, 1873 -
Apr. 7, 1874

GEC-9

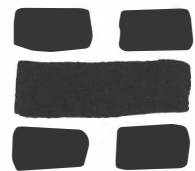
I-



Apr. 17, 1873

GEC-10

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-11

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1870 issues

GEC-12

I-



1873 issues

GEC-13

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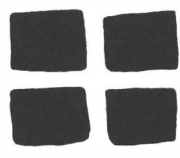
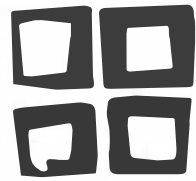




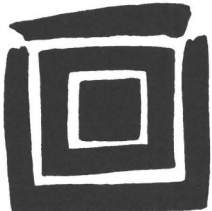








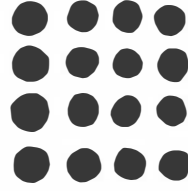
(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-14

I-



(Blue)
1873 P.C.

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<p>GEC-27</p> <p>I-</p>  <p>(Blue) 1873 issues</p>	<p>GEC-28</p> <p>I-</p>  <p>(Blue) 1873 P.C.</p>	<p>GEC-29</p> <p>I-</p>  <p>1870 Envelope</p>	<p>GEC-30</p> <p>I-</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>

GEC-31

I-



(Blue)
1873 P.C.

GEC-32

I-



1879 issues

GEC-33

I-



North Div. Sta.
(Blue)
1879 issues

GEC-34

I-



1873 P.C.

GEC-35

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-36

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-37

I-



(Blue)
Oct. 7, 1874

GEC-38

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-39

I-



(Blue)
1870 issues

GEC-40

I-



(Blue)
1873 P.C.

GEC-41

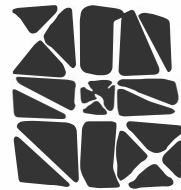
I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-42

I-



(Blue)
Mar. 1, 1875

GEC-43

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-44

I-



(Blue)
Mar. 12, 1875

GEC-45

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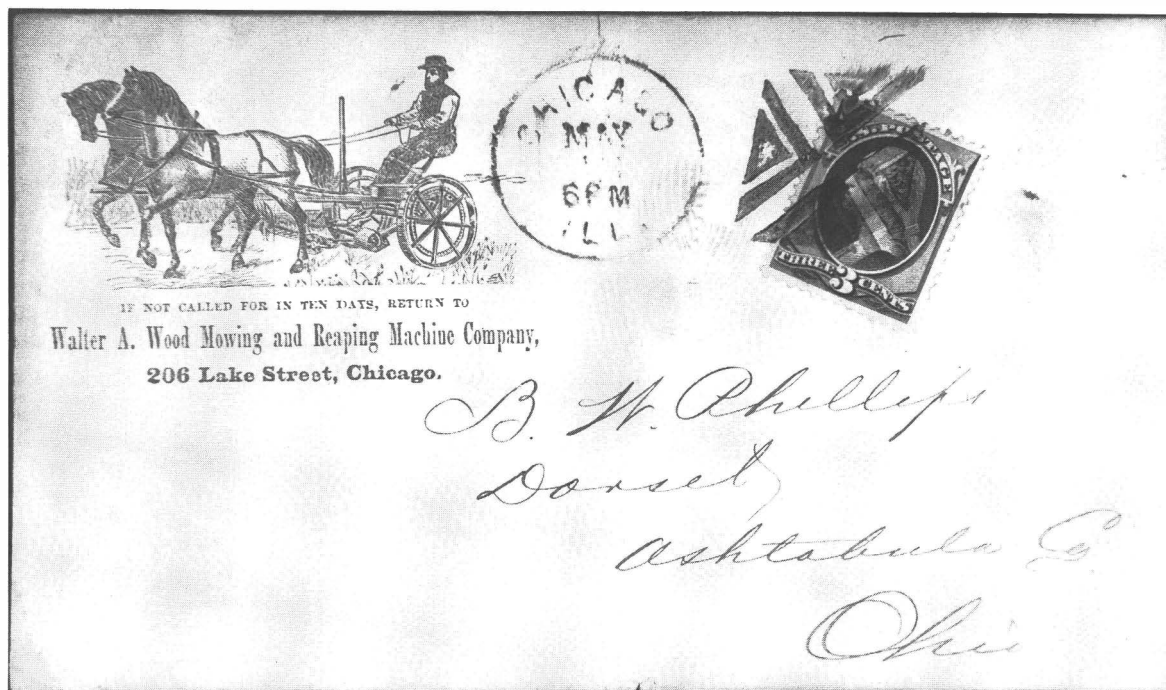
1873 issues

GEC-46

I-



(Blue)
Sept. 10, 1873



One of the many variations of the blue Chicago geometrics, GEC-37 or GEC-39. These killers seemed to vary almost from day to day or week to week.

GEC-47

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-48

I-



1873 issues

GEC-49

I-



1870 Envelope

GEC-50

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues
(Black)
June 20, 1883

GEC-51

I-



(Blue)
1873 P.C.

GEC-52

I-



(Blue)
Oct. 30, 1875

GEC-53

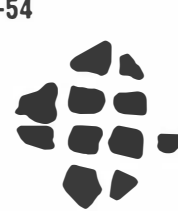
I-



(Blue)
May 5, 1875

GEC-54

I-



South West Sta.
Aug. 26 - Sept. 4, 1884

GEC-55

I-



(Blue)
1875 P.C.

GEC-56

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-57

I-



(Blue)
1873 P.C.

GEC-58

I-



(Blue)
1873 issues

GEC-59

I-



1870 issues

GEC-60

I-



(Blue)

GEC-61

I-



1870 issues

GEC-62


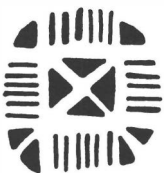
















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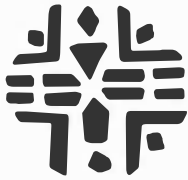


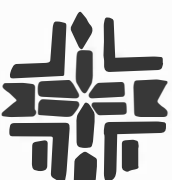






1873 issues
































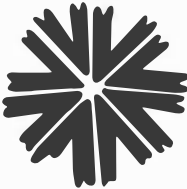
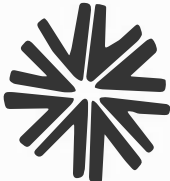









An unusual geometric, even for Chicago's blue period. The overlapping of the 1¢ and 2¢ banknote stamps was sometimes done to conceal a cancel on the hidden portion of a reused postage stamp.




















The New Orleans, La. post office used a number of smaller hand cut cancels throughout the 1870's		GEN-1  1875	I+ GEN-2  1873 issues	I+ GEN-3  1875 issues	I+
GEN-4  1873 issues	I+ GEN-5 	I+ GEN-6 	I+ GEN-7  1874 Envelope	I+ GEN-8  1873 issues	I+
GEN-9 	I+ GEN-10  (Blue) July 29, 1879	I+ GEN-11 	I+ GEN-12  1870 issues	I+ GEN-13  1870-73 issues	I+
GEN-14 	I+ GEN-15 	I+ GEN-16 	I+ GEN-17 	I+ GEN-18 	I+





















GEN-19	I+	GEN-20	I+	GEN-21	I+	GEN-22	I+	GEN-23	I+
						 1875 issues		 1879 Issues	
GEN-24	I+	GEN-25	I+	GEN-26	I+	GEN-27	I+	GEN-28	I+
		 (Blue) 1875 Issues							
GEN-29	I+	GEN-30	I+	GEN-31	I+	GEN-32	I+	GEN-33	I+
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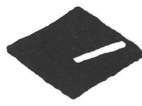
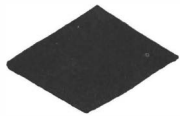


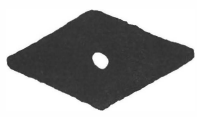


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<p>GEN-64 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-65 I+</p>  <p>(Blue)</p>	<p>GEN-66 I+</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>GEN-67 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-68 I+</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>
<p>GEN-69 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-70 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-71 I+</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>	<p>GEN-72 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-73 I+</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>
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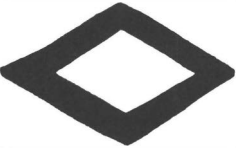






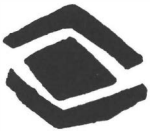
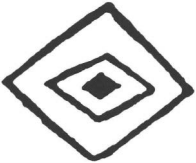









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<p>GEN-94 I+</p>  <p>July 21, 1877</p>	<p>GEN-95 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-96 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-97 I+</p> 	<p>GEN-98 I+</p>  <p>1875 issues</p>






GET-1	I	GET-2	I	GET-3	I	GET-4	I	GET-5	I
									
		Boston, Mass.		Ft. Atkinson, Wisc.					
				1893					
GET-6	I	GET-7	I	GET-8	I	GET-9	I	GET-10	I
									
1873 issues		Delhi, NY		1873 issues		Hyde Park, Ill. (Blue)		1890 issues	
		1883 issues				1883 issues			
GET-11	I	GET-12	I	GET-13	I	GET-14	I		
									
Washington, DC (Local Agent)		Baraboo, Wisc		(?) Indian, Territory					
1883 issues		1886				1890 issues			
GET-15	I	GET-16	I	GET-17	I	GET-18	I	GET-19	I
									
Plymouth, Conn.		Coldwater, Mich.						Marinette, Wisc.	
1883 issues		1873 issues				1881 issues		1873 issues	






GET-20 	I	GET-21 	I	GET-22 	I	GET-23 	I	GET-24 	I
		1882				Putnam, Conn. 1875 P.C.		Zanesville, Ohio March 21, 1874	
GET-25 	I	GET-26 	I	GET-27 	I	GET-28 	I	GET-29 	I
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Blue) July 12, 1875		(Blue)				(Blue) 1879 issues			
GET-30 	I	GET-31 	I	GET-32 	I	GET-33 	I	GET-34 	I
		(Blue) 1870 issues		1879 issues		Oil City, Pa. 1885		Racine, Wisc. 1873 issues	
GET-35 	I	GET-36 	I	GET-37 	I	GET-38 	I	GET-39 	I
New Orleans, La.		Charlottesville, Va. July 1, 1871		Oquawka, Ill. 1881 issues		Newport, RI		Boston, Mass. 1873 issues	





GET-40	I	GET-41	I	GET-42	I	GET-43	I	GET-44	I
									
Sta. A- Boston, Mass. Sept. 28, 1889				New York City 1870 Issues		Burlington, Wisc. (Blue) 1878		1879	
GET-45	I	GET-46	I	GET-47	I	GET-48	I+	GET-49	I+
									
Boston, Mass. (3rd class mail) 1879		(Blue)		1873 issues		Fall River, Wisc. 1884		Lower Salem, Ohio (Purple) Nov. 13, 1882	
GED-50	I+	GED-1	I	GED-2	I	GED-3	I	GED-4	I
									
		Ellenville, NY Oct. 21, 1885		Barnard, Mo. June 7, 1887		1887 issues		Appleton, Wisc. 1890	
GED-5	I	GED-6	I	GED-7	I	GED-8	I	GED-9	I
									
Zanesville, Ohio		Aurora, Ill. 1879 issues		Corinth, Ga. 1890 issues		1883 issues		1890 issues	






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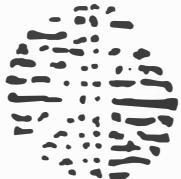















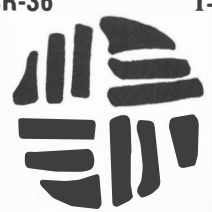



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GED-15 I  Providence, RI March 20, 1882	GED-16 I  1890 Issues	GED-17 I  1890 Issues	GED-18 I  West Meriden, Conn.	GED-19 I 
GED-20 I  Hyannis, Mass (purple)	GED-21 I  St. Louis, Mo. 1874 Envelope	GED-22 I  New York City 1870 issues	GED-23 I  Official Issues	GED-24 I+  Scottsburg, NY. (Magenta) December 4, 1880
GED-25 I  Zanesville, Ohio	GED-26 I  	GED-27 I  	GED-28 I  1890 issues	

GCR-1	I-	GCR-2	I-	GCR-3	I-	GCR-4	I-	GCR-5	I-
									
Georgetown, Washington, DC April 9, 1870		Worcester, Mass. October 31, 1881		1890 Issues		Tucson, Ariz. 1874 Envelope		(Blue) 1881 Issues	

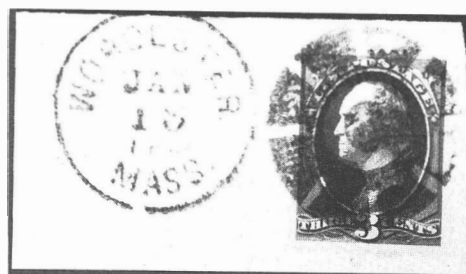
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Louisville, Ky. 1870 Issues		Nashville, Tn. June 17, 1872		Evansville, Ind. February 19, 1877		Lincoln, Ill. Oct. 4-Nov. 29, 1884		1881 Issues	





















GCR-11	I-	GCR-12	I-	GCR-13	I-	GCR-14	I-
							
1873 Issues		Worcester, Mass. 1879-1881 Issues		Putnam, Conn. February 3, 1883		Stockton, Ca.	





















GCR-15	I-	GCR-16	II-	GCR-17	I	GCR-18	I-	GCR-19	I-
									
Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues		March 1874		Waterbury, Conn. Sept. 19, 1878 - Dec. 6, 1880		1873 Issues		New Orleans, La. 1879 Issues	

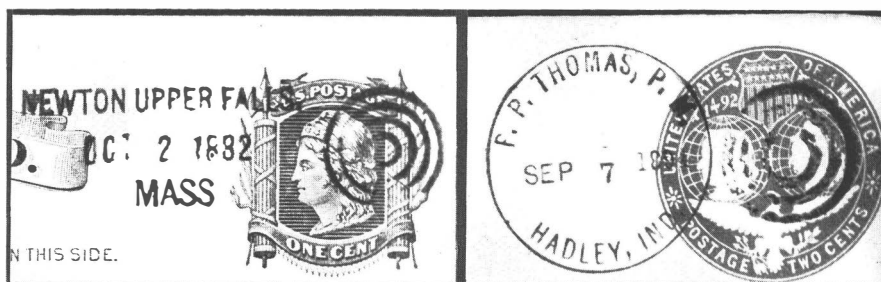
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GCR-25 I- 	GCR-26 I- 	GCR-27 I  Worcester, Mass. 1879 Issues	GCR-28 I-  St. Louis, Mo. December 5, 1875	GCR-29 I-  1881 Issues
GCR-30 II-  April 1874 - 1875	GCR-31 II-  Waterbury, Conn. 1881 issues	GCR-32 II-  February 22, 1874 - March 1, 1875	GCR-33 I-  Oxbow, NY 1890 Issues	GCR-34 I-  Petersburg, Va. 1873 Issues
GCR-35 I-  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	GCR-36 I-  Providence, RI February 22, 1882	GCR-37 I-  1879 Issues	GCR-38 I- 	GCR-39 I- 

This Worcester, Massachusetts radial geometric cancel is very similar to the Worcester number cancel series, shown as BOR-22 through BOR-26 on page 297, except this cancel has a solid black circle instead of a number in the center.
(GCR-27A)













GCR-40  Madison, Wisc. 1878	I-	GCR-41  1879 issues	I-	GCR-42  Chester, Vt. 1877	I-	GCR-43  1873 issues	I-	GCR-44  Turin, NY 1887 issues	I-
GCR-45  1890 Issues	I-	GCR-46  Elmwood, Ill. 1873 issues	I-	GCR-47  Saratoga Springs, NY 1883 Issues	I-	GCR-48  1881 Issues	I-	GCR-49  Fox Lake, Wisc. 1870	I-
GCR-50  1881 Issues	I-	GCR-51  Wausau, Wisc. 1882	I-	GCR-52  (Purple) 1879 Issues	I-	GCR-53  Waterbury, Conn. July 23, 1880-Aug. 12, 1880	II-	GCR-54  Brooklyn, NY	I-
GCR-55  Fox Lake, Wisc. 1885	I-	GCR-56  1879 Issues	I-	GCR-57  Mexico, Mo. 1873 Issues	I-	GCR-58  Lewiston, Me. 1879 Issues	I-	GCR-59  Ann Arbor, Mich	I-

GCR-60 II-  Waterbury, Conn. 1882	GCR-61 I-  Blair, Wisc. 1889	GCR-62 I-  1890 Issues	GCR-63 I-  Marshall, Mo. 1883 Issues	GCR-64 I-  1881 issues
GCR-65 I-  New Bedford, Mass 1887 Issues	GCR-66 I-  1890 Issues	GCR-67 I-  North St. Louis, Mo. 1879 Issues	GCR-68 I-  Springfield, Vt. (Blue) 1876	GCR-69 I-  Hamburg, Ill. (Violet) 1884 Envelope
GCR-70 II-  Waterbury, Conn. September 24, 1880	GCR-71 I-  Hartford, Conn. June 12, 1882	GCR-72 I-  Brooklyn, NY Dec. 10, 1876 - Nov. 15, 1879	GCR-73 I  Memphis, Tn. May 19, 1876	GCR-74 I-  (Purple) July 1881
GCR-75 I-  1879 Issues	GCR-76 I-  Rutland, Vt. 1870 Issues	GCR-77 I-  Orwell, Vt. 1887 Issues	GCR-78 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. January 24, 1879	GCR-79 I-  New Albany, Ind. 1873 Issues











If the standard "target" cancel wasn't so common, it probably would be considered a fancy cancel. The standard government issue was widely used in the 1860s, but by the 1890s, they were relatively unusual.

GCR-80	I-	GCR-81	I-	GCR-82	I-	GCR-83	I-	GCR-84	I-
									
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 1893		Putney, Vt. 1887 Issues		(Purple) 1881 Issues		Zanesville, Ohio (Purple) 1873 issues		1873 issues	

GCR-85	I-	GCR-86	I-	GCR-87	I-	GCR-88	I-	GCR-89	I-
									
N.W. Sta. Chicago, Ill. 1881 issues		Georgetown, Washington, D.C. 1874		Nashville, Tn. 1873 issues		New Orleans, La.		Denver, Colo.	
















This design was apparently a favorite of someone in the South West Sta. Post Office of Chicago, Ill. and was used for a number of years. These are just a few of the many examples that can be found. It was used with two different C.D.S.'s; one reading "So. West Sta., Chicago, Ill." & the more common "S.W.D. Sta., Chicago, Ill."

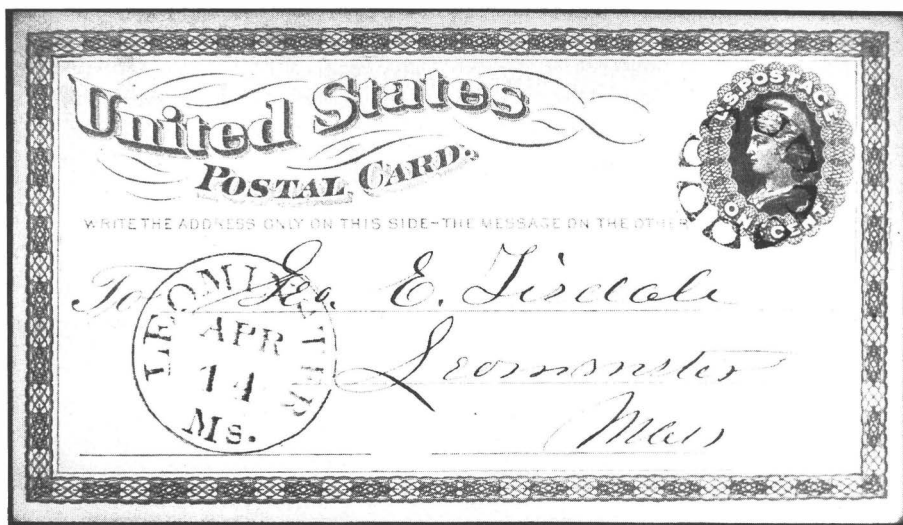
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(Blue) December 12, 1876		March 2, 1878		April 19, 1879	

GCR-93	I-	GCR-94	I-	GCR-95	I-	GCR-96	I-	GCR-97	I-
									
Clinton, NY. (Purple) May 13, 1891				Boston, Mass. 1873 Issues				Port Edwards, Wisc. (Blue) 1887	


























A Worcester, Mass. Time-on-the-Bottom Wesson patent hand-stamp strike duplexed with a heavy circular bar grid cancel.
(GCR-96A)





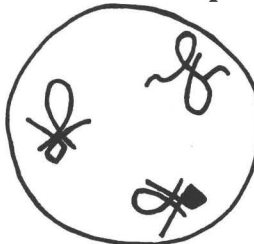







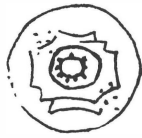














GCR-98	I-	GCR-99	I-	GCR-100	I+	GCR-101	I-	GCR-102	I-
									
Providence, RI (Blue) 1873 issues		Accord, NY November 8, 1887		Waterbury, Conn. September 18, 1875		Lincoln, Ill. January 4, 1890		Nashville, Tn. 1873 P.C.	
GCR-103	I-	GCR-104	I-	GCR-105	I	GCR-106	I-	GCR-107	I-
									
Madison, Wisc. 1879 Issues		1877		Leominster, Mass. 1870 Issues		1873 issues		Boston, Mass. 1870's	
GCR-108	I	GCR-109	I-	GCR-110	I-	GCR-111	I-	GCR-112	I-
									
Garland, Me. 1873 issues		Walton, NY		1887 Issues		Carthagen, Ohio June 29, 1888		1870 Issues	













The Leominster, Mass. geometric, called locally the "stovepipe" because of its resemblance to a tile chimney liner section.


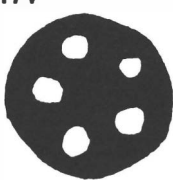

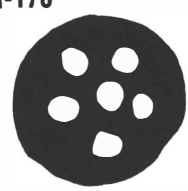
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GCR-118 I-  Janesville, Wisc. 1886	GCR-119 I 	GCR-120 I 	GCR-121 I 	GCR-122 I  New Orleans, La. 1879 issues
GCR-123 I  Spring Prairie, Wisc.	GCR-124 I-  Geneva, Wisc. (Deep Blue) 1874	GCR-125 I-  Columbus, Ohio 1873 Issues	GCR-126 I-  East Derry, NH November 26, 1877	GCR-127 I-  1881 issues
GCR-128 I-  1887 issues	GCR-129 I-  1873 Issues	GCR-130 I-  Delaware, Ohio (Blue) April 11, 1877	GCR-131 I-  Marinette, Wisc. 1877	GCR-132 I-  New Windsor, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues
GCR-133 I+ 	GCR-134 I+  1890 Issues	GCR-135 I+  1873 issues	GCR-136 I+ 	GCR-137 I+  1870 Issues

GCR-138 I+  (3rd. class mail) New York City November 21, 1873 (Also found 1st. class mail-1875) 1883 issues	GCR-139 I-  Baraboo, Wisc. 1883 issues	GCR-140 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. September 4-9, 1873	GCR-141 I+  Kent, Ind. 1883 issues	GCR-142 I  1883 issues
GCR-143 I-  Wausau, Wisc. 1882	GCR-144 I-  1890 issues	GCR-145 I-  Boggy Depot Ind. Territory 1881 issues	GCR-146 I-  Marseilles, Ill. 1880	GCR-147 I-  Prairie Du Sac, Wisc. 1880
GCR-148 I+  1890 issues	GCR-149 I-  Karns City, Pa (Blue) February 10, 1876	GCR-150 I+  Hooker, Ohio Glen Ebon, Ohio 1883 Issues	GCR-151 I  Mosinee, Wisc. 1886	GCR-152 I-  Naugatuck, Conn. October 20, 1871
GCR-153 I-  Morris, Ill. 1873 Issues	GCR-154 I-  Fox River, Wisc. 1870 Issues	GCR-155 I-  Flint's Mill's, Ohio (Blue- violet) 1881	GCR-156 I+  1879-1883 Issues	GCR-157 I  St. Louis, Mo. (Blue) 1879 issues

GCR-158	I-	GCR-159	I-	GCR-160	I+	GCR-161	I-	GCR-162	I
									
Jacksonville, Ill.		(Blue)				Menasha, Wisc.			
1870 Issues		1870 issues				1875 P.C.			

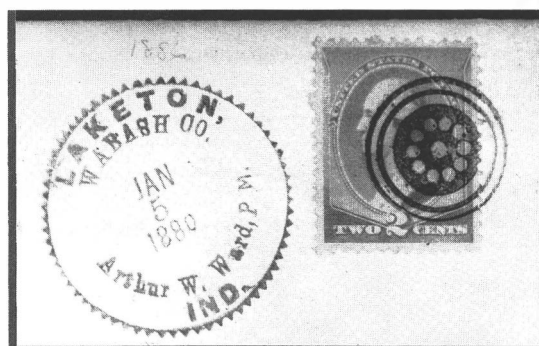
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		Pine Meadow, Conn.		Columbus, Ind.		Waban, Mass.			
		1883		1874 Envelope		1890 Issues		1873 Issues	

GCR-168	I-	GCR-169	I-	GCR-170	I-	GCR-171	I-	GCR-172	I-
									
1873 issues		A.A.....Tol.		Eau Claire, Wisc.				Evansville, Ind.	
		1880		1870 Envelope				(Blue)	
								1873 Issues	

GCR-173	I-	GCR-174	I-	GCR-175	I+	GCR-176	I
							
1873 Issues		1873 Issues		Joliet, Ill.			
				(Blue)			
				February 7, 1878			

This Laketon, Wabash County, Indiana cancel was used to cancel a 2¢ red brown on Jan. 5, 1886. Both the cancel and the accompanying fancy postmark with county and postmaster's names, were probably separate rubber stamps.

(GCR-179A) (I+)



GCR-177

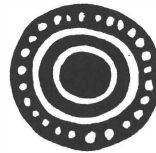


Kruegerville, Warren Co., Mo.
 January 25, 1886
 Franklin Grove, Ill.
 September 1, 1885
 Weber, Jefferson Co., Mt., Mathias W. Weber, PM
 May 16, 1886

I

GCR-178

I



Whollensburg, NY
 1883 issues

GCR-179

I



Dallas City, Ill.
 (Violet)
 1883 issues

GCR-180

I+



Richfield, Wisc.
 (Purple)
 1887

GCR-181

I-



Brimfield, Ill.
 April 5, 1879

GCR-182

I-



1873 Issues

GCR-183

I



New York City
 1873 Issues

GCR-184

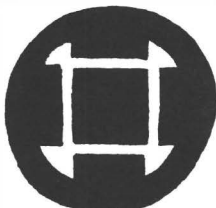
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1890 issues

GCR-185

I



Worcester, Mass.
 March 31-April 10, 1879

GCR-186

I-



Assumption, Ill.
 (Blue)
 1875 P.C.

GCR-187

I-



1890 Issues

GCR-188

I-



Marietta, Ohio
 February 6, 1889

GCR-189

I-



1873 Issues

GCR-190

I-



Ann Arbor, Mich.

GCR-191

I-



Columbus, Ohio
 1879 Issues

GCR-192

I-



Worcester, Mass.
 1879 issues

GCR-193

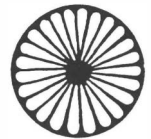
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1890 issues

GCR-194

I



Allenville, Wisc.
 1884



The Weber, Montana version of GCR-177 on a postal card mailed to St. Paul on May 16, 1886, with both the name of county, Jefferson, and postmaster Mathias W. Weber's name in the duplexed town datestamp.

GCR-195

I



Shanes Crossing, Ohio

November 9, 1887
Bingham School, NCMonticello Platt Co., Ill.
(Dark Purple)
Oct. 30, 1882-Nov. 20, 1884

September 17, 1888



GCR-196

I

Claypool, Ind.
(Purple)
June 1886

GCR-197

I

Salem, Ohio
(Purple)
June 5, 1880-July 31, 1882

GCR-198

I

Gratiot, Wisc.
1881

GCR-199

I



Yorkshire Centre, N.Y.

1884-1886
Tuscumbia, Mo.

July 31, 1889

East Corinth, Vt.
(Black, later in Brown)
June 9, 1881-1884
Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio

June 25, 1881

GCR-200

I

North Wharton, Potter Co. Pa.
November 1, 1881
Hiram, Ohio
(Blue, Black)

September 1882-December 1883

GCR-201

I



Smithtown, Suffolk Co., NY

October 14, 1882

GCR-202

I



Ogema, Wisc.

1873 Issues

GCR-203

I



Salem, Ohio

Apr. 14, 1880-Mar 31, 1881

St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa.

September 20, 1882

GCR-204

I



Salem, Ohio

1879 issues

Wellington, Ohio, Lorain County cogwheel rim postmark
with butterfly ornaments duplexed with GCR-199 pinwheel
killer, all in purple.

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P. O. Rubber Canceling Corks,
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line stamps needed in a
Post Office, this style type: **UNCLAIMED**

By mail, postage paid, on receipt of price,
\$3.00.

PROOFS FROM POSTMASTERS.

Your Quarterly Record received, and I like it very much.
JOHN CECIL, P. M., California, Md.

The \$5 Outfit ordered by me was duly received this evening.
They are all A No. 1 articles, and give entire satisfaction.
— JAS. S. HARING, P. M., Orangeburg, N. Y.

The Rubber Stamps, Note and Bill Heads, came to hand all
right and meet with favor with those who have examined
them, for cheapness, neatness, and durability. — T. W. LITTLE,
P. M., Picture Rocks, Pa.

I have been using one of your Stamps and Pads for the last
year and it gives satisfaction. — W. S. BOWEN, P. M., Sheffield,
Iowa.

I received my Note and Letter Heads, Dater, etc., all O. K.
Am satisfied with your job. It far exceeds my expectations.
Wm J. Kink, P. M., Maxville, Mo.

The Dater received, and I am well pleased with it. — CHAS.
COUN, P. M., Albion, Idaho.

Your Box Record received, and is all O. K. — J. W. FROW,
P. M., Fort Madison, Iowa.

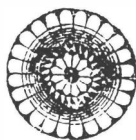
The Pads ordered came to-day. I am very much pleased
with them. — ED. S. MENARD, P. M., St. Genevieve, Mo.

Illustrated Catalogue of Post Office Supplies
sent free to Postmasters only. For samples of
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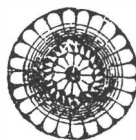
F. P. HAMMOND & CO., Aurora Illinois.

Part of a double page ad of F.P. Hammond & Co. of Illinois appearing in the January
1881 U.S. Postal Guide.

No. 1.



No. 2.



From another Hammond ad in the April 1883 monthly supplemental U.S. Postal Guide.

WOF - 1

ARIZONA:

Holbrook
June 22-26, 1884

Mineral Park
December 10, 1886

ARKANSAS:

Ft. Smith
Prairie View

CALIFORNIA:

Centreville
Gilroy
February 12, 1882
Keeny
(Purple)
December 31, 1888
Marshall
(Dull violet)
February 18, 1884
Nelson
Pine Grove
July 3, 1884
Tipton
Turlock
Wildomar
1884

COLORADO:

Alpine
Arkansas
Buena Vista
Ft. Lyon
Rifle
1885
Salida

CONNECTICUT:

Andover
August 27, 1884
Clintonville
Hamburgh
April 9, 1885
Mansfield Center
September 10, 1884

DAKOTA TERRITORY:

Dakota Territorial listings,
below, are listed under sub-
headings of the states of
their present locations.
Many of these post offices
continued to use the Wheel-

(Continued, next page).

The popular wheel-of-fortune handstamps were manufactured and sold by mail by the F.P. Hammond Co. of Aurora, and later, Chicago, Illinois. The opposite page shows two of Hammond's many ads in the U.S. Postal Guides of the 1880s. The cancel, used with various types of postmarks, is recorded here as used in over 300 U.S. post offices and at least one in Mexico, at Lampazos de Naranjo, Nueva, Leon. Many more undoubtedly exist. Values vary with other factors than the identical rubber stamped killers.

DAKOTA TERRITORY:

(Continued)

of-Fortune cancels after statehood on November 2, 1889, when Dakota Territory was divided into North and South Dakota.

North Dakota

Bay Centre
December 9, 1888

Creel City
March 7, 1884

Lakota
Niagara
(Purple)
October 9, 1889

Pingree
November 10, 1885

South Dakota

Arlington
May 19, 1886

Carthage
March 10, 1888

Dell Rapids
(Blue)
December 4, 1883

Eden, Lincoln Co.
October 6, 1880

Mellette
November 20, 1883

Miller, Hand Co.
October 17, 1882

Prior
(Blue)

July 16, 1884
Scotland

May 29-August 13, 1889
Waterbury

(Blue)
May 6, 1884

DELAWARE:

Camden
Moorton

FLORIDA:

Grahamville
October 13, 1889

GEORGIA:

Ringgold

IDAHO:

Aetna

Blackfoot

February 28, 1882

Rocky Bar
April 27, 1883
St. Charles
April 6, 1887

ILLINOIS:

Aledo
Annawan
Armstrong
Bath
Beecher
Belle Rive
Blackberry Station
Bluff Springs
Braceville
Brimfield
Butler
Clifton
Courtland
Dallas City

Davis
DeKalb
Delavan
(Violet)

October 19, 1887
Dixon

Elkhart
Elsworth
Elmwood
Essex
Galesburg (h)
Goodwine
Hebron, McHenry Co.
(Blue)

August 10, 1885

ILLINOIS:

Hillsboro
October 16, 1883

Kickapoo

Kramm
Lanesville

Leland

McLean

May 9, 1883

Meriden

Milan

1884

Nameoki

Onarga

Plano

Platt

Reading

River Forest

Sailor Springs

St. Jacob

June 12, 1893

Secor

Shabbona

South Evanston

Stillman Valley

Vera

Voorheis

West McHenry

September 24, 1883

Winnetka

INDIANA:

Auburn Junction

May 7, 1887

Gosport

April 2, 1883

Keystone

December 12, 1884

Pierceton

March 26, 1883

Spencer

South Whitley

1884

INDIAN TERRITORY(OKLAHOMA):

Alex

Coody's Bluff

Fishertown

(Magenta)

Gibson Station

(Purple, Black)

1888-90

Kaw Agency

June 19, 1883

McAlester

Purcell

(Purple)

1887

Tecumseh

Tulsa

(Magenta, Black)

1883-4

IOWA:

Algona

(Magenta)

September 30, 1880

Britt

Clarion

December 22, 1885

Dow City

(Purple)

May 18, 1894

Emerson

(Blue)

April 5, 1886

Lacey

June 6, 1882

St. Ansgar

Spencer

Tabor, Freemont Co.

Tilton

KANSAS:

Carbondale

Cherryvale

Concordia

May 17, 1884

Cresco

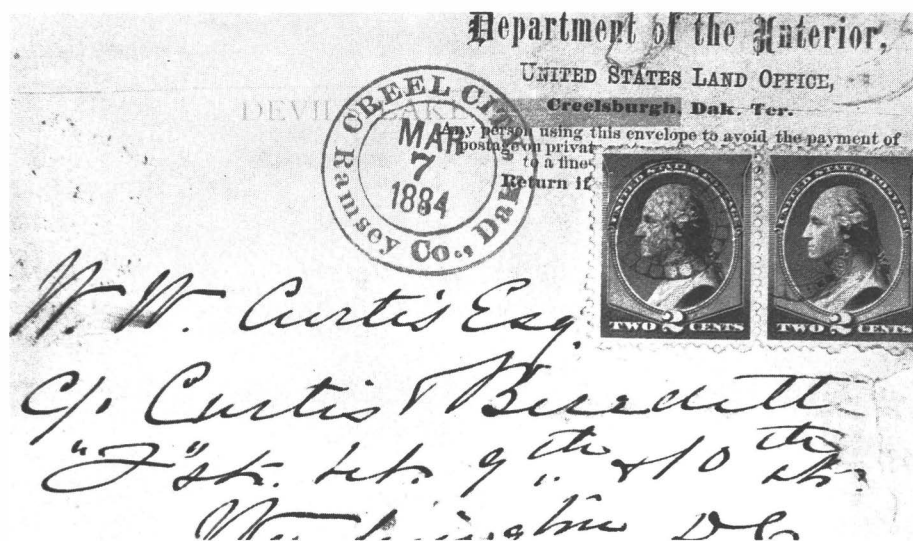
Gardner

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"WHEEL OF FORTUNE"



Although the Hammond advertisement on page 56 depicts wheel-of-fortune uses as early as 1872, none recorded here have year dates earlier than 1880. The Pawnee City, Nebraska use of Oct. 1880 is one of the earliest uses recorded. The killers were usually provided with one of a variety of different styles of town postmarks, and were very popular, as witnessed by the different postmark on the later Pawnee City duplex of 1884.



A penalty envelope used for private correspondence from the United States Land Office at Creel City, Ramsey Co. Dakota Territory in March 1884. The content was overweight, requiring a pair of 2¢ red browns of 1883, both rather lightly canceled with the Creel City wheel-of-fortune duplex killer. The Creel City return address on the cover is blocked out by a red bar and a new return address, Devil's Lake, provided at the left.

KANSAS :

(Continued)

Halstead
(Blue)

October 14, 1884

Ionia

November 12, 1880

Irving

April 26, 1880

Kingman
Lansing
Lenora

Leonardville, Riley Co.

1885

Onaga
Oskaloosa
Strong City
(Violet)

April 23, 1883

Twin Falls

1884

Vining

April 19, 1885

Wea

November 5, 1883

Whiting, Jackson Co.

March 3, 1884

KENTUCKY :

Hawesville, Hancock Co.

1886

Owensboro
White Plains

LOUISIANA :

Bullitt's Bayou

MAINE :

Kennebunk Depot

Monroe

Mt. Desert

October 5, 1886

West Dresden

MASSACHUSETTS :

Bedford

Brimfield

Danversport

East Braintree

Hadley, E. Scott PM

Montville

Topsfield

West Pelham

West Wareham

MICHIGAN :

Baraga

Caseville

Columbiaville

Fruitport

Hartwellville

Lake Linden

(Magenta)

December 21, 1885

Mancelona

Oxford

(Purple)

September 25, 1886

Port Austin

Riga

Shelby, Oceana Co.

(Purple)

October 23, 1883

Woodland

MINNESOTA :

Benson

(Purple)

May 2, 1888

Bird Island

(Blue)

June 10, 1891

Dodge Center

Elizabethtown

Elk River

December 19, 1887

Fairmont

Henderson

February 5, 1882

Lake Benton

Lake Park

April 21, 1885

Little Falls

1883

Minnetonka

Nashville Center

MINNESOTA :

Rockford

1883

Stillwater

June 5, 1880-March 21, 1881

MISSOURI :

Armstrong

May 29, 1884

Beverly, Macon Co.

Concordia

March 1, 1883

Desloge

Franklin

November 13, 1885

Gallatin

Hurdland

Lincoln, A. Berens, PM

Taylor

November 2, 1887

MONTANA :

Ft. Benton

NEBRASKA :

Arapahoe

Dawson

Harvard, Clay Co.

1880

Madison

June 4, 1881

Norfolk

Oakdale

September 7, 1881

Pawnee City

October 18, 1880-August 16, 1884

Syracuse

March 16, 1887

Unadilla

(Purple)

1884

Weeping Water

November 23, 1883

Wood River

1882

NEW HAMPSHIRE :

Derry

Marlborough

Meadows

" WHEEL OF FORTUNE "

NEW JERSEY :

Bloomingtondale
Cape May C.H.
Clinton
Delaware
July 18, 1884-
January 4, 1885
Hartford
October 23, 1884
Westwood

NEW MEXICO :

Deming
(Blue)
July 10, 1882-
January 21, 1884
Ft. Stanton
February 12, 1884-
November 24, 1885
Kingston
January 9, 1884-
November 1, 1885
Liberty
May 2, 1888-
January 30, 1893
Los Alamos
(Purple)
December 25, 1893
Los Lunas
(Purple)
March 19, 1883-
July 15, 1884
Ricon
May 12-October 8, 1883
San Antonio
(Violet, Purple)
May 29, 1885-
August 1, 1888
Springer
(Violet)
March 21, 1887-
March 24, 1888
Trameras
Watrous
(Blue)
April 14, 1885
White Oaks
(Violet, Purple)
January 9, 1884-
May 13, 1886

NEW YORK:

Alexandria Bay
Almond
Ames
(Blue)
September 11, 1886
Bangall
Bayshore
March 21, 1885
Brookfield
(Purple)
March 9, 1887
Castleton Corners,
Richmond Co.
1886
Clinton
Coeymans
Cold Spring
Groveland
March 3, 1888
Hartford
1882
Highland Falls
Holland Patent
Howe's Cave
Idlewild
Margaretville
New Dorp
Newfane Station
New Hartford
1882
Odessa
February 27, 1884
Oramel
Roxbury
Shiloh
September 6, 1885
Stittville
Thompson's Cove
West Hampton

NORTH CAROLINA :

Belvidere
Danbury
Heiligs Mills
New Berne

NORTH DAKOTA :

(See Dakota Territory)

OHIO :

Atwater
March 1, 1890
Bairdstown
April 27, 1887
Baltic
Brice
Caldwell
(Violet)
June 27, 1882
Campbellstown
(Purple)
Chardon
Eber
June 11, 1888
Freeport
(blue)
February 4, 1882-
April 10, 1888
Garth's Ferry
Hannibal
Lenox
McCutchenville
Martin's Ferry
(blue)
January 9, 1892
New Washington
Ravenna
December 25, 1883
Weillersville
(purple)
October 20, 1886
Willowdell

OREGON :

Baker City
Bridgeport
September 20, 1884
Drain
1887
East Portland
Forest Grove
(Purple)
August 7, 1889
Ft. Klamath
August 1, 1887
Fossi
Jacksonville
December 16, 1886
Lexington
(Purple)
January 20, 1894
McCoy
1887

OREGON :

Medford
August 20, 1886-
October 22, 1889
Myrtle Creek
July 8, 1887
Newport
August 9, 1887-
July 29, 1889
Tygh Valley
(Purple)
July 25, 1887
Union
June 7, 1890

PENNSYLVANIA :

Baxter, Jefferson Co.
1884
Bayne
Dangus Mines
Gap
Iron Ore
March 21, 1887
Nanticoke
Newtown Square, Del. Co.
Royer
Schwenkville
April 1, 1886
Welsh Run
White Haven
August 6, 1883

RHODE ISLAND :

Canonchet

SOUTH CAROLINA :

Bucksville
Easley

SOUTH DAKOTA :

(See Dakota Territory)

TEXAS :

Avinger
Dupree
December 11, 1883

" WHEEL OF FORTUNE "

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UTAH :

Park City
1880
Slatersville
September 18, 1893

VIRGINIA :

Berkley
Gala
Homewood
New River Depot
March 5, 1884
Rutland
February 2, 1885

Style G.



Style H.



Style I.



Although the postmarks accompanying most wheel-of-fortune cancels are plain or at least very ornate, some are very fancy. The examples shown here, advertised by Hammond in the May 1880 *U.S. Postal Guide*, are a few of many furnished by Hammond with duplexed cancels or alone.





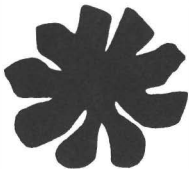







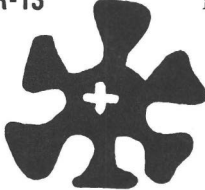






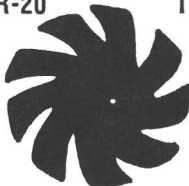
WASHINGTON :

Avon
January 14-June 25, 1889
Colby
(Purple)
May 30, 1889
Covello
(Purple)
August 7, 1887
Edmonds
Ellensburg
(Magenta)
Dec. 7, 1886 - Mar. 15, 1887
Farmington
1888-9
Freeport
September 2-December 21, 1887
Grays River
November 11, 1887- April 4, 1888
Jackson
October 2, 1885
Kalama
(Purple)
November 8, 1891
Kelso
December 20, 1887-April 24, 1889
Mt. Vernon (Magenta)
February 2, 1888-February 5, 1890
Port Ludlow
(Purple)
January 21, 1888
Sidney
May 31, 1890
Stella
Sumner
January 5, 1886-March 21, 1890
Wallula
(Blue)
August 14, 1886
West Ferndale









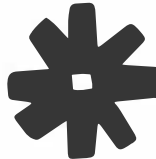

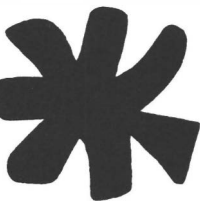

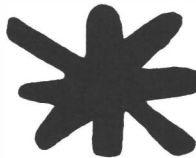



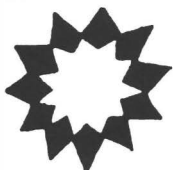
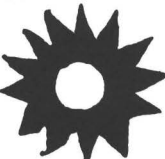

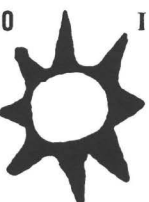
WEST VIRGINIA :
Caperton
August 29, 1882
Parkersburg
July 30, 1880
Ritchie C.H.
Welcome
September 21, 1886


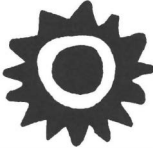


















WISCONSIN :

Allenville
Ashland
(Purple)
1887
Bakerville
1884
Beloit
Black River Falls
(Purple)
1887
Cadott
1884
Danville
(Black, Magenta)
1889-9
Edwards
1885
Falls River
1886
Grantsburg
1887
Houlton
(Blue)
1886
Hudson
Jenny & Tomah Agt.
1880
Mather
1881
Merrill & Tomah Agt.
1880
New Lisbon
(Magenta)
1880
Schofield
(Purple)
1884-5
Sherry
(Blue)
1885
Shiocton
1884
Sparta
(Blue)
1880
Spring Prairie
1885
Tomah
1880, 1882-3

GR-1	I-	GR-2	I-	GR-3	I-	GR-4	I-	GR-5	I-
									
(Purple)		Sidney, Ohio 1873 issues		Springfield, Mass. July 24, 1870		(Red) 1870 issues		(Blue) 1873 issues	
GR-6	I-	GR-7	I-	GR-8	I-	GR-9	I-	GR-10	I-
									
Joliet, Ill. June 29, 1888		Northampton, Mass. 1883 issues		Utica, NY March 30, 1874		Boston, Mass.		1873 issues	
GR-11	I-	GR-12	I-	GR-13	I-	GR-14	I	GR-15	I
									
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Blue) March 7-10, 1874		(Blue) March 6, 1874				1883 issues		Philadelphia, Pa. 1882	
GR-16	I	GR-17	I	GR-18	I	GR-19	I	GR-20	I
									
1870 issues				Derby, Conn. 1870 issues		1883 issues		New York City	











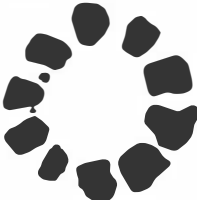







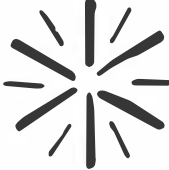

GR-21	I-	GR-22	I-	GR-23	I-	GR-24	I-	GR-25	I
Bangor, Me. 1875		1890 issues		N. Sherburne, Vt. 1873-1879 issues		Boston, Mass.		1881 issues	
GR-26	I-	GR-27	I-	GR-28	I-	GR-29	I-	GR-30	I-
1873 issues		1870 issues		1870 issues		Boston, Mass.		1870 issues	
GR-31	I-	GR-32	I-	GR-33	I-	GR-34	I-	GR-35	I-
1873 issues		Boston, Mass.		August 23, 1873		October 8-13, 1881		St. Louis, Mo.	
GR-36	I-	GR-37	I-	GR-38	I-	GR-39	I-	GR-40	I-
		1890 Issues		Columbus, Ohio 1874 envelope		1870 issues		1881 issues	





















GR-41	I-	GR-42	I-	GR-43	I-	GR-44	I-	GR-45	I-
									
Official issues		Pittsburgh, Pa. (Blue) May 8, 1874		Belmar, NJ 1890 issues		Bellefontaine, Ohio 1883 issues		Zanesville, Ohio (Reddish-Purple) January 1, 1879	
GR-46	I-	GR-47	I-	GR-48	I-	GR-49	I-	GR-50	I-
									
Metcalf, Ill. November 16, 1886		(Purple) 1887 issues		1873 issues		Concord, NH 1883 issues			
GR-51	I-	GR-52	I-	GR-53	I-	GR-54	I-	GR-55	I
									
1873 Issues		Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 P.C.				1873 issues		1879 issues	
GR-56	I	GR-57	II+	GR-58	I	GR-59	I	GR-60	I
									
Boston, Mass. 1873 issues		Waterbury, Conn. July 21, 187?		Baraboo, Wisc. 1887		Fall River, Mass. 1874		New York City early 1870's	






GR-61  Broadwell, Ill. (Magenta) 1879 Issues	I	GR-62  Boston, Mass. 1879 Issues	I	GR-63  1875 issues	I	GR-64  1875 issues	I-	GR-65  San Francisco, Ca. (Postage Due) Mar. 9, 1884	I
GR-66  Orland, Ind. 1870 Issues	I	GR-67  1890 issues	I	GR-68  Croton Falls, NY	I+	GR-69  1883 issues	I+	GR-70  1890 Issues	I
GR-71  St. Louis, Mo. 1879 Issues	I	GR-72  Boston, Mass. 1870 issues	I-	GR-73  Washington, DC July 20, 1874	I	GR-74  Keene, NH	I-	GR-75  Galena, Ill. 1873 Issues	I-
GR-76  Anderson, SC 1890 issues	I-	GR-77  San Francisco, Ca. 1873 Issues	I	GR-78  March 11, 1874	I-	GR-79  Washington, DC May 24, 1874	I-	GR-80  May 18, 1876	I-




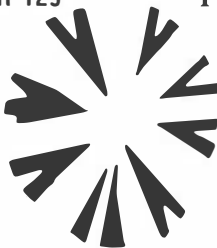



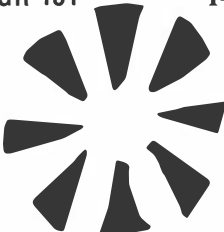
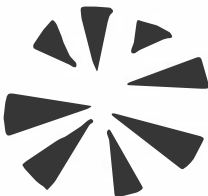
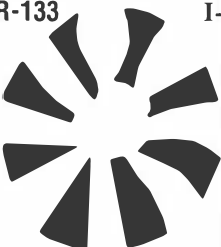

GR-78 cancelling a 3¢ Executive official stamp on a cover from President Grant's office in the Executive Mansion, April 1, 1874.






GR-81	I-	GR-82	I-	GR-83	I-	GR-84	I-	GR-85	I
									
Bridgeport, Conn.				New York City		Louisville, Ky.			
1873 issues				1873 issues		August 24, 1877			
GR-86	I	GR-87	I-	GR-88	I-	GR-89	I-	GR-90	I-
									
Avon, Wisc. (Purple) 1888		New York City 1873 issues		Milwaukee, Wisc. 1874		Madison, Wisc. 1876		1883 issues	
GR-91	I-	GR-92	I+	GR-93	I+	GR-94	I+	GR-95	I+
									
1879 issues				(Dark Blue) 1883 issues		New Orleans, La.		Columbus, Wisc. 1886	
GR-96	I-	GR-97	I-	GR-98	I-	GR-99	I-	GR-100	I-
									
1890 issues		1879 Issues		1890 issues		Reading, Vt. 1873 issues		Red Oak, Ind. Territory 1870	






GR-101  Utica, NY August 12, 1885	I-	GR-102  Pittsburgh, Pa. Nov. 8-Dec. 1, 1880	I-	GR-103  1870 issues	I-	GR-104  St. Louis, Mo. Nov. 6-Dec. 12, 1877	I-	GR-105  Washington, DC (Red) Local Mail	I
GR-106  Sheboygan, Wisc. 1877	I-	GR-107  Cary's Store, Va. 1870 issues	I-	GR-108  Waterbury, Conn. 1875	II-	GR-109  Boston, Mass.	I-	GR-110  (Purple) 1879 issues	I-
GR-111  St. Louis, Mo. February 1, 1878	I-	GR-112  Jeanerette, La. 1890 issues	I-	GR-113  Hartland, Vt. 1881	I-	GR-114  1890 issues	I-	GR-115  (Red) 1870 issues	I
GR-116  Middletown, Conn. 1873 issues	I-	GR-117  Worcester, Mass. 1875 P.C.	I-	GR-118  Boston, Mass. 1870 issues	I-	GR-119  Ansonia, Conn. December 10, 1885	I-	GR-120  Manitowoc, Wisc. 1870 issues	I-






GR-121	I-	GR-122	I-	GR-123	I-	GR-124	I-	GR-125	I-
									
Columbus, Ohio		Buffalo, NY		Mobile, Ala.		Greenfield, Mass.		New Orleans, La.	
August 9, 1873		November 15, 1883		1875 Issues					







GR-126	I-	GR-127	I+	GR-128	I+	GR-129	I	GR-130	I-
									
1881 issues		Waterbury, Conn.		June 20, 1877		Deep Blue 1885		Nicolet, Wisc. 1886	






GR-131	I-	GR-132	I-	GR-133	I-	GR-134	I-
							
(Deep Blue) 1883		West De Pere, Wisc. (Purple) 1879		(Blue) 1883		East Liverpool, Ohio December 10, 1875	





















GR-135	I-	GR-136	I-	GR-137	I-	GR-138	I-	GR-139	I-
									
Cloverport, Ky. 1880's		St. Louis, Mo. September 26, 1882		Aug. 2, 1870-Aug. 25, 1873		New York City July 9, 1873		September 7, 1874	

GR-140	I+	GR-141	II	GR-142	II	GR-143	II	GR-144	I-
									
1873 issues		October 11, 1869 - June 19, 187?		Waterbury, Conn. October 30, 1874 - November 5, 1877		August 4, 1874 - April 9, 1877		Providencetown, Mass. October 25, 1875	

GR-145	I-	GR-146	II	GR-147	II	GR-148	II	GR-149	I-
									
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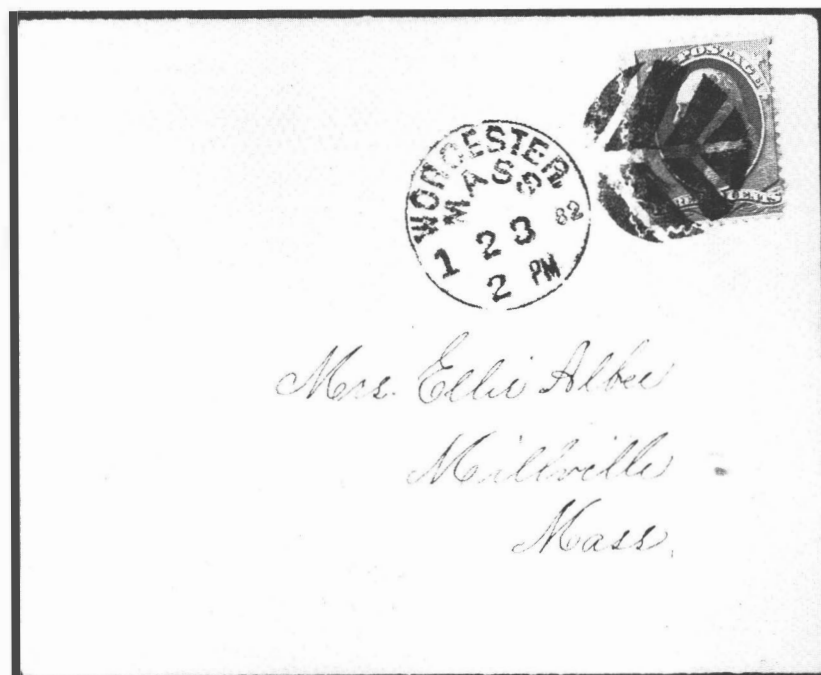
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1870 issues				Boston, Mass.		1873 issues		1873 issues		McMinnville, Tn. 1890 issues	

GR-156	I-	GR-157	I-	GRF-1	I	GRF-2	I	GRF-3	I
									
Darien, Wisc.		West Warren, Mass. 1875 P.C.		Providence, RI March 21, 1882		Chicago, Ill. 1879 issues			





















GRF-4	I	GRF-5	I-	GRF-6	II	GRF-7	I	GRF-8	I
									
Quincy, Ill. 1873 issues		1883 issues		Waterbury, Conn. June 3, 1881		US Postal Agency - Nagasaki, Japan		Lansing, Mich.	
GRF-9	I	GRF-10	I	GRF-11	I	GRF-12	II	GRF-13	II
									
Little Suamico, Wisc. 1887		1890 issues		Mechanics Falls, Me. 1890 issues		1879 issues		Watertown, Mass. 1873 issues	
GRF-14	II+	GRF-15	I+	GRF-16	I+	GRF-17	I+	GRF-18	I+
									
Waterbury, Conn. Nov. 25, 1869- July 30, 1870						1879 issues		1887 issues	
GRF-19	I+	GRF-20	I+	GRF-21	I	GRF-22	I	GRF-23	I+
									
Newberry C.H., SC				1887 issues				(Blue) 1883 issues	



Two of the many Waterbury leaf cancels of the Banknote era, similar to or identical with GL-23/GL-26. The stamp on the lower cover has been photographically faded to better show the design.



Worcester, Mass. Wesson "Time-on-the-bottom" patented handstamp, used Jan. 23, 1882 with leaf style duplex killer GL-64A. The killer is similar but not identical with GL-64.

GL-1 II+  Waterbury, Conn. 	GL-2 I  1890 issues 	GL-3 I  	GL-4 II-  	GL-5 I+  Baltimore, Md. 1873 issues
GL-6 I  Alton, Ill. 1870 issues 	GL-7 I  1883 issues 	GL-8 II-  (Purple) 1873-1879 issues 	GL-9 I  1873 issues 	GL-10 II+  Waterbury, Conn. October 20-21, 1880
GL-11 I-  Brandon, Wisc. 1874 envelope 	GL-12 II+  Waterbury, Conn. December 22, 1872 	GL-13 I  	GL-14 II  Waterbury, Conn. March 22 - June 7, 1876 	GL-15 II  July 6, 1877
GL-16 II+  Waterbury, Conn. March 1, 1878 	GL-17 I+  New York City 	GL-18 I  (Purple) 1870 issues 	GL-19 I  Washington DC July 25, 1875 	GL-20 II- 

GL-21

II+



Waterbury, Conn.

1875

GL-22

II



GL-23

II+

GL-24

II+

GL-25

II+



Waterbury, Conn.

February 11, 1878

June 24, 1878

April 22-29, 1878

GL-26

II+



Waterbury, Conn.

February 13, 1878



GL-25 on a postal card, Waterbury, Jan. 26, 1878.

GL-27

I-



Waterbury, Conn.

GL-28

I-



1873 issues

GL-29

I-



Hartford, Conn.

1879 issues

GL-30

I-

Athens, La.
(Blue)

1873 issues

GL-31

I-



Worcester, Mass.

1873 issues

GL-32

I-



GL-33

I-



GL-34

I-



Lincoln, Ill.

July 18, 1882

GL-35

I-



Salem, Mass.

1881 issues

GL-36






I-














Putnam, Conn.

September 24, 1883

LEAVES





















GL-37	I-	GL-38	I-	GL-39	I-	GL-40	I-	GL-41	I-
									
New York City		Naugatuck, Conn.		Worcester, Mass.		Providence, RI		(Blue)	
December 16, 1874				May 27, 1882		September 4, 1882		1883 issues	

GL-42	I-	GL-43	I-	GL-44	I-	GL-45	I-	GL-46	I-	GL-47	I-
											
Boston, Mass.											
1870 issues						Jamaica Plains branch					

GL-48	I-	GL-49	I-	GL-50	I-	GL-51	I-	GL-52	I-
									
New Orleans, La.									





















GL-53	I-	GL-54	I-	GL-55	I-	GL-56	I-	GL-57	I-
									
New Orleans, La.		San Francisco, Ca.		1873 issues		Steubenville, Ohio		Frankfort, Ky.	
		1875 P.C.							

GL-58	I-	GL-59	I-	GL-60	I-	GL-61	I	GL-62	I-
1874		Washington, DC		October 11, 1874		(Red) 1881 issues		(Blue) Official issues	
GL-63	I-	GL-64	I-	GL-65	I-	GL-66	II	GL-67	II
Newark, Ohio March 13, 1878		Worcester, Mass. May 2, 1875		New York City 1870 issues		Waterbury, Conn. March 29, 1875		Aug. 13, 1875 - Sept. 25, 1876	
GL-68	II	GL-69	II	GL-70	II	GL-71	II	GL-72	II
May 16, 1878		May 11, 1881- January 5, 1882		Waterbury, Conn. September 17, 1881		August 16, 1881- August 21, 1882		August 8, 1878 -- June 28, 1880	
GL-73	II	GL-74	II	GL-75	II	GL-76	II	GL-77	II
May 17, 1882(?)		October 20, 1881		Waterbury, Conn. July 16, 1880		April 7, 1881		October 27, 1881	

GL-78  Waterbury, Conn. April 26, 1876	II GL-79  April 17-26, 1876	II GL-80  Detroit, Mich. 1879 issues	I- GL-81  1879 issues	I- GL-82  Official issues
GL-83  1883 issues	I- GL-84  Detroit, Mich.	I- GL-85  Northampton, Mass. 1880's Envelope	I GL-86  Columbus, Pa. 1879 issues	I+ GL-87  1873 issues
GL-88  1870 issues	I+ GL-89  1870 issues	I+ GL-90  Salem, Ohio 1870 issues	I+ GL-91  (Red) 1870 issues	II GL-92  Waterbury, Conn. June 28, 187?
GL-93  April 20, 1876	II GL-94  July 10, 1875	II GL-95  September 23, 1873	II GL-96  April 2, 1877	II GL-97  II

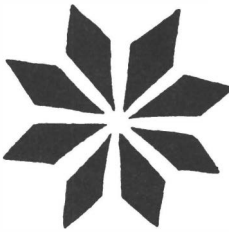
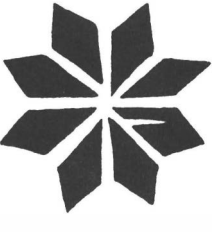

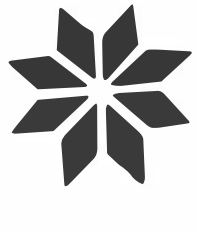
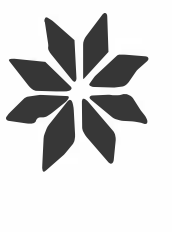
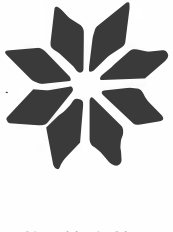
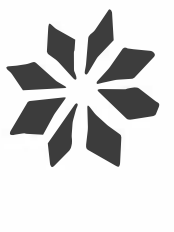
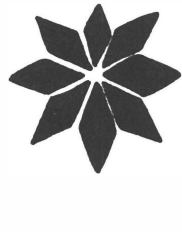
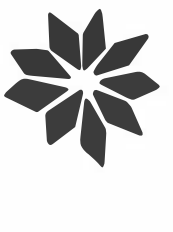

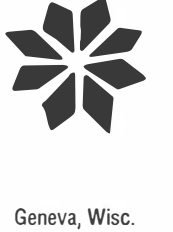
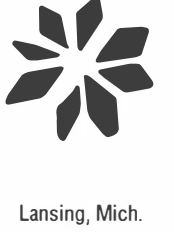
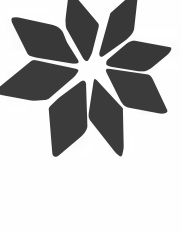
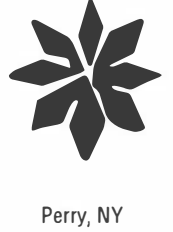
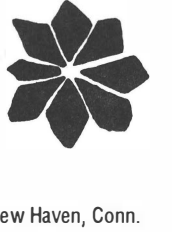





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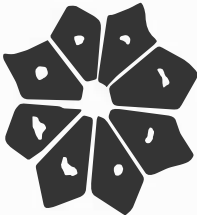


















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GST-6 I  New Orleans, La.	GST-7 II+  Waterbury, Conn. February 18, 1878- November 30, 1882	GST-8 II+  Waterbury, Conn. May 29, 1877	GST-9 I+  (Purple, Blue) 1890 issues	GST-10 I  Bridgeport, Conn. 1870-73 issues
GST-11 I  Boston, Mass. February 16, 1878	GST-12 II-  Waterbury, Conn. 1881 issues	GST-13 I  Milwaukee, Wisc. 1870-71	GST-14 I  1881 issues	GST-15 I  (Blue) 1870 issues
GST-16 II+  Waterbury, Conn. June 4, 1869 - June 2, 1870	GST-17 I+  New Orleans, La.	GST-18 I+  New Orleans, La.	GST-19 I+  New Orleans, La.	GST-20 II  Waterbury, Conn. October 20, 1870 - February 12, 1879

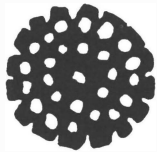
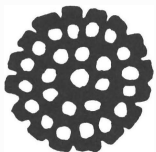
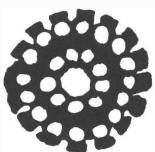
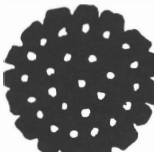
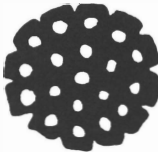
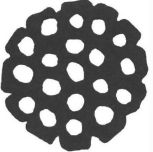
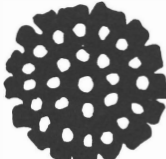
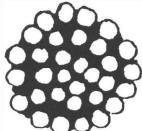



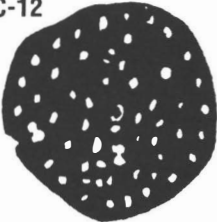


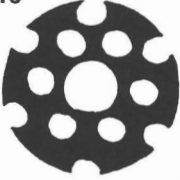




Waterbury GST-12, one of several similar Waterbury rosettes.

GST-21  II July 4, 1877	GST-22  II October 10-25, 1879	GST-23  II March 31, 1882	GST-24  I 1871	GST-25  I Official issues
GST-26  I New York City 1873 issues	GST-27  I Ripon, Wisc. 1874	GST-28  I+ 1875 issues	GST-29  I+ New Orleans, La.	GST-30  I+
GST-31  I Geneva, Wisc. 1879 issues	GST-32  I Lansing, Mich. January 9, 1871	GST-33  I Official issues	GST-34  I Perry, NY November 26, 1883	GST-35  I New Haven, Conn. July 4, 1878
GST-36  I Hartford, Conn. May, 11, 1882	GST-37  I 1879 issues	GST-38  I St. Louis, Mo. (Blue) 1879 issues	GST-39  I Phoenixville, Pa. 1873 issues	GST-40  I Official issues

GST-41  I Lodi, Wisc. (Purple) 1874 Envelope	GST-42  I	GST-43  I Brattleboro, Vt.	GST-44  I+ July 18, 1874	GST-45  I+ New York City September 12-14, 1874
GST-46  I Ripon, Wisc.	GST-47  I New Haven, Conn. 1875 Issues	GST-48  I+ January 7, 1882	GST-49  I+ New Orleans, La.	GST-50  I+ Washington, DC April 8, 1876
GST-51  II (Unconfirmed) Waterbury, Conn. 1873 issues	GST-52  I+ Wilmington, NC	GST-53  I+ New Orleans, La. 1873 issues	GST-54  I+ New Orleans, La.	GST-55  I+ Official Issues
GST-56  I+ Official issues	GST-57  I Milburn, NJ 1890 issues	GST-58  I 1890 issues	GST-59  I 1890 issues	GST-60  1887 issues

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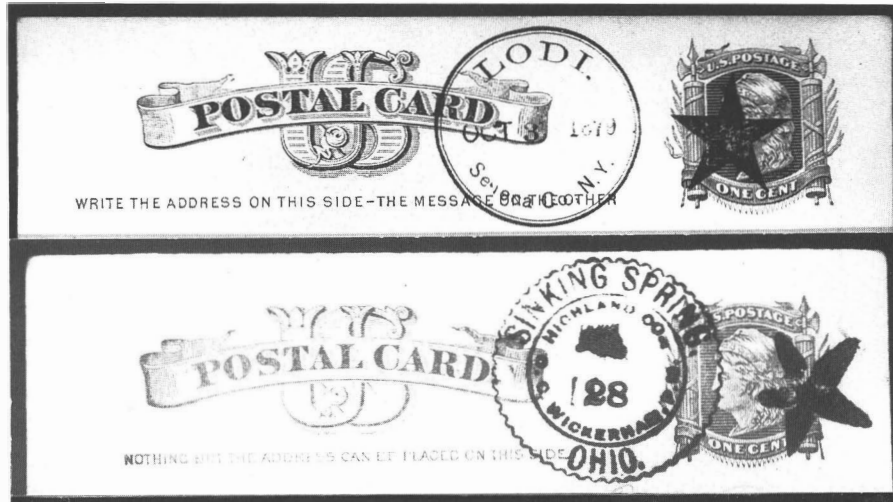
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<div>GHC-5</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Albion, Idaho Unionport, Ohio Jan, 12-Feb. 16, 1885</div>	<div>GHC-6</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>GHC-7</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>1881 issues</div>	<div>GHC-8</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Adams, Umatilla Co., Ore. I. Hanson, PM November 30, 1885</div>	<div>GHC-9</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Toulon, Ill.</div> <div>1887 issues</div>
<div>GHC-10</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Locust Grove, Indian Territory</div> <div>1881</div>	<div>GHC-11</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Galva, Ill.</div> <div>1884 Envelope</div>	<div>GHC-12</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Hardin, Ill.</div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>GHC-13</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Brazil, Ind. (Reddish-Purple) Sept. 23-Oct. 20, 1880</div>	
<div>GHC-14</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div>	<div>GHC-15</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Hingham, Wisc. (Purple) 1879</div>	<div>GHC-16</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>Ft. Leavenworth, Ks.</div> <div>Official issues</div>	<div>GHC-17</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>1890 issues</div>	

The Monitor, Indiana honeycomb of Sept. 22, 1886 on a 2¢ red brown is almost identical with GHC-2, except it has a much smaller center hole. A Kilmore, Clinton Co. (also with postmaster's name in the postmark) honeycomb used on a 2¢ blue War Department official envelope appears to match the Monitor honeycomb.



Star killers were probably by far the most popular shape of cancel of the banknote period, except for the simple cork not intended to represent any shape. Although star killers in various forms and Maltese and similar crosses occupy a few more, these cancels provide only a representative sample of the large number of star killers that were used in the Banknote stamp era. It naturally follows that many nearly identical star designs exist used from different post offices.

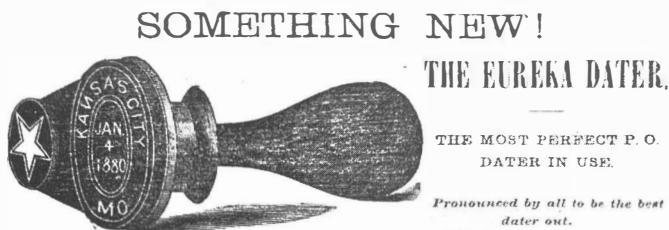
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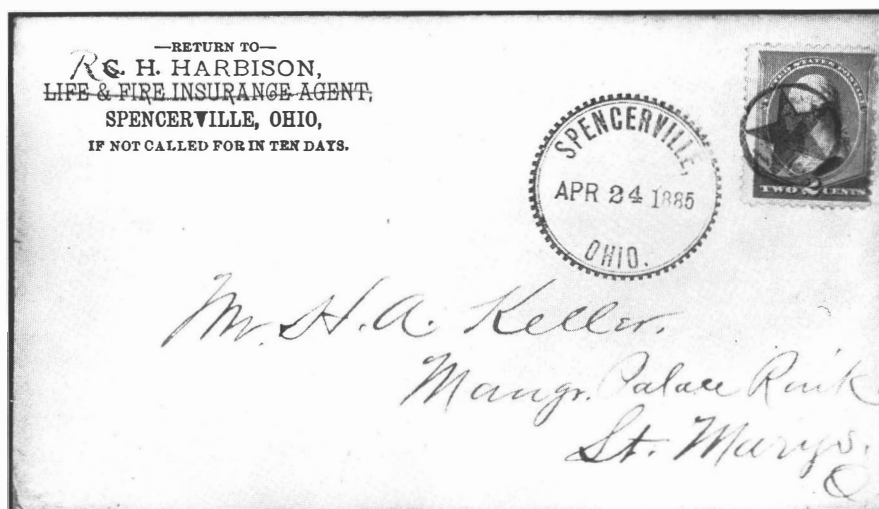
(STA-4A)

Two of the hundreds of the plain star killers of the era, both duplexed with town datestamps of varying designs. The Sinking Spring, Ohio, with both Highland County and postmaster's name is very elaborate, even for this era.



Price of Dater, with Dates for 10 years. Pads and Ink, \$4.00.




















One of many ads of F.P. Hammond Co. of Illinois in the *U.S. Postal Guides* of the early 1880s. This cut of a purported Kansas City handstamp with star killer, to date, unreported was used in several different contexts.



(STC-48A)



















Star in circle duplexed with Spencerville, Ohio cog rim town postmark of 1885.





















STARS















STA-1 I-  Ellicottville, N.Y. Feb. 25, 1879	STA-2 I-  Powar's Store, Ky.- J. Alstadt, P.M. Dec. 5, 1883	STA-3 I-  Bartos, Pa. (Blue) Dec. 30, 1882	STA-4 I-  Normal, Ill 1879 Issues	STA-5 I-  Plymouth, Ca. Oct. 5, 1887
STA-6 I-  Campbellsville, Taylor Co., Ky. Dec. 4, 1885	STA-7 I-  Rockford, Ill. 1883 Issues	STA-8 I-  New Washington, Pa. (Blue) Aug. 14, 1886 New Haven, Huron Co., Ohio July 14, 1887 Walkill, Ulster Co., N.Y. Oct. 4, 1888	STA-9 I-  Durand, Wisc. 1884	STA-10 I-  Schaumburg, Ill. Mar. 19, 1892
STA-11 I-  Protection, N.Y. (Magenta) Oct. 22, 1878	STA-12 I-  Washington Hgts., Ill (Purple) 1883 Issues	STA-13 I-  Highland, Ill. (Magenta) 1888 Issues	STA-14 I-  Braidwood, Ill. (Blue) Official Issues North Bend, Neb. Aug. 16, 1882	STA-15 I-  Dayton, Tn. W.B. Benson, P.M. Sept. 15, 1884
STA-16 I-  Cobden, Ill. 1887	STA-17 I-  Georgetown Wash. D.C. (Purple) 1878	STA-18 I-  Ledyard, Wisc. 1882	STA-19 I-  Lockwood, Mo. 1883	STA-20 I-  Centerville, R.I. Aug. 31, 1886

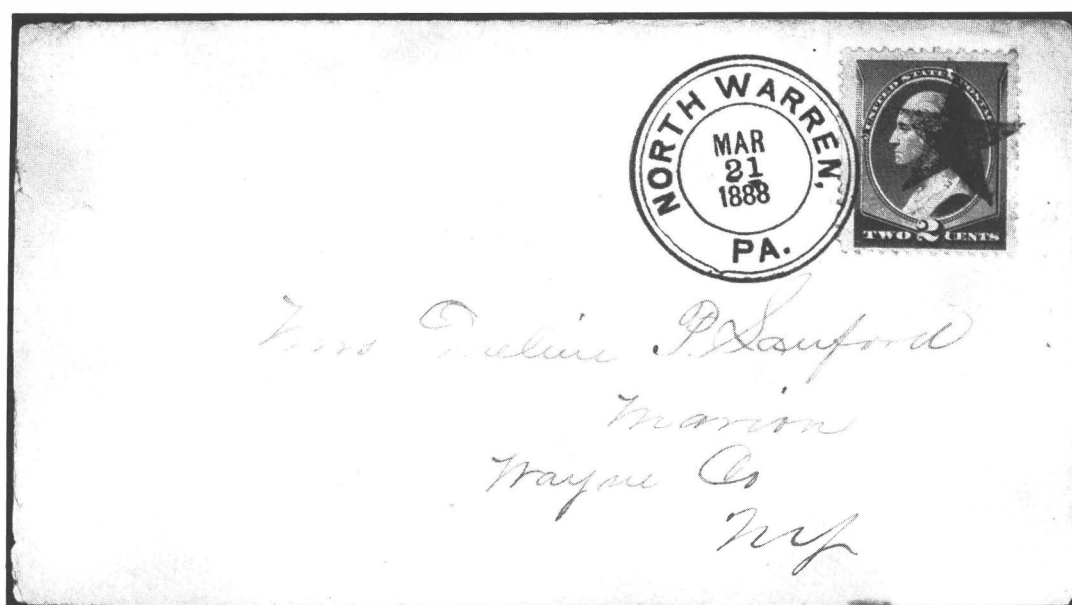
STA-21 I-  Schulenburg, Tx (Purple) Mar. 4, 1890	STA-22 I-  Caledonia, N.Y. (Violet) Sept. 3, 1885	STA-23 I-  Glendale, Mt. Territory (Magenta) May 4, 1881	STA-24 II-  Bartlett, Neb. (Brown) 1881 P.C.	STA-25 I-  Byron, Ill. 1875 P.C.
STA-26 I-  Millville, NJ Dec. 1, 1880	STA-27 I-  North Attleboro, Mass. Sept. 23, 1881	STA-28 I-  Center Point, Linn Co Iowa W.I. Langsdale, P.M. June 15, 1886	STA-29 I-  Palmersville, McAkley Co., Tn. May 24, 1888	STA-30 I-  Peach Orchard, Lawrence Co., Ky.
STA-31 I-  LaSalle, NY Apr. 14, 1884	STA-32 I-  Ledyard, Wisc. (Blue) 1885	STA-33 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. May 20-Aug. 28, 1873	STA-34 I-  Meire's Grove, Minn. (Blue) Oct. 15, 1884	STA-35 I-  Friendship, Wisc. 1871
STA-36 I-  Datil, NM (Purple) May 17, 1890	STA-37 I-  Raton, NM (Magenta, Purple) Jan. 18, 1881- June 6, 1882	STA-38 I-  Los Lunas, NM Mar. 9, 1887- July 11, 1889	STA-39 I-  Coudersport, Potter Co. Pa. (Blue) Sept. 20, 1880	

STARS




















STA-40 I-  Carbonate, Colo. June 26, 1880	STA-41 I-  Ft. Stanton, NM Apr. 14, 1877- Apr. 27, 1879	STA-42 I-  Cazenovia, Ill. May 1, 1886	STA-43 I-  Edinburgh, Ind. Feb. 17, 1874	STA-44 I-  Adams Run, SC 1874
STA-45 I-  Vincennes, Ind. (Blue) 1875	STA-46 I-  North Warren, Pa. (Purple) Mar. 21, 1888	STA-47 I-  Blackmore, Ringgold Co., Iowa Nov. 12, 1880 Brownsborough, Ore. Mar. 20, 1886 Ashwood, Tensas Parrish, La. Dec. 7, 1880 Attica, N.Y. (Purple) July 12, 1879	STA-47 I-  Correctionville, Woodbury, Co., Io., E.A. Hall, P.M. Haddam, Ct. Oct. 28, 1887 Wauseon, Ohio (Purple) June 5, 1888	
STA-48 I-  New Berlin, Ill. (Red) 1879 Issues	STA-49 I-  Wilmette, Ill. 1883 Issues Kirkland, Ill. 1887 Issues	STA-50 I-  Red Bank Furnace, Clarion Co., Pa. Nov. 1, 1880	STA-51 I-  Shawneetown, Ill. 1890 Issues	STA-52 I-  Lansing, Mich. 1870 Issues
STA-53 I-  Bath, Steuben Co., N.Y. (Dark Blue)	STA-54 I-  Edenton, Ohio (Purple) Jan. 10, 1880	STA-55 I-  Harrisonville, Mo. 1879 Issues	STA-56 I-  Medford, Ore. Dec. 15, 1890	

STA-57 I-  Stoneham, Mass. 1883 Issues	STA-58 I-  Tin Cup, Colo. Mar. 23, 1882	STA-59 I-  Andes, N.Y. (Purple) Apr. 20, 1878	STA-60 I-  South Hampton, N.H.	STA-61 I-  Bolton, Warren Co., N.Y. Aug. 1891
STA-62 I-  Florence, Wisc. 1874 Envelope	STA-63 I-  Edwardsville, Ill. (Magenta) 1879 Issues	STA-64 I-  Block Island, RI Aug. 23, 1889	STA-65 I-  Altona, Ill. (Purple) 1879 Issues	STA-66 I-  Lordsburg, Grant Co., N.M. May 1 - July 7, 1882
STA-67 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. Sept. 13 - Oct. 12, 1873	STA-68 I-  1873	STA-69 I-  San Francisco, Ca. 1873 Issues	STA-70 I-  Ashuelot, N.H. 1881 Issues	STA-71 I-  Staunton, Ill. (Purple) 1875 P.C. Ashmore, Ill. (Magenta) 1874 Envelope
STA-72 I-  Smithport, Pa. (Magenta) May 19, 1881	STA-73 I-  Carthage, Mo. 1879 Issues	STA-74 I-  Midway, Woodford Co., Ky. Sept. 1, 1883	STA-75 I-  Apponaug, R.I. June 21, 1884	STA-76 I-  Meriden, Ill. (Purple) 1879 Issues

STA-77  I- St. Louis, Mo. 1874 Envelope	STA-78  I- 1872	STA-79  I- Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 P.C.	STA-80  I- 1870 Envelope	STA-81  I- New York City
STA-82  I- Bath, Ill. 1879 Issues	STA-83  I- Olney, Ill. 1883 Issues	STA-84  I- Green Bay, Wisc. 1870 Issues	STA-85  I- Ann Arbor, Mich.	
STA-86  I- Franklin, N.H. Feb. 6, 1880	STA-87  I- East Boston Sta.- Boston, Mass. Sept. 5, 1883	STA-88  I- 1883 Issues	STA-89  I- Wilson, N.Y.-Arthur Barger, P.M. Dec. 25, 1883	STA-90  I- Croton Falls, N.Y. Nov. 28, 1893























Duplexed North Warren, PA. star in purple (STA-46).

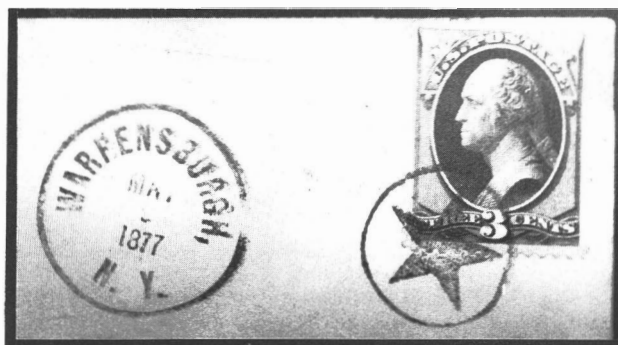
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STC-6  Caddo, Indian Territory (Magenta, Purple) 1877-79 Al-Lu-We, Indian Territory 1886 Chelsea, Indian Territory (Black, Blue) 1889 Atoka, Indian Territory (Violet) 1879 Andarko, Indian Territory (Blue) 1885	I-	STC-7  Grandview, Dak. Territory (Red) 1884 Flandreau, Dak. Territory (Red) 1880	I-	STC-8   Apache Pass, Arizona Territory March 31-Oct. 16, 1880 Norfolk, Sully Co. Dak Territory Aug. 9, 1886	I-				
STC-9  Loose Creek, Osage Co., Mo. (Brown) Sept. 22, 1890	I-	STC-10  Nebraska City, Nebraska Sept. 3, 1879 (Purple) Apr. 1, 1880	I-	STC-11  Ft. Stanton, N.M. May 6 - Aug. 29, 1882	I-	STC-12  Ft. Cummings, N.M. (Purple) Oct. 19, 1879-Mar. 22, 1882	I-	STC-13  Lenoirs, Tn. (Purple) Aug. 7, 1880	I-
STC-14  Orchard Lake, Mich. September 20, 1879	I-	STC-15   Valley, Montana Territory Allen Pierse, P.M. Jan. 4, 1882	I-	STC-16  McGrawville, N.Y. M.C. Bingham, P.M. Mar. 17, 1887	I-	STC-17  Portland, N.Y. Sept. 24, 1880	I-		























A star in circle cancel, duplexed with the postmark of J.E. Baird, route agent on the Chicago & Milwaukee R.R. between Maquoketa and Davenport Iowa. Baird used "North" or "South" in the date logos slot, running opposite directions on outbound and return trips. (STC-15A)

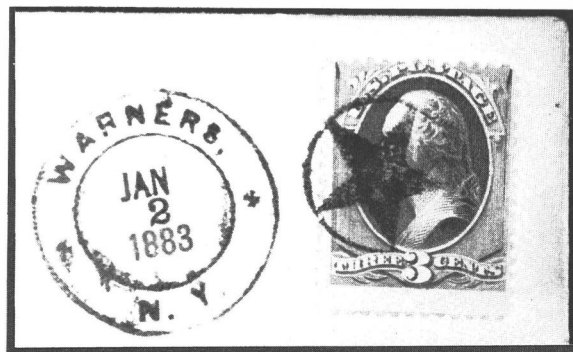
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<div>STC-22</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Cascade Locks, Ore.</div> <div>May 16, 1881</div>	<div>STC-23</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Carlton, Yam Hill Co., Oregon</div> <div>Nov. 29, 1888</div>	<div>STC-24</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa. Sept. 3, 1883</div>	<div>STC-25</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Hawley, Wayne Co., Pa.</div> <div>Nov. 24, 1879</div>	
<div>STC-26</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Acme, El Paso Co., Tx.</div> <div>Sept. 29, 1884</div>	<div>STC-27</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Old Tacoma, Pierce Co., W.T.</div> <div>July 2, 1884-July 15, 1887</div>	<div>STC-28</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Letart, W.Va.</div> <div>Nov. 1, 1886</div>	<div>STC-29</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Cimarron, N.M.</div> <div>Mar. 23, 1880-Mar. 31, 1881</div>	<div>STC-30</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Apr. 14, 1882</div>
<div>STC-31</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Weston, Ore.</div> <div>Aug. 31, 1888</div>	<div>STC-32</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Torah, Minn. (Red)</div> <div>Apr. 16, 1883</div>	<div>STC-33</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Plankinton, Dak. Territory (Red)</div> <div>Oct. 10, 1882</div>	<div>STC-34</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Redland, Indian Territory (Black, Purple) 1884 (Magenta) 1890-1 Anadarko, Indian Terr.(Violet) 1879</div>	<div>STC-35</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Galva, Ida Co., Iowa June 7, 1884 J.H. Hagerty, P.M.— Ridgway, Pa. Aug. 12, 1884</div>

















A star in a somewhat lopsided circle, possibly home made, as it is not duplexed. Used at Warrensburg, N.Y. in 1877. (STC-33A)


STC-36 I-  Petersburg, Va. 1873 Issues	STC-37 I-  Coudersport, Potter Co., Pa. July 15, 1885	STC-38 I-  Warners, N.Y. (Blue) Jan. 2, 1883 Springer, N.M. (Violet, Purple) Aug. 21, 1880-June 26, 1884	STC-39 I-  Dry Branch, Mo.— Fred'k Speck, P.M. Sept. 2, 1884	STC-40 I-  Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa July 20, 1883
STC-41 I-  Alexandria, Ohio (Purple-Red) Feb. 5, 1880	STC-42 I-  Cow Run, Ohio Feb. 18, 1882 Col. & Tol. R.R., Owens, Ohio Jan. 31, 1881	STC-43 I-  Apache Pass, Ariz. Terr. Oct. 9, 1880	STC-44 I-  Meredosia, Ill. June 22, 1883	STC-45 I-  Polo, Ill. 1870 Issues
STC-46 I-  Lancaster, Mass. 1873 Issues	STC-47 I-  Fontanelle, Neb. May 15, 1880	STC-48 I-  Waltherville, Ore. July 1, 1882 Covington, Tioga Co., Pa. July 30, 1890	STC-49 I-  Rock Point, Jackson Co., Ore. June 1, 1885	STC-50 I-  Kaukauna, Wisc. 1884
STC-51 I-  South Norwalk, Conn. 1883 Issues	STC-52 I-  Mountain City, Nev. (Magenta) 1882	STC-53 I-  Millersville, Douglas Co., Minn.—M. Kotschev, P.M. (Purple) Mar. 3, 1883	STC-54 I-  Eufaula, Indian Territory 1878	STC-55 I-  Hancock, N.Y.



Duplexed star in a circle, in blue, from Warners, N.Y., in 1883. Note the small stars in between the circles of the double circle datestamp, confirming the device was a commercial rubber stamp.

STC-56  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1874 Envelope	I-	STC-57  New York City May 31, 1873	I-	STC-58  St. Louis, Mo. 1873 Issues	I-	STC-59  Pittsburgh, Pa. April 7, 1876- September 13, 1877	I-	STC-60  1873 Issues
STC-61  Aug. 21-Oct. 22, 1877	I-	STC-62  Jan. 20, 1877	I-	STC-63  Pittsburgh, Pa. May 12-20, 1879	I-	STC-64  May 12-20, 1879	I-	
STC-65  Hinesborough, Ill. 1881 P.C.	I-	STC-66  Menomonee, Wisc. 1872	I-	STC-67  Fuller, Pa. 1875 P.C.	I-	STC-68  James River Agt. (James River Steamboat)	I-	STC-69  Nantucket, Mass. 1879 Issues


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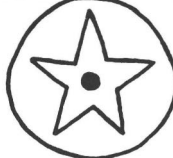



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*Robert Bell's Sons,
Stationers & Printers,
Alexandria, Virginia.*

The Baltimore & Ohio R.R. stationmaster at Okonoko, West Virginia was also the local postmaster. He used his station ticket dater stamp on both mail and railroad business, using a separate star cancel to cancel stamps.

STC-70 I-  Chester Springs, Pa. Feb. 1, 1884	STC-71 I-  Pittsburgh, Ks. September 20, 1879	STC-72 I-  Hudson, N.Y. 1883 Issues	STC-73 I-  B& O. RR, Okonoka, W.Va. Dec. 20, 1888	STC-74 I-  Neoga, Ill. 1881 Issues
STC-75 I  Upper Alton, Ill. 1874 Envelope	STC-76 I  Orion, Ill. 1873 Issues	STC-77 I  Pike Station, Wayne Co., Ohio Feb. 9, 1881	STC-78 I  Amoskeag, N.H. Jan. 8, 1881	STC-79 I  Ludlow, Vt. Delphi, N.Y. 1888
STC-80 I  Olequa, Cowlitz Co., Washington Territory Jan. 17, 1890 Chicago, Ill.	STC-81 I  Crystal Lake, Ill. 1881 Issues	STC-82 I  Union Star, DeKalb Co., Mo., W.M. Hudson, P.M. Mar. 31, 1884	STC-83 I  Pyrmont, Ohio Sept. 20, 1881 Franklin, Pa. Apr. 25, 1883 New Jerusalem, Ohio (Purple) April 21, 1880	STC-84 I  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870 Envelope
STC-85 II-  New York City (Blue)	STC-86 I  Richwood, Ohio Sept. 30, 1874	STC-87 I  (Purple)	STC-88 I  Donner, Placer Co., Ca. Sept. 20, 1884	STC-89 I  Coquille, Ore. Nov. 24, 1893
STC-90 I  New York City 1874	STC-91 I+  (Blue)	STC-92 I  Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan. 15, 1877	STC-93 I+  (Blue) 1873-75 Issues	STC-94 I+  St. Louis, Mo. 1873 Issues

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<p>STC-95 I-</p>  <p>Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 7, 1881</p>	<p>STC-96 I-</p> 	<p>STC-97 I+</p>  <p>Gildersleeves Landing, Conn.</p>	<p>STC-98 I</p>  <p>Richmond, Va.</p>	<p>STC-99 II</p>  <p>San Diego, Ca. 1875 Issues</p>
<p>STC-100 II-</p>  <p>Omro, Wisc. 1872</p>	<p>STC-101 II</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>STC-102 II-</p>  <p>Mt. Holly, N.J. (Blue) 1874 Envelope</p>	<p>STC-103 II</p>  <p>Dustin, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>STC-104 II-</p>  <p>Roberts, Ill. (Blackish-Brown) 1883 Issues</p>
<p>STC-105 II-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>STC-106 I</p> 	<p>STC-107 II-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>STC-108 I</p>  <p>Clay City, Ill. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>STC-109 I</p>  <p>Pittsburgh, Pa. Aug. 4-Nov. 3, 1874</p>
<p>STC-110 II-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>				

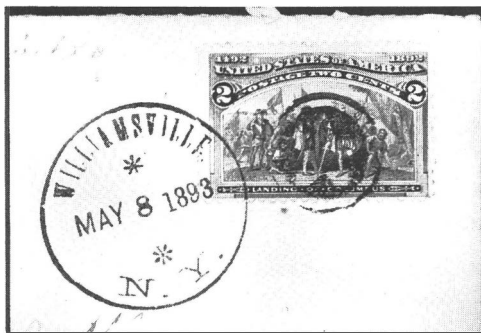
One of the many Pittsburgh star cancels, such as STC-95 and STC-96, above.

<p>STN-1 I-</p>  <p>Thomasville, N.C. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>STN-2 I-</p>  <p>Republic, Ks. (Purple) Jan. 2, 1884</p>	<p>STN-3 I-</p>  <p>Rio Grande City, Tx. July 23, 1888</p>	<p>STN-4 I-</p>  <p>West Gardner, Mass. Feb. 5-March 24, 1884</p>	<p>STN-5 I-</p>  <p>Franklin Sta., Ill. 1884 Envelope</p>
<p>STN-6 I-</p>  <p>Riggston, Ill. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>STN-7 I-</p>  <p>Fair Grove, Mo. (Blue, Black) 1887 Issues</p>	<p>STN-8 I-</p>  <p>Nunda, Ill. (Violet) 1881 Issues</p>	<p>STN-9 I-</p>  <p>Kalida, Ohio (Magenta) Apr. 26, 1887</p>	<p>STN-10 I-</p>  <p>Petersburg, Va. 1873 Issues</p>
<p>STN-11 I-</p>  <p>Baraboo, Wisc. 1874-5</p>	<p>STN-12 I-</p>  <p>Weston, Vt. 1875 Issues</p>	<p>STN-13 I-</p>  <p>Salem, Ks.- J. Brown, P.M. Jan. 31, 1883</p>	<p>STN-14 I-</p>  <p>Schullsburg, Wisc. 1885</p>	<p>STN-15 I-</p>  <p>Pittsburgh, Pa. Oct. 17-31, 1876</p>
<p>STN-16 I-</p>  <p>Princeton, Ill. (Purple) 1875 P.C.</p>	<p>STN-17 I-</p>  <p>East Boston Sta.- Boston, Mass. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>STN-18 I-</p>  <p>New York City & Various Others</p>	<p>STN-19 I-</p>  <p>Oakland, Ca. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>STN-20 I-</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>

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<div>STN-21</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Cherokeetown, Indian Territory 1877</div>	<div>STN-22</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Providence, R.I. Feb. 21, 1880</div>	<div>STN-23</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Weston, Vt. 1874</div>	<div>STN-24</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Buffalo Crossroads, Pa. 1874</div>	<div>STN-25</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Wallingford, Conn. Aug. 3, 1875</div>
<div>STN-26</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Kane, McKean Co., Pa. (Blue) Aug. 4, 1884-Aug. 16, 1886</div>	<div>STN-27</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Rocky Point, Chickasaw National Indian Territory 1880</div>	<div>STN-28</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (Purple) July 17, 1879 Chico Springs, N.M. (Blue) July 30, 1879</div>	<div>STN-29</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Stepney Depot Fairfield Co., Conn. (Violet) June 20, 1883</div>	
<div>STN-30</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Fly Creek, N.Y. Dec. 1, 1886</div>	<div>STN-31</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Bergholtz, N.Y. May 27, 1886</div>	<div>STN-32</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Northampton, Mass. (Purple) 1875 P.C.</div>	<div>STN-33</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Stapleton, N.Y. (Purple) June 25, 1879</div>	<div>STN-34</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Breesport, N.Y. (Blue-Black) July 15, 1886</div>
<div>STN-35</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Schroon Lake, N.Y. 1886</div>	<div>STN-36</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Columbus, Ohio Oct. 22, 1885</div>	<div>STN-37</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Portland, Pa. Mar. 14, 1879</div>	<div>STN-38</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Bradford, Ohio Oct. 11, 1883</div>	<div>STN-39</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Tilden, Hancock Co., Me.- J.H. Jordan, P.M. Apr. 30, 1884</div>

<div>STN-40</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>(Magenta) 1887 issues</div>	<div>STN-41</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Westport, Clinton Co. Pa. C.R. Noyes P.M. July 11, 1887</div>	<div>STN-42</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Happy Camp, De I Norte Co., Cal Jan. 22, 1882 Town Hill, Luz Co., Pa. (Blue) June 8, 1891</div>	<div>STN-43</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Fredonia, Ks. (Bluish Gray-Black) January 30, 1882</div>	
<div>STN-44</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Forest Mills, Goodhue Co., Mn. Dec. 28, 1887</div>	<div>STN-45</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Catawba on Lake Keuka, N.Y. Mar. 1887</div>	<div>STN-46</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Pittstown, Hunterdon Co., N.J. Sept. 10, 1886</div>	<div>STN-47</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Atlantic, Alturas Co., Idaho May 10, 1887</div>	<div>STN-48</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Neponset, Ill (Purple) Official Issues</div>
<div>STN-49</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Leacock, Pa. Sept. 6, 1887</div>	<div>STN-50</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Sun Prairie, Wisc. (Magenta) 1879</div>	<div>STN-51</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Hunlock Creek, Luz Co., Pa. Jan. 9, 1888</div>	<div>STN-52</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Rockford, Minn. June 1, 1881</div>	<div>STN-53</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Northampton, Mass. (Purple) 1873 Issues</div>
<div>STN-54</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Addison, Wisc. (Blue, Black) 1873 Issues</div>	<div>STN-55</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Jordan, Minn. (Light Blue) Oct. 6, 1882</div>	<div>STN-56</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Williamsville, N.Y. 1890 Issues</div>	<div>STN-57</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>Patchoque, N.Y. July 9, 1892</div>	<div>STN-58</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>1891</div>























Rubber stamped Williamsville, N.Y. negative star in double circle in blue of May 1893. Note ornaments in town date-stamp circle.

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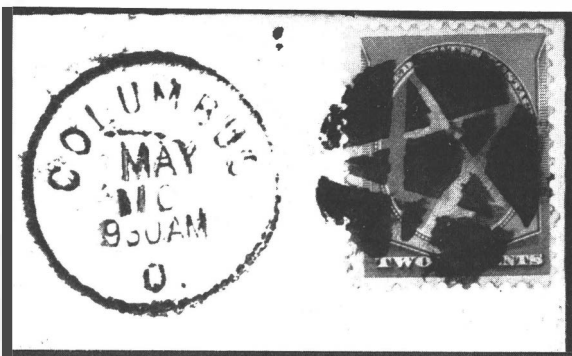
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STN-69  (Blue) 1873 P.C.	I+	STN-70  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	I+	STN-71  (Blue) 1873 P.C.	I+	STN-72  1873 Issues	I+	STN-73  Watertown, Wisc.	I+
STN-74  St. Louis, Mo. (?)	I+	STN-75  Feb. 1-22, 1877	I+	STN-76  Feb. 13, 1877	I+	STN-77  Dec. 15, 1876- Jan. 10, 1877	I+	STN-78  Mar. 1-April 1877	I+






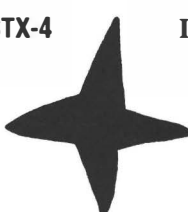















One of the many Pittsburgh, Pa. negative stars, few of which saw more than a few weeks of use.

STN-79  Jan. 4, 1878	I- STN-80  Washington, D.C. July 26, 1878	I- STN-81  Jan. 5, 1878	I- STN-82  Columbus, Ohio 1879 Issues	I- STN-83  LeRoy, N.Y. (Blue) 1870 Issues
STN-84  Whitewater, Wisc. 1873 Issues	I- STN-85  1873 Issues	I- STN-86  Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. 1870 Issues	I- STN-87  Titusville, Pa. (Blue) 1870's	I- STN-88  Andover, Mass. Dec. 29, 1890
STN-89  1870 Issues	I- STN-90  Boston, Mass. 1870 Issues	I- STN-91  West Roxbury Sta. Jan. 13, 1876-1880	I- STN-92  Mauston, Wisc. 1870 Issues	I- STN-93  Pekin, Ill. 1881 Issues
STN-94  Louisville, Ky. (Blue) 1874 Envelope	I- STN-95  Ripon, Wisc. 1890 Issues	I- STN-96  New York City	I- STN-97  (Blue) 1873 P.C.	I- STN-98  Chicago, Ill. N.W. Sta. 1873 Issues
















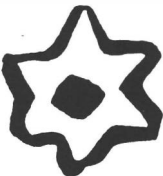




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STN-99 I-  Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 Issues	STN-100 I-  N.Y. & Boston RPO Apr. 10, 1875	STN-101 I-  Fulton, N.Y. Jan. 19, 1873	STN-102 II+  Fly Summit, N.Y. (Green) April 13, 1881	STN-103 I-  Syracuse, N.Y. 1874
STN-104 I-  1879 Issues	STN-105 I-  Bangor, Me. 1873	STN-106 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. 1870 Envelope	STN-107 II-  Waterbury, Conn. Dec. 1873	STN-108 I-  1883 Issues
STN-109 I 	STN-110 II  Jefferson, Wisc. 1870 Issues	STN-111 I-  Waterbury, Conn. Dec. 1879-1880	STN-112 I-  1879 Issues	STN-113 I-  Bloomington, Ill. 1873 Issues
STN-114 I  1870 issues	STN-115 I-  1870 Issues			

Columbus, Ohio negative, segmented star, STN-82, May, 1887.








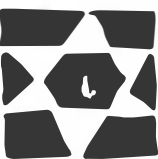







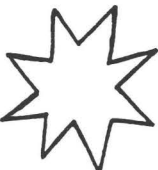
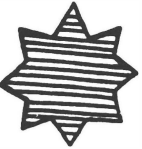
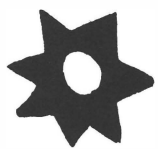


STX-1  1881 Issues	I- STX-2  1881 Issues	I- STX-3  Bunkerhill, Ill. 1870 Envelope	I- STX-4  Bridgeport, Conn. 1873 Issues	I- STX-5  Chicago, Ill (Blue) Mar. 25, 1875
STX-6  Rome, N.Y. 1873 Issues	I- STX-7  (Blue) 1870 Issues	I- STX-8 	I- STX-9  1870 Issues	I STX-10  1890 Issues
STX-11  1873	I- STX-12  Hartford, Wisc. (Blue) 1874	I- STX-13  1878	I STX-14  1890 Issues	II- STX-15  1890 Issues
II- STX-16 	I STX-17 	I- STX-18  Cleveland, Ohio 1881 Issues	I+ STX-19  1890 Issues	

SIX, SEVEN & EIGHT POINT STARS

STX-20 I-  Boston, Mass. "Drop Letter" 1870 Issues	STX-21 I  New York City "Delivery" 1875	STX-22 I-  Mexico, N.Y. Feb. 2, 1874	STX-23 I-  Frederick, Md. Dec. 8, 1874	STX-24 I+  Salem, Ohio (Red) 1870 Issues
STX-25 I-  New York City 1870 Issues	STX-26 I-  Gloucester, Mass. 1890 Issues	STX-27 I-  Laramie City, Wyo.	STX-28 I+  Hoosick Falls, N.Y. (Reddish-Brown) Sept. 19-Oct. 25, 1881	STX-29 I-  Philadelphia, Pa. 1870 Issues
STX-30 I-  (Purple) 1881 Issues	STX-31 I-  (Purple)	STX-32 I+  1883 Issues	STX-33 I+  Palmyra, Wisc. (Purple) 1875 P.C.	STX-34 II-  Stevens Point, Wisc. 1875 P.C.
STX-35 I+  1887 Issues	STX-36 I+  St. Louis, Mo. (Blue) 1879 Issues	STX-37 I-  1887 Issues	STX-38 I-  1887 Issues	STX-39 I  Saratoga Spgs., NY 1873 Envelope



A seven point star in a circle, used from New York City in the late 1870s. (STX-60) (I)

STX-40 II-  1870 Issues	STX-41 I+  Boston, Mass. (Purple) 1883 Issues	STX-42 I+  (Purple) 1883 Issues	STX-43 I-  1879 Issues	STX-44 I-  Unionville, Mo. Aug. 19, 1888
STX-45 I-  Mt. Washington, N.H. (Purple) 1881 Issues	STX-46 I-  1881 Issues	STX-47 I+  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 P.C.	STX-48 I  1881 Issues	STX-49 I+  Watertown, Wisc. 1873 Issues
STX-50 I-  Rockford, Ill 1883 Issues	STX-51 I-  Bangor, Me. 1883	STX-52 I-  Asbury Park, N.J. (Purple) Sept. 15, 1879	STX-53 I+  New Orleans, La.	STX-54 I+  1870 Issues
STX-55 I-  1890 Issues	STX-56 I  (Magenta or Purple)	STX-57 I-  Grand Rap. & Elk Agt. July 9, 1888	STX-58 I-  1890 Issues	STX-59 I-  West Farmington, Ohio April 23, 1872

SHADED STARS

The shaded star can be found both commercially made and hand carved, and shaded on the left or right side.

STB-1

I



Elery, Ohio
(Magenta)
Nov. 9, 1888

STB-2

I



Greenwood, Ill
1883 Issues
Hinesborough, Ill
(Purple) 1879 Issues

STB-3

I



Ridge Hill, Mass.
(Purple)
June 10, 1886

STB-4

I



Goodenow, Ill.
(Purple)
Sept. 17, 1886

STB-5

I



Odell, Livingston Co. Ill.
(Blue)
Nov. 1, 1880

STB-6

I



Cannonsburgh, Ohio
Feb. 21, 1887

STB-7

I



Newton Centre, Mass.
Oct. 17, 1890

STB-8

I



Shipman, Ill.
(Violet)
1875 P.C.

STB-9

I



Cedar Hill, Ohio
(Purple)
Feb. 28, 1887

STB-10

I



Middletown Spgs., Vt.
May 21, 1884

STB-11

I



Milton, Mass.
(Blue)
1879 Issues

STB-12

I



Avon, N.Y.
1873 Issues

STB-13

I



Edon, Ohio
Jan. 31-Aug. 7, 1888

STB-14

I



Deansville, N.Y.
Apr. 16, 1887

STB-15

I



Freedom, Ill.
Mar. 31, 1881

STB-16

I



Reading, Mass.
1875 P.C.

STB-17

I



Oct. 28, 1885

STB-18

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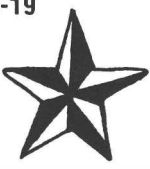















Hatboro, Pa.
(Purple)

Oct. 14, 1885



The Cedar Hill, Ohio shaded star duplexed with a very plain town datestamp, struck in purple. The configuration of the postmark and its color indicate it was a rubber stamp.

<p>STB-19 I</p>  <p>Assumption, Christian Co. Ill. (Magenta) Oct. 24, 1879</p>	<p>STB-20 I</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>STB-21 I</p>  <p>Cohasset, Mass.</p>	<p>STB-22 I</p>  <p>East Bethel, Vt. (Blue) 1875 P.C.</p>	<p>STB-23 I</p>  <p>Holliston, Mass. (Purple) 1875 P.C.</p>
<p>STB-24 I</p>  <p>La Grange, Ill (Purple) Nov. 21, 1887</p>	<p>STB-25 I</p>  <p>Ocate, Mora Co. N.M. Dec. 18, 1882-Jan. 29, 1886</p>	<p>STB-26 I</p>  <p>(Magenta) 1883 Issues</p>	<p>STB-27 I</p>  <p>Plymouth, Ca. 1881 Grants Pass, Ore. 1883 Issues (Blue, Black) 1879 Issues</p>	<p>STB-28 I</p>  <p>Chebanse, Ill. 1883 Issues</p>
<p>STB-29 I</p>  <p>Stillman Valley, Ill. (Purple) 1890 Issues</p>	<p>STB-30 I</p> 	<p>STB-31 I</p>  <p>(Blue) 1882 Issues</p>	<p>STB-32 I</p>  <p>Ocate, Mora Co., NM May 5, 1887 - Feb. 2, 1888</p>	



























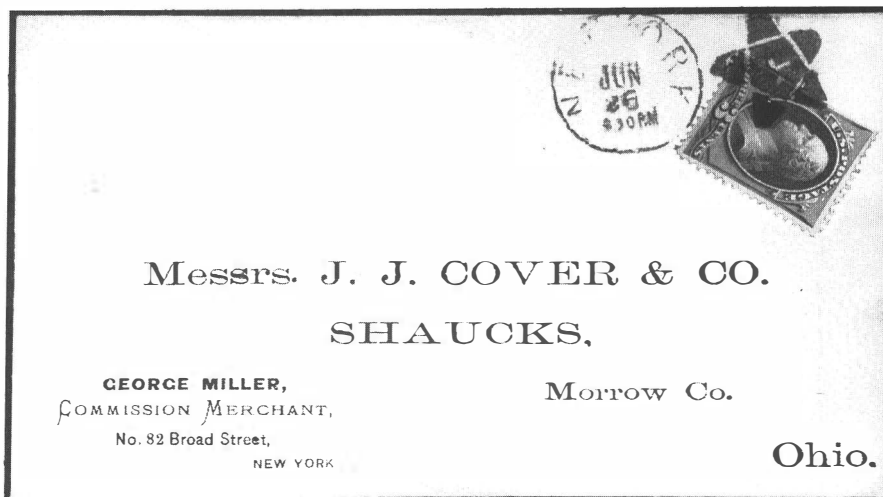
Assumption, Ill. STB-19, as above.
















Fisherville, N.H. duplexed star, used on a cover sent from Concord, N.H. as a receiving mark only a short time after receiving handstamps were required as a new regulation, and before they were normally found as back-stamps.
























LINED STARS; SEGMENTED STARS

<div>STL-1</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Paper Mill Village, N.H.</div> <div>Feb. 11, 1871</div>	<div>STL-2</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Westhampton, Mass.</div> <div>Feb. 11, 1871</div>	<div>STL-3</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>STL-4</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>1890 Issues</div>	<div>STL-5</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Vincennes, Ind.</div> <div>Dec. 4, 1877</div>
<div>STL-6</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Jacksonville, Ill. (Blue)</div>	<div>STL-7</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Ann Arbor, Mich.</div>	<div>STL-8</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Ft. Wingate, N.M. Feb. 28, 1887-Feb. 18 1889</div>	<div>STL-9</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Orono, Me.</div>	
<div>STL-10</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Canton, Pa.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>STL-11</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Leesville, Ohio</div> <div>1890 Issues</div>	<div>STL-12</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Waterloo, Ill (Blue Black)</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>	<div>STL-13</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Erie, Pa.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>STL-14</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Trenton, N.J.</div>
<div>STL-15</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Ansonia, Ct.</div> <div>Feb. 23, 1875</div>	<div>STL-16</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Westhampton, Mass.</div> <div>May 23, 1871</div>	<div>STL-17</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Amoskeag, N.H.</div> <div>Jan. 8, 1881</div>	<div>STL-18</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Portland, Ore.</div>	<div>STL-19</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Yonkers, N.Y. St. John, Ind. September 4, 1894</div>
<div>STG-1</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>(Blue) 1883 Issues</div>	<div>STG-2</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Chicago, Ill.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>STG-3</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Titusville, Pa.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>STG-4</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>New York City</div> <div>Jan. 3, 1872</div>	<div>STG-5</div> <div>I</div> <div></div>



A segmented star on a cover from New York City in the 1870s.





















<div>STG-6</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>STG-7</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div><div>Huletts Landing, N.Y.-D.W.Phillips, P.M. July 18, 1885</div><div>Dennis, Mass Feb. 27, 1885</div><div>Bath, Ill July 4, 1886</div></div>	<div>I+</div> <div><div>Millersburg, Ill. (Magenta) 1884 Envelope French Point/Lake George, Warren Co., N.Y. Aug. 3, 1886</div><div>Irwin, Gunnison Co., Colo. June 8, 1888 - June 5, 1889</div><div>Mt. Jewett, Pa. April 10, 1886</div><div>Chloride, N.M. Nov. 14, 1882 - Dec. 1886</div><div>Profile House, N.H. (Blue) Sept. 1, 1883</div><div>Fredonia, KS. (Grayish-Black) Mar. 2, 1883</div></div>	<div>STG-8</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div><div>(Dark Blue)</div><div>1879 Issues</div></div>	
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<div>STO-1</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>New Orleans, La.</div>	<div>STO-2</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>West Killingly, Conn. 1870 Issues</div>	<div>STO-3</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Tilly Foster, N.Y. Jan. 29, 1883</div>	<div>STO-4</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Eastbrookfield, Mass. 1890 Issues</div>	<div>STO-5</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>U.S. Postal Agency-Shanghai 1870 Issues</div>
<div>STO-6</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Ft. Yates, Dak. Territory Apr. 30, 1889</div>	<div>STO-7</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Columbian Issues</div>	<div>STO-8</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Little Indian, Ill. (Magenta) 1873 Issues</div>	<div>STO-9</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Winslow, Ariz. June 5, 1892-Apr. 4, 1893</div>	<div>STO-10</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Glen Falls, N.Y.</div>
<div>STO-11</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Chelsea, Mass.</div>	<div>STO-12</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div></div>	<div>STO-13</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>St. Louis, Mo. 1874 Envelope</div>	<div>STO-14</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Liberty, Va.</div>	<div>STO-15</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Ontario, Wisc. 1874 Envelope</div>
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<div>STO-21</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Marlow, Indian Terr. 1893 White Bead, Indian Terr. (Blue) 1884 Ponca, Indian Terr. (Black, Blue) 1889</div>	<div>STO-22</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Pine Bluff, Wisc. L.J. Conrad, P.M. (Blue) Nov. 13, 1883</div>	<div>STO-23</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Cadiz, Wisc. (Magenta) 1879</div>		



The Lowell, Mass. tiny open star, STD-18 considered to be a receiving marking, possibly to indicate carrier delivery for incoming mail, seldom if ever was used as a cancellation. This cover, a local letter sent in 1884, bears Lowell markings of "UNCLAIMED" and also a faint red pointing hand, "RETURN TO SENDER," and partially illegible handstamp, "Have your mail matter directed to your street and number."

STU-1 I+	STU-2 I+	STU-3 II-	STU-4 II-	STU-5 II-
	Official Issues	Official Issues	Cincinnati, Ohio (Blue) Official Issues	Official Issues
STU-6 II-	STU-7 II-	STU-8 I+	STU-9 I+	STU-10 I+
Jersey Shore, Pa. 1873 Issues	1883 Issues	Gallup, Peoria Co., Ill. Aug. 30, 1887	1870 Issues	Jewett City, Conn. July 7, 1875
STU-11 I+	STU-12 I+	STU-13 II-	STU-14 II-	STU-15 II-
1890 Issues	1870 Issues	Lemont, Pa. Oct. 11, 1886	Opheim, Ill. 1890 Issues Council Hill Sta., Ill. May 1, 1884	Carbondale, Pa. 1875 Issues

STU-16 I+  1887 Issues	STU-17 I  Brookton, Thompkins Co., N.Y.- E.H. Mills, P.M. July 26, 1886	STU-18 I  	STU-19 II-  1870 Issues	STU-20 II-  1879 Issues
STU-21 I+  Glenbeulah, Wisc. 1887	STU-22 II-  Memphis, Mo. 1883 Issues	STU-23 II-  (Blue) 1870-1873 Issues	STU-24 II-  	STU-25 I+  1890 Issues
STU-26 II-  New Orleans, La.	STU-27 II-  	STU-28 I+  1879 Issues	STU-29 I  Wapakoneta, Ohio 1870 Issues	STU-30 I  Derry, Conn. May 15, 1875
STU-31 I+  Westburgh, Miss. 1873 Issues	STU-32 II-  1883 Issues	STU-33 I+  1890 Issues	STU-34 I+  (Blue) 1875 Issues	STU-35 II-  Asbury Park, N.J. Aug. 18, 1886

STU-36

Oyster Bay, NY
(Magenta)
Plant City, Fla.
Ferenbaugh, Steuben Co., N.Y.
Clayton, N.Y.
Sept. 8, 1877
Brewsters Sta., N.Y.
(Magenta)
Ilion, N.Y.
(Purple)



"Starburst"

Mt. Kisco, N.Y.
(Magenta)
Nov. 24, 1879

I+

STU-37

I+



(Center of Starburst
cancel only)
1879 Issues

STU-38

I



Glenbeulah, Wisc.

1886

STU-39

NEWTON UPPER FALLS,
MASS.
JUL 14 1879



Newton Upper Falls, Mass.

July 14, 1879

II-

STU-40

I+



(Purple, Magenta)
1883 Issues

STU-41

I+



Oconee, Ill.

July 22, 1887

STU-42

II



New York City

1873 Issues

STU-43

I+



1883 Issues

STU-44

II-



(Various Cities)

STU-45

II-



Lamy, Santa Fe Co., N.M.
(Blue)

Sept. 9 - Oct. 28, 1884

STU-46

II+



(Red)
1873 Issues

STU-47

I+



Ocate, Mora Co., N.M.
(Red, Violet, Purple)

Aug. 12, 1890-Dec. 21, 1893

Deer Island, Columbia Co., Ore. Oct. 15, 1891

Lordsburg, N.M. (Violet) Oct. 17, 1887 - Apr. 4, 1888

Nogal, N.M. (Violet, Purple, Magenta) Nov. 19, 1889 - May 12, 1893

Los Lunas, N.M. (Violet) July 16 - Oct. 13, 1891













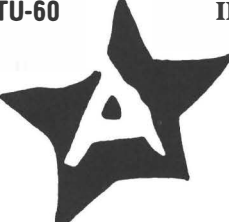




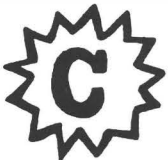


Glorietta, N.M. (Purple) Sept. 22, 1890









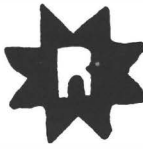

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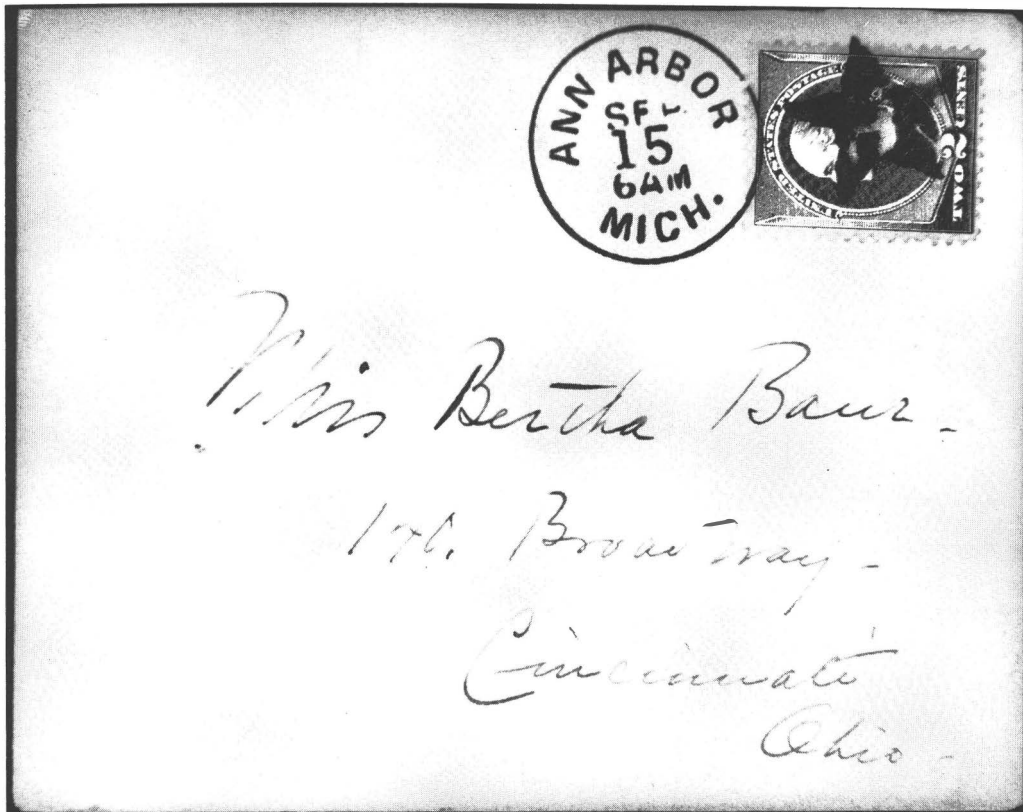
White Oaks, N.M. (Blue) Dec. 27, 1887 - Mar. 21, 1888



UNUSUAL STARS






STU-48 II-  1888 Issues	STU-49 II  Hatfield, Mass. 1888 Issues	STU-50 II  University of Virginia (Blue, Red) 1879 Issues	STU-51 II  1883 Issues	STU-52 II+  1883 Issues
STU-53 II+  1881 Issues	STU-54 II  1881 Issues	STU-55 II  "AT" The Dalles, Ore. 1881 Issues	STU-56 II  1883 Issues (Unconfirmed)	STU-57 II  1879 Issues
STU-58 II  Beach Haven, Sea Girt, N.J. (Purple) 1879 Issues	STU-59 II+  Ponca, Neb. February 19, 1880	STU-60 II-  1883 Issues	STU-61 II  Bristol, Conn. 1883 Issues	STU-62 II  1883 Issues
STU-63 II  (Purple) 1890 Issues	STU-64 II  1881-83 Issues	STU-65 II  1881 Issues	STU-66 II  Colehour, Ill. (Black, Purple) 1881-82 Issues	STU-67 II  Cragin, Cook Co., Ill. June 1, 1886






STU-68  New Wilmington, Pa. (Magenta) 1883 Issues	II	STU-69  Davenport, Iowa 1873 Issues	II	STU-70  Hooper, N.Y. 1880's	II	STU-71  Hillsdale, N.Y. June 14, 1889	II	STU-72  1870 Issues	II
STU-73  Ann Arbor, Mich. "Harry Nichols-Clerk" 1883 Issues	II	STU-74  Sept. 15, 1884	II	STU-75  Jasper, N.Y. 1883	II	STU-76  (Blue)	II	STU-77  Willow Springs, Ill. 1883 Issues	II









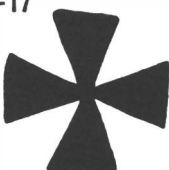


One of the many fancy cancels with initials of Harry Nichols, postal clerk of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Also see pages 211-12.

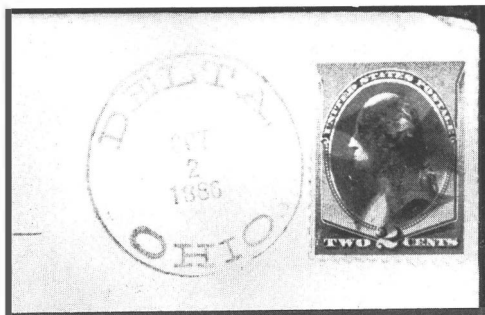
MALTESE CROSSES

CSM-1	I-	CSM-2	I-	CSM-3	I-	CSM-4	I-	CSM-5	I-
									
(Blue) 1870 Envelope		Chicago, Ill. 1879 Issues		(Blue) 1873 Issues		Harrisburgh, Ill 1883 Issues		Kenosha, Wisc. 1870 Issues	

CSM-6	I-	CSM-7	I-	CSM-8	I-	CSM-9	I-	CSM-10	I-
									
DeKalb, Ill. 1890 Issues		Ovid Centre, Seneca Co., N.Y. Apr. 14, 1880		Shawano, Wisc. 1886		St. Charles, Mn. Apr. 12, 1880		Brandon, Wisc. 1885	

























CSM-11	I-	CSM-12	I-	CSM-13	I-	CSM-14	I-	CSM-15	I-
									
New York City 1874-75		1873		Brattleboro, Vt. May 11, 1877		Brooklyn, N.Y. Aug. 13, 1879		1874	

CSM-16	I-	CSM-17	I-	CSM-18	I-	CSM-19	I-
							
Elkhorn, Wisc. (Purple) Sparta, Wisc. (Blue) Evansville, Wisc. (Purple)	1879-81 1880 1877	Brunswick, Me.		Pana, Ill. 1873 Issues		Cooksville, Mn.	













A rubber stamped duplexed postmark, with Maltese cross cancel, applied in black at Delta, Ohio in October 1886. This cancel is similar to CSM-16, but larger.
(CSM-16A)

Although this style of cross is usually termed a Maltese cross by collectors, it is actually more like the German iron cross. The true Maltese cross, as depicted on the postage stamps of Malta, has forked ends, such as may be noted in the crude Boston cancel, CSU-4 on page 120.

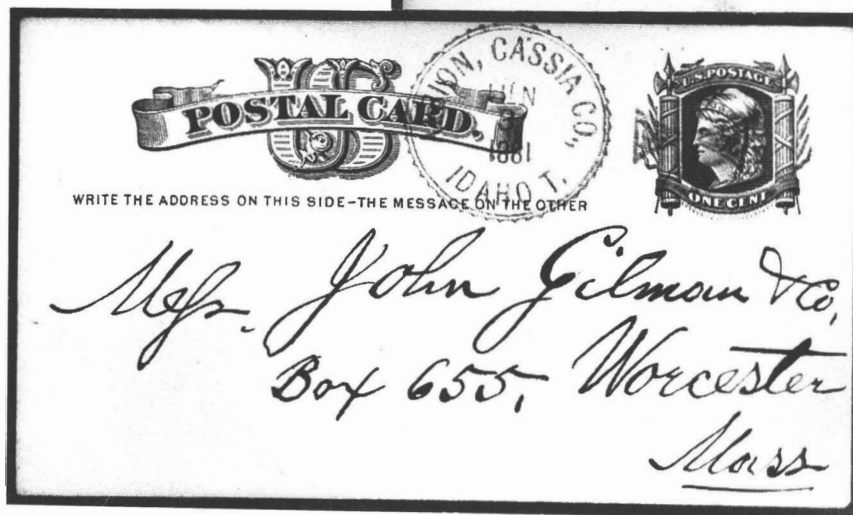
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<div>CSM-30</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>New Madison, Ohio (Blue)</div> <div>Nov. 20, 1871</div>	<div>CSM-31</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Galion, Ohio (Blue)</div> <div>Dec. 2, 1880</div>	<div>CSM-32</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>(Red)</div> <div>1875</div>	<div>CSM-33</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Washington, D.C.</div> <div>1875</div>	<div>CSM-34</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Nov. 1873-Dec. 1, 1873</div>
<div>CSM-35</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>St. Louis, Mo.</div> <div>Mar. 7, 1882</div>	<div>CSM-36</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Lancaster, Wisc.</div> <div>1874</div>	<div>CSM-37</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Bloomfield, N.M.</div> <div>Sept. 1, 1882</div>	<div>CSM-38</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>La Cinta, N.M. (Violet, Magenta)</div> <div>Feb. 19, 1883-Feb. 25, 1884</div>	<div>CSM-39</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>La Harpe, Ill.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>
<div>CSM-40</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Sterling, Ill</div> <div>1870 Issues</div>	<div>CSM-41</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Delaware, Ohio</div> <div>1881 Issues</div>	<div>CSM-42</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Minier, Ill. (Purple)</div> <div>June 10, 1879</div>	<div>CSM-43</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Springfield, Mass.</div> <div>1870 Issues</div>	

MALTESE CROSSES

CSM-44	I-	CSM-45	I-	CSM-46	I-	CSM-47	I-	CSM-48	I-
									
Pittsburgh, Pa.									
Feb. 18-19, 1876		July 20, 1876		1873 Issues		June 5-8, 1877		1873 Issues	





















CSM-49	I-	CSM-50	I-	CSM-51	I-	CSM-52	I-	CSM-53	I-
									
Pittsburgh, Pa.						Boston, Mass.			
Jan. 22-Feb. 18, 1878		June 10 -Dec. 17, 1878		June 3-28, 1878		1876		East Boston, Mass. June 19, 1886	

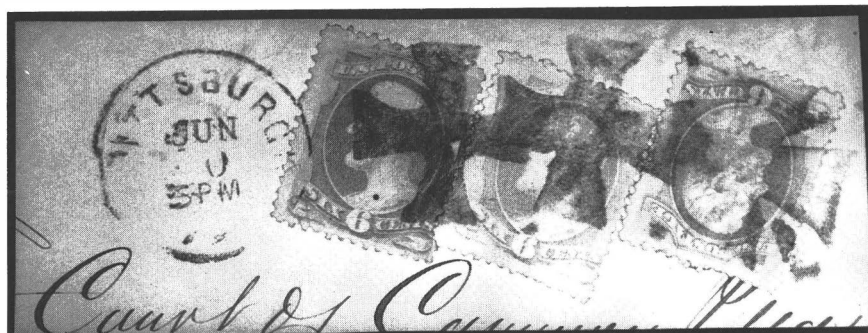
Idaville, Indiana shaded Maltese cross on 1¢ and 2¢ American Banknote stamps, duplexed with fancy oval postmark dated Sept. 17, 1883. (CSS-16)











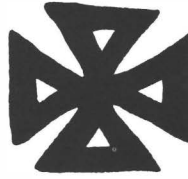

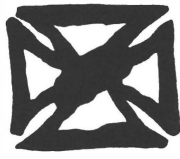









Albion, Cassia Co., Idaho Territory, with shaded Maltese cross, CSS-18A, on a postal card of 1875.




















While the hollow shaded Maltese crosses on subsequent pages were made by E.S. Miller of Newark, Ohio, the manufacturer of the fancy duplexed designs may have been someone else. Kits for making rubber handstamps were being marketed widely, and many small enterprises such as discussed on page 14, probably furnished similar cancels made from similar molds in kits at many locations.

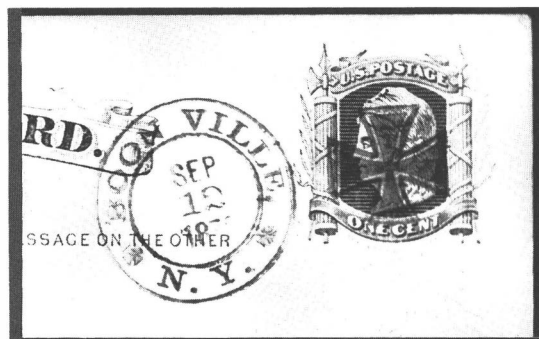
<p>CSS-1 I</p>  <p>Beverly, N.J. (Magenta) Aug. 22, 1877</p>	<p>CSS-2 I-</p>  <p>Grindstone City, Huron Co., Mich. Sept. 16, 1881</p>	<p>CSS-3 I-</p>  <p>Huntington, N.Y. Apr. 29, 1884</p>	<p>CSS-4 I-</p>  <p>Norwood, R.I., C.A. Lufkin, P.M. Feb. 1, 1879</p>	<p>CSS-5 I-</p>  <p>Bob Creek, Wisc. (Blue) 1884 Wausau, Wisc. 1881</p>
<p>CSS-6 I</p>  <p>Echo, Indian Terr. (Blue) 1885 Flint, Indian Terr. (Magenta, Blue, Violet) 1885-1888</p>	<p>CSS-7 I-</p>  <p>Riverside, Ore. Nov. 20, 1885</p>	<p>CSS-8 I-</p>  <p>Simpson, W.Va. N.L. Bartlett, P.M. Aug. 31, 1886</p>	<p>CSS-9 I-</p>  <p>Preston, Minn., B.S. Loomis, P.M. Aug. 8, 1878</p>	<p>CSS-10 I-</p>  <p>Owasco, N.Y. Mar. 21, 1882</p>
<p>CSS-11 I-</p>  <p>Willard, N.Y. Mar. 13, 1882</p>	<p>CSS-12 I-</p>  <p>Kingston, N.M. Nov. 6, 1882-Dec. 6, 1883</p>	<p>CSS-13 I-</p>  <p>Lane, Franklin Co., Ks. Sept. 14, 1881</p>	<p>CSS-14 I</p>  <p>Sandy Hill, N.Y. (Violet) Jan. 24, 1879</p>	<p>CSS-15 I-</p>  <p>Milner, Pike Co., Pa. Oct. 21, 1881</p>
<p>CSS-16 I</p>  <p>Georgetown, N.M. (Purple, Blue) May 19, 1882-Apr. 22, 1886 Idaville, Ind. Sept. 17, 1883</p>	<p>CSS-17 I-</p>  <p>Assumption, Christian Co., Ill. Oct. 7, 1881</p>	<p>CSS-18 I-</p>  <p>Durand, Wisc. 1886</p>	<p>CSS-19 I-</p>  <p>Chrisman, Ill. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-20 II</p>  <p>Claremont, Minn. (Brown) Dec. 14, 1881</p>



Pittsburgh Maltese crosses, CSM-50, used to cancel three 6¢ Lincoln stamps on a court-house cover in 1878.





















<p>CSS-21 I+</p>  <p>Lincoln, Ill. (Pink) 1872</p>	<p>CSS-22 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-23 I-</p>  <p>Lincoln, Ill. (Blue) Mar. 19, 1874</p>	<p>CSS-24 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-25 I+</p> 
<p>CSS-26 I+</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-27 I+</p>  <p>New Orleans, La.</p>	<p>CSS-28 I-</p> 	<p>CSS-29 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-30 II+</p>  <p>Waterbury, Ct. 1874</p>
<p>CSS-31 I-</p>  <p>(Blue) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-32 I-</p>  <p>Hyde Park, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-33 I-</p>  <p>Glencoe, Ill. (Purple) 1881 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-34 I-</p>  <p>Mathers, Wisc. 1886</p>	<p>CSS-35 I-</p>  <p>Honesdale, Pa. Jan. 4, 1884</p>
<p>CSS-36 I-</p>  <p>1875 issues</p>	<p>CSS-37 I-</p>  <p>New York City 1874-75</p>	<p>CSS-38 I-</p>  <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-39 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870 Issues</p>	<p>CSS-40 I-</p>  <p>Sacramento, Ca.</p>




















<div>CSL-1</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Malvern, Ks.- T.C. McNab, P.M. May 19, 1887</div> <div>Bulger, Pa.- A.J. Russell, PM July 14, 1886</div>	<div>CSL-2</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Dorset, Ohio</div> <div>Dec. 20, 1885</div>	<div>CSL-3</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Springboro, Pa. (Blue)</div> <div>Dec. 7, 1886-Feb. 6, 1888</div>	<div>CSL-4</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Jewett City, Ohio</div> <div>July 8, 1885</div>	
<div>CSL-5</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Sherlock, Finney Co., Ks.</div> <div>Apr. 18, 1887</div>	<div>CSL-6</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Echo, Umatilla Co., Ore.- W.C. Brownell-P.M.</div> <div>Sept. 23, 1883</div>	<div>CSL-7</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Frankton, Madison Co., Ind.</div> <div>(Blue)</div>	<div>CSL-8</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Dundee, Fla.</div> <div>Apr. 22, 1884</div>	<div>CSL-9</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Beaver, Wisc. (Blue) 1885</div> <div>Muscoda, Wisc. 1886-1887</div>
<div>CSL-10</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Kaneville, Ill. (Blue-Black)</div> <div>1884 Envelope</div>	<div>CSL-11</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Tremont, N.Y.</div>	<div>CSL-12</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Bexar, Tx. (Violet)</div> <div>Dec. 31, 1886</div>	<div>CSL-13</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Huntington, L.I., N.Y.</div> <div>Apr. 6, 1882</div>	<div>CSL-14</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Cooksville, Wisc. (magenta)</div> <div>1881</div>
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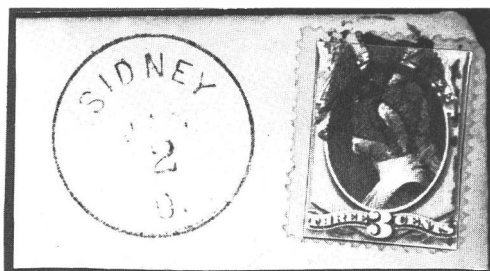


A shaded, duplexed Maltese cross with a postmark with tiny matching crosses, used at Boonville, New York. This is one of many similar duplexed handstamps furnished by makers of molded rubber handstamps to small town postmasters. (CSS-7A)

CHRISTIAN AND GREEK CROSSES












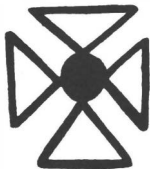


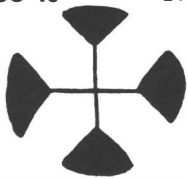



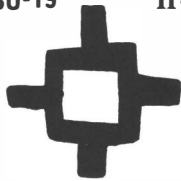

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CSO-6 I-  Nashua, N.H. 1870 Issues	CSO-7 I-  New Orleans, La. 1877	CSO-8 I-  Covington, Ky. 1874 Envelope	CSO-9 I-  Columbus, Ohio 1880	CSO-10 I-  Camden, N.J. 1873 P.C.
CSO-11 I-  Potters Hollow, N.Y.	CSO-12 I-  Oberlin, Ohio 1870 Issues	CSO-13 I-  Boston & Troy RPO 1873 Issues	CSO-14 I-  Ottawa, Ill. 1874 Envelope	CSO-15 I-  Albany, N.Y. 1873 Issues
CSO-16 I-  Kansas City, Mo. 1870 Issues	CSO-17 I-  Sheboygan Falls, Wisc. (Blue) 1870 Issues	CSO-18 I-  Guide Rock, Neb. Sept. 22, 1886	CSO-19 I-  (Purple) 1887 Issues	CSO-20 I-  Rochester, N.Y.







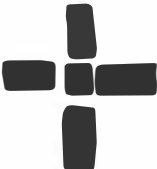
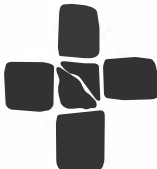
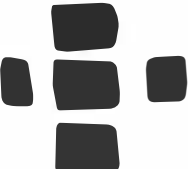











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CSC-6 I  Boston, Mass. (Red) Postage Due Feb. 4, 1880-Feb. 18, 1886	CSC-7 I+  Shed's Corner, N.Y. 1870 Issues	CSC-8 I+  New Orleans, La. 1883 Issues	CSC-9 I  Sadorus, Ill 1883 Issues	CSC-10 I  St. Louis, Mo. (Blue) 1879 Issues
CSC-11 I  South Boston Sta.- Boston, Mass. Nov. 16, 1874	CSC-12 I+  Staatsburgh, N.Y. (Violet) June 29, 1881	CSC-13 I  Harrisburg, Pa. 1873 P.C.	CSC-14 I  1890 Issues	CSC-15 I+  Wahpeton, Dak. Terr. 1883 Issues
CSC-16 I+  Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 Issues	CSC-17 I+  Chicago, Ill 1879 Issues	CSC-18 I-  Big Foot Prairie, Ill. 1881 Issues	CSC-19 I-  Flandr(e)au, Dak. Terr. Mar. 1, 1880-May 9, 1886 Kenwood, Mad. Co., N.Y. May 15, 1890	Pine Hill, Ulster Co., N.Y. Aug. 19, 1886 Clayton, N.Y. Dec. 19, 1885-June 10, 1886 East Andover, N.H. (Magenta) Nov. 7, 1879 Ft. Assinaboine, Mont. Terr. Dec. 11, 1886 Walkill, Ulster Co., N.Y. Aug. 12, 1888 Wau-Hil-Lau, Indian Territory 1884-6



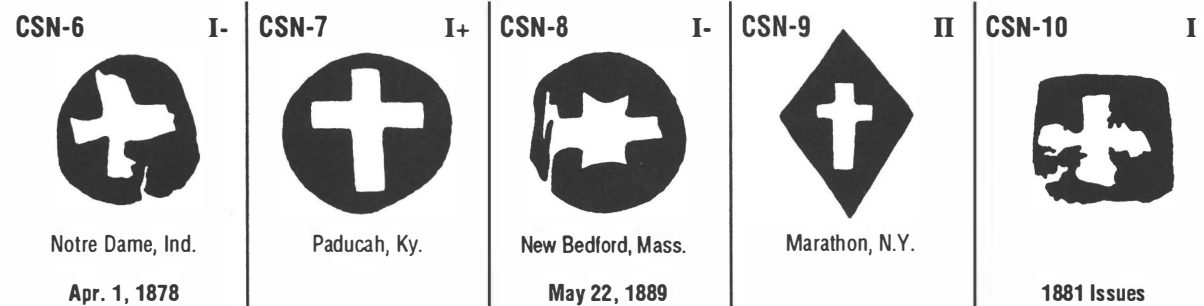
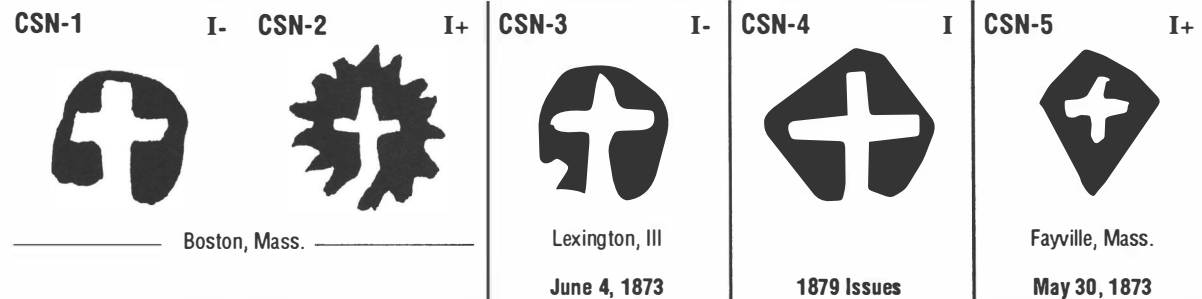
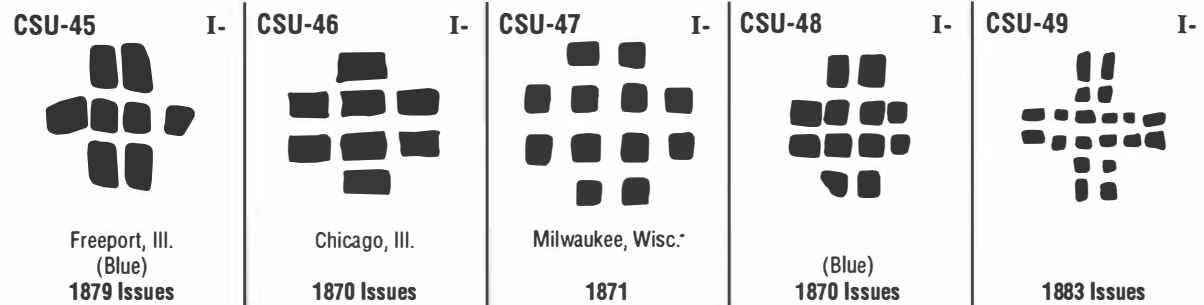
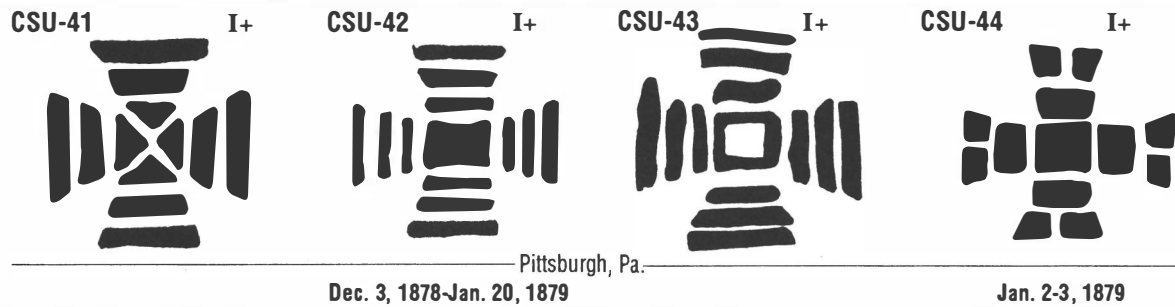
Sent from Sidney, Ohio in the late 1870s, this duplexed postmark was struck in purple ink from a handstamp of molded rubber, similar to CSC-13 or CSC-15, above.

UNUSUAL CROSSES

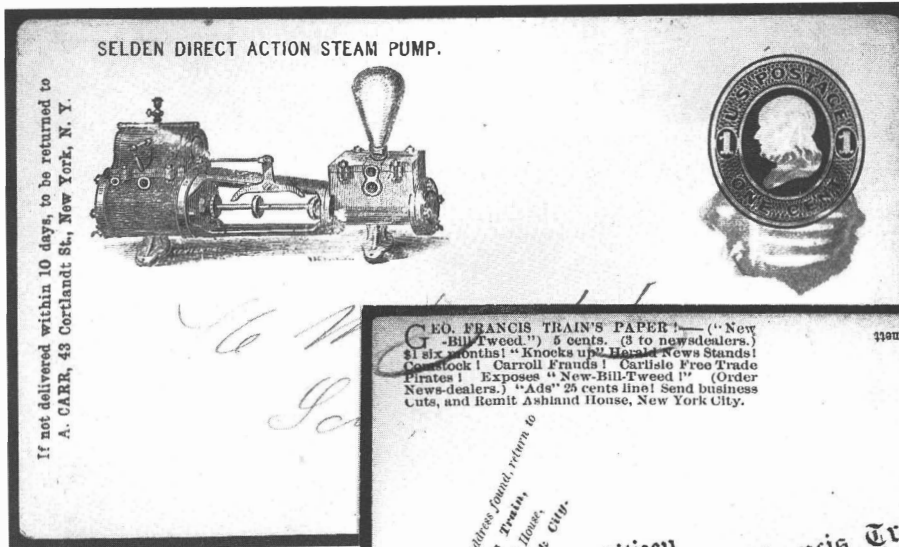
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CSU-6 I  1883 Issues	CSU-7 I  1883-87 issues	CSU-8 I-  St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 7, 1881	CSU-9 I+  1883 Issues	CSU-10 I+  South Oxford, N.Y. (Purple) 1880
CSU-11 I+  1873 Issues	CSU-12 I+  Pomfret, Vt. 1890 Issues	CSU-13 I+  1890 Issues	CSU-14 I-  Dover, Me. 1890 Issues	CSU-15 I+  1890 Issues
CSU-16 I+  Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 P.C.	CSU-17 II  Jacks Reef, N.Y. "1883" 1881 Issues	CSU-18 II-  Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 31, 1877	CSU-19 II-  Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 31, 1877	CSU-20 II-  May 9-20, 1878

<p>CSU-21 I</p>  <p>Roscoe, Ill. (Purple) 1879 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-22 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-23 I</p>  <p>St. Louis, Mo. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-24 I-</p>  <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-25 II-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>
<p>CSU-26 I-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-27 I-</p>  <p>Nunda, Ill.</p>	<p>CSU-28 I-</p>  <p>New York City 1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-29 I-</p>  <p>Ann Arbor, Mich.</p>	<p>CSU-30 I</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1874 Envelope</p>
<p>CSU-31 I-</p>  <p>Bement, Ill. 1874 Envelope</p>	<p>CSU-32 I-</p>  <p>Alveda, Ohio Apr. 17, 1882</p>	<p>CSU-33 I</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-34 I-</p>  <p>Columbian Issues</p>	<p>CSU-35 I-</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>
<p>CSU-36 I</p>  <p>Harrisburg, Pa. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-37 I</p>  <p>Terrill, Wisc. 1892</p>	<p>CSU-38 I</p>  <p>Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa. Aug. 30, 1881</p>	<p>CSU-39 I</p>  <p>Williamsville, Ill. Apr. 21, 1886-Apr. 8, 1887 (Purple) 1887 Issues</p>	<p>CSU-40 I</p>  <p>Greenwood, N.Y. (Dark Blue) May 16, 1886</p>

UNUSUAL, NEGATIVE CROSSES



By "pictorials" is meant those cancels easily recognized where the design obviously represents an emblem, object known to all, or a living person, beast, bird or fish. This area includes most of what collectors term "fancy cancels," and is probably the most popular (and valuable) style of cancel of the banknote period.

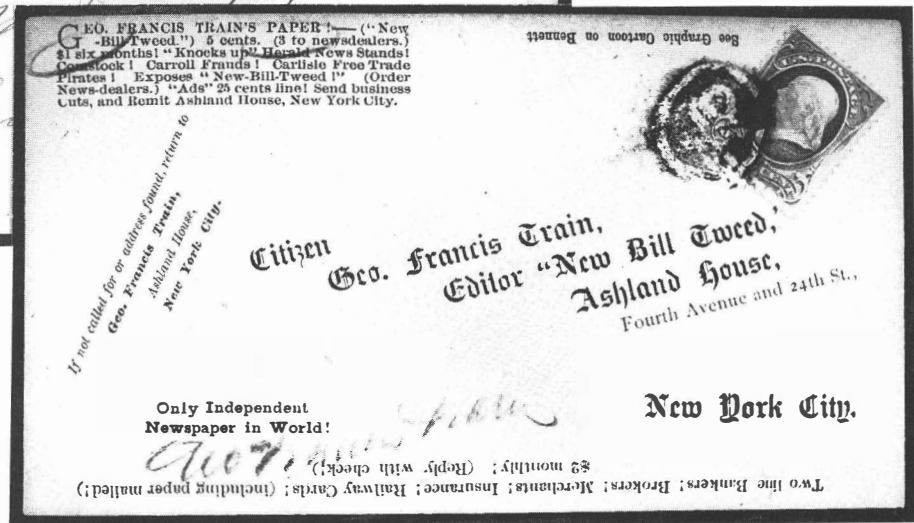


A New York shield cancel on a piece of 3rd class mail advertising steam pumps. Without the corner card, the source of such cancels would be unclear.

(SH-59A) (II)

A New York skull and crossbones used on 3rd class mail, not postmarked. The highly political tone of the illustrations on the cover may be reflected by the cancel.

(SK-44A) (II)



Although other offices, mostly in cities that made hats, were more famous for their hat cancels, Lincoln, Illinois also had a Lincoln stovepipe hat cancel.

(HA-19A)



This Bangor, Maine crescent and star may not have been duplicated with the postmark, judging from its unusual position.

(CR-28)

SH-1	II	SH-2	II	SH-3	II	SH-4	II	SH-5	II





















New Orleans, La.





















1870 issues





















SH-6	I+	SH-7	I+	SH-8	II	SH-9	II-	SH-10	II
Baltimore, Md. May 22, 1871		St. James, Minn. March 9, 1894		1873 issues				Belleville, Ill. 1870 issues	

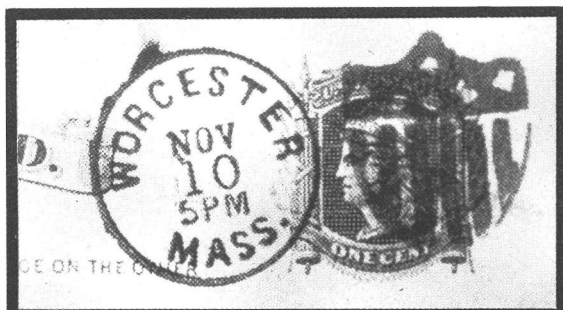
SH-11	II-	SH-12	I	SH-13	I+	SH-14	II	SH-15	I
Washington, D.C. 1872		Athens, Ohio Sept. 27, 1893		Rochester, N.Y. Jan. 11, 1881		Clarkston, Mich. June 6, 1876			

SH-16	I+	SH-17	II	SH-18	II	SH-19	II	SH-20	II
1870 issues				1875 issues		Providence, R.I. Nov. 29- Dec. 1, 1882		1879 issues	





















SH-21	II	SH-22	II	SH-23	II	SH-24	II	SH-25	II
									
Freedom, Wisc.		Whitehall, N.Y.		Worcester, Vt. (?)		1879 issues		1883 issues	
SH-26	II+	SH-27	II+	SH-28	II+	SH-29	II+	SH-30	II
									
Waterbury, Conn.								Winterport, Me.	
1871		March 25-29, 1878		March 18-27, 1878		1873(?)		1870 issues	
SH-31	II	SH-32	II	SH-33	II-	SH-34	II	SH-35	II
									
				1870 issues		1881 issues		Troy, N.Y.	
SH-36	II	SH-37	II	SH-38	II	SH-39	II	SH-40	II-
									
Beaver Dam, Wisc. (Blue) 1870 issues		New Orleans, La.		St. Louis, Mo. 1870 issues				1873 issues	


SH-41	II	SH-42	II-	SH-43	I+	SH-44	I+	SH-45	I+
									
				Wilkesville, Ohio. Sept. 30, 1892		(Red)		Richfield Spps., N.Y. 1870 issues	
SH-46	I+	SH-47	II	SH-48	II	SH-49	II	SH-50	II
									
Athens, ? (Red) 1870 issues		Champaign, Ill. (Blue) 1873 issues				Red Lion, Pa. Nov. 9, 1876		1890 issues	
SH-51	II	SH-52	II	SH-53	II	SH-54	II	SH-55	II
									
Covington, Ky.				Cayuga Lake, N.Y. 1870-73 issues		Thomaston, Me. 1870 issues		1870 issues	
SH-56	II	SH-57	II	SH-58	II	SH-59	II	SH-60	II
									
Nov. 11, 1872		St. Louis, Mo. 1870 issues		1879 issues				St. Louis, Mo. 1873 issues	

SH-61	II	SH-62	II	SH-63	II	SH-64	II	SH-65	II
									
Worcester, Mass.									
1870 issues		April 21- July 30, 1880						1879 issues	
SH-66	II	SH-67	II	SH-68	II	SH-69	II+	SH-70	II
									
El Paso, Ill. (Violet) 1879 issues		Oswego, N.Y. 1887 issues		Dayton, Ohio 1873 issues		Boston, Mass. (?) (Red) 1881 issues		Watkins, N.Y.	
SH-71	II	SH-72	II	SH-73	II	SH-74	II	SH-75	II
									
		Watertown, Wisc. 1873 issues				Girard, Ks. 1874		1879 issues	
SH-76	II	SH-77	II-	SH-78	II-	SH-79	II-	SH-80	II
									
Kansas City, Mo. 1870 issues		St. Louis, Mo. Nov. 1875							








An ornate shield with stars and bars, used at Worcester, Mass. in May 1880, probably type SH-2, traced above.




SH-81  Chicago, Ill. 1873 issues	II SH-82  (Blue) 1873 issues	SH-83  New Castle, Dela. 1883 issues	II SH-84  Farmington, Ill. 1873 issues	II SH-85  (Blue) 1870 issues
SH-86  Waterbury, Conn. 1870	II SH-87  1883 issues	II- SH-88  1870 issues	II- SH-89  1883 issues	II SH-90  Mt. Morris, N.Y. 1873 issues
SH-91  Hartford, Conn. 1879 issues	II SH-92  1875 issues	II SH-93  1875 issues	II SH-94  1875 issues	II+ SH-95  Boston, Mass.(?) 1879 issues
SH-96  1881 issues	II+ SH-97  Pittsburgh, Pa. Sept. 23, 1874	II SH-98  1870 issues	II SH-99  Boston, Mass. 1870 issues	II SH-100  Philadelphia, Pa. (Blue) 1873 issues






SH-101  Mittineague, Mass. 1873 issues	SH-102  1873 issues	SH-103  Leavenworth, Ks. 1887 issues	SH-104  1883 issues	SH-105  1875 issues
SH-106  1883 issues	SH-107  1883 issues	SH-108  1881 issues	SH-109  1883 issues	SH-110  (Blue, Purple) 1870 issues
SH-111  (Blue) 1873 P.C.	SH-112  (Blue) 1874 Envelope	SH-113  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870 Envelope	SH-114  (Blue) 1873 issues	SH-115  (Blue) 1873 P.C.
SH-116  1870 issues	SH-117  1883 issues	SH-118  Butternut, Wisc. (Lavender) 1887	SH-119  St. Joseph, Mo. (Blue) 1873 issues	SH-120  Georgetown, Ky.






SHIELDS





















SH-121 II+	SH-122 II	SH-123 II	SH-124 II	SH-125 II
				
South Lancaster, Mass (Red). 1870 issues	Cloverport, Ky. Feb. 1, 1884	North Andover, Mass. 1883 issues	Albany, Ga. 1873 issues	Bell Brook, Ohio Jan. 19, 1886

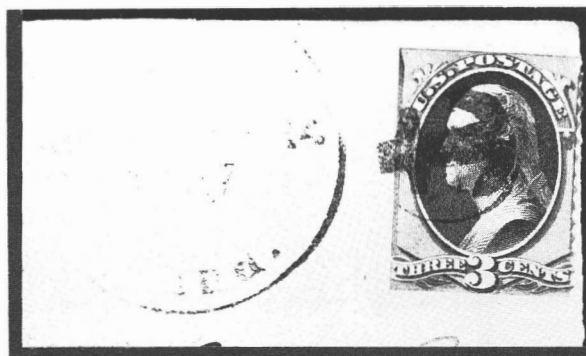
These cancels are examples of commercially prepared killers. Cancels consisting of shields in circles came in many styles and were popular during this period.

SH-126 II-	SH-127 II-	SH-128 II-
		
Dixie, La. (Ultramarine) 1881 issues	North Lincoln, Maine (Light Purple) March 2, 1885	Richland Falls, N.Y. April 21, 1882 Dancy, Wisc. 1887

SH-129 II-	SH-130 II-	SH-131 II-	SH-132 II-	SH-133 II-
				
Stryker, Ohio (Blue) Jan 27, 1890	Elliott, Ill. (Magenta) Aug. 22, 1887	Mt. Morris, Ill. (Blue-Black) 1884 Envelope	Danby, N.Y. (Purple) Dec. 8, 1887	Wrightstown, Wisc. May 6, 1882




















SH-134 II-	SH-135 II-	SH-136 II-	SH-137 II-	SH-138 II-
				
Hope, Ill. (Black-Blue) 1887 issues	1881 Issues	Utahville, Pa. June 27, 1884	Red River, Wisc. May 17, 1887	Gravel Switch, Marion Co., Ky. J.P. Harberton, PM. May 4, 1883

RN-1	II	RN-2	II	RN-3	II+	RN-4	II+	RN-5	II+
									
(Purple) 1873 issues		1870 issues				1870-73 issues		Fayville, Mass. 1870 issues	
RN-6	II	RN-7	II	RN-8	II	RN-9	II	RN-10	II+
									
1879 issues		1870 Envelope		1890 issues		Battle Creek, Mich. (Blue)		1883 issues	
N-11	II	RN-12	II	RN-13	II	RN-14	II	RN-15	II
									
Nashua, N.H. April 18, 1872				(Purple) 1881 issues		1881 issues		1881 issues	
N-16	II	RN-17	II	RN-18	II	RN-19	II	RN-20	II
									
1890 issues		1883 Issues		1879 issues		1879 issues		Croton, N.Y. Dec. 12, 1877	

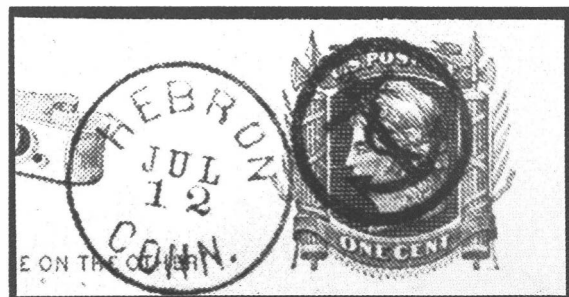






















This crudely carved anchor probably emanated from the Indiana Ohio River steamboat port of Evansville.

(RN-34A) (II)

RN-21  (Magenta) 1870 Envelope II	RN-22  Alpena, Mich. 1873 issues II	RN-23  Official issues II	RN-24  Philadelphia, Pa. 1870 issues II+	RN-25  1883 issues II
RN-26  1883 issues II	RN-27  1873 issues II+	RN-28  1881 issues II+	RN-29  Pueblo, Colo. 1883 issues II+	RN-30  Hope, Ind. 1879 issues II
RN-31  1887 II+	RN-32  Magnolia, Wisc. 1889-1894 II+	RN-33  Newark, N.J. 1873 Issues Hebron, Conn. July 12, 1876 II+	N-34  (Blue) 1873 Issues II	
RN-35  1873 issues II	RN-36  Providence, R.I. II+	RN-37  1870 issues II	RN-38  1890 issues II	RN-39  II

The Hebron, Connecticut fouled anchor, a similar cancel also being used at Newark, N.J., was apparently not duplexed and probably was a separate rubber stamp.



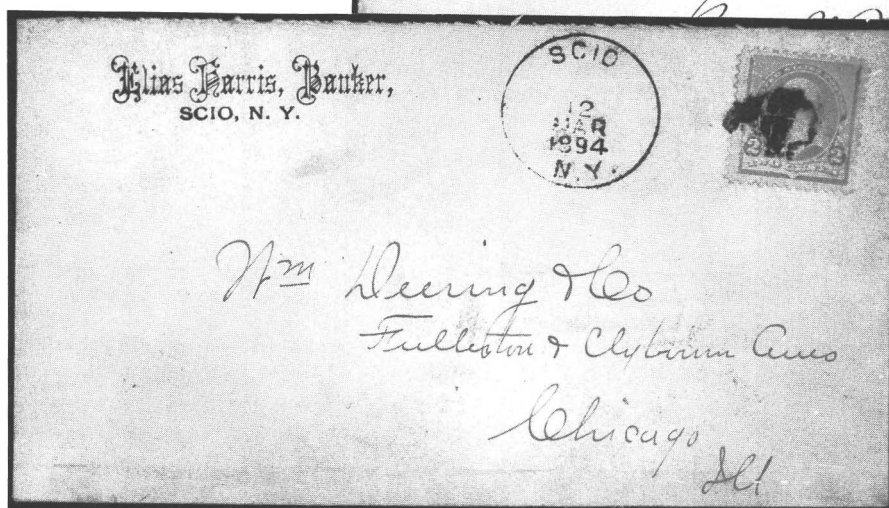
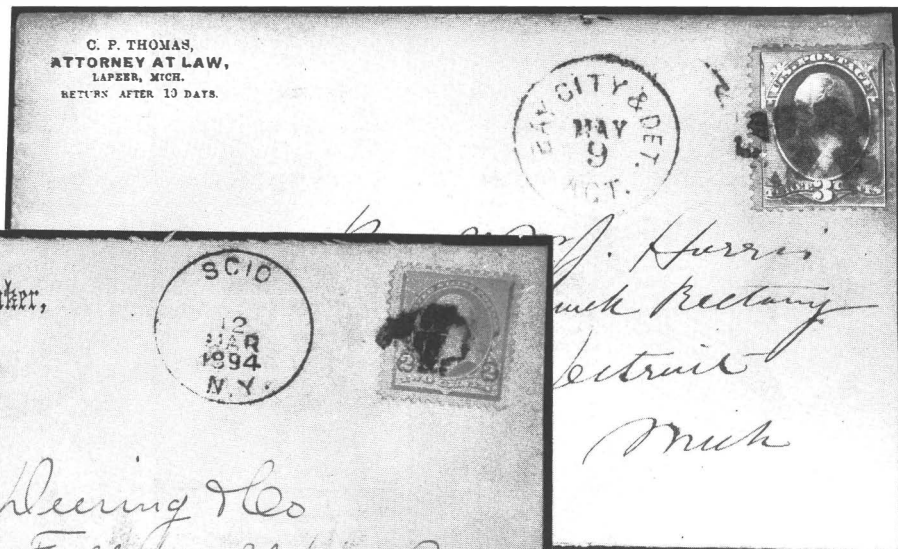
<p>RN-40 II</p>  <p>Essex Junction, Vt. (Purple) 1873-79 issues</p>	<p>RN-41 II</p>  <p>(Purple) Oct. 30, 1885</p>	<p>RN-42 II</p>  <p>1891 Postage Due Issue</p>	<p>RN-43 II</p>  <p>Whitehall, N.Y. June 11, 1877</p>	<p>RN-44 II</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>
<p>N-45 II</p>  <p>New Hope, Pa. 1873 issues</p>	<p>RN-46 II</p> 	<p>RN-47 II</p>  <p>1890 issues</p>	<p>RN-48 II</p> 	<p>RN-49 II</p> 
<p>RN-50 II</p>  <p>Bay City, Mich. Feb. 26, 1880</p>	<p>RN-51 II+</p>  <p>Bristol, R.I. (?) 1873 issues</p>	<p>RN-52 II</p>  <p>Bristol, Conn. 1870 issues</p>	<p>RN-53 II-</p>  <p>Richmond, Va. June 8, 1870</p>	<p>RN-54 II</p> 
<p>RN-55 II</p>  <p>(Purple) 1873 issues</p>	<p>LCK-1 II</p>  <p>Philadelphia, Pa. 1879 issues</p>	<p>LCK-2 III-</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>LCK-3 III</p>  <p>Stoneham, Mass. Sept. 1, 1884</p>	<p>FL-1 III-</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>

MISCELLANEOUS PICTORIALS

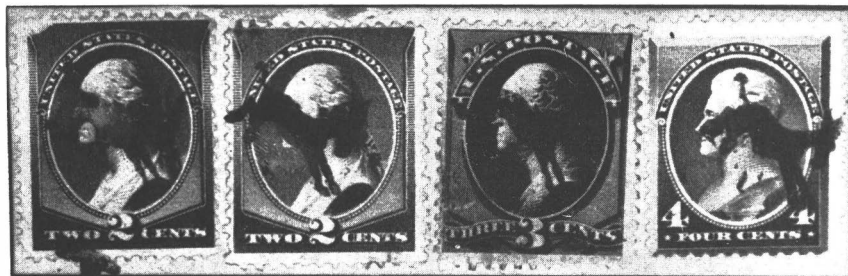
Pictorial cancels depict a wealth of subjects in the fanciful carvings of postmasters and postal clerks. These range from the very crude to some that are highly detailed, and from the fossil seashell to the skull and crossbones. Some designs, such as the man in the moon, created by one clerk, were frequently imitated by clerks in other offices.

Animals were always a favorite subject, nearly all (except the kicking mule) being homemade, so that in many cases detail is such that we can only guess what beast or bird the post office carvers tried to depict.

At right: Bay City & Detroit railroad route agent's abstract appearing bear. (AN-46) (II)

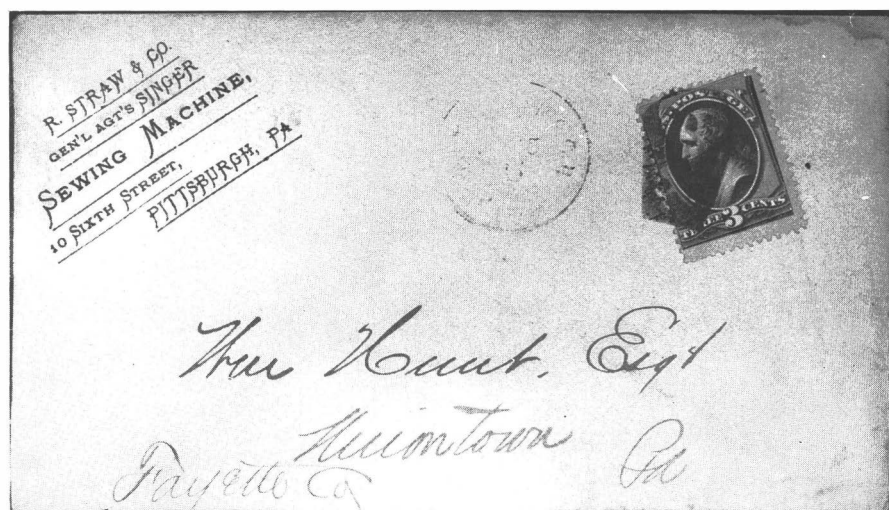








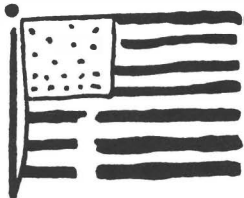
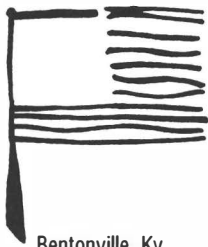





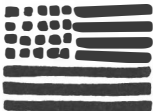




At left: Used in 1894 on the 2¢ small red banknotes, this is a treed cat or cougar, since the tail is too long and wrong for a bucking broncho. (AN-47) (II)


















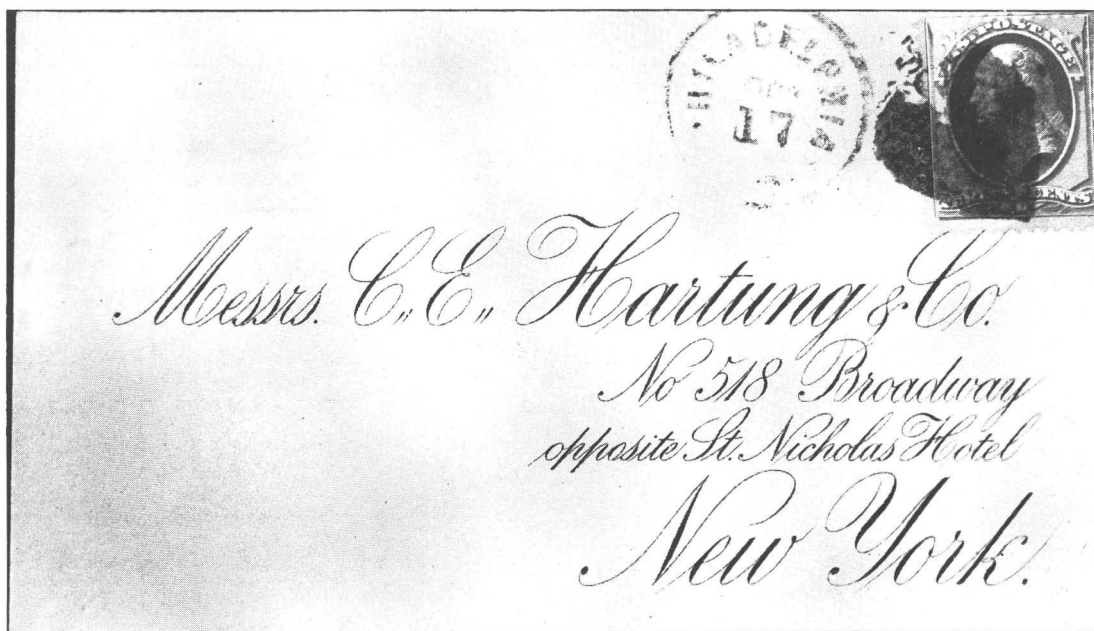
This piece of cover with four banknote stamps, each with a kicking mule cancel, displays what may have been the only commercially produced animal rubber handstamps of the banknote era.

Pittsburgh, Pa had a wide variety of cancels in the banknote era, but the skull and crossbones in a coffin may be the only such with a macabre theme (see SK-52, p. 172 for details).









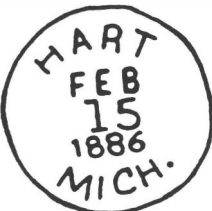













FL-2 III-	FL-3 III-	FL-4 III-	FL-5 III-	
				
(Red or Magenta) 1881 issues	Williston, Vt. (Red)	Enfield, Conn. (Black) Oct. 14, 1884-Oct. 3, 1885	Empire City, Ore May 3, 1887 (Field of stars too faint to trace)	
FL-6 III-	FL-7 III-	FL-8 III-	FL-9 III-	
				
Centre Ridge, Ill. 1873 issues	1873-79 issues	Dundee, N.Y.	Bentonville, Ky. 1882 (Field of stars too faint to trace)	
FL-10 III-	FL-11 III-	FL-12 III-	FL-13 II+	FL-14 III-
				
1870 issues	1890 issues	1881 issues		1890 issues
FL-15 III-	FL-16 III-	FL-17 III-	FL-18 III-	FL-19 III-
				
1873 issues	Bridgeton, Me. 1890 issues	1879 issues	Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870-73 issues	Schodack Landing, N.Y. 1870-79 issues





















HE-1	II	HE-2	II	HE-3	II	HE-4	II	HE-5	II
									
		St. Paul & Morris RPO March 14, 1894		1883 issues		Geneva, Ill. 1873 issues		Covington, Ky.	
HE-6	II	HE-7	II	HE-8	II	HE-9	II	HE-10	II
									
Naugatuck, Conn. September 10, 1874		Palmyra, N.Y.		Arlington, Ill. 1884 Envelope		1890 issues		1883 issues	
HE-11	II	HE-12	II	HE-13	II	HE-14	II	HE-15	II
									
Prairie City, Ill. 1873 issues		Washington, D.C. - Congress February 21, 1877		Cleveland, Ohio 1875 P.C.		Philadelphia, Pa.		1879 issues	























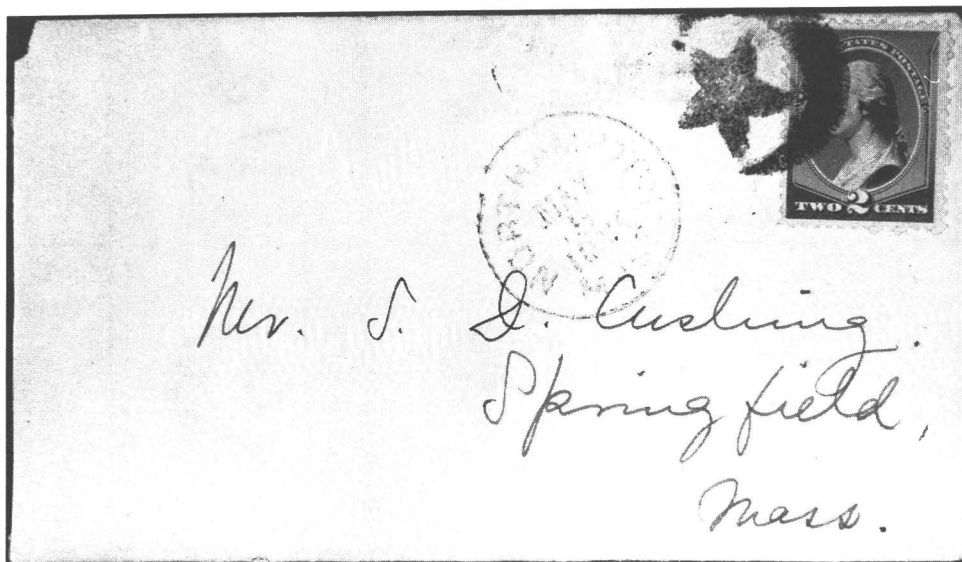
A Philadelphia heart cancel, HE-15. duplexed with a small single circle Philadelphia circular date stamp.

HE-16	II	HE-17	II	HE-18	II	HE-19	II	HE-20	II
									
Hart, Mich. Sept. 1, 1890		1883 issues		1890 issues		Mansfield, Ohio March 22, 1887			
HE-21	II	HE-22	II	HE-23	II	HE-24	II-		
									
		1890 issues		Sodus, Ill. April 2, 1883		Hart, Mich. Feb. 15, 1886			
HE-25	II	HE-26	II+	HE-27	I+	HE-28	II	HE-29	II+
									
1890 issues		"Broken Heart" (Red)		"Broken Heart" Dayton, Ohio		"Broken Heart"		"Broken Heart" (Blue)	
HE-30	II	HE-31	II	HE-32	II	HE-33	II	HE-34	II
									
1873 issues		Oquawka, Ill. 1870 Envelope		1890 issues		Boston, Mass.		1873 issues	

HEARTS


HE-35	II+	HE-36	II+	HE-37	II+	HE-38	III	HE-39	I+
									
		Brazil, Ind. Dec. 8, 1880		1881 issues		"Valentines Day" Lyons, N.Y. (Red) 1881-87 issues		Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Dec. 1, 1870	
HE-40	I+	HE-41	III	HE-42	III	HE-43	III	HE-44	II
									
Boston, Mass. 1873 issues		Waterbury, Conn.						Columbian issues	
		Feb. 14, 187?		Feb. 14, 1870-Feb. 14, 1871		Feb. 14, 187?			
HE-45	II+	HE-46	II	HE-47	II	HE-48	II	HE-49	II+
									
Waterbury, Conn. Feb. 14, 1879		1873 issues		Burnt Hills, N.Y.		Milwaukee, Wisc. 1871			
HE-50	II	HE-51	II	HE-52	II	HE-53	II	HE-54	II
									
Georgetown, Tx. 1873 issues		Prairie City, Ill. 1873 issues		1873 issues		Petersburg, Va. 1870 issues		1873 Issues	

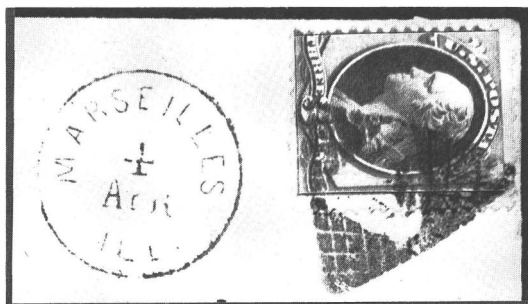
CR-1	II	CR-2	II	CR-3	II	CR-4	II	CR-5	II
									
1873 issues		1890 issues		1883 issues		Waxahachie, Tx. Mar. 13, 1894		1890 issues	
CR-6	II	CR-7	II	CR-8	II	CR-9	II	CR-10	II
									
1879 Issues		Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 3, 1879		New Orleans, La. 1887 issues		Stoneham, Mass. 1883 issues		1890 issues	
CR-11	II	CR-12	II	CR-13	II	CR-14	II	CR-15	II
									
1887 issues		1883 issues		Columbian issues		Bud, Mo. 1883 issues		Waco, Tx. 1874 Envelope	
CR-16	II	CR-17	II	CR-18	II	CR-19	II	CR-20	II
									
		(Magenta) 1883 issues		1890 issues		1883 issues			



The large star and crescent of Northampton, Mass. on a 2¢ red brown of 1883.

CR-21 Northampton, Mass. 1883 issues	II	CR-22 1888 issues	II	CR-23 1890 issues	II	CR-24 St. Louis, Mo. 1879 issues	II	CR-25 1883 issues	II
CR-26 Jacksonville, Ill. June 28, 1873	II	CR-27 Bangor, Me. 1879 issues	II	CR-28 1883 issues	II	CR-29 Southwick, Mass. 1883 issues	II	CR-30 Salem, Mass. 1883 issues	II
CR-31 Pittsburgh, Pa. 1873 issues	II	CR-32 July 30-Aug. 4, 1873	II	CR-33 1870 issues	II	CR-34 (Magenta)	II	CR-35 1883 issues	II





















MA-1  "Keystone" Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 10-17, 1875	II	MA-2  "Keystone & Compass" McMinnville, Tn. 1874 Envelope	II	MA-3  "Keystone"	II	MA-4  "Keystone" Cornwall Bridge, Conn. (Purple)	II	MA-5  "Keystone" (HTWSSTMS - He That Would Smoke Spanish Tobacco Might Know Something)	II
MA-6  "Keystone" 1881 issues	II-	MA-7  "Keystone" 1873 issues	II-	MA-8  "Keystone" Yonkers, N.Y. June 30, 1884	II-	MA-9  "Keystone" 1890 issues	II-	MA-10  "Trowel" ...ville, Ill. 1875 P.C.	I+
MA-11  "Trowel" Putnam, Conn.	I+	MA-12  "Trowel"	I+	MA-13  "Trowel" Syracuse, N.Y. 1879 issues	I+	MA-14  Chicago, Ill. 1873 issues	II	MA-15  "Seeing Eye"	II+
MA-16  "Seeing Eye" Marseilles, Ill. (Purple) 1873 issues	III	MA-17  "Open Book in Star" Rutland, Vt. 1873 issues	II-	MA-18  "Gavel" Shelbyville, Mo. Wilton, N.H. 1870 issues	I+	MA-19  Hornellsville, N.Y. (Blue) May 4, 1878	I+	MA-20  Stoneham, Mass. 1883 issues	II-
























Although the spacing between postmark and the Marseilles, Ill. Masonic All-Seeing Eye cancel would seem to indicate they were duplexed, the fact the cancel lies on its side in the relationship indicates they were separate handstamps, probably one of steel and the other rubber.

















MA-21	II-	MA-22	II	MA-23	II	MA-24	II	MA-25	II
									
"Compass"		"Compass"		"Compass"		"Compass"		"Compass" Southampton, Ill. (Manuscript)	
		1890 issues				1890 issues		1893 issues	
MA-26	II	MA-27	II	MA-28	II	MA-29	II	MA-30	II
									
"Compass" Winterport, Me.		"Compass"		"Compass"		"Compass" Bridgeton, N.J.		"Compass"	
1873 issues		1870 issues		1883 issues		1873 issues		1887 issues	
MA-31	II	MA-32	II	MA-33	II	MA-34	III-	MA-35	II+
									
"Compass"		"Compass"		"Compass" Taunton, Mass.		"Compass" ("G" - First letter of the Diety)		"Compass" Cadiz, N.Y.	
1883 issues		1883 issues		1875		1870 issues		1873 issues	
MA-36	II+	MA-37	II+	MA-38	II	MA-39	II	MA-40	II
									
"Compass" Bennington, Vt.		"Compass" Bangor, Me.		"Compass"		"Compass" Williston, Vt.		"Compass" Warsaw, Ky.	
Oct. 29, 1877		1873 issues		1873 issues		1870 issues		1883 issues	

MA-41 II	MA-42 II	MA-43 II	MA-44 II	MA-45 II
				
"Compass" 1883 issues	"Compass" Charleston, N.H. (Black, Red) 1870 issues	"Compass" 1890 issues	"Compass" 1890 issues	"Compass" Bangor, Me. 1883 issues
MA-46 II	MA-47 II	MA-48 II	MA-49 II	MA-50 II
				
"Compass" 1879 issues	"Compass" St. Paul, Minn. 1873 issues	"Compass" Little Georgetown, ? 1887 issues	"Compass" Dayton, Ohio 1879 issues	"Compass" Creek Centre, N.Y. August 13, 1875
MA-51 II	MA-52 II	MA-53 II	MA-54 II	MA-55 II
				
"Compass" Nashua, N.H. 1873 issues	"Compass" Louisville, Ky. (Blue) Oct. 14, 1875	"Compass" Swanton, Vt. Feb. 1888	"Compass" Allegheny, Pa. (Blue)	"Compass" 1890 issues
MA-56 II	MA-57 II	MA-58 II	MA-59 II	MA-60 II
				
"Compass" 1890 issues	"Compass" Painted Post, N.Y. (Blue) 1873 issues	"Compass" Bethel, Me. 1873 issues	"Compass" Fairplay, Wisc. 1883	"Compass" (Purple) 1882 issues

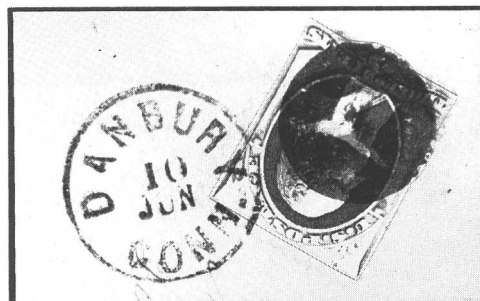
MA-61  "Compass" Richwood, Ohio July 2, 1888 II-	MA-62  1873 issues I+	MA-63  "Compasses" Syracuse, N.Y. February 23, 1875 I+	MA-64  I+	MA-65  "Compass" Palmyra, N.Y. 1873 issues I+
MA-66  "Compass" 1870 issues I+	MA-67  "Compass" 1881 issues I+	MA-68  "Compass" 1883 issues I+	MA-69  "Compass" Boston, Mass. 1870 issues I+	MA-70  "Compass" Richwood, Ohio July 2, 1888 I+
MA-71  "Compasses" Cleveland, Ohio 1870 issues I+	MA-72  Jan. 4-7, 1884 I+	MA-73  "Compass" Ferndale, Mich. Feb. 28, 1878 I	MA-74  1873 Issues II	MA-75  "Compass" New York City (Violet) Aug. 26, 1870 II
MA-76  "Compass" Billings and Helena RPO 1883 issues II	MA-77  "Compass" 1883 issues II	MA-78  "Odd Fellows Links" (Red) II	MA-79  "Odd Fellows Links" II	MA-80  "Odd Fellows Links" 1870 issues II

BT-1	II	BT-2	II	BT-3	II+	BT-4	II+	BT-5	II		
											
		1873 issues		1881 issues		West Berkeley, Ca. Jan. 2- Feb. 22, 1884		1881 issues			
BT-6	II+	BT-7	II+	BT-8	II+	BT-9	II+	BT-10	II+		
											
1873-79 issues		Whitestown, N.Y. 1883 issues		1873 issues		Fredericksburg, Va. 1873 issues		1873 issues			
BT-11	III	BT-12	III	BT-13	III	BT-14	III	BT-15	III	CV-1	II
											
"Shoo Fly" Evansville, Ind. July 26-Aug. 27, 1870		"Shoo Fly" Toledo, Ohio April 22, 1870		"Shoo Fly" Kittrell, N.C. May 19, 1870		"Shoo Fly" St. Clair, Mich. Oct. 2, 1871		San Rafael, Ca.			
CV-2	II	CV-3	II	CV-4	II	CV-5	II	CV-6	II-		
											
Pittsburgh, Pa. 1874		1873 issues		Chicago, Ill. (Blue) May 11, 1874		1890 issues		Postage Due issues			
















CV-7	III-	CV-8	II	CV-9	II	CV-10	II	CV-11	II
Waterbury, Conn.		Plainview, Mn.		1890 issues		1883 issues		1873 issues	
August 31, 187?									
CV-12	III-	CV-13	III-	CV-14	III-	CV-15	III-	CV-16	III-
Waterbury, Conn.									
Feb. 28, 1871		Aug. 1 - Oct. 19, 1874		Dec. 16, 187?		Dec. 22-23, 1874		Feb. 12, 1874	
CV-17	II	CV-18	II	CV-19	II	CV-20	II	CV-21	II
Northampton, Mass.		Hannibal, Mo.		Chicago, Ill.		Philadelphia, Pa.			
1883 issues		(Blue) 1879 issues		(Blue) 1873 P.C.		1873 issues		1873 issues	
CV-22	II	CV-23	II	CV-24	II	CV-25	II	CV-26	II
Naugatuck, Conn.				South Dayton, N.Y.		Cadillac, Mich.			
Nov. 14, 1874		1883 issues		1883 issues		1883 issues			

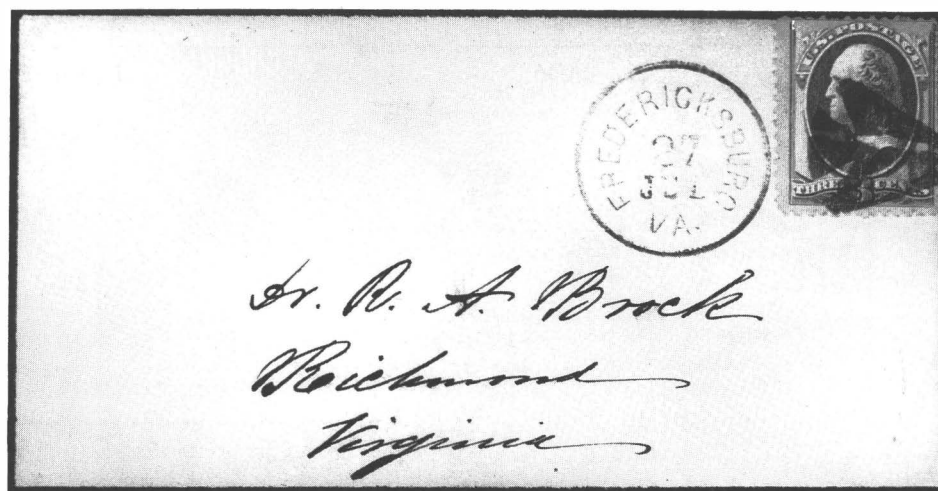
<p>Danbury, Conn.</p> <p>The Danbury Hat Company was one of the largest employers in the area during this period. In recognition of this, the Postmaster used a number of hand carved "hat" cancels. Most of these are found on the 1873 issues.</p>		HA-1	II	HA-2	II	HA-3	II
							
		Danbury, Conn.					
		May 4, 1875		Jan. 22, 1875		1870 issues	
HA-4	II	HA-5	II	HA-6	II	HA-7	II
							
		Danbury, Conn.					
December 24, 1875		1873 issues				1883 issues	
HA-9	II	HA-10	II	HA-11	II	HA-12	II
							
		Danbury, Conn.					
1873 issues		1883 issues					
HA-14	II	HA-15	II	HA-16	II+	HA-17	II
							
Albany, Ga (Blue)		Culpepper, Va. (Blue) 1873 issues		Mauston, Wisc April 15, 1884		...ssa. 1890 issues	
						HA-18	II
							
						Calais, Me.	

The major problem with the Danbury hat designs is in deciding just which of the several very similar cancels a particular stamp or cover bears.
(HA-1A?)


















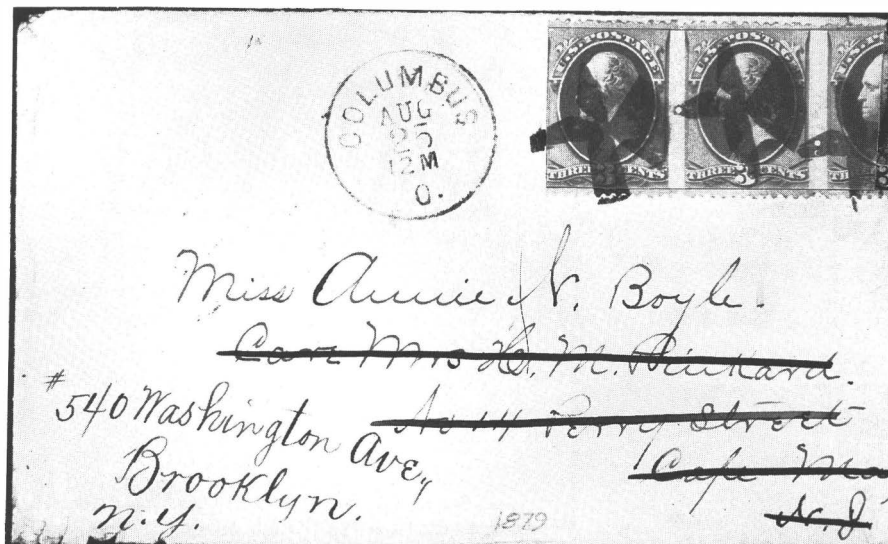
HATS, ARROWS

HA-19  1883 issues	II	HA-20  Delphi, N.Y. 1883 issues	II	HA-21  "Mexican Sombrero" 1873 issues	II	HA-22  1879 issues	II	HA-23  Worcester, Mass.	II
HA-24  1879 issues	II	AR-1  1879 issues	II	AR-2  1873 issues	II	AR-3  1873 issues	II	AR-4  1873 issues	II
Fredericksburg, Va.									
AR-5  Bridgeton, N.J.	II	AR-6  1873 issues	II	AR-7  Columbian issues	II	AR-8  Morristown, N.J.	II	AR-9  1877 Envelope	II



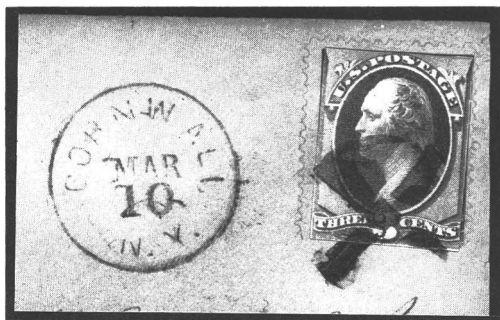
Fredericksburg, Virginia arrow cancel, AR-1, as above, on a 3¢ Banknote of the 1879 issue.

AR-10  (Blue) 1887 issues	II	AR-11  1890 issues	II	AR-12  1883 issues	II	AR-13  1883 issues	II	AR-14  Pottsville, Pa. 1890 issues	I
AR-15 	II	AR-16  1890 issues	II	AR-17  1870 issues	II	AR-18  St. Joseph, Mo. 1873 issues	II	AR-19  1870 issues	II
Pi-1  "Hatchet" 1890 issues	II-	Pi-2  "Tomahawk" Columbus, Ohio 1873 issues	II+	Pi-3  "Tomahawk" Tomahawk, Wisc. 1871	II	Pi-4  "Hammer" Chicopee Falls, Mass. 1873 issues	II+	Pi-5  "Propeller" Sun Prairie, Wisc. 1884	I+









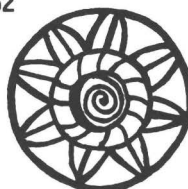
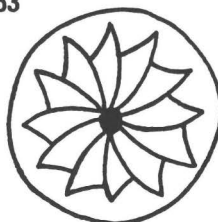











The Columbus, Ohio "tomahawk," Pi-2, plus two more similar strikes, not duplexed, cancelling a strip of 3¢ Continentals paying a triple rate to New Jersey. Forwarded to Brooklyn and backstamped there, Sep 2, 1879. Note that the duplexed killer is more complete than the other two cancels, which were probably produced by a different handstamp. Some prefer to call this cancel a medieval halberd, and some a hatchet rather than a tomahawk.




















Pi-6 I  "Propeller" Winslow, Ariz. March 20, 1891	Pi-7 I  "Propeller" 1882 issues	Pi-8 I  "Propeller" 1890 issues	Pi-9 I  "Propeller" Watertown, Wisc. 1870 issues	Pi-10 I  "Propeller" Trempealeau, Wisc. (Deep Blue)
Pi-11 III  "Pool Table" Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 issues	Pi-12 II  "Bottle" Mackinaw, Ill. 1873 issues	Pi-13 II-  Conway, Mass. 1873 issues	Pi-14 III-  "Gin Barrel" Chicago, Ill. (Blue) Sept. 23-Oct. 29, 1873	Pi-15 II-  "Jar" 1870 issues
Pi-16 I+  "Jar" 1883 issues	Pi-17 III-  "Gin Bottle" Chicago, Ill. (Blue)	Pi-18 II+  "Mortar and Pestle" Croton, N.Y. 1873 issues	Pi-19 II+  "Mortar and Pestle" 1876 Envelope	Pi-20 III-  "Beer Mug" Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870 issues
Pi-21 III  "Beer Mug" Waterbury, Conn. 1870 issues	Pi-22 II+  "Beer Stein" Vergennes, Vt. Sept. 3, 1887	Pi-23 III  (Blue)	Pi-24 III  (Blue) 1874-79 Official Envelope (Used by Union Distilling Company of Pekin, Ill.)	Pi-25 III 



A Dutch windmill cancel used at Cornwall, Orange County, New York, in the heart of Knickerbocker country, used to cancel a 3¢ green of 1873. (Pi-8A)






Pi-26	II	Pi-27	II	Pi-28	II	Pi-29	II	Pi-30	II
									
"Horseshoe"		"Horseshoe"		"Horseshoe"		"Horseshoe" Ann Arbor, Mich.			
				1879 issues		1883 issues			
Pi-31	II	Pi-32	II	Pi-33	II	Pi-34	II	Pi-35	II
									
"Horseshoe"		"Horseshoe" Racine, Wisc.		"Horseshoe" Albia, Iowa		"Horseshoe" Marietta, Ohio		"Horseshoe"	
		1873 issues				1870's		1873 Issues	
Pi-36	II-	Pi-37	II+	Pi-38	II	Pi-39	II	Pi-40	I
									
1883 issues		"Tree" (Red) 1870 issues		"Tree" 1887 issues		"Tree" 1890 issues		"Chess Pawn" 1890 issues	
Pi-41	II+	Pi-42	II+	Pi-43	II+	Pi-44	II+	Pi-45	II-
									
"Bell" Altoona, Pa. Feb. 29, 1876		"Bell" 1890 issues		"Bell" Juneau, Wisc. 1881		"Bell" Enfield Centre, N.H. 1875 P.C.		"Bell" Amesbury, Mass. 1875	

<div>Pi-46</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell"</div> <div>1870 Issues</div>	<div>Pi-47</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" Charleston, Ill.</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	<div>Pi-48</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" Superior, Wisc. (Purple) 1882</div>	<div>Pi-49</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell"</div> <div>1887</div>	<div>Pi-50</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" Cash City, Ks. (Magenta) 1883 issues</div> <div>So. Bradford, N.Y. (Magenta) 1883 issues</div>
<div>Pi-51</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" So. Bradford, N.Y.</div> <div>1887 issues</div>	<div>Pi-52</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" Juniata, Pa. 1887 issues Gila Bend, Ariz. Dec. 23, 1882</div>	<div>Pi-53</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell"</div>	<div>Pi-54</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Seashell" Vicksburg, Colo.</div> <div>July 29, 1883-Oct. 18, 1883</div>	
<div>Pi-55</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie"</div> <div>1890 issues</div>	<div>Pi-56</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie" Springfield, Mass.</div> <div>1875 - Feb. 27, 1878</div>	<div>Pi-57</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie"</div>	<div>Pi-58</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie" Colorado Springs, Colo.</div>	<div>Pi-59</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie"</div> <div>1879 issues</div>
<div>Pi-60</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Bowtie" (Red)</div>	<div>Pi-61</div> <div>III</div> <div></div> <div>"Baseballs, Bats & Diamond" Waterbury, Conn.</div> <div>June 24, 187?</div>	<div>Pi-62</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"Apple"</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	<div>Pi-63</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Apple"</div> <div>1875 issues</div>	<div>Pi-64</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"Apple"</div> <div>1879 issues</div>

<div>Pi-65</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"Scissors and Ribbon"</div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>Pi-66</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"Pipe"</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	<div>Pi-67</div> <div>III</div> <div></div> <div>"Locomotive" South Hanson, Mass.</div> <div>1879-83 issues</div>	<div>Pi-68</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"Lamp" Pittsburgh, Pa.</div> <div>Dec. 3, 1875</div>	<div>Pi-69</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"Featherduster" Ogdensburg, N.Y.</div> <div>1883 Envelope</div>
<div>Pi-70</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"Card Suits" (Blue)</div> <div>1870 Issues</div>	<div>Pi-71</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"Wheat Shock" Sudbury, Mass.</div> <div>Feb. 7, 1887</div>	<div>Pi-72</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Ship"</div> <div>Official issues</div>	<div>Pi-73</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Chanukah Menorah" (Jewish Candelabra)</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	<div>Pi-74</div> <div>III-</div> <div></div> <div>"Crown & Cross"</div>
<div>Pi-75</div> <div>III-</div> <div></div> <div>"Crown"</div> <div>1879 issues</div>	<div>Pi-76</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Spade" Hartford, Conn.</div> <div>1881 issues</div>	<div>Pi-77</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Spades" New Orleans, La.</div>	<div>Pi-78</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Spade"</div>	<div>Pi-79</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Spade" Naugatuck, Conn.</div> <div>1873 issues</div>
<div>Pi-80</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>"Spade"</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	<div>Pi-81</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>Bloomfield, Iowa</div> <div>Aug. 12, 1873</div>	<div>Pi-82</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"Rocking Chair"</div> <div>1887 issues</div>	<div>Pi-83</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>"Log" Dowagiac, Mich. (Blue)</div> <div>1873 issues</div>	








The South Hanson, Mass. "locomotive," on a piece of War Department Official 3¢ red indicia on a blue envelope, Scott U054. This piece, shown through courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, and one full cover are all the examples that have been recorded of this marking.

AN-1	III	AN-2	III	AN-3	III	AN-4	III	AN-5	III
									
"Pig"		"Pig"		"Pig" Corry, Pa.		"Pig"		"Camel"	

1873 issues

1870 issues

1870 issues

AN-6	III-	AN-7	III-	AN-8	III-	AN-9	III-	AN-10	II
									
"Horse" Northampton, Mass.				"Horse"		"Horse"		"Mule" Hastings, N.Y.	
1883 issues		1883 issues		1881 issues		1873 issues		1883 issues	

AN-11

II

These cancels were produced by C.A. Klinkner & Co. of Oakland, Cal. and were used in the following towns:

Goleta, Ca. - Nov. 11, 1880-Feb. 10, 1885. (Black, Purple)

Susanville, Ca. - July 6, 1881-Aug. 10, 1882 (Black) (Scarce.)

Forbestown, Ca. - Mar. 2, 1882-Sept. 8, 1892.
(Early - Black, Later - Brown, Violet, Violet-Brown)








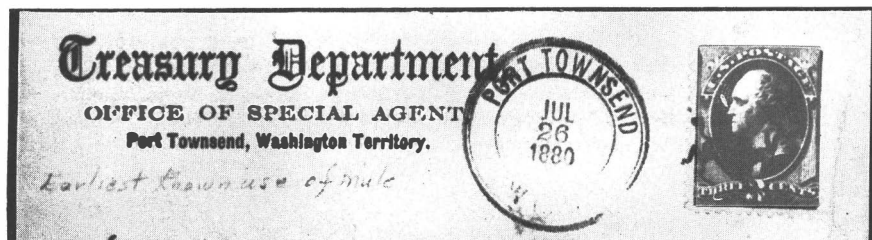
"Kicking Mule"

Neah Bay, Wash. - June 12, 1883-May 31, 1886 (Black)

Port Townsend, Wash. - July 19, 1880-Feb. 7, 1887
(Black)

At least one cover with a Klinknerville, Alameda Co., Cal. postmark and a kicking mule cancel is known, dated Feb. 23, 1890. This cover is deemed to be a fake for several reasons, such as Klinknerville being discontinued two years before the postmark date on the cover.











AN-12	III	AN-13	III	AN-14	III	AN-15	II+	AN-16	I
									
"Leaping Stag"		"Leaping Stag"		"Bull"		"Leaping Cow"		"Bat"	
1890 issues		(Red) 1870 issues		1883 issues				1883 issues	




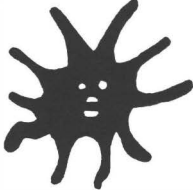














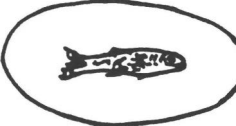

















An early use of the Port Townsend, Washington kicking mule cancel, duplexed, on July 26, 1880.

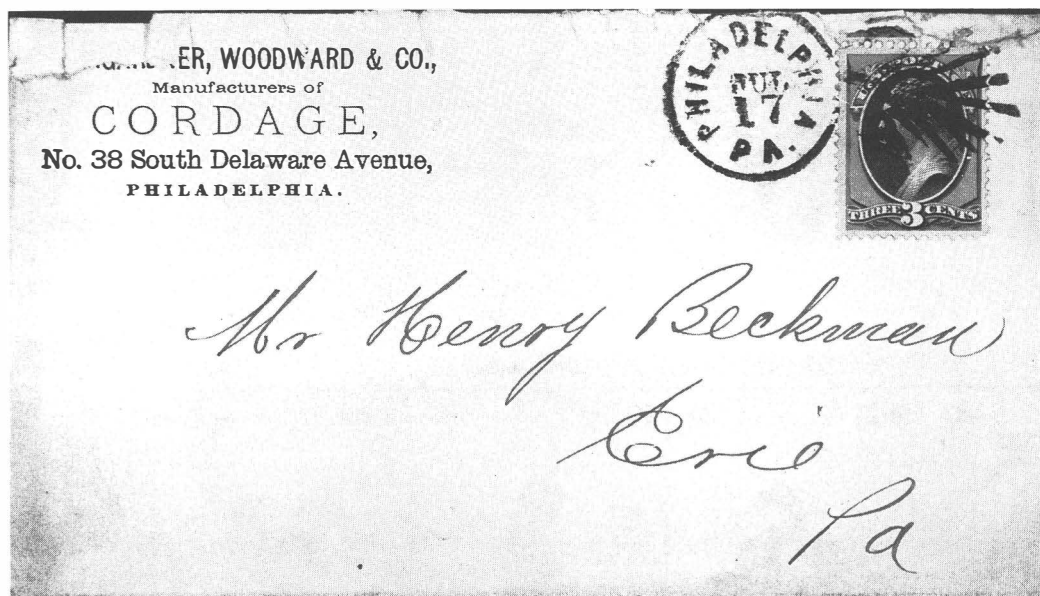


A montage of covers with kicking mule cancels. Above, Goleta and Forbestown, California duplexes. At left, Port Townsend, Washington duplexed and individual cancels of 1885 and 1890.

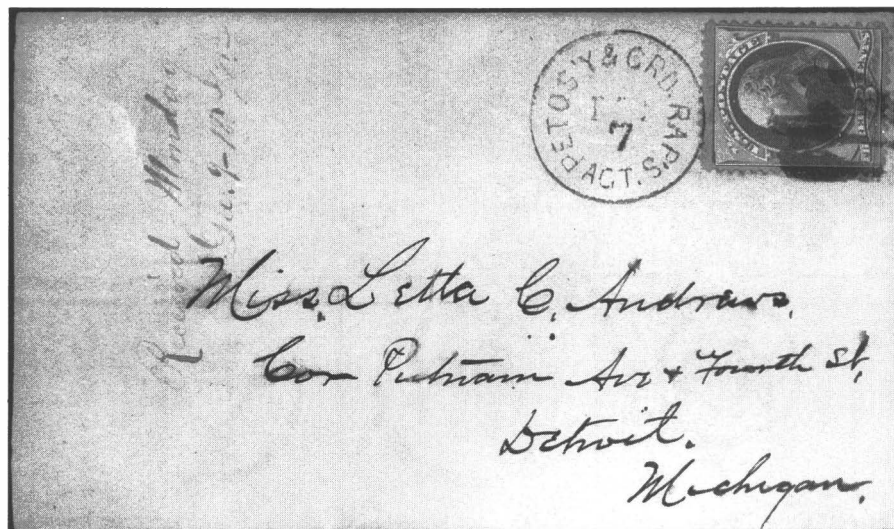
AN-17 III	AN-18 III	AN-19 II	AN-20 III	AN-21 III
				
"Elephant"	"Elephant" Campello, Mass.	"Rabbit"	"Rabbit"	"Rabbit" Chicago, Ill.
1873 issues	1883 issues	1873 issues	1883 issues	1883 issues
AN-22 II	AN-23 II	AN-24 II	AN-25 II	AN-26 III-
				
"Dog" Astoria, Ore.	"Dog"	"Dog" Lansing, Mich.	"Dog"	"Dog"
1883 issues		1873 issues	1881 issues	1883 issues

AN-27	II	AN-28	II+	AN-29	II	AN-30	II		
									
"Dog"		1883 issues		Pittsburgh, Pa. 1881		"Octopus"			
1873 issues						1879 issues			
AN-31	II+	AN-32	II+	AN-33	II+	AN-34	II+	AN-35	II+
									
Guilford, Conn. 1873 issues		Charlottesville, Va. 1873 issues		"Lion" 1873 issues		Bedford, Ind. 1873 issues		"Turtle" Turtle Creek, Pa. 1890 issues	
1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues		1890 issues	
AN-36	II+	AN-37	II+	AN-38	II+	AN-39	II+	AN-40	II+
									
"Jackass" Cortland, N.Y. August, 1871		"Goat" 1873 issues		"Jackass" 1870 issues		"Deer" 1875 P.C.		"Deer"	
August, 1871		1873 issues		1870 issues		1875 P.C.		1875 P.C.	
AN-41	III-	AN-42	II+	AN-43	II+	AN-44	II+	AN-45	II+
									
"Fish" Dixon, Ca. Sept. 7, 1884		"Fish" Northford, Conn. 1873 issues		"Pickerel" Pickereltown, Ohio 1873 issues		"Fish" 1879 Issues		"Trout" Trout Lake, Colo. (Magenta) 1883 issues	
Sept. 7, 1884		1873 issues		1873 issues		1879 Issues		1883 issues	

Bi-1  "Eagle" St. Louis, Mo. March 4, 1872	II+	Bi-2  "Eagle" St. Louis, Mo. March 4, 1872	II+	Bi-3  "Flying Eagle" Wakefield, Mass. Jan. 30, 1889	II	Bi-4  "Eagle" Washington, Conn. 1883 issues	II+	Bi-5  "Eagle" 1890 issues	II+
Bi-6  "Eagle" (Blue) 1879 Issues	II+	Bi-7  "Eagle" (Blue) 1873 issues	II+	Bi-8  (Blue) 1879 issues	II+	Bi-9  1887 issues	II+	Bi-10  Waterbury, Conn. Aug. 2, 1877	III
Bi-11  "Eagle" Corry, Pa. August 2, 1870	III-	Bi-12  "Eagle"	II+	Bi-13  "Eagle"	II+	Bi-14  "Screaming Eagle" Philadelphia, Pa. 1873 issues	II+	Bi-15  New York City	II+

















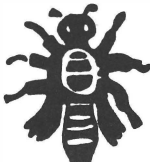



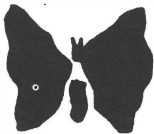






The Philadelphia "screaming eagle" duplexed cancel of the 1870s. As with many examples of these duplex handstamps, the head of the eagle doesn't show clearly.


















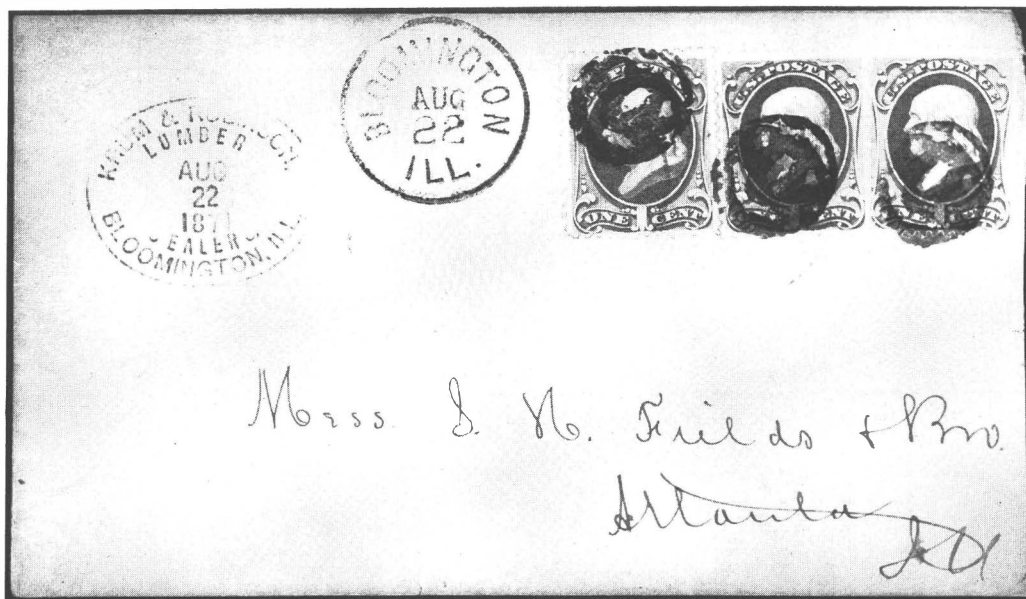
Bird cancel, applied by railroad route agent on the Petoskey & Grand Rapids, Michigan route on December 7, 1878. (BI-16A)

<p>BI-16 II+</p>  <p>"Dove"</p> <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>BI-17 II+</p>  <p>1890 issues</p>	<p>BI-18 II+</p>  <p>"Red Bird"</p> <p>(Red)</p> <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>BI-19 II-</p>  <p>"Blue Bird"</p> <p>(Blue)</p> <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>BI-20 II+</p>  <p>"Owl"</p> <p>Greenfield, Ind.</p> <p>Mar. 8, 1883</p>
<p>BI-21 II-</p>  <p>"Owl"</p> <p>Albion, Mich.</p>	<p>BI-22 II+</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>BI-23 II+</p>  <p>Moberly, Mo.</p> <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>BI-24 II+</p>  <p>"Duck"</p>	<p>BI-25 II+</p>  <p>"Duck"</p>
<p>BI-26 II+</p>  <p>"Swan"</p> <p>Northampton, Mass.</p> <p>May 15, 1884</p>	<p>BI-27 II+</p>  <p>"Swan"</p> <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>BI-28 II+</p>  <p>(Purple)</p> <p>November 4, 1875</p>	<p>BI-29 II+</p>  <p>"Weather Vane"</p>	<p>BI-30 II+</p>  <p>"Weather Vane"</p> <p>1890 issues</p>





















Bi-31 II  "Setting Hen" 1873 issues	Bi-32 II+  "Setting Hen" Carterville, Ga. 1870 issues	Bi-33 III-  "Rooster" 1883 issues	Bi-34 III-  "Rooster" 	Bi-35 II+  "Setting Hen" Albany, N.Y. 1873 issues
Bi-36 II+  1883 issues	Bi-37 II+  1873 issues	Bi-38 II+  1883 issues	Bi-39 II+  1890 issues	IN-1 II+  Keeseville, N.Y. 1890 issues
IN-2 II+  Wooster, Ohio 1873 issues	IN-3 II+  Kansas City, Mo. 1873 issues	IN-4 II+  1890 issues	IN-5 II+  Freeport, Ill. (Blue) 1870 issues	IN-6 II+  1870-73 issues
IN-7 III-  Waterbury, Conn. 1870	IN-8 III-  So. Orange, N.J. 1873 issues	IN-9 II+  	IN-10 II+  Macon, Ga. 1873 Issues	IN-11 II+ 
IN-12 II+  Bridgeport, Conn.	IN-13 II+  	IN-14 II+  1890 issues	IN-15 II+  	IN-16 II+  Iola, Ks. June 9, 1894

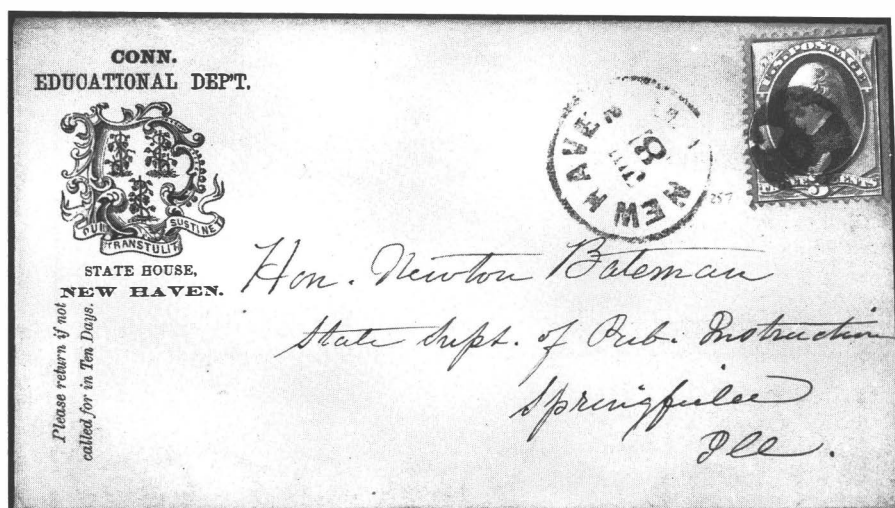
JACK-O-LANTERNS

J0-1  Minonk, Ill. 1875 issues	J0-2  Morris, Ill. 1874 Envelope	J0-3  Decatur, Ill. 1884 Envelope	J0-4  Bloomington, Ill. 1879 issues	J0-5  Roodhouse, Ill. 1873 issues
J0-6  Trempealeau, Wisc. 1885	J0-7  Kenosha, Wisc. 1873 issues	J0-8  1878	J0-9  1878	J0-10  1878
J0-11  1878	J0-12  1878	J0-13  1878	J0-14  Bloomington, Ill. Aug. 22, 1871	J0-15  1878


















The Bloomington, Ill. Jack-O-Lantern, J0-4, struck three times to cancel three 1¢ National Banknote Co. 1¢ stamps on a cover to Atlanta, Ill.

JO-16	II+	JO-17	II+	JO-18	II+	JO-19	II+	JO-20	II+
									
Oswego, N.Y.				Rondout, NY				Turners Falls, Mass.	
July 7, 1875		1873 issues		1875 issues		1879 issues		1883 issues	
JO-21	II+	JO-22	II+	JO-23	II+	JO-24	II+	JO-25	II+
									
Boston, Mass.						Providence, R.I.			
1873 issues		1873 issues		1870 issues		1879 issues		1873 issues	
JO-26	II+	JO-27	II+	JO-28	II+	JO-29	II+	JO-30	II+
									
Old Orchard, Me.				Dexter, Me.		Thomaston, Me.		Lewiston, Me.	
August 12, 1890		1890 issues		1875 P.C.				1879-81 issues	
JO-31	II+	JO-32	II+	JO-33	II+	JO-34	II+	JO-35	II+
									
(Red)				Hastings, Mich. (Purple)					
1881 Issues		1890 issues		1873 issues		1883 Issues		1873 issues	



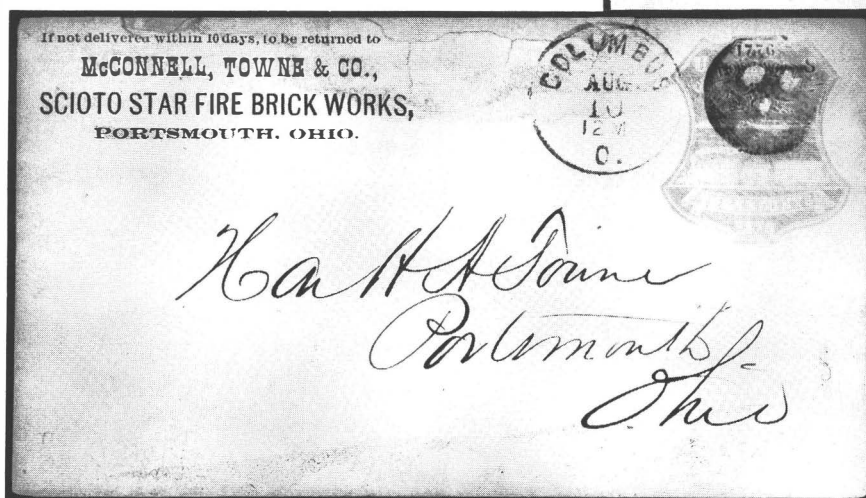
A New Haven, Connecticut Jack-O-Lantern, on a 3¢ green Banknote stamp on a cover from New Haven to Springfield, Ill.

J0-36	II+	J0-37	II+	J0-38	II+	J0-39	II+	J0-40	II+
Vicksburg, Miss.		New Haven, Conn.		Tobyhanna Mills, Pa.		Corry, Pa.		Santa Cruz, Ca.	
1873 issues		1870 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues			
J0-41	II+	J0-42	II+	J0-43	II+	J0-44	II	J0-45	II
Newton & Galveston R.P.O.		McCook, Neb.				Philadelphia, Pa.		Ann Arbor, Mich.	
1890 issues		May 18, 1894		1883 issues		1873 issues			
J0-46	II+	J0-47	II+	J0-48	II+	J0-49	II+	J0-50	II+
Geneseo, Ill.		Virginia, Ill.		Rushville, Ill.					
1890 issues		1883 issues		September 6, 1887		1873 issues		1879 Issues	





















<p>J0-51 II+</p>  <p>1887 issues,</p>	<p>J0-52 II+</p>  <p>Providence, R.I.</p>	<p>J0-53 II+</p>  <p>Carlinville, Ill.</p> <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>J0-54 II+</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>J0-55 II+</p>  <p>Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>1873 issues</p>
<p>J0-56 II+</p>  <p>Springfield, Ill.</p> <p>1870 issues</p>	<p>J0-57 II+</p>  <p>Aiken, S.C.</p> <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>J0-58 II+</p>  <p>1890 issues</p>	<p>J0-59 II+</p>  <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>J0-60 II+</p> 
<p>J0-61 II</p> 	<p>J0-62 II</p>  <p>Rochester, Minn.</p> <p>1873 issues</p>	<p>J0-63 II</p>  <p>Baltimore, Md.</p> <p>July 18, 1871</p>	<p>J0-64 II</p>  <p>Troutville, Pa.</p> <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>J0-65 II+</p>  <p>New York City (?)</p>

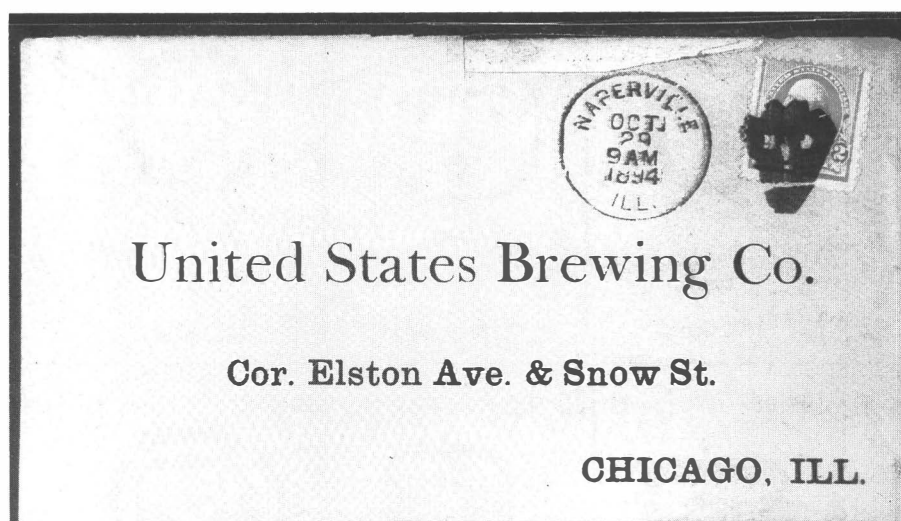
Columbus, Ohio mask (right) and jack-o-lantern (left) cancels of the 1870s. These designs show the tendency of postal clerks to keep carving similar cork designs, each slightly different.

(J0-55A) (II+)














The cover at left has its red centennial stamped envelope design faded photographically to better show the cancel.






J0-66  Pittsburgh, Pa. June 8-13, 1876	J0-67  Yreka, Ca. 1873 issues	J0-68  Independence, Ks. 1879 issues	J0-69  Hartford, Conn. 	J0-70  Winchester, KY 1873 issues
J0-71  1883 issues	J0-72  1881 issues	J0-73  New York City	J0-74  Sherman, Tx. August 16, 1872	J0-75  1870 issues
J0-76  Fairview, Ill. May 9, 1881	J0-77  Waverly, Iowa January 1, 1886	J0-78  1873 Issues	J0-79  Springfield, Mo. 1873 issues	J0-80  1873 Issues
J0-81  New Haven, Conn. September 8, 1873	J0-82  1890 issues	J0-83  1873 issues	J0-84  New York City (?)	J0-85  1883 Issues





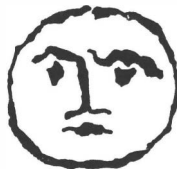
















The Naperville, Illinois stylized "Devil's" mask of the 1890s differs in shape and form from most of the earlier mask cancels.





















J0-86	II+	J0-87	II+	J0-88	II	J0-89	II	J0-90	II	J0-91	II
											
Naperville, Ill.				During the mid 1870's, the New York Post Office used several different "Devil Mask" cancels							
Oct. 11-Nov. 15, 1894		1890 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues			



















J0-92	II+	J0-93	II+	J0-94	II+	J0-95	II+	J0-96	II+
									
Providence, R.I.		The St. Louis, Mo. Post Office used several "Sun Face" cancels during this period.							
January 30, 1879		1873 issues		September 1872		1873 issues		1873 issues	

J0-97	II+	J0-98	II+	J0-99	II+	J0-100	II+	J0-101	II+
									
St. Louis, Mo.						Jefferson, Tx.		Auburn, Ohio	
July 24-Aug. 17, 1872		August 15, 1872				1870 issues		1873 issues	

MASKS


















JO-102  New York City 1873 issues	II	JO-103  Wilcox, Pa. 1873 issues	II	JO-104  1870 Issues	II	JO-105  Peoria, Ill. 1873 issues	II+	JO-106  Canton, Ill. June 14, 1880 or 81	II+
JO-107  Boston, Mass.	II	JO-108  1883 issues	II	JO-109  Ft. Leavenworth, Ks. 1883 issues	II+	JO-110  1873 issues	II+	JO-111  Terry, Miss. 1873 issues	II+
JO-112  1883 issues	II+	JO-113  1883 issues	II+	JO-114  1890 issues	II+	JO-115  "Indian" 1890 issues	II+	JO-116  1883 issues	II
JO-117  "Indian Head Penny"	II+	JO-118  "Indian" Upper Sandusky, Ohio 1873 issues	III-	JO-119  "Liberty Head" Naperville, Ill. (Purple) 1873 issues	II+	JO-120  "Trojan Soldier" Cornwall Bridge, Litchfield Co., Conn. (Purple) March 2, 1887	II+	JO-121  "Trojan Soldier" 1870 issues	II

JO-122  1870-73 issues	II+ JO-123  1873 issues	II+ JO-124  1873 issues	II+ JO-125  Owosso, Mich. 1883 issues	II+ JO-126  1887 issues
III- JO-127  Auburn, Me. May 3, 1887	II+ JO-128  Quincy, Ill. 1881 issues	II+ JO-129  Cleveland, Ohio 1873 issues	III- JO-130  1873 issues	III- JO-131  Chicago, Ill. 1870 issues
II+ JO-132  1873 issues	III- JO-133  1873 issues	III- JO-134  New York City 1883 issues	III- JO-135  1873 issues	JO-136  1882 issues
II+ JO-137  1882	II+ JO-138  Kenosha, Wisc. 1882	II+ JO-139  Des Moines, Iowa 1876 envelope	II+ JO-140  1887 issues	III- JO-141  Sioux City & Pacific R.P.O.





















JO-142  1873 Issues	II+	JO-143  Toledo, Ohio 1870 issues	II+	JO-144  Ft. Cummings, N. M. 1870 envelope	II+	JO-145  Bloomington, Ill. 1873 issues	III-		
JO-146  Official issues	III-	JO-147  Morris, Ill. 1883 issues	II+	JO-148  Norwich, N.Y. 1873 issues	II+	JO-149  Coudersport, Pa. 1873-75 issues	II+	JO-150  Humboldt Park Sta Chicago, Ill. Columbian issues	II+
JO-151  1890 issues	II+	JO-152  Warsaw, N.Y. 1874	III-	JO-153  "Woman in Bonnet" Columbus, Ohio September 2, 1880	II+	JO-154  Alton, Ill. 1887 issues	II+	JO-155  Hoopeston, Ill. 1883 issues	II+
JO-156  Louisiana, Mo. 1883 issues	II+	JO-157  "Queen Nefertiti" 1890 issues	II+	JO-158  "Liberty Head" 1873 issues	III-	JO-159  "Washington" 1879 issues	II	JO-160  "Indian" 1883 issues	II

<p>JO-161 II+</p>  <p>"Indian" Troutville, Pa. Head Tide, Me. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>JO-162 II+</p>  <p>"Indian" Damon's Crossing, Vt. September 23, 1884 Chug Water, Wyo. B.F. Kelley - P.M. April 26, 1882</p>	<p>JO-163 II+</p>  <p>"Indian" 1870 issues</p>	<p>JO-164 II+</p>  <p>"Indian" Cranes, N.M. (Blue) March 6-14, 1885</p>	<p>JO-165 II</p>  <p>"Indian" 1870 issues</p>
<p>JO-166 II</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" 1883 issues</p>	<p>JO-167 II</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" 1883 issues</p>	<p>JO-168 II</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" 1883 issues</p>	<p>JO-169 III-</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" Thumbing Nose (Blue) 1873 issues</p>	<p>JO-170 II</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" (Blue) 1873 issues</p>
<p>JO-171 II+</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" 1883 issues</p>	<p>JO-172 II+</p>  <p>"Man In The Moon" 1873 issues</p>	<p>JO-173 II</p>  <p>(Blue) 1873 issues</p>	<p>JO-174 III-</p>  <p> 1883 issues</p>	<p>JO-175 III-</p>  <p>Los Angeles, Ca. 1883 issues</p>
<p>JO-176 II+</p>  <p>"Gingerbread Man" Boston, Mass. 1873 issues</p>	<p>JO-177 III-</p>  <p>"PO" 1883</p>	<p>JO-178 III-</p>  <p>Brattleboro, Vt. 1883</p>	<p>JO-179 III-</p>  <p>January 13, 1874</p>	<p>JO-180 III-</p>  <p>"Man In Coffin" Harrisburg, Pa. 1873 issues</p>





FIGURES, SKULL & CROSSBONES


JO-181  "Mother & Baby" Cornwall Bridge, Conn.	III- SK-1 	III- SK-2 	III- SK-3  (Blue) 1873-79 issues	III- SK-4 
SK-5  1870-73 issues	II+ SK-6  Lockwood, N.Y. (Blue) 1875	III- SK-7  (Purple) 1881 issues	III- SK-8  Waverly, N.Y. February 15-26, 1886	III- SK-9  Kansas City, Mo. 1879 issues
III- SK-10  Dixon, Ill. 1873 issues	III- SK-11  Kansas City, Mo. 1873 issues	III- SK-12  1879 issues	III- SK-13  Mt. Vernon, Ohio 1873 issues	III- SK-14  1890 issues
III- SK-15  Boston & Albany RPO 1879 issues				

Mt. Vernon, Ohio skull and crossbones, used early in the Banknote period.

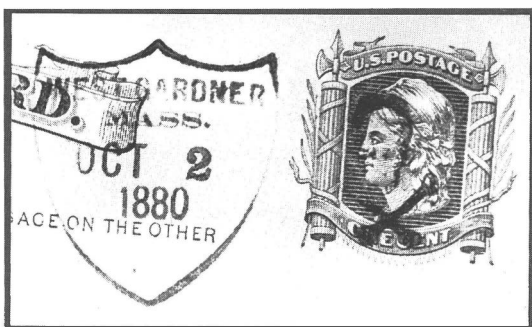
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_____ Charleston, W. Va. _____				Monticello, Ill.		Kankakee, Ill.			
1870 issues		February 15, 1886		1873 issues		1875 P.C.		1870 issues	
SK-21	III-	SK-22	III-	SK-23	III-	SK-24	III-	SK-25	III-
									
		_____ Stoneham, Mass. _____							
1873 issues		Columbian issues		June 16-27, 1887		1883 issues		1883 issues	
SK-26	III-	SK-27	III-	SK-28	III-	SK-29	III-	SK-30	III-
									
_____ Columbus, Ind. _____						Ochoaville, Ariz.			
1870 issues				1890 Issues		October 15, 1884		1883 issues	
SK-31	III-	SK-32	III-	SK-33	III-	SK-34	III-	SK-35	III-
									
				Logan, Iowa					
1883 issues		1882 issues		January 20, 1884		1873 issues		1879 issues	

SK-36	II+	SK-37		III-	SK-38	III-	SK-39	III-
								
Official issues		West Gardner, Mass. October 2, 1880 - July 20, 1881			Irwin, Gunnison Co., Colo. August 5, 1880		Ballston, N.Y. October 14, 1876	




















SK-40	III-	SK-41	III-	SK-42	III-	SK-43	III-	SK-44	III-
									
Poplar Grove, Ark.				1883 issues		Hume, Ill. (Purple) 1890 issues		1879 issues	

SK-45	III-	SK-46	III-	SK-47	III-	SK-48	III-	SK-49	III-
									
1883 issues		1873 issues		Greenfield, Mass. April 16, 1886		1873 issues		Wichita & Pan Handle R.P.O. East January 5, 1893	





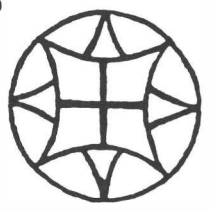
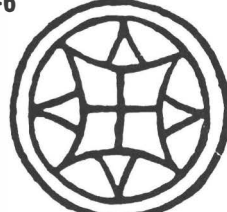
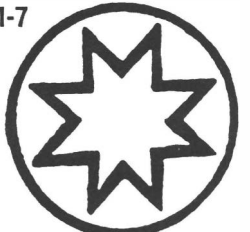
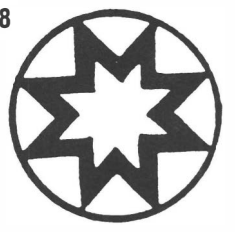
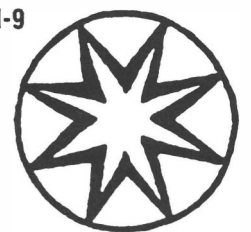
SK-50	III-	SK-51	III	SK-52	III	HF-1	II+	HF-2	II
									
		Pittsburgh, Pa. November 25-29, 1873		December 4-14, 1873		Columbian issues		Columbus, Ohio 1881 issues	

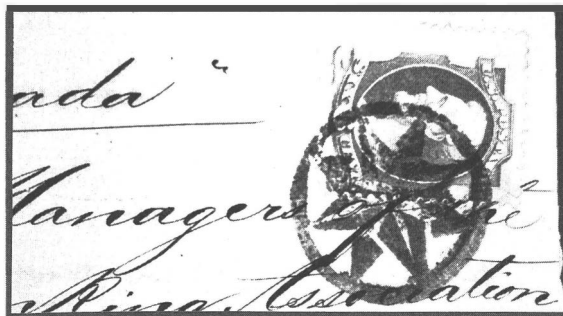


The West Gardiner, Massachusetts postmaster used a shield-shaped postmark with skull and crossbones cancel apparently duplexed. Although the shield shaped postmark was available commercially (often for money order business), the outline design of the skull part of the cancel, different from other such cancels, indicate it was a homemade duplexed device.

HF-3  Eagle Mills, N.Y. 1887 issues	II+	HF-4  "Shaking Hands" Worcester, Mass. December 4, 1881 These were issued by the Postmaster to help heal feelings after the Civil War.	II	HF-5  December 4, 1881	III	HF-6  December 21, 1880	III
HF-7  Packerton, Ind. May 12, 1886	II	HF-8  1883 issues	II	HF-9  Sumter, Ill. 1884 envelope	II	HF-10  1873 issues	II
HF-11  1879 issues	II	HF-12  Lansing, Mich. 1873 issues	II	HF-13  1879 issues	II	HF-14  Columbian issues	II
HF-15  Pittsburgh, Pa. 1879 issues	II	HF-16  1879 issues	II	HF-17  1870 issues	II	HF-18  1879 issues	II
HF-19  Mittineague, Mass. 1870 issues	II	HF-20  (Blue) April 30, 1874	II	HF-21  (Blue) April 22-27, 1874	II	Some of these were intended to be used with legends such as "Return To Sender" and Not As Killers.	

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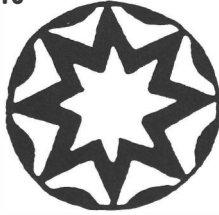
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NYFM-4  (Brown, Black, Red) Mar. 26, 1873-Apr. 10, 1875	Blk II- Red II Brn. II+	NYFM-5  (Black, Red) Feb. 3-13, 1875	II+	NYFM-6  Jan. 13-15, 1875	II+
NYFM-7  (Black, Red) July 8-Aug. 25, 1874	II-	NYFM-8  (Possibly Various Stages of the Same Cancel) (Black, Red) Aug. 29-Sept. 8, 1874	II-	NYFM-9  (Black, Red) Jan. 10, 1874-June 1875	II-



NFM-1 on a cover to England, July 29, 1873, per the Guion Line's Nevada.

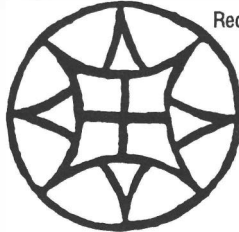
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1873-75 Issues

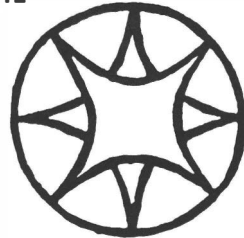
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Blk. II-
Red & Claret II(Black, Red,
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Jan. 13-Feb. 20, 1875

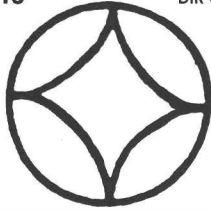
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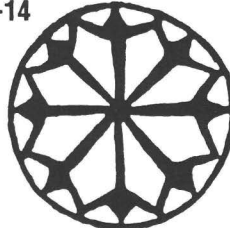
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Blk & Red II-
Claret II(Black, Red, Claret)
Dec. 12, 1873-At least 1875

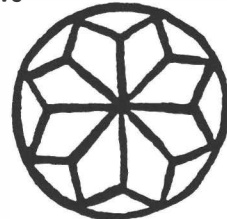
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Mar. 27-May 12, 1875

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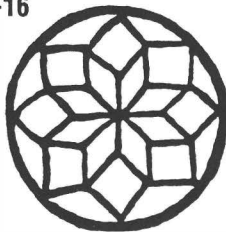
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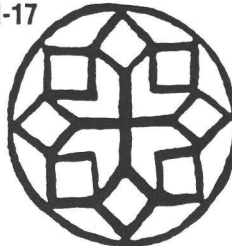
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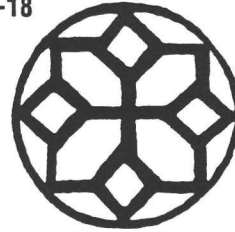
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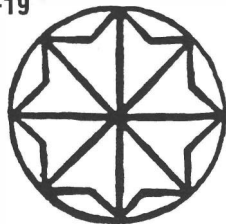
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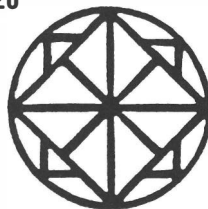
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Aug. 13-Dec. 16, 1874

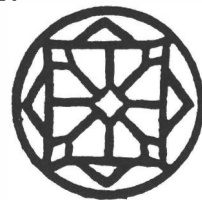
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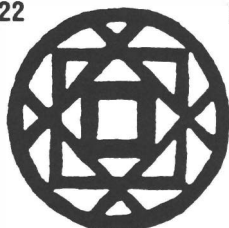
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Dec. 9, 1874-June 22, 1875

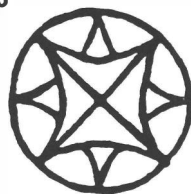
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Sept. 8-Oct. 31, 1874

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Red II

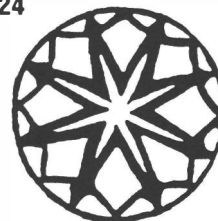
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Jan. 21-Feb. 17, 1875

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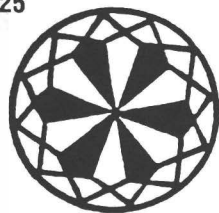
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Apr. 1-May 20, 1875

II+

NYFM-25



June 22-Sept. 30, 1875

II+

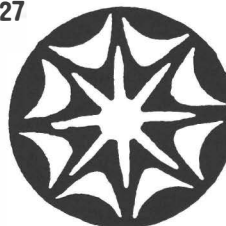
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Aug. 2, 1873-May 20, 1875

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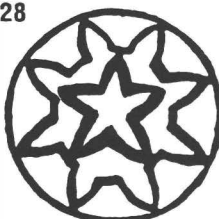
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Mar. 10, 1877

II

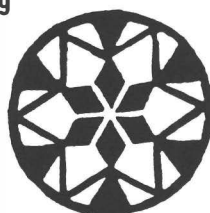
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Feb. 3, 1873-May 15, 1875

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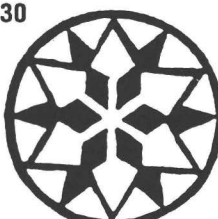
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Feb. 26-Apr. 23, 1875

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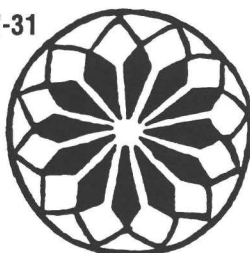
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Apr. 21-June 21, 1875

III-

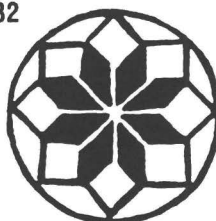
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Dec. 9, 1875-Dec. 23, 1876

II-

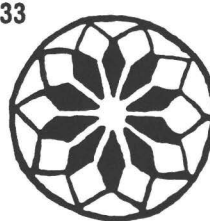
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(Black, Red)
May 29-June 14, 1875

II

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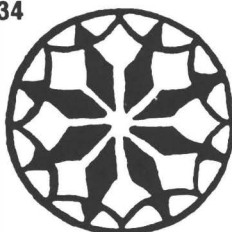


(Black, Red, Claret & Red Brown)
Sept. 1-2, 1875

II+

NYFM-34

II-



(Black, Red) Mar. 13-June 7, 1875

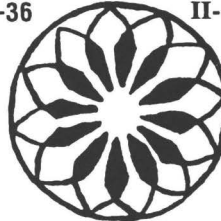
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-II

(Black, Red)
Apr. 28, 1875-Feb. 1876

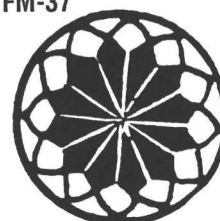
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II-

(Black, Red)
May 18-Oct. 23, 1875

NYFM-37

II-

(Black, Red) June 16,
1875-June 17, 1876

(These Three May Be Various Stages of the Same Cancel)

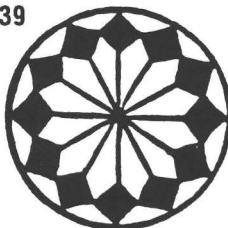
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II

(Red)
May 2-June 11, 1873

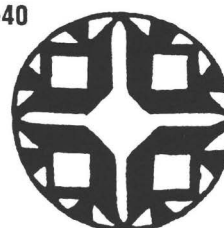
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June 24-July 30, 1875

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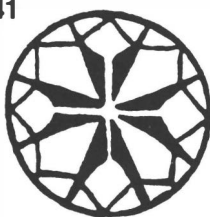
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May 1, 1876

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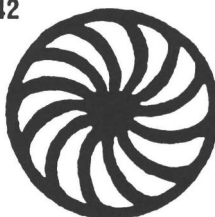
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Jan. 20-May 6, 1876

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(Black, Red)
Sept. 8, 1875

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(Black, Red)
Aug. 7 - Sept. 25, 1875

NYFM-44

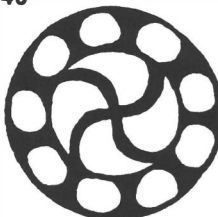
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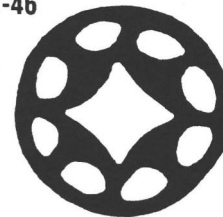
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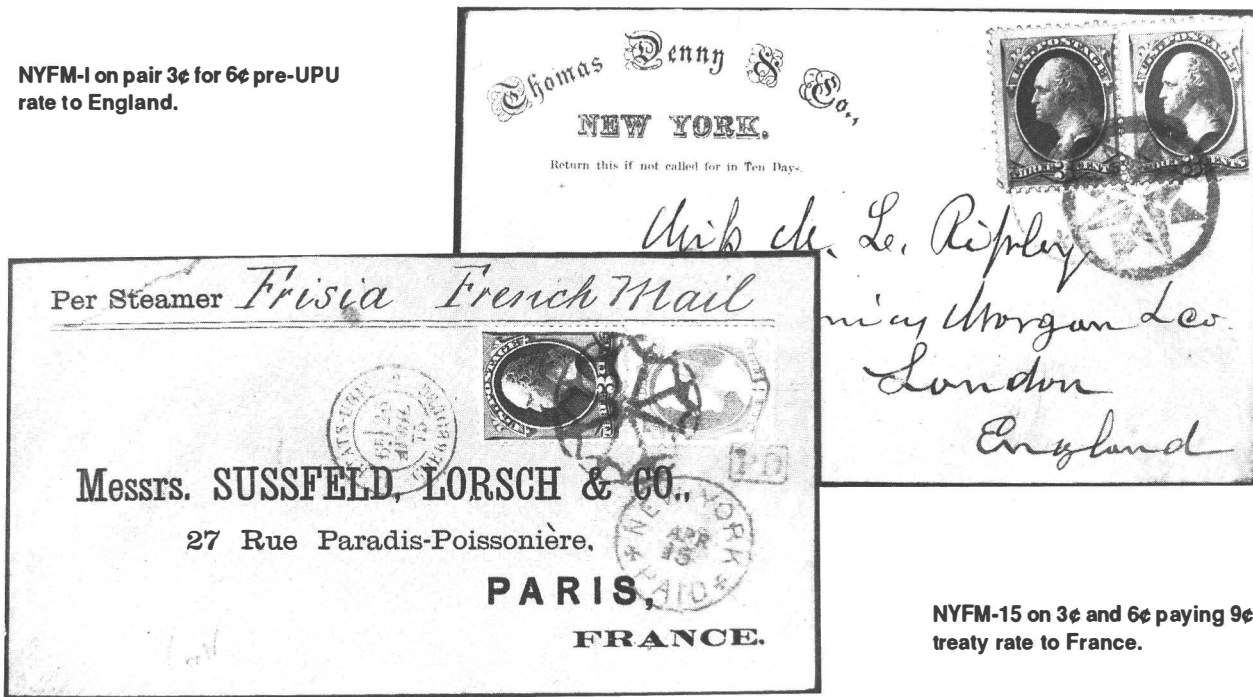
(Black, Red)
Feb. 12, 1874-Oct. 16, 1876

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Aug. 21, 1873

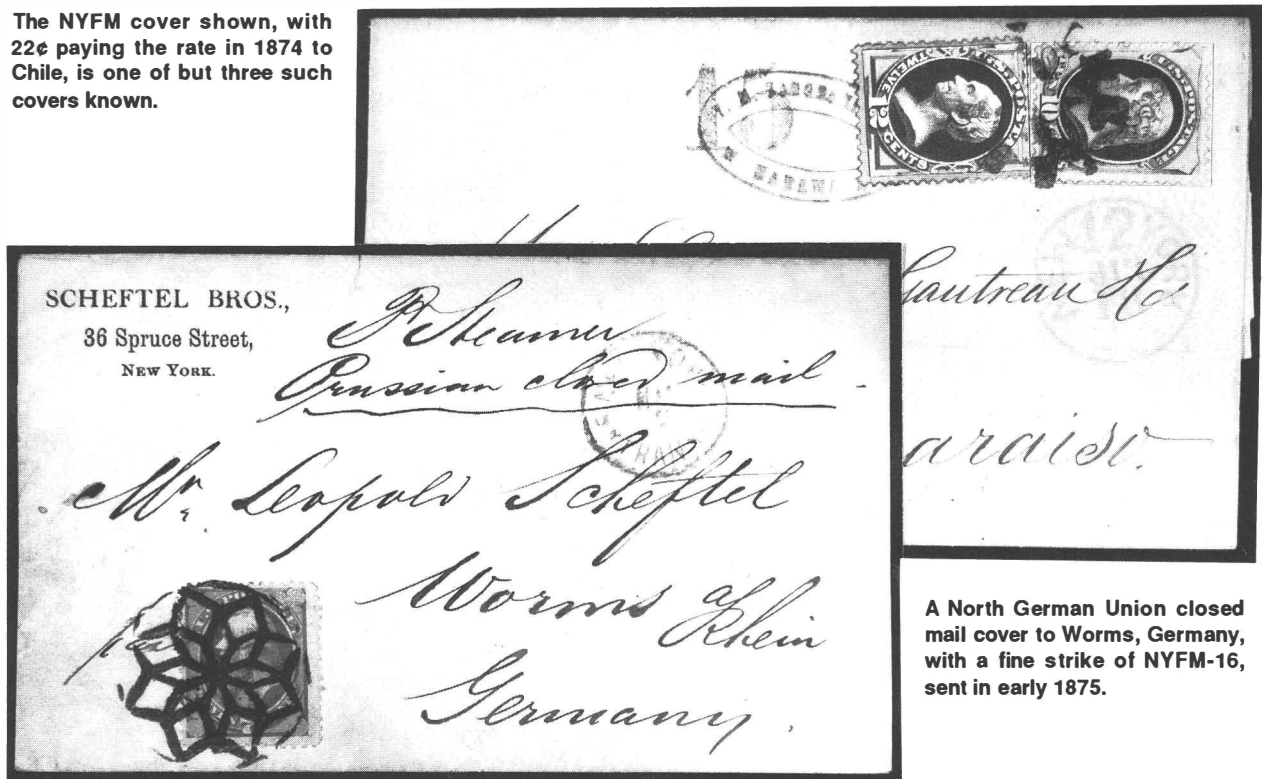
NYFM-I on pair 3¢ for 6¢ pre-UPU rate to England.



NYFM-15 on 3¢ and 6¢ paying 9¢ treaty rate to France.

Most of the covers sent from New York via the New York Foreign Mail exchange section in the 1870s were to England or to destinations via England in the Banknote period prior to August 1874, as there was no postal treaty with France until then after 1870. Thus, the New York Foreign Mail markings of this period are usually on 3¢ or 6¢ Banknote stamps.

The NYFM cover shown, with 22¢ paying the rate in 1874 to Chile, is one of but three such covers known.

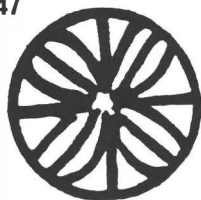


A North German Union closed mail cover to Worms, Germany, with a fine strike of NYFM-16, sent in early 1875.

New York Foreign Mail covers, as demonstrated by these two covers, are collected by destination and also because many bear higher value stamps. The upper cover not only is to a rare destination but bears high value stamps. The lower cover bears the 7¢ stamp, which was issued especially to cover the rates by PCM. The stamps on both covers are the Continental printings. The cancel on the upper cover has been identified as NYFM-45, but an example from a badly worn canceler.

NYFM-47

II-



(Black, Red, Claret)
Jan. 21, 1875

NYFM-48

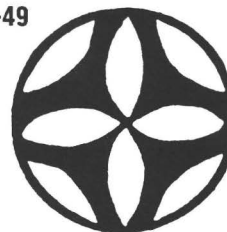
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Apr. 30, 1878

NYFM-49

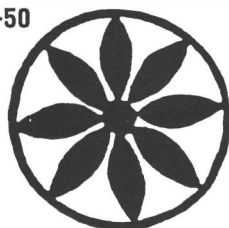
II+



Mar.-June 15, 1876

NYFM-50

III-



(Unconfirmed on Cover)
1873 Issues

NYFM-51

III



Dec. 1874

NYFM-52

II+



May 1-11, 1872

NYFM-53

II



(Black, Red)
Nov. 19-Dec. 15, 1871

NYFM-54

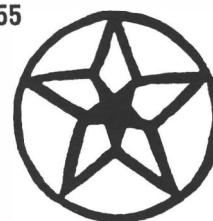
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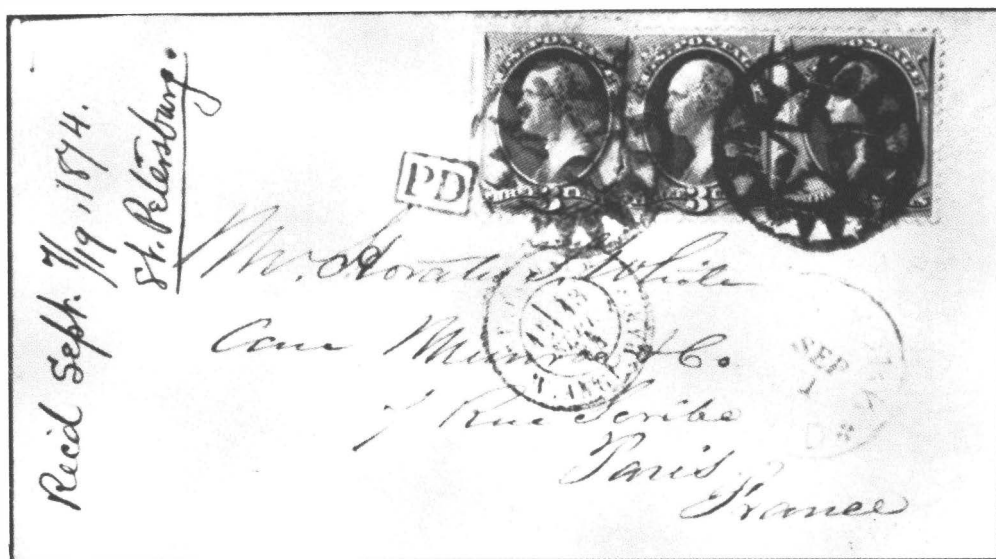
Oct. 16, 1872-Mar. 2, 1873

NYFM-55







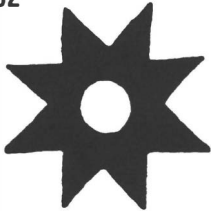








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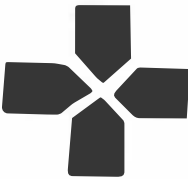
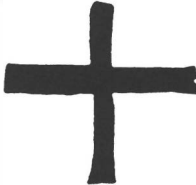

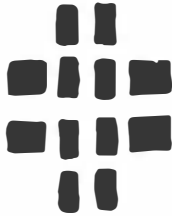
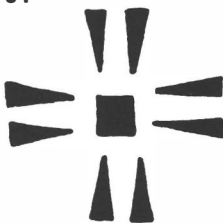
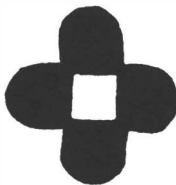


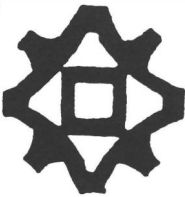

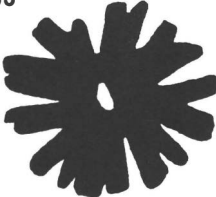
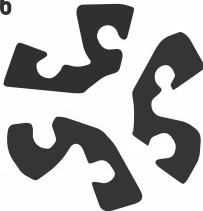

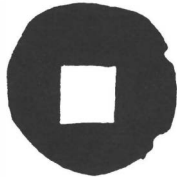

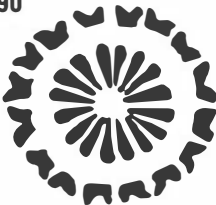




(Black, Red)
Sept. 17-Nov. 30, 1874

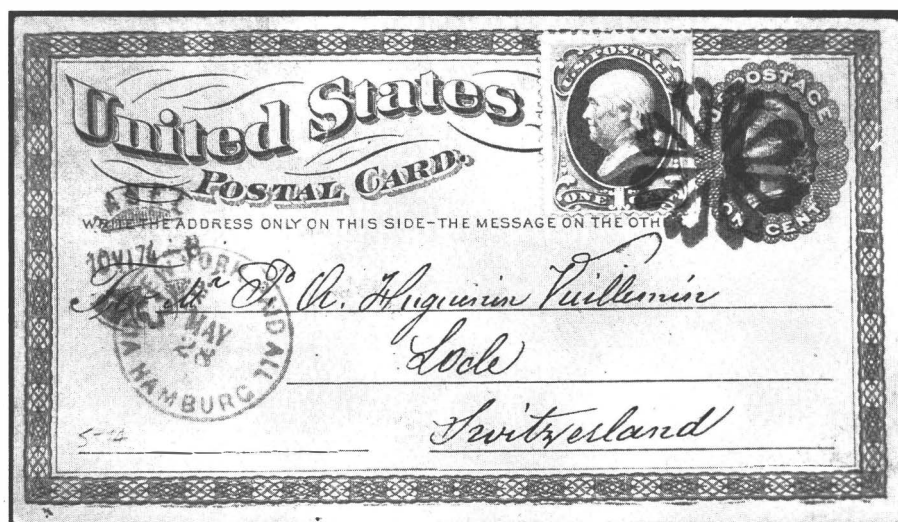


NYFM-58 on a cover sent to France in Sept. 1874 at the 9¢ treaty rate, prepaid by a pair and a single of the 3¢ green Continental Banknote Co. stamp. The cover was sent on from France to St. Petersburg, Russia, per a private forwarder.

<p>NYFM-56</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Oct. 1-Dec. 24, 1874</p>	II-	<p>NYFM-57</p>  <p>Mar. 8, 187?</p>	III	<p>NYFM-58</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Aug. 5-Sept. 29, 1874</p>	II
<p>NYFM-59</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Dec. 10-23, 1873</p>	II	<p>NYFM-60</p>  <p>(Black, Red) May 4, 1870-Apr. 13, 1872</p>	II	<p>NYFM-61</p>  <p>Sept. 1, 1873-Oct. 8, 1878</p>	II+
<p>NYFM-62</p>  <p>(Black, Red) May 23, 1871-July 14, 1877</p>	II-	<p>NYFM-63</p>  <p>(Black, Red) May 18-July 13, 1872</p>	II	<p>NYFM-64</p>  <p>Jan. 1, 1873</p>	II+
<p>NYFM-65</p>  <p>July 9-Sept. 18, 1873</p>	II+	<p>NYFM-66</p>  <p>(Black, Red) 1870 Issues</p>	II+	<p>NYFM-67</p>  <p>July 24, 1873</p>	III-
<p>NYFM-68</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Mar. 30-Dec. 23, 1875 "Fouled Anchor"</p>	III	<p>NYFM-69</p>  <p>(Black, Red) June 6-July 3, 1871</p>	II+	<p>NYFM-70</p>  <p>Nov. 20-Dec. 17, 1873</p>	III-

<p>NYFM-71</p> <p>III-</p>  <p>Apr. 30-May 14, 1872</p>	<p>NYFM-72</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Sept. 5-Oct. 7, 1873</p>	<p>NYFM-73</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>May 1-July 10, 1873</p>
<p>NYFM-74</p> <p>III-</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Jan. 9, 1873</p>	<p>NYFM-75</p> <p>III-</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Feb. 8-Nov. 16, 1873</p>	<p>NYFM-76</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>Jan. 29-Feb. 12, 1873</p>
<p>NYFM-77</p> <p>III-</p>  <p>Mar. 1-4, 1871</p>	<p>NYFM-78</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>May 8, 1872</p>	<p>NYFM-79</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>Jan. 19, 1871-May 18, 1872</p>
<p>NYFM-80</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>Dec. 16, 1871</p>	<p>NYFM-81</p> <p>II</p>  <p>Feb. 19-Mar. 15, 1873</p>	<p>NYFM-82</p> <p>II+</p>  <p>Sept. 14, 1871</p>

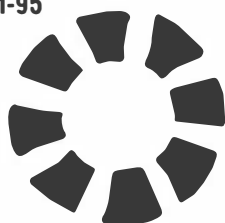
<p>NYFM-83 II+</p>  <p>June 27-29, 1872</p>	<p>NYFM-84 Blk. I+ Red II-</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Mar. 25, 1871-Sept. 28, 1872</p>	<p>NYFM-85 II+</p>  <p>Dec. 9, 1876</p>
<p>NYFM-86 II+</p>  <p>(Black, Red) June 4, 1873-Aug. 30, 1874</p>	<p>NYFM-87 II</p>  <p>June 5-15, 1872</p>	<p>NYFM-88 II</p>  <p>Jan. 28-Mar. 6, 1873</p>
<p>NYFM-89 III</p>  <p>(Black, Red) May 9-Nov. 13, 1871</p>	<p>NYFM-90 II-</p>  <p>(Black, Red) Nov. 25, 1874-Feb. 27, 1875</p>	<p>NYFM-91 II+</p>  <p>Mar. 25-Oct. 5, 1871</p>
<p>NYFM-92 II+</p>  <p>(Black, Red) July 1870-Oct. 29, 1871</p>	<p>NYFM-93 II+</p>  <p>(Black, Red) June 11-18, 1870</p>	<p>NYFM-94 III-</p>  <p>(Black, Red) July 1870-Aug. 29, 1874</p>



NYFM-99 on a postal card to Switzerland in May 1874. Postage was two cents on postal cards sent via Hamburg or Bremen, so a 1¢ Banknote stamp had to be added.

NYFM-95

II



(Black, Red)
Sept. 25, 1873-Apr. 4, 1874

NYFM-96

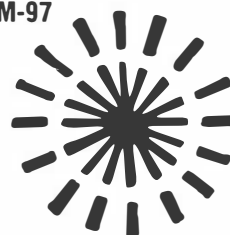
II-



Oct. 14-Dec. 7, 1876

NYFM-97

Blk II-
Red II-
Claret II



(Black, Red, Claret)
Dec. 8-20, 1874

NYFM-98

II+



(Black, Red)
Mar. 5-July 27, 1870

NYFM-99

II-



(Black, Red)
Mar. 30-Sept. 1874

NYFM-100



















Blk. II-
Red II





















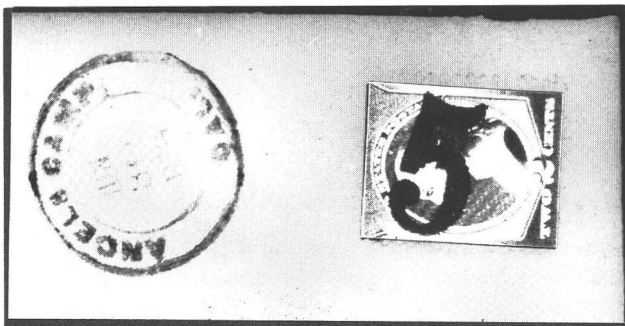
(Black, Red)
Oct. 10, 1871-Feb. 10, 1873

NUMERALS & RATE MARKINGS
















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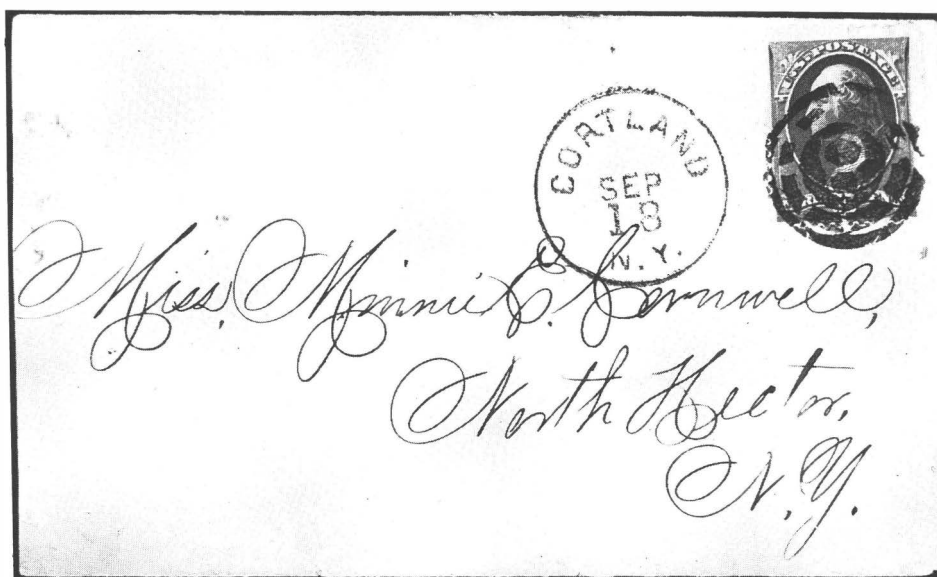
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NU-4 I  1883 Issues	NU-5 I  Official Issues	NU-6 I  1873 Issues	NU-7 I  1883 Issues	NU-8 I  1887 Issues			
NU-9 I  (Purple) 1879 Issues	NU-10 I  1873 Issues	NU-11 I  1870 Issues	NU-12 I  1881 Issues	NU-13 I  (Purple) 1887 Issues			
NU-14 I  1873 Issues	NU-15 I  1870 Issues	NU-16 II-  South Woodstock, Vt. (Black)-1880-Feb. 18, 1881 (Magenta)-June 11, 1881	NU-17 I  1883 Issues	NU-18 I+  Flanagan, Ill. 1881 Issues			

NU-19 I+  Murphyboro, Ill. Apr. 14, 1894	NU-20 I+  Columbian Issues	NU-21 I  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	NU-22 I  ?, N.Y. 1881 Issues	NU-23 I 
NU-24 I  Conshohocken, Pa. Feb. 1, 1875	NU-25 I  Upper Sandusky, Ohio 1870 Issues	NU-26 I  	NU-27 I  1890 Issues	NU-28 I  Orland, Ind. (Purple) April 24-Sept. 16, 1878
NU-29 I+  1879 Issues	NU-30 I+  1879 Issues	NU-31 I  1890 Issues	NU-32 I  1883 Issues	NU-33 I  1883 Issues
NU-34 I  1883 Issues	NU-35 I  1873 Issues	NU-36 I  Milwaukee, Wisc.	NU-37 I  1883 Issues	NU-38 I  Angels Camp, Ca. 1883 Issues




























A "5" rate stamp, left over from an earlier era, used at Angels Camp, Cal. used to cancel a 2¢ brown of 1883.

NU-39 I  Waynesville, Ill. Apr. 25, 1878-Nov. 14, 1879	NU-40 I  North Manchester, Ind. 1873 Issues	NU-41 I  1883 Issues	NU-42 I  1883 Issues	NU-43 II-  "1876" Coudersport, Pa.
NU-44 I+  Philadelphia, Pa. Dec. 21, 1886	NU-45 I+  1881 Issues	NU-46 I+  1883 Issues	NU-47 I+  1883 Issues	NU-48 I  1879 Issues
NU-49 I+  1883 Issues	NU-50 I  1879 issues	NU-51 I+  "Eight Ball" Cortland, N.Y. 1881 Issues	NU-52 I  Chicago, Ill. 1873 Issues	NU-53 I  (Red) 1873 Issues












The Cortland, N.Y. "eight-ball" cancel appears to be deplexed on this example, but if so, the "8" is inverted as the small loop is at the bottom. Perhaps the inverted eight ball reflects the idea of being "behind the eight-ball."




NU-54 I  1881 Issues	NU-55 I  Macedon, N.Y. 1873 Issues	NU-56 I  Cumberland, Ohio 1873 issues	NU-57 I  1881 Issues	NU-58 I  1873 Issues
NU-59 I  Arkport, N.Y. May 9, 1871	NU-60 I  1879 Issues	NU-61 I  Boston, Mass. (Red) Feb. 18, 1886	NU-62 I  Kenduskeag, Me. 1883 Issues	NU-63 I  Sardinia, N.Y. 1873 Issues
NU-64 I  Boscawen, N.H. 1883 Issues	NU-65 I+  Factoryville, ? 1873 Issues	NU-66 I  Westminster, Md. July 18, 1873	NU-67 I+  1887 Issues	NU-68 I+  (Red) 1873 Issues
NU-69 I+  1870 Issues	NU-70 I+  1873 Issues	NU-71 I+  1875 Issues	NU-72 II-  Westminster, Md. 1873 Issues	NU-73 II-  1870 Issues

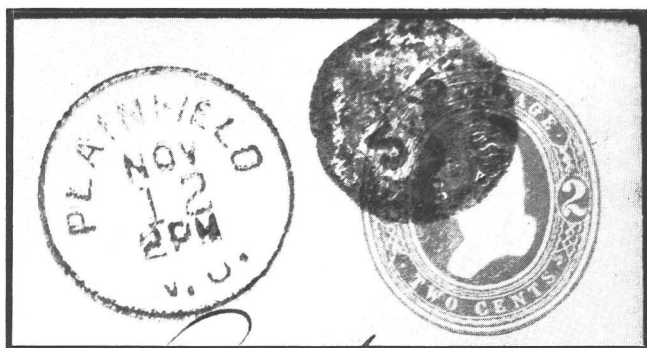
NU-74 II  "30 Centimes" 1879 Issues	NU-75 II-  "38" 1873 Issues	NU-76 II-  1883 Issues	NU-77 II+  1873 Issues	NU-78 III  "Centennial" Waterbury, Conn. 1876
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RUBBER BOTTLESTOPS

NU-79 I+  "Reversed 2" 1873 Issues	NU-80 I+  "Reversed 2 1/2" 1883 Issues	NU-81 I+  "Reversed 2 1/2" 1873 Issues	NU-82 I+  "3" 1873 Issues	NU-83 I+  "3" 1883 Issues
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NU-84 I+  "3" Cortland, N.Y. 1873 Issues	NU-85 I+  "3" Ann Arbor, Mich. 1890 Issues	NU-86 I+  "3" Adrian Mich. 1873 P.C.	NU-87 I+  "3" (Violet) 1881 Issues
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NU-88 I+  "Reversed 3 1/2" 1883 Issues	NU-89 I+  "Reversed 2 1/2" Plainfield, N.J. 1883 Envelope	NU-90 I+  "3" Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1883 Issues
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A rubber bottle stopper, with molded size number of "2 1/2" used as a cancel at Plainfield, N.J.

NC-1



(Blue)
Oct. 29, 1879

I- NC-2



Cincinnati, Ohio
(Blue, Black)
(#'s 1 - 11)
June 8, 1877 - Sept. 22, 1882

I- NC-3



I- NC-4



(Blue)
Apr. 24, 1878

I-

NC-5



(#'s 1-6)
Oct. 23, 1880 - July, 1884

I- NC-6



I- NC-7



(#'s 1-6)
March 27, 1880-Apr. 15, 1885

I- NC-8



Aug. 11, 1880

I-

NC-9



(#'s 1-3)

I- NC-10



May 6, 1882-Dec. 9, 1888

I- NC-11



Dec. 3, 1882

I- NC-12



Philadelphia, Pa.

I-

NC-13



I- NC-14



1873-79 Issues

I- NC-15



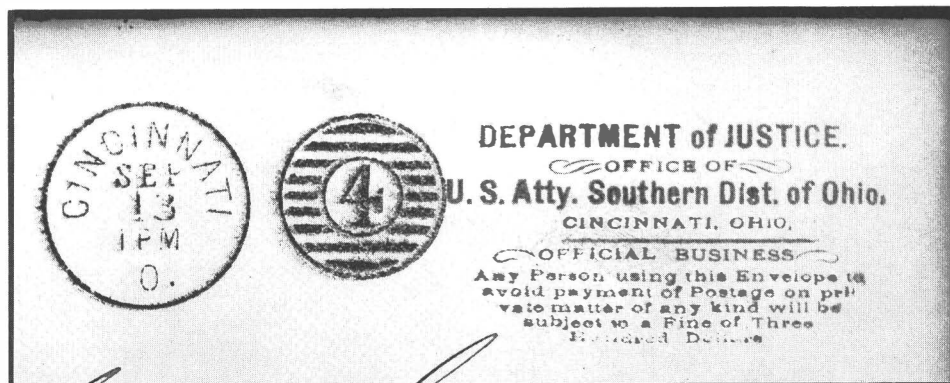
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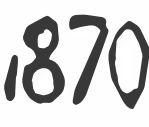















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Philadelphia, Pa.






(NC-1A)














Blue, duplexed numeral "4" in round grid with Cincinnati postmark, circa 1880s on a bright yellow envelope. The accompanying penalty handstamp of the district U.S. attorney is in purple.






YD-1 II  Aurora, Ill. 1870 Issues	YD-2 II  1870 Issues	YD-3 II  1870 Issues	YD-4 II  Watkins, N.Y. 1870 Issues	YD-5 II  Fulton, N.Y. 1870 Issues
YD-6 II  1875 Issues	YD-7 II  1870 Issues	YD-8 II  Bangor, Me. 1870 Issues	YD-9 II  Nashotah, Wisc. June 8, 1870	YD-10 II  Brooklyn, N.Y. 1870 Issues
YD-11 II  New Berne, N.C. 1870 Issues	YD-12 II  Lancaster, Pa. 1870 Issues	YD-13 II  Rochester, Minn. 1870 Issues	YD-14 II  1870 Issues	YD-15 II  Marseilles, Ill. 1870 Issues
YD-16 II  Newark, N.J. 1870 Issues	YD-17 II  Nashotah, Wisc. April 22, 1871-Feb. 3, 1872	YD-18 II  1870 Issues	YD-19 II  Nashotah, Wisc. Feb. 27-Apr. 25, 1872	YD-20 II  1870 Issues





















<p>YD-21 II</p>  <p>Cambridge City, Ind. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>YD-22 II</p>  <p>San Francisco, Ca. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-23 II</p> 	<p>YD-24 II</p>  <p>Nashotah, Wisc. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>YD-25 II</p>  <p>Junction City, Ks.</p>
<p>YD-26 II</p>  <p>Greeley, Colo. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>YD-27 II</p>  <p>Whitehall, N.Y. Jan. 1, 1873</p>	<p>YD-28 II</p>  <p>Lexington, Va. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>YD-29 II</p>  <p>Harrisburg, Pa. 1870-73 Issues</p>	<p>YD-30 II</p> 
<p>YD-31 II</p> 	<p>YD-32 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-33 II</p>  <p>Monroe, N.Y. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-34 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-35 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>YD-36 II</p>  <p>Hyde Park, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-37 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-38 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-39 II</p>  <p>Canton, Pa. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>YD-40 II</p>  <p>St. Johnsbury, Vt. Dec. 8, 1875</p>





















YD-41	II	YD-42	II	YD-43	II	YD-44	II	YD-45	II
									
Bangs, Va.		Waverly, N.Y.				Barre, Vt.			
1873 Issues		June 8, 1875		1870 Issues		1873 Issues		1873 Issues	

YD-46	II	YD-47	II	YD-48	II	YD-49	II	YD-50	II	YD-51	II
											
1873 Issues		1873 Issues		1873 Issues		1873 Issues		Peru, Mass. 1873 Issues		1873 Issues	

YD-52	II	YD-53	II	YD-54	II	YD-55	II	YD-56	III+
									
1873 Issues		Boiling Springs, Pa. 1873 Issues		1873 Issues		1873 Issues		Waterbury, Conn. 1876(?)	





















YD-57	II	YD-58	II	YD-59	II	YD-60	II	YD-61	II
									
Philipsburgh, Pa. 1873 Issues		Hollidaysburgh, Pa. 1873 Issues		Ardmore, Pa. 1874 Envelope		Curwinsville, Pa. 1873 Issues		1873 Issues	





















YD-62 II  T. & C. R.R. 1873 Issues	YD-63 II  San Francisco, Ca. 1873 P.C.	YD-64 II  1873 Issues	YD-65 II  Watkins, N.Y. 1873 Issues	YD-66 II  1873 Issues
YD-67 II  1873 Issues	YD-68 II+  Philipsburgh, Pa. Nov. 27, 1876	YD-69 II+  1873 Issues	YD-70 II  1873 Issues	YD-71 II  Traverse City, Mich 1873 Issues
YD-72 II+  Birmingham, Pa. 1873 Issues	YD-73 II+  (Blue, Black) 1873 Issues	YD-74 II+  1873 issues	YD-75 II+  (Blue) 1873 Issues	YD-76 II+  (Blue) 1873 Issues
YD-77 II+  Allentown, Pa. 1873 Issues	YD-78 II  Mattapoisett, Mass. 1873 Issues	YD-79 II+  Monroe, Wisc. 1886	YD-80 III-  Natick, Mass. 1873 Issues	YD-81 II  Glouster, Mass. 1873 Issues







YD-82 II  Amherst, N.H. 1873 Issues	YD-83 II  1873 Issues	YD-84 II  1873 Issues	YD-85 II  Richmond, Va. 1873 Issues	YD-86 II+  1873 Issues
YD-87 II  New Britain, Conn. 1873 P.C.	YD-88 II  1873 Issues	YD-89 II  1873 Issues	YD-90 II  Reading, Pa. 1873 Issues	YD-91 II  Traverse City, Mich. June 7, 1876
YD-92 II  Wallingford, Conn. 1873 Issues	YD-93 III-  1876(?)	YD-94 II  1873 Issues	YD-95 II  South Orange, N.J. 1873 Issues	YD-96 II  June 7, 1876
YD-97 II  South Orange, N.J. 1873 Issues	YD-98 II  July 18, 1877	YD-99 II+  May 11-Nov. 1, 1876	YD-100 II+  Osceola Mills, Pa. 1873 Issues	YD-101 II+  1873 Issues

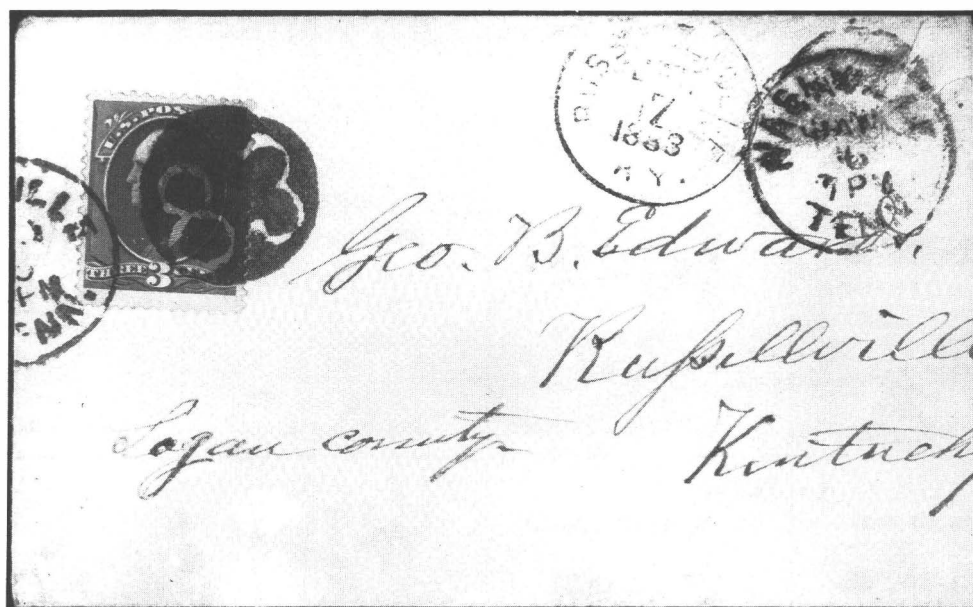


Year date cancels were a popular subject of postal clerks' carvings, as witness this "U S/ 76" meaning 1876, of Osceola, Pennsylvania. The cancel thus provides us with a year date for the August 6 postmark on the cover.

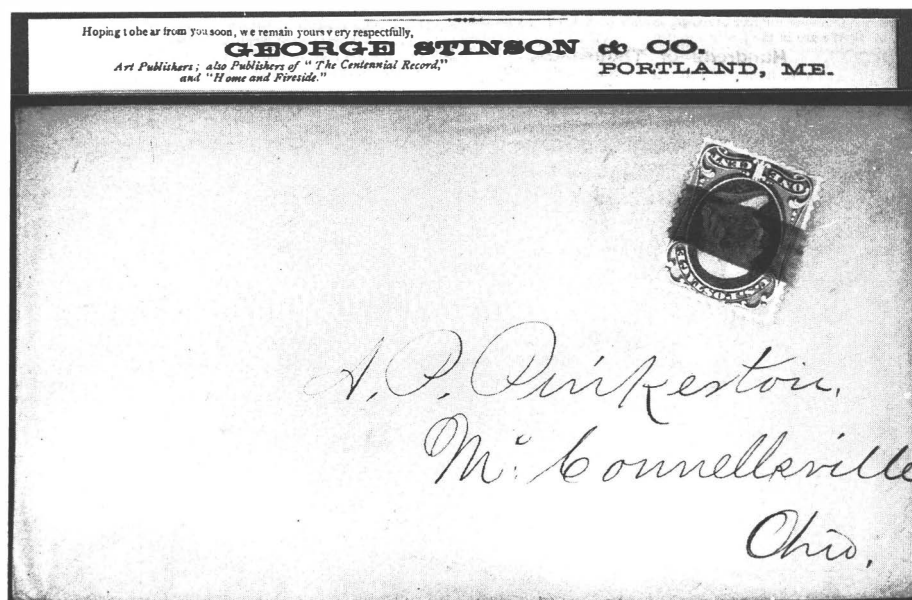
YD-102 II  1873 Issues	YD-103 II  Mattapoisett, Mass Mar. 19, 1877	YD-104 II  1873 Issues	YD-105 II  1873 Issues	YD-106 II  Duncannon, Pa. 1873 Issues
YD-107 II  Glouster, Mass. Jan. 4, 1876	YD-108 II  1873 Issues	YD-109 II  1873 Issues	YD-110 II  Traverse City, Mich Mar. 8, 1877	YD-111 II  1875 Issues
YD-112 II  Newton, N.J. Nov. 5, 1877	YD-113 II  (Purple) 1890 Issues	YD-114 II  New Britain, Conn.	YD-115 II  	YD-116 II 
YD-117 II  South Orange, N.J.	YD-118 II  Mattapoisett, Mass.	YD-119 II  1873 Issues	YD-120 II  	YD-121 II 

YD-122 II  Ticonderoga, N.Y. June 6, 1878	YD-123 II  Pentwater, Mich. June 6, 1878	YD-124 II  Sept. 5-Oct. 3, 1878	YD-125 II  Sept. 12, 1878	YD-126 II 
YD-127 II  (Blue)	YD-128 II  Charlottesville, Va. May 1, 1879	YD-129 II  University of Va. (Blue) 1879 Issues	YD-130 II 	YD-131 II 
YD-132 II  Princeton, Ill. June 12, 1879	YD-133 II  May 7, 1879	YD-134 II  Vallejo, Ca. 1873 Issues	YD-135 II 	YD-136 II  1873 Issues
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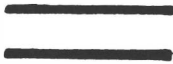
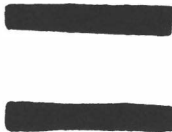




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YD-146 1884 1881 Issues	II	YD-147  1881 Issues	II+	YD-148  Stoneham, Mass. May 11, 1885	III-	YD-149 7-13-86 1881 Issues	II


















With this 3¢ re-engraved banknote stamp of 1881 placed on the left end of the cover, two strikes were required of the Nashville, Tennessee negative "83" year date duplexed device to both cancel the stamp and clearly postmark the letter. The January 6 Nashville postmark date has the "83" year date cancel confirmed by the Russellville, Ky. postmark with 1883 year date, used as a receiving mark on the cover front.



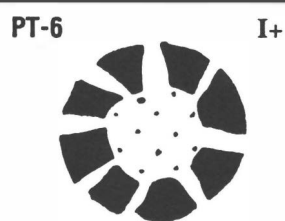
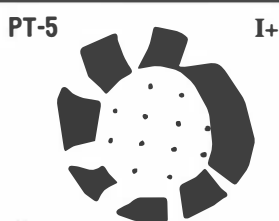
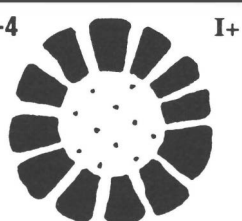
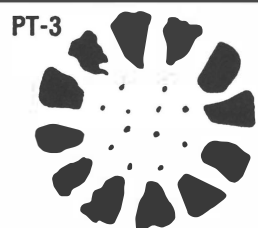
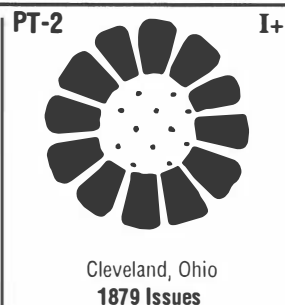
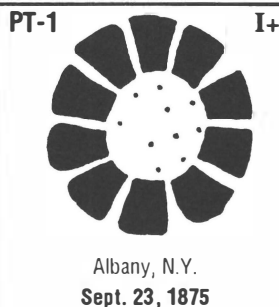
The purple Portland, Me. bar precancel was used on printed circular mail mailed with a 1¢ stamp and otherwise not postmarked, just like modern bulk mail. The portion of the printed enclosure with the return address is shown above the cover.

PC-1  (Stencil) Battle Creek, Mich. 1879-1887	I-	PC-2  Portland, Me. (Purple) 1873 Issues	I+	PC-3  Cleveland, Ohio Postage Due Issues	I-	PC-4  St. Paul, Minn. Postage Due Issues	I-
PC-5  Galesburgh, Ill 1873-1895 Rochester, N.Y. 1887-1890 Issues	I-	PC-6  1884-88.	I-	PC-7  (Stencil) Chicago, Ill Postage Due Issues 1888-1890's	I-	PC-8  1879 Issues	I-

<p>PC-9 I-</p>  <p>St. Louis, Mo. 1879-95 Issues</p>	<p>PC-10 I-</p>  <p>Omaha, Neb. Postage Due-1879 Issues</p>	<p>PC-11 I-</p>  <p>Rochester, N.Y. 1873-1895</p>	<p>PC-12 Black II Green, Red III-</p>  <p>Glen Allen, Va. (Black, Green, Red) (Used by the Cussons, May & Co of Glen Allen, Va.) July 31, 1876</p>
<p>PC-13 I+</p>  <p>Springfield, Mass. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>PC-14 II</p>  <p>Burlington, Vt. (Used on circulars by Wells, Richardson & Co.) 1882-1895</p>	<p>PC-15 II-</p>  <p>(Precancel?) 1887 Issues</p>	<p>PC-16 III</p>  <p>"I cure you" Harshaville, Pa. 1883 Issues</p>
<p>PC-17 II+</p>  <p>Glastonbury, Conn. (Used by J.B. Williams & Co). 1870-1882 Issues</p>	<p>PC-18 II</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. (Black, Magenta) Postage Due Issues-1881-84</p>	<p>PC-19 II-</p>  <p>(Manuscript) Weston, Mass. (Used as a provisional precancel from 1857-81.)</p>	<p>PC-20 I</p>  <p>New York City (Black, Blue) Postage Due issues- Aug. 1, 1879-1884</p>
<p>PC-21 II-</p>  <p>Bridgeport, Conn. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>PC-22 II-</p>  <p>Glouster, Mass. 1879-81 issues</p>	<p>It would seem likely that PC-21 & PC-22 would be used by the same P.O., but have been reported as being used by different ones.</p>	<p>PC-23 II-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. (Purple) 1880</p>

Soon after the introduction of the postage stamp, the U.S. Post Office became concerned with the "washing" and reusing of stamps, and the loss of revenue that would result. This led to a number of devices being invented, whose purpose it was to render it impossible for the stamp to be used again. While a few of these were awarded patents, most were not. However, over time, these cancels, as a group, have become known as patent cancels.

The dots in the center of these cancels were made by pins in the cancelling devices, & were designed to penetrate the paper. This was to allow the ink to soak into the paper, making "cleaning" & reusing the stamp impossible.

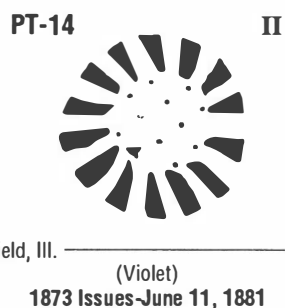
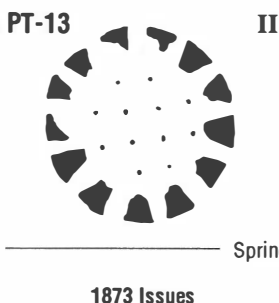
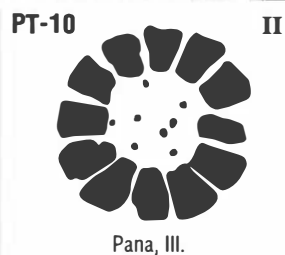
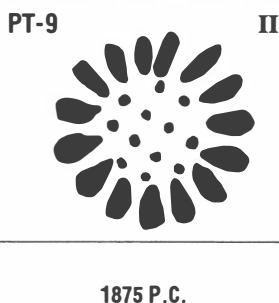
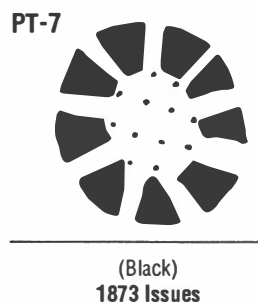


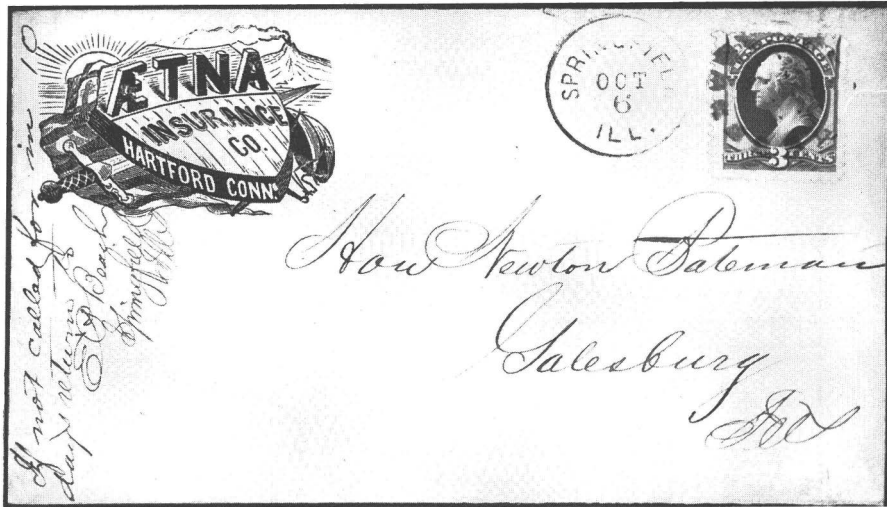
Louisville, Ky.

1873-75 Issues

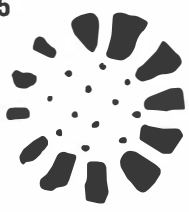
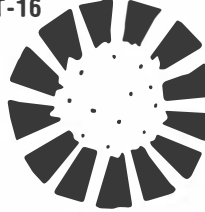
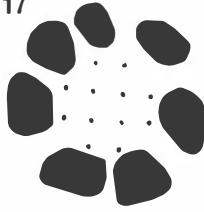
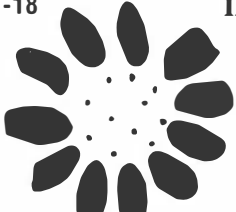



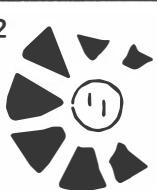




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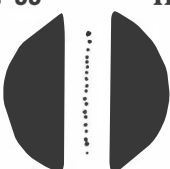






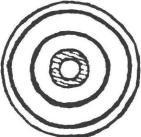





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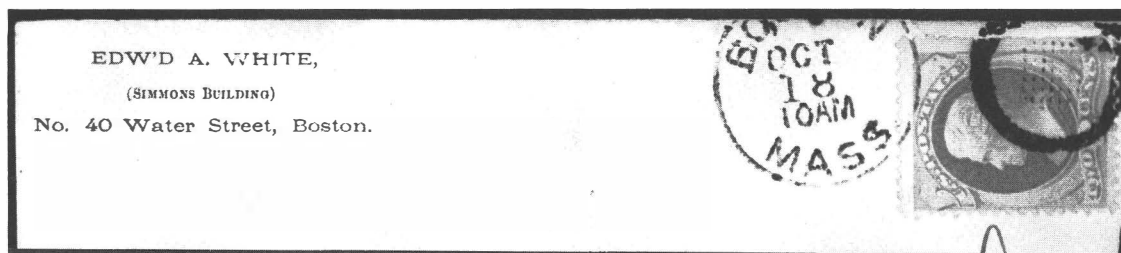








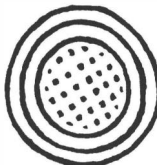
An example of the Springfield, Ill. patent cancel, PT-13, on a cover with a 3¢ Banknote showing the inked dot punched pattern of the pins in the center of a circle of wedges.

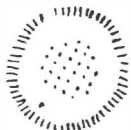

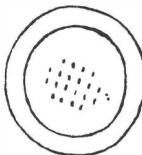
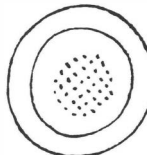
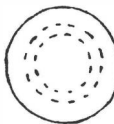
PT-15  1875 Issues II	PT-16  Buffalo, N.Y. Sept. 15, 1876 II	PT-17  1873-1879 Issues II	PT-18  Official Issues II
PT-19  Baltimore, Md. 1873 Issues II	PT-20  1873 Issues I+	PT-21  Chicago, Ill. (?) (Hole in Center; Shaded Lines are blue) Charles S. Wells Patent(?) 1870 Issues II+	PT-22  (Lines in center cut into paper) 1873 Issues II
PT-23  1881 Issues II	PT-24  1883 Issues II-	PT-25  (Shaded area represents scraped surface) 1879 issues II+	PT-26  Tolland, Conn. II-

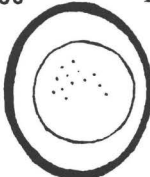
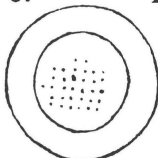



PT-27  (Hole in center) 1870 Issues	II	PT-28  (Center circle cuts into stamp) 1879 Issues	II	PT-29  1879 Issues	II	PT-30  (Inner circle cuts into stamp) 1873 Issues	II	PT-31  1870-73 Issues	II
PT-32  (Dots cut into stamp) 1881 Issues	II+	PT-33  (Dots cut into stamp) 1881 Issues	II+	PT-34  Providence, R.I. (The Center Circle is cut out) Wesson Patent (?) Aug. 4, 1879	II+	PT-35  (Center space almost completely cut out) 1879 Issues	II+		
PT-36  Washington, D.C. (Shaded areas are scraped) Probably David Cooper Patent 1879 Issues	II+	PT-37  1879 Issues	II	PT-38  Washington, D.C. (Inner arcs cut into paper) 1870 Issues	II-	PT-39  (Center area is scraped) 1879 Issues	II+	PT-40  (Shaded area is scraped) Anthony Daul Patent (?) 1873-79 Issues	II+
PT-41  1879 Issues	II-	PT-42  Providence, R.I. Aug. 16, 1879	II-	PT-43  Apr. 6, 1880-Nov. 26, 1881	II-	PT-44  Boston, Mass. Sept. 22, 1881-Oct. 6, 1881	I-	PT-45  1879 Issues	III-


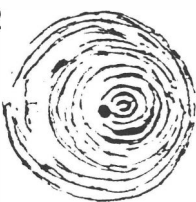













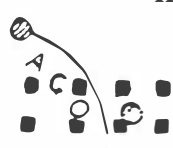


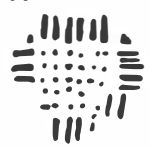
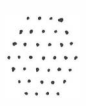



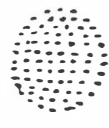
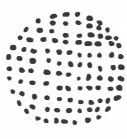
This variation of the Boston patent cancel, PT-44, shown above, used on Oct. 18, (probably) 1881, appears to be slightly larger and have a more regular arrangement of the pins. The pins, intended to piece the surface of the stamp and permit the cancelling ink to better penetrate, are in a roughly rectangular pattern arrangement in rows with over fifty pins cancelling the 2¢ vermilion stamp of 1879.

PT-46 II	PT-47 II	PT-48 II+	PT-49 II-	PT-50 I-
				
1873-79 Issues	1873 Issues	(Scholfield Patent?) 1879 Issues		Lebanon, Pa. Mar. 23, 1888

PT-51 II+	PT-52 II+	PT-53 II+	PT-54 II+	PT-55 II+
				
1879 Issues	Coeymans, N.Y. (Blue, Black) Aug. 1, 1877	Dresden, N.Y. 1871 Issues-May 3, 1880	Penn Yan, N.Y. 1873 Issues-Feb. 6, 1880	(Inner lines cut into stamp) Joseph Scholfield Patent(?) 1870 Issues

PT-56 II+	PT-57 II+	PT-58 II+	PT-59 II	PT-60 II
				
Providence, R.I. June 10, 1880	1873 Issues-Oct. 21, 1881	Washington, D.C. (Inner lines cut into stamp) Feb. 27, 1879	Augusta, Me. 1873 Issues	Washington, D.C. (Purple) August 25, 1879

PT-61 II+	PT-62 II	PT-63 II+	PT-64 II
			
Washington, D.C. (Revolving cogwheel apparently used to tear vertical lines away) (John Goldsborough Patent?) 1879 Issues	New York City June 3, 1872	(Blue) (Circle doesn't cut into stamp) 1873 Issues	(Blue) 1879 Issues

<div>PT-65</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>1881 Issues</div>	<div>PT-66</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>("Eye" cuts into stamp)</div> <div>1879 Issues</div>	<div>PT-67</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>(Hole in center)</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>PT-68</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>(Hole in center)</div> <div>1879 Issues</div>	
<div>PT-69</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>PT-70</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>PT-71</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>PT-72</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>1870 Issues</div>	<div>PT-73</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>1887 Issues</div>
<div>PT-74</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>Chicago, Ill. (?) (Blue) (Circles cut into stamp; up to 4 holes) Jno. L. Wickers Patent(?)</div>	<div>PT-75</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>New Haven, Conn. (Center circle scraped) June 7, 1880</div>	<div>PT-76</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>1879 Issues</div>	<div>PT-77</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>(Inner dots cut paper)</div> <div>1879 Issues</div>	<div>PT-78</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>1870 Issues</div>
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PT-84

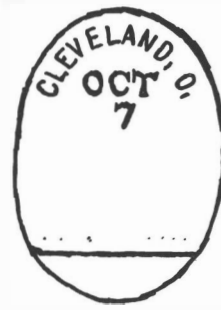
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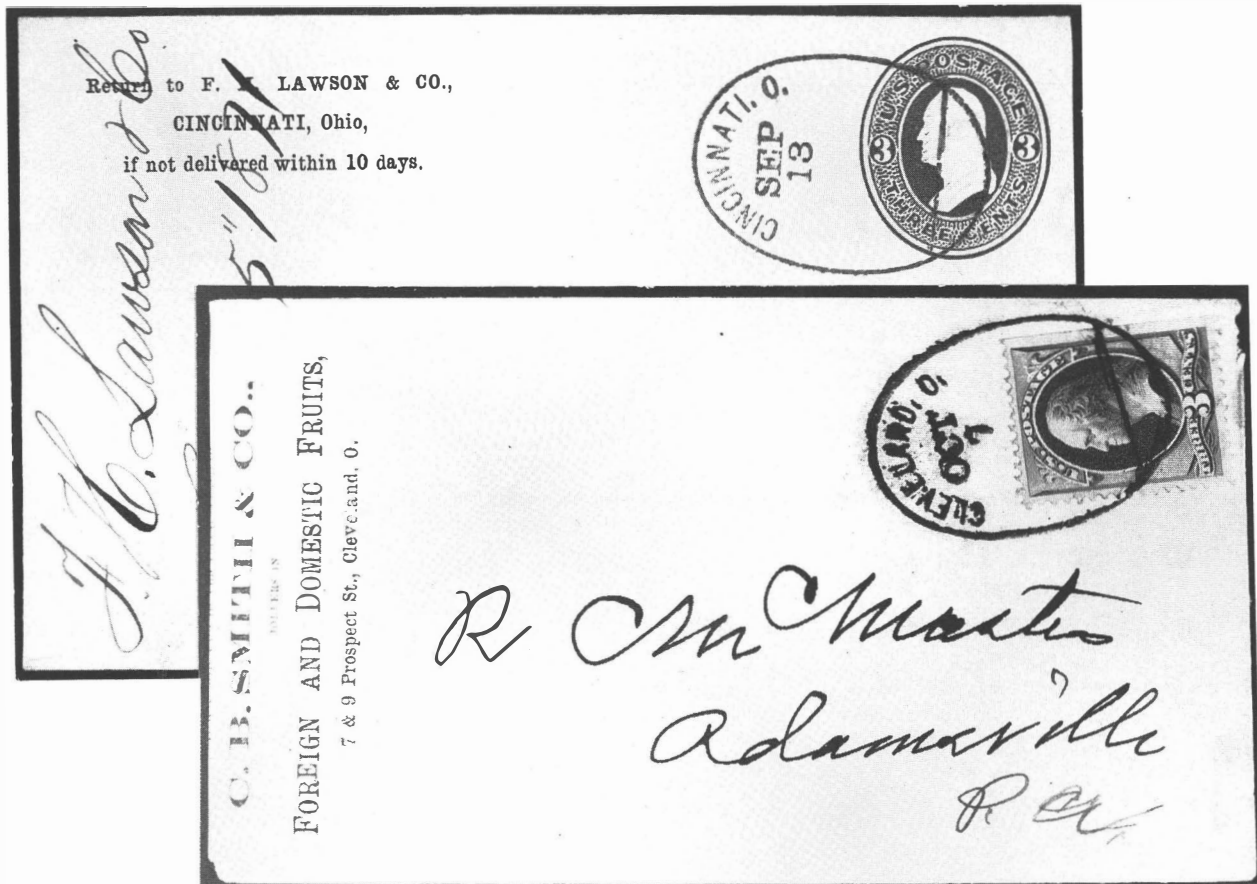


Used successively in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio in 1871.

Cincinnati—Sept. 6—Sept. 14, 1871.

Columbus—Sept. 27—Oct. 2, 1871.

Cleveland—Oct. 4—Oct. 7, 1871.



During the Fall of 1871, postmarks produced by a patented handstamper invented by J.C. Gaston was tested for a few weeks each in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland. The bar across the end of the large oval marking was comprised of a line of tiny pins, intended to only penetrate through the stamp and not damage the letter content.

These cancels were remnants of the stampless period, when they had been used to indicate payment of the postal fee. Their use during this period was sporadic.

PA-1

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PAID

West Randolph, Vt.

1883 Issues

PA-2

I

PAID

1873 Issues

PA-3

I

PAID

Milton, Mass.

1870 Issues

PA-4

I

PAID

1873 Issues

PA-5

I

PAID

1879 Issues

PA-6

I

PAID

1870 Issues

PA-7

I

PAID(Blue)
1875 Issues

PA-8

I

PAIDFarmington, Ill.
(Blue)
1870 Issues

PA-9

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Oswego, N.Y.

1870 Issues

PA-10

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PA-11

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PA-12

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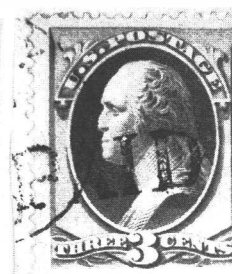
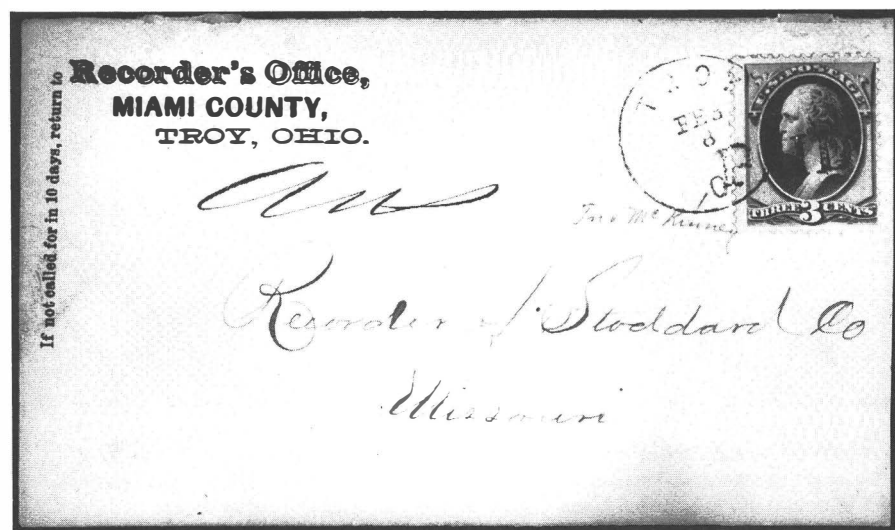
PAID

Troy, Ohio

1870 Issues

















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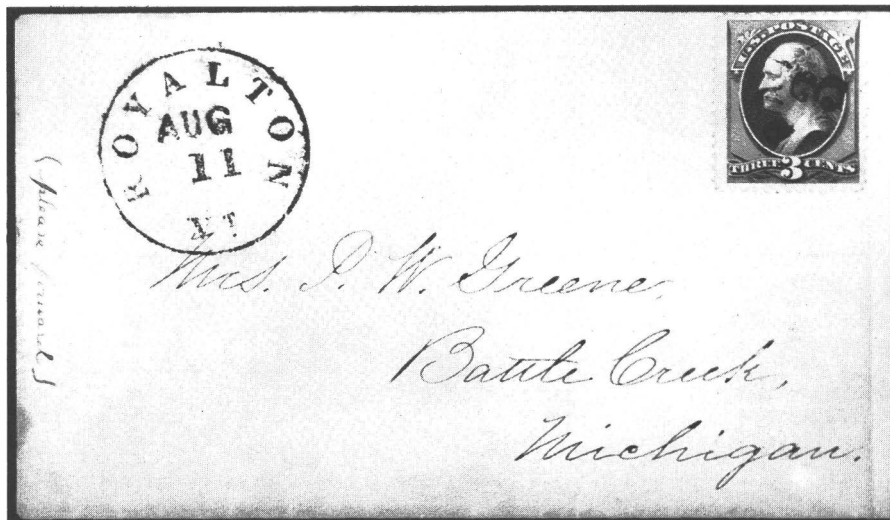
PAIDWest Point, Ill.
(Violet)
1879 Issues

Troy, Ohio used their PAID markings of the pre-stamp era to cancel stamps well into the Banknote period.

Enlargement of stamp at right is photographically faded to show "PAID" handstamp.

<p>PA-14 I</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>PA-15 I+</p> 	<p>PA-16 I</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>PA-17 I</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>PA-18 I</p>  <p>(Blue) 1873 Issues</p>
<p>PA-19 I</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>PA-20 I</p> 	<p>PA-21 I</p>  <p>Burton, Ohio 1875</p>	<p>PA-22 I+</p>  <p>(Violet) 1879 Issues</p>	<p>PA-23 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>PA-24 I+</p> 	<p>PA-25 II-</p> 	<p>PA-26 II-</p> 	<p>PA-27 II</p> 	<p>PA-28 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>PA-29 II</p>  <p>Dedham, Mass 1870 Issues</p>	<p>PA-30 I</p> <p>PAID ALL</p> <p>(Used to indicate full postage paid under postal treaty) New York City (Red, Black)</p>			

PA-31  (Blue) 1879 Issues	I	PA-32  1870 Issues	I	PA-33  1870 Issues	I	PA-34  1873 Issues	I	PA-35  Royalton, Vt. (Blue) 1879 Issues	I
PA-36  Peru, N.Y.	I	PA-37  1870 Issues	II	PA-38  1870 Issues	I	PA-39 	I	PA-40 	I+



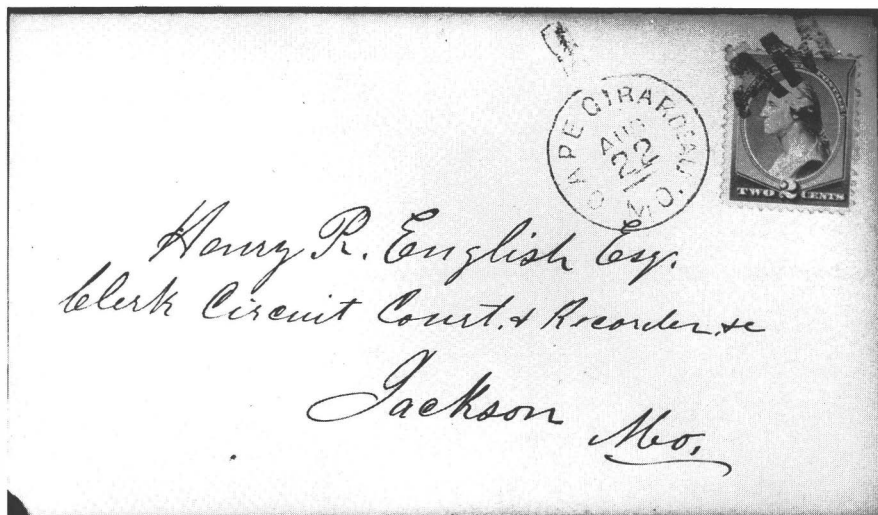
The Royalton, Vermont arced PAID/ 3 stemmed from the beginning of the 3¢ rate period that began on July 1, 1851. Such markings made an effective canceling device after there was no other use for them.

ML-1	II	ML-2	II	ML-3	II	ML-4	II	ML-5	II
AH		AK		AM		AM		AM	
"AH"		"AK"		"AM"		"AM"		"AM"	
1890 issues		Monroe, Wisc.		Cape Girardeau, Mo.		Cape Girardeau, Mo.		Irasburgh, Vt.	
		1870		1887 issues				Feb. 24-Apr. 15, 1886	




















ML-6	II	ML-7	II	ML-8	II	ML-9	II+	ML-10	II
B^W		B^W		BEC		BERRY		BK	
"BW"		"BW"		"BEC"		"Berry"		"BK"	
Franklin, NY		Franklin, NY				Ann Arbor, Mich.		Mercer, Pa.	
"William Brinkman-P.M."		"William Brinkman-P.M."		1883 issues		"Charles Berry-Clerk"			
1881 issues		1881 issues							

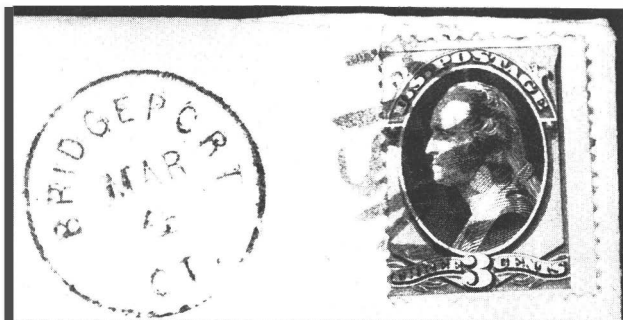
ML-11	II	ML-12	II	ML-13	II	ML-14	II	ML-15	II
CB		C.C.T.		CD		CD		CD	
"CB"		"C.C.T."		"CD"		"CD"		"CD"	
Ann Arbor, Mich.		Rock Island, Ill.		Cincinnati, Ohio		St. Louis, Mo.		St. Louis, Mo.	
"Charles Bender-Clerk"		1873 issues				(City Delivery)		(City Delivery)	
Dec. 9, 1885-Feb. 1, 1886						1879 issues		1879 issues	
						(a number of different types are known used)			

ML-16	II
CE	
"CE"	
Official issues	



One of the Cape Girardeau, Missouri "AM" cancels, duplexed, on a 2¢ green of 1887.

ML-17	II	ML-18	II	ML-19	II	ML-20	II	ML-21	II
									
"CHP" Waterville, KS. July 30, 1871		"DEAD" 1870 issues		"DEC" 1890 issues		"DR" Deer River, N.Y.		"DONT USM" Bridgeport, Conn. 1870-73 issues Dont Use Me or Dont Use 'Em (A warning not to reuse the stamp)	
ML-22	II	ML-23	II	ML-24	II	ML-25	II	ML-26	II
									
				"EAH" Richfield Springs, N.Y. "Eugene A. Hines-P.M." July 28, 1883					
		1873 Issues				1879 issues		1879 issues	
ML-27	II	ML-28	II	ML-29	II	ML-30	II		
									
"EB" East Braintree, Mass. (Blue) 1873 issues		"ED" Coldwater, Mich. "Ed R. Root-P.M." 1883 issues		"EI" Ellisville, Ill. 1881 issues		"ES" (magenta) 1881 issues			
ML-31	II	ML-32	II	ML-33	II	ML-34	II	ML-35	II
									
"EWR"		"FAM" Meridian, N.Y. Nov. 3, 1879-Nov. 26, 1879		"FC" Manhattan, KS. May 15, 1871		"FEB" 1890 issues		"FY" Bangor, Me. 1873 issues	

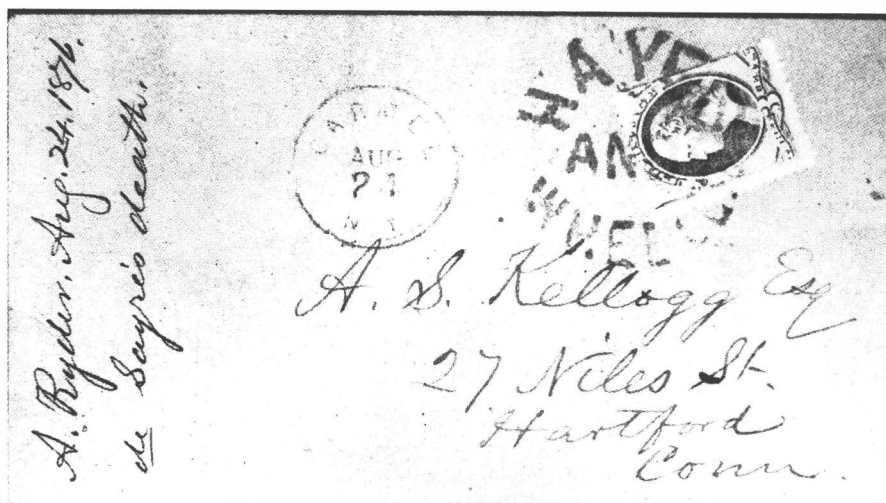


The Bridgeport, Connecticut "Don't USM" cancel, seen here on a 3¢ green of 1873, is a large marking not often found completely and clearly struck on either loose stamps or on cover.

ML-36	II	ML-37	II	ML-38	II	ML-39	II	ML-40	II
FH		FH		FH		CWH		GB TNI	
			"FH" Fort Howard, Wisc.			"GWH" Burbank, Ohio (Blue) May 16, 1878 "George W. Holloway-P.M."		"GB" Green Bay, Wisc.	
1873 issues			1870 issues					1884	

ML-41	III	ML-42	II	ML-43	II	ML-44	II	ML-45	II
HAYES		HB		HP		HP		HP	
"Hayes" Waterbury, Conn. March, 1877 "Used to honor President Hayes"		"HB"		"HP" Sturgis, Mich.		"HP" Hyde Park, Mass.		"HP" Holland Patent, N.Y.	
		1870 issues		1873 issues		Apr. 18, 1878		July 10, 1886	

ML-46	III+	ML-47	III-
HAYES AND WHEELER		H&W	
Carmel, N.Y. (Blue) August 24, 1876		"Hayes & Wheeler" Carmel, N.Y. 1873 issues	



The Hayes and Wheeler campaign handstamp is one of the most spectacular of that group. Both the cancel and the Carmel, N.Y. postmark were struck in blue on Aug. 24, 1876 while the presidential campaign was coming down to the wire.

ML-48

III-

ML-49

III-

ML-50

III

HN

IAM

HCN

"I AM Harry Nichols"

Ann Arbor, Mich.

The P.O. of Ann Arbor, Mich. used several different
cancels consisting of the initials of Harry C. Nichols, Clerk
1883 issues

1883 issues

ML-51

II

ML-52

II

ML-53

II

ML-54

II

ML-55

II

IKE

IO

IR

JAN

JNC

"IKE"

"IO"
Indian Orchard, Mass.

"IR"
Philadelphia, Pa.

"JAN"

"JNC"

1883 issues

1884

1873 issues

1883

ML-56

II

ML-57

II

ML-58

II

ML-59

II

JHT

KC

KK

KNOT

"JHT"

"KC"

"KK"
Chicago, Ill.
(Blue)

"KNOT"
Waverly, Iowa

1873 issues

1873 issues

1874 Envelope

ML-60

II-

ML-61

II-

ML-62

II-

ML-63

II-

ML-64

II-

MB

MB

MB

MB

MB

"MB"

A number of different cancels using the initials of the
town Mystic Bridge, Conn. appeared during the 1880's.














1883 issues

1879-81 issues

1887


1881 issues


1881 issues

ML-65	II ML-66	II ML-67	II ML-68	II
				
	"MH"	Barre, Mass.		"MJG"
1883-87 issues	May 23-Sept. 19, 1887	Aug. 30-Oct. 3, 1889	December 30, 1889	
ML-69	II ML-70	I+ ML-71	II ML-72	II ML-73
				
"MK" Mohawk, N.Y.	"ML"	"NC" Fairview, Ill.	"NH" Orford, N.H.	
1873 issues	1887 issues	1874 Envelope	1873-83 issues	1883 issues
ML-74	II ML-75	II ML-76	II ML-77	II
				
"NL" New London, Conn.	"OE"	"OV" Streator, Ill.		
		1883 issues		



The Barre, Mass. MJC monogram cancel, ML-68, was probably the initials of a postal clerk or small town postmaster.





















ML-78 II

 "PM"
 Irasburgh, Vt.
 March 4, 1886













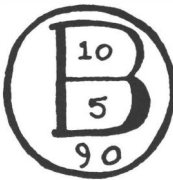

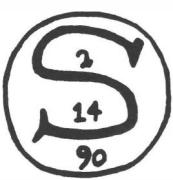


ML-79 II	ML-80 II	ML-81 II	ML-82 II
			
Paw Paw, Mich. September 14, 1871	"REB" Creston, Iowa November 20, 1887	"RKN" Pittsburgh, Pa. December 5-18, 1879	"RKI" 1879







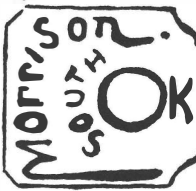



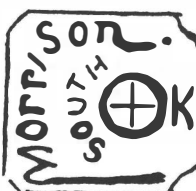







ML-83 II	ML-84 II	ML-85 III-	ML-86 II	ML-87 II
				
"RU"	"SEP" South Bend, Ind. 1890 issues	Waterbury, Conn. June 23, 1870(?)	"SS" Sing Sing, NY 1873 issues	"ST" Lakeport, Ca.

ML-88 II-	ML-89 II+	ML-90 II	ML-91 II	ML-92 II
				
"TP" Ocean Grove, NJ (Blue) June 18, 1875	"Used Up" Rio Grande City, Tx. Traverse City, Mich. 1874-November 8, 1875 (Intended to discourage Reuse of stamp)	"VA"	"VT" Fairlee, Vt. September 8, 1884	1883 issues

ML-93 II	ML-94 II	ML-95 II	ML-96 II	ML-97 II
				
"WF" West Fairlee, Vt. 1883 issues	March 19-Dec. 13, 1886	"Wilson PM" Lynchburg, Va. 1879 issues	"WK" Sioux City Iowa 1879 issues	"Sigma Chi" Greencastle, Ind. June 25, 1878




















<p>ML-98 II</p>  <p>1890 issues</p>	<p>ML-99 II</p>  <p>"5 PM" Weatherly, Pa. September 6, 1886</p>	<p>ML-100 II</p>  <p>"ANB" 1890 issues</p>	<p>ML-101 II</p>  <p>"AVS" 1873 issues</p>	<p>ML-102 II</p>  <p>"Clay" Columbus, Miss. May 22, 1887</p>
<p>ML-103 II</p>  <p>"CD" Lee, Mass.</p>	<p>ML-104 II</p>  <p>"CD" St. Louis, Mo. (city delivery) 1879 issues</p>	<p>ML-105 II</p>  <p>"W.R. Libby" W.R.L., Clinton, NY 1873 issues</p>	<p>ML-106 II</p>  <p>"ES" Elyria, Ohio (Blue) 1873 issues</p>	<p>ML-107 II</p>  <p>"F.P.P.M." 1879 issues</p>
<p>ML-108 II</p>  <p>"ET" Cadillac, Mich. "Edward Tweedie, -Clerk" March 9, 1885 - March 10, 1886</p>	<p>ML-109 II</p>  <p>1883 issues</p>	<p>ML-110 II</p>  <p>"G. Bailey, P.M." Sherwood, Wisc. 1878-79</p>	<p>ML-111 III</p>  <p>"Jehovah" in Hebrew Putnam, Conn. October 17, 1884</p>	<p>ML-112 II</p>  <p>"J.R.C." Roselle, NJ "J.R. Clark" May 11, 1875</p>
<p>ML-113 II</p>  <p>July 3, 1880</p>	<p>ML-114 II</p>  <p>"HB" Du Bois, Pa. "H. Blair -P.M." 1875 issues</p>	<p>ML-115 II</p> 	<p>ML-116 II+</p>  <p>"KKK" Beloit, Wisc. (Ku Klux Klan) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-117 II</p>  <p>"PD" Sparrow Bush, NY</p>





















<p>ML-118 II</p>  <p>"Phil. B" Philadelphia, Pa.</p>	<p>ML-119 II</p>  <p>Reversed "PHV"</p>	<p>ML-120 III-</p>  <p>Reversed "Rubber Diamond" (made from trademark of rubber boot) McIndoe's Falls, Vt. (Magenta) 1870 Issues</p>	<p>ML-121 II</p>  <p>"RUM" 1873 Issues</p>	
<p>ML-122 II</p>  <p>"S.F. Cal." San Francisco, Ca. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-123 II</p>  <p>"SLOO" Cairo, Ill. (W.A. or T.J. Sloo— Postal Clerks.) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-124 II</p>  <p>"S.S. P.M." 1883 Issues</p>	<p>ML-125 II</p>  <p>"TIME"</p>	<p>ML-126 II</p>  <p>"TJT" Berkley, Mass. "J.T. Townsend—Clerk" Aug. 15, 1876</p>
<p>ML-127 I+</p> 	<p>ML-128 II</p> 	<p>ML-129 II</p> 	<p>ML-130 II</p> 	<p>ML-131 II</p> 
<p>The main P.O. & at least one substation of St. Louis, Mo. used a series of cancels consisting of a letter & number on registered mail</p>				
1873-79 Issues		1879		1879
<p>ML-132 I+</p> 	<p>ML-133 I+</p> 	<p>ML-134 I+</p> 	<p>ML-135 II</p>  <p>"ET" Erie Transport 1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-136 II</p>  <p>"Sherman" Pensacola & Ga R.R.- Rt. Agt. Black—1870 Blue—1874-5</p>
<p>New York City Registered Mail backstamps were occasionally used to cancel the stamps. The small numbers represent the date of use.</p>				





















ML-137  "PINNEY" Chi. & St. Louis RPO Oct. 1882	ML-138  "SOUTH" Nashua & Worcester Agt. 1873-75 Issues	ML-139  "LEE" D & St. P. RR—Rt. Agt. (Blue)	ML-140  1879 Issues	ML-141  She. & Fond. RR. E.F. Frank—Rt. Agt. 1874
ML-142  Oct. 24, 1880	III- ML-143  Rut., Salem & Troy Agt. (The cancels were prepared by Andrew J. Morrison, a postal clerk) 1882-July 10, 1892	III- ML-144  1883 May 15, 1893 -RPO	III- ML-145  Jan. 13, 1883	
ML-146  1886-1888	III- ML-147  June 22, 1883	III- ML-148  1889	III- ML-149  1891	
ML-150  Rut. Salem & Troy Agt. April 22, 1883-June 12, 1891	ML-151  "IB" In Bounds(?) Omaha & Kearny Agt. 1880's	ML-152  1887 Issues	ML-153  "W. Tully" (Mail Clerk) Logan & Keokuk RPO	ML-154  "AB" Alexandria Bay, NY (Magenta) 1870-73 Issues



















A variation of ML-150, the "Morrison/North" Rutland & Troy route agent marking,



<div>ML-155</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"AC"</div> <div>Big Rapids, Mich.</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>	<div>ML-156</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"AK"</div> <div>Monroe, Wisc. (Red)</div> <div>1875</div>	<div>ML-157</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"ALVA"</div> <div>Girard, Ill.</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>	<div>ML-158</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"ALV"</div> <div>Girard, Ill.</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>	<div>ML-159</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"AL"</div> <div>Monroe, Wisc.</div> <div>1870</div>
<div>ML-160</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"AP"</div> <div>Golden, Ill.</div> <div>May 23, 1887</div>	<div>ML-161</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"ARR"</div> <div>Ballston, N.Y.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>ML-162</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"AUG"</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>ML-163</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"BEV"</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>ML-164</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"CB"</div> <div>Chanute, Ks.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>
<div>ML-165</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"CHE"</div> <div>Portland, Conn. (magenta)</div> <div>(These were initials of husband of Postmistress Mary J. Edwards)</div> <div>Oct. 14, 1878</div>	<div>ML-166</div> <div>II+</div> <div></div> <div>"CHE"</div> <div>Portland, Conn. (magenta)</div> <div>(These were initials of husband of Postmistress Mary J. Edwards)</div> <div>Oct. 14, 1878</div>	<div>ML-167</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"CS"</div> <div>Greenfield, Mass.</div> <div>July 19, 1890</div>	<div>ML-168</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"CL"</div> <div>1879 Issues</div>	
<div>ML-169</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"DL"</div> <div>Wyand, Ill.</div> <div>Official Issues</div>	<div>ML-170</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"EC"</div> <div>Breesport, N.Y.</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>ML-171</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"ED"</div> <div>1873 Issues</div>	<div>ML-172</div> <div>II-</div> <div></div> <div>"EE"</div> <div>Cleveland, Ohio</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>	<div>ML-173</div> <div>II</div> <div></div> <div>"EE"</div> <div>1883 Issues</div>










<p>ML-174 II</p>  <p>"EJ" Carthage, Mo. 1870 Envelope</p>	<p>ML-175 II</p>  <p>"EK" 1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-176 II</p>  <p>"ELB" Lewiston, Me. April 26, 1882</p>	<p>ML-177 II</p>  <p>"ELV" East Las Vegas, Nev. Dec. 29, 1888</p>	<p>ML-178 II</p>  <p>"EM" Evans Mills, N.Y. (Blue) 1873 Issues</p>
<p>ML-179 II+</p>  <p>"ESH" Waverly, N.Y. "E.S. Hurd-PM" Dec. 15, 1883</p>	<p>ML-180 II</p>  <p>"EWH" East Windsor Hill, Conn. July 25, 1884</p>	<p>ML-181 II</p>  <p>"Ex" Blackberry Sta., Ill. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-182 II</p>  <p>"Ex" Blackberry Sta., Ill. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-183 II</p>  <p>"FAL" 1890 Issues</p>
<p>ML-184 II</p>  <p>"FT" White Plains, N.Y. Sept. 17, 1883</p>	<p>ML-185 II+</p>  <p>"G.S. READ - P.M." Woonsocket, R.I. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-186 II</p>  <p>"GF" 1883 Issues</p>	<p>ML-187 II</p>  <p>"HC" Berkshire, N.Y. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>ML-188 II</p>  <p>"HL" Covington, Ky. May 17, 1879</p>
<p>ML-189 II</p>  <p>"HNP" Whitehall, N.Y. "H.N. Parke-P.M."</p>	<p>ML-190 II</p>  <p>Reversed-"HP"</p>	<p>ML-191 II</p>  <p>"HR" Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan. 10-Feb. 3, 1874</p>	<p>ML-192 II</p>  <p>"HR" Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan. 15 -19, 1874</p>	<p>ML-193 II</p>  <p>"IDP"</p>

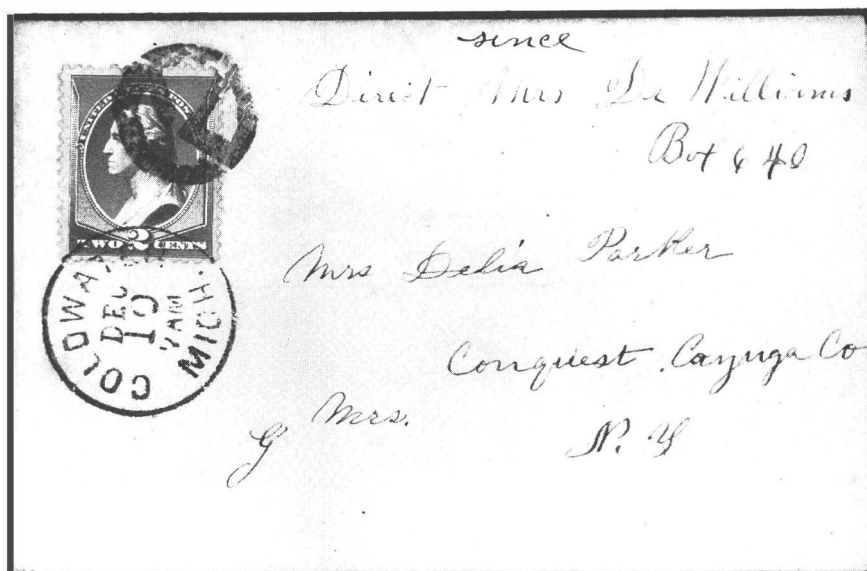
<p>ML-194 II-</p>  <p>"IX" Worcester, Mass. Jan. 13, 1882</p>	<p>ML-195 II</p>  <p>"IXL" Mineral Point, Wisc. 1870</p>	<p>ML-196 II</p>  <p>"IXL" Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1870 Envelope</p>	<p>ML-197 II</p>  <p>"Reversed JB" 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-198 II</p>  <p>"JD"</p>
<p>ML-199 II</p>  <p>"J.H.E." Durham, Me. "James H. Eveleth-P.M." 1874 Envelope</p>	<p>ML-200 II</p>  <p>"J.J.K." Geneva, Ill. "Joseph J. Kesler, P.M." 1870 Issues</p>	<p>ML-201 II</p>  <p>"J.P." Kankakee, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-202 II</p>  <p>"JR" Slater, Mo. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>ML-203 II+</p> 
<p>ML-204 II+</p>  <p>"JUL" Ballston, N.Y. July 18-Aug. 6, 1874</p>	<p>ML-205 II</p>  <p>"JY" Whitehall, N.Y. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-206 II</p>  <p>"Kirk" "E.R. Kirk-P.M." Sioux City, Iowa 1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-207 II</p>  <p>"LA"</p>	<p>L-208 II</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>
<p>ML-209 II</p>  <p>"LDP"</p>	<p>ML-210 II+</p>  <p>"LOV" 1887-90 Issues</p>	<p>ML-211 II+</p>  <p>"Love & XXX's" Schuylersville, N.Y. 1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-212 II</p>  <p>"LP" 1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-213 II</p>  <p>"LR" Columbian Issues</p>

<p>ML-214 II</p>  <p>"MC"</p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-215 II</p>  <p>"MC"</p> <p>St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>ML-216 II-</p>  <p>"MC"</p> <p>Lexington, Mo.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-217 II+</p>  <p>"MAR"</p>	<p>ML-218 II+</p>  <p>"MAY"</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>ML-219 II</p>  <p>Reversed "NA"</p> <p>North Amherst, Mass</p> <p>1883</p>	<p>ML-220 II</p>  <p>"NO"</p> <p>Chattanooga, Tn.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-221 II</p>  <p>"NO"</p> <p>New Orleans, La.</p>	<p>ML-222 II</p>  <p>"NOV"</p>	<p>ML-223 II</p>  <p>"NUTTE"</p>
<p>ML-224 II</p>  <p>"PP"</p>	<p>ML-225 II</p>  <p>"PP"</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>ML-226 II+</p>  <p>"SEP"</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>ML-227 II</p>  <p>"SH"</p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-228 II+</p>  <p>"SKED"</p> <p>Westerville, Ohio</p> <p>May 12-15, 1888</p>
<p>ML-229 II</p>  <p>"SL"</p> <p>Schroon Lake, N.Y. (Violet)</p> <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>ML-230 II</p>  <p>"SL"</p> <p>San Leandro, Ca.</p> <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>ML-231 II</p>  <p>"SL"</p> <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>ML-232 II</p>  <p>"Reversed "SW"</p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>ML-233 II</p>  <p>South Waterford, Me. (C.D.S. is in Purple; Cancel is in Black)</p> <p>June 23, 1884</p>

Unless the South Waterford, Maine "SW" cancel were found on stamp or cover with the accompanying postmark, it might be thought to mean "south west."



ML-234 II+  "TIME" Pine Bluff, Ark. (?) 1870 issues	ML-235 II+  "TIME" 1870 issues	ML-236 II  "TK" Moberly, Mo. 1881 Issues	ML-237 II+  "USED" 1882 Issues	ML-238 II  New York City
ML-239 II  "WA" Naugatuck, Conn. Sept. 6, 1873	ML-240 II  "WA"	ML-241 II  "XL" Whitehall, N.Y.	ML-242 II  "XX" New Orleans, La. (Purple) 1879 Issues	



Although the cancel on this 2¢ red brown of 1883 looks more like an "OK" in monogram form, it is actually the letters "ED" for Ed Root, the Coldwater, Michigan postmaster at the time the letter was sent. See ML-28 on page 210.

The Post Office of Beloit, Wisc. was a prolific user of "OK" cancels during the years 1870 to 1882. The Postmaster during this period was Henry P. Strong, but it is not known whether he carved these, or they were carved by one of the two clerks, nor why "OK" was so popular with this office.

OK-1

II

OK-2

II



Beloit, Wisc.

1875

1875

OK-3

II

OK-4

II

OK-5

II

OK-6

II

OK-7

II



Beloit, Wisc.

1876

1876

1873 Issues

1878

1873 Issues

OK-8

II

OK-9

II+

OK-10

II+

OK-11

II+

OK-12

III-



Beloit, Wisc.

1876

1870

1873 Issues

1877

1874

OK-13

II

OK-14

II

OK-15

II

OK-16

II

OK-17

II



Beloit, Wisc.





















1874





















1874













1881 Issues

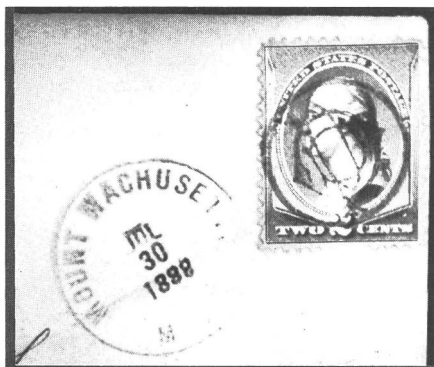
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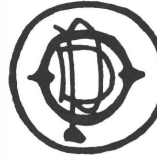











OK-18 II	OK-19 II	OK-20 II	OK-21 II	OK-22 II
				
Calais, Vt. 1883 Issues	1873 Issues	1881 Issues	Quincy, Mass. 1873 Issues	Memphis, Tn. 1873 Issues
OK-23 II	OK-24 II	OK-25 II	OK-26 II	OK-27 II
				
West Springfield, Pa. 1873 Issues	(Manuscript) Mitchell, N.Y. (Blue) Aug. 8, 1878	Parks & Bal. River Agt. 1873 Issues	N.Y. & Wash. RPO 1873 Issues	Macon, Ga. 1870 Issues
OK-28 II	OK-29 II	OK-30 II	OK-31 II	OK-32 II
				
Lee, Mass. 1870 Issues		1879 issues	Law & Brad. RR 1873 Issues	Official Issues
OK-33 II	OK-34 II	OK-35 II	OK-36 II	OK-37 II
				
Lee, Mass.	"O", "K" Olathe, Ks. Oct. 15, 1887		Orford, N.H. 1870-1873 Issues	





















<p>OK-38 II</p>  <p>Boone, Iowa Nov. 1, 1877</p>	<p>OK-39 II</p>  <p>Douglas, Ill. April 7, 1887</p>	<p>OK-40 II+</p>  <p>Cornwall Bridge, Ct. J.A. Bierce - P.M. 1875</p>	<p>OK-41 II</p>  <p>Lyons, Wisc. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>OK-42 II</p>  <p>Moline, Ill. 1875 P.C.</p>
<p>OK-43 II</p>  <p>Boone, Iowa Nov. 1, 1877</p>	<p>OK-44 II</p>  <p>1878</p>	<p>OK-45 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-46 II</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>OK-47 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>OK-48 II</p>  <p>Whitewater, Wisc. 1876</p>	<p>OK-49 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-50 II</p>  <p>1875 P.C.</p>	<p>OK-51 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-52 II</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>OK-53 II</p>  <p>Fox Lake, Wisc. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-54 II-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-55 II-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>OK-56 II+</p>  <p>Burlington, Ks.</p>	<p>OK-57 II</p>  <p>Pueblo, Colo. 1881 Issues</p>





















OK-58 II  1879 Issues	OK-59 II  1881 Issues	OK-60 II  1883 Issues	OK-61 II  Wilcox, Ariz. Nov. 16, 1883	OK-62 II+  Geneva, Wisc. (Blue) 1873 Issues	
<p>The entwined "POD" (Standing for Post Office Dept.) were commercially prepared cancels, used in a number of towns. Related cancels such as "PO" were also used.</p>				P0-1 I+  Yates Center, Ks. (Purple) 1883 Issues	P0-2 I+  Redden, Dela. 1883 Issues
P0-3 Stephensville, Wisc. (Blue) 1885 Thorp, Wisc. 1885	 Mosinee, Wisc. 1886 School Hill, Wisc. 1887-8	I+ Eden, Wisc. (Blue) 1889 Whittlesey, Wisc. 1885 Bellevue, Idaho Feb. 20, 1883	P0-4  Stewart, Ohio (Blue) Oct. 26, 1883 (Purple) 1890 Issues	I+	
P0-5  Mt. Wachusett, Mass. Sept. 28, 1887 - July 30, 1888 Cleveland, Ill. — J.H. Slade P.M. 1883 Issues	I+	P0-6  Loon Lake, N.Y. Sept. 7, 1888	I+	P0-7  Engle, N.M (Blue) Jan. 14, 1882 - July 23, 1883 Hot Springs, N.M. (Magenta, Blue, Violet) July 17 - Oct. 28, 1882	I+













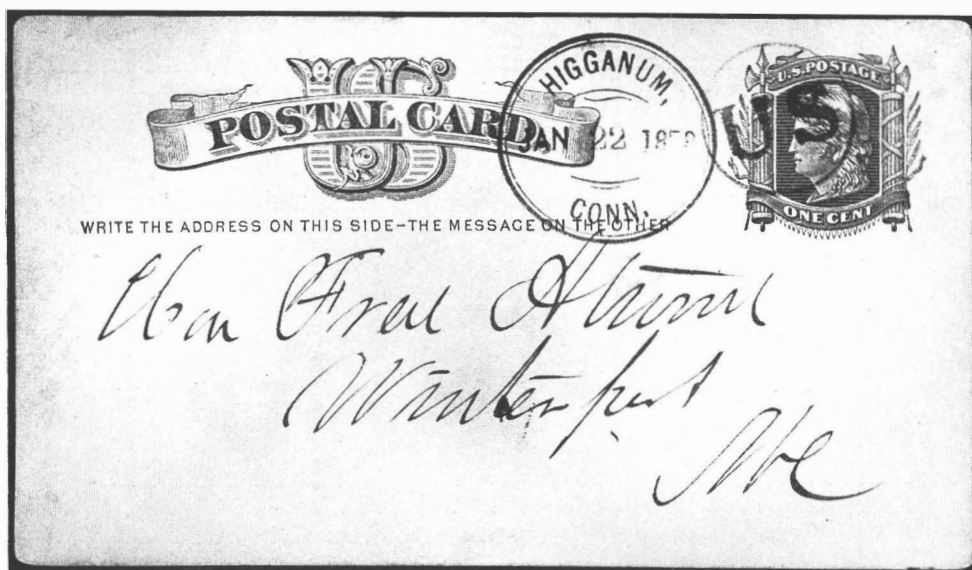
The Mount Wachusett, Mass. ornate monogram style "P.O.D." is typical if not identical with the other similar cancels displayed here. These were undoubtedly rubber stamps, with fine detail that often broke down with use so that cancels with different details may have been produced by the same or other handstamps produced from the same mold.

<p>P0-8</p> <p>I+</p> 	<p>P0-9</p> <p>I+</p> 	<p>P0-10</p> <p>I+</p> 	<p>P0-11</p> <p>I+</p> 
<p>Breckinridge, Colo.</p> <p>July 20-Nov. 4, 1884</p>	<p>Newton Highlands, Mass.</p> <p>Dec. 27, 1886</p>	<p>Collins, Mo.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Paul Smiths, N.Y.</p> <p>July 20, 1887</p>
<p>P0-12</p> <p>I+</p> 	<p>P0-13</p> <p>I+</p> 	<p>P0-14</p> <p>II</p> 	<p>P0-15</p> <p>II</p> 
<p>Ft. Cummings, N.M. (Violet, Purple)</p> <p>Sept. 22 1882-May 15, 1884</p>	<p>Mosinee, Wisc. (Dark Blue)</p> <p>May 28, 1888</p>	<p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Elyria, Ohio (Blue, Magenta)</p> <p>Sept. 22-Dec. 22, 1875</p>
<p>P0-16</p> <p>II</p> 	<p>P0-17</p> <p>II</p> 	<p>P0-18</p> <p>II-</p> 	<p>P0-19</p> <p>II+</p> 
<p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>David City, Neb.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Saratoga Springs, N.Y.</p> <p>1870-79 Issues</p>
			<p>P0-20</p> <p>II</p> 
			<p>1879 Issues</p>



















US-1 II-  Fayette, Iowa 1875 Issues	US-2 II-  Mexico, Mo. Nov. 30, 1880	US-3 II-  1875 P.C.	US-4 II-  Athens, Ala	US-5 II  Norwalk, Ohio (Blue) 1875
US-6 II-  1873 Issues	US-7 II-  Alfred Center, N.Y.	US-8 II-  Troy, N.Y. 1882 Issues	US-9 II-  1875 Issues	US-10 II  (Blue) 1875 Issues
US-11 II-  Mt. Pleasant, Mich. April 6, 1876-1881	US-12 II  1879 Issues	US-13 II-  Troy, N.Y. 1879 Issues	US-14 II-  1882 Envelope	US-15 II-  1879 Issues
US-16 II-  1879 Issues	US-17 II-  Waterloo, Ill. 1879 Issues	US-18 II-  Jan. 21, 1881	US-19 II-  Lexington, Va.	US-20 II-  1879 Issues




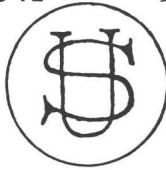
















US-21 II-  St. Louis, Mo. 1879 Issues	US-22 II-  1873 Issues	US-23 II-  1873 Issues	US-24 II-  New York City (Blue) 1873 P.C.	US-25 II-  Fort Dodge, Iowa Oct. 20, 1881
US-26 II-  Williamsport, Pa. 1879 Issues	US-27 II-  Mattapoisett, Mass. 1879 Envelope	US-28 II-  1875	US-29 II-  1873 Issues	US-30 II-  Campbell C.H., Va. 1873 Issues
US-31 II-  (Blue) 1873 Issues	US-32 II-  Savannah, Ga. 1873 P.C.	US-33 II-  Union Springs, Ala. June 14, 1872	US-34 II-  1870 Issues	US-35 II-  1879 Envelope
US-36 II-  1887 Issues	US-37 II-  1883 Issues	US-38 II-  1887 Issues	US-39 II-  1883 Issues	US-40 II-  Dwight, Ill. 1870 Issues

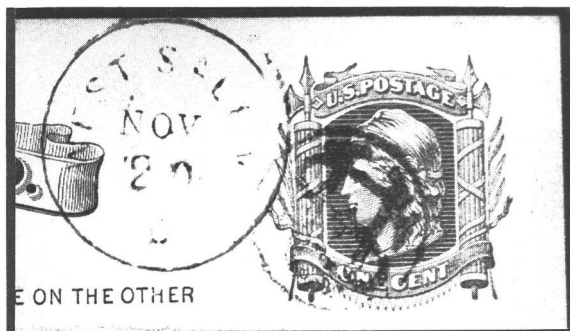
US-41  Lyons, Ks. 1873 Issues	II- US-42  1887 Issues	US-43  Ashland, Ohio 1879 Issues	II US-44  Neshannock Falls, Pa. 1887 Issues	II US-45  Williamsport, Pa. 1879 Issues
US-46  Saratoga Spgs., N.Y. 1870 Issues	II US-47  Johnstown, Wisc. (Blue) 1873 Issues	II US-48  Ishpeming, Mich.	II US-49  Campbell C.H., Va.	II US-50  Avoca, N.Y. 1879 Issues











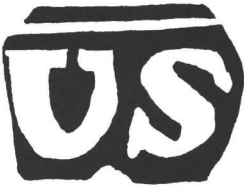











The "U.S." cancel (U.S.-35 on opposite page) and the Higganum, Connecticut postmark, both in magenta, overlap, proving the markings were produced by separate handstamps. The flourishes in the postmark, dated Jan. 22, 1878, and the magenta ink, frowned upon by the Post Office Department, indicates they were both commercially made rubber stamps purchased by the postmaster.





















US-51  1873 Issues	II US-52  Streator Ill. 1883 Issues	II US-53  Putnam, Conn. (Purple, Black) Aug. - Dec., 1879	I+ US-54  1873 Issues	II- US-55  Higganum, Conn. (Purple) Sept. 22, 1875-Jan. 6, 1878
II- US-56  Various Cities 1873 Issues	II- US-57  1883 Issues	II US-58  1879 Issues	II US-59 	II- US-60  1879 Issues
II- US-61  Milton Mills, N.H. 1879 Issues	II- US-62  New York City 1883 Issues	II- US-63  1879 Issues	II- US-64  Petersburg, Va. 1870 Issues	II- US-65  1873 Issues
II- US-66  Keswick Depot, Va. 1873-6 East Waterloo, Me. 1876 Lincoln, Mass. 1870-3 Issues	Mt. Wachusett, Mass. Sept. 1, 1874 Pashan, Indiana		II- US-67  Kansas, Ohio April 13, 1873 Lakeside, N.Y. Dec. 1873	II- US-68  East Waterford, Me. Jan. 23, 1883

US-69 II-  Schuylers Lake, N.Y. 1879 Issues	US-70 II-  Canaan, Ohio Canton, Ohio 1883 Issues	US-71 II-  Tahlequah, Indian Territory 1887 Issues	US-72 II-  Kings Creek, Roane Co., TN., John A. Fuller, P.M. Mar. 19, 1888	US-73 II-  Ironton, Ohio 1874 Envelope
US-74 II-  Eden, Wisc. 1888 Wrightstown, Wisc. 1887	US-75 II-  Shelby, Ohio June 28, 1879	US-76 II-  1883 Issues	US-77 II-  Burbank, Ohio July 19, 1879	US-78 II-  Gilbert's Mills, Ohio 1873 Issues
US-79 II-  Galena, Ohio (Blue) Nov. 23, 1878 Bakerstown, Pa. 1879 Issues	US-80 II-  South Byron, Wisc. 1883 Issues	US-81 II-  Canaan, Ohio 1885 Greenbush, Oh. 1884 Moons, Ohio 1885 Neptune, Oh. Vienna, N.Y.	US-82 II-  1879 Issues	US-83 II-  Denver, Colo. 1873 Issues
US-84 II-  1873 Issues	US-85 II-  Elyria, Ohio (Magenta, Blue) Dec. 21, 1875	US-86 II-  Boston, Ga. Apr. 8, 1887	US-87 II-  Adairsville, Ga.	US-88 II-  1890 Issues



The monogram "U.S." in a circle used at West Salem, Ohio is very similar to cancels used at Ironton (U.S.-73) and Burbank (U.S.-77), also in Ohio.

US-89 II-  	US-90 II-  St. Louis, Mo. 1881 P.C.	US-91 II-  Sing Sing, N.Y. Oct. 5, 1870	US-92 II-  Spartanburg, N.Y. June 13, 1870	US-93 II-  Shelby, Ohio
US-94 II  Mattapoisett, Mass. 1873	US-95 II-  1874	US-96 II-  1890 issues	US-97 II  Putnam, Ct. Sept. 4, 1882	US-98 II  July -Nov. 17, 1882
US-99 II-  Derby, Conn.	US-100 II  1873 Issues	US-101 II-  Lafayette, Ind. 1873 P.C.	US-102 II-  Winsted, Conn. Ultramarine 1887-90 Issues	US-103 II+ 
US-104 II-  Ravenna, Ohio 1883 Issues	US-105 II  Hector, Ohio Dec. 1891	US-106 II-  Penningtonville, Pa. 1870 Issues	US-107 II-  Cleveland, Ohio 1873 Issues	US-108 II-  Upper Sandusky, Ohio June 13, 1892

<p>US-109 II</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>US-110 II</p>  <p>Vincetown, N.J.</p>	<p>US-111 II-</p>  <p>Hannibal, Mo.</p> <p>October 8, 1880</p>	<p>US-112 II-</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>US-113 II-</p>  <p>1883 Envelope</p>
<p>US-114 II-</p>  <p>Ogdensburg, N.Y.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>US-115 II-</p>  <p>Aug. 31, 1875</p>	<p>US-116 II-</p>  <p>1875 Issues</p>	<p>US-117 II-</p>  <p>Lewistown, Pa.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>US-118 II-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>
<p>US-119 II-</p>  <p>Lynchburg, Va.</p> <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>US-120 II-</p>  <p>Kirkville, Mo.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>US-121 II-</p>  <p>Syracuse, N.Y.</p> <p>March 30-Apr. 8, 1875</p>	<p>US-122 II-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>US-123 II-</p>  <p>Columbian Issues</p>
<p>US-124 II-</p>  <p>Harrisburg, Pa.</p> <p>Feb. 1875</p>	<p>US-125 II-</p>  <p>Cleveland, Ohio</p>	<p>US-126 II-</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>US-127 II-</p>  <p>Owatonna, Minn.</p> <p>1881 P.C.</p>	<p>US-128 II-</p>  <p>Pulaski, N.Y.</p> <p>May 13, 1875</p>

The "U.S. MAIL" cancel was another commercially prepared "killer", which was popular with many different small town Post Offices. It is found in a number of styles.

US-129

II-



Lookout, Wyo.

Sept. 12, 1886

US-130

II-



Blue Mound, Ill.

March 12-May 10, 1887

US-131

II-



Beach Haven, Pa.

Sept. 22, 1891

US-132

II-

Winchester, Ks.
A.M. Barns, P.M.
Mar. 25, 1886

US-133

II-

Mt. Auburn, Iowa
Fairburn, Ga.

US-134

II-



Varysburgh, N.Y.

Mar. 26, 1888

US-135

II-



Biggs, Wasco Co., Ore.

Feb. 12, 1887

US-136

II-



1883 Issues

US-137

II-



Bloomdale, Ohio

Feb. 10, 1887

US-138

II-

Numa, Appanoose Co.,
Iowa
Feb. 8, 1887

US-139

II-

Lowell, Mass. 1883
Beach Haven, N.J.
1890-93

US-140

II-

Fonta Flora, Burke Co.,
N.C.
Oct. 11, 1882

US-141

II-



Murson Sta., Pa.

June 14, 1887

US-142

II-

Helena, Ky.—R.M.
Harrison, P.M.
June 14, 1889

US-143

II-

(Purple)
1873 Issues

US-144

II-

Tahlequah, Indian
Territory
(Violet)
Aug. 22, 1885-Jan. 22,
1887

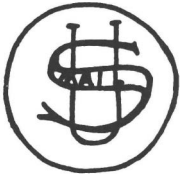













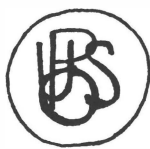

US-145

II-

Zenos, Maricopa Co., Ariz.
Apr. 6, 1887-Dec. 12, 1888

Carlisle, Sullivan County, Indiana monogram "U.S. Mail" cancel with accompanying fancy postmark of July 1886, struck in black on a brown Jefferson postal card of 1885. (US-129A) (II-)

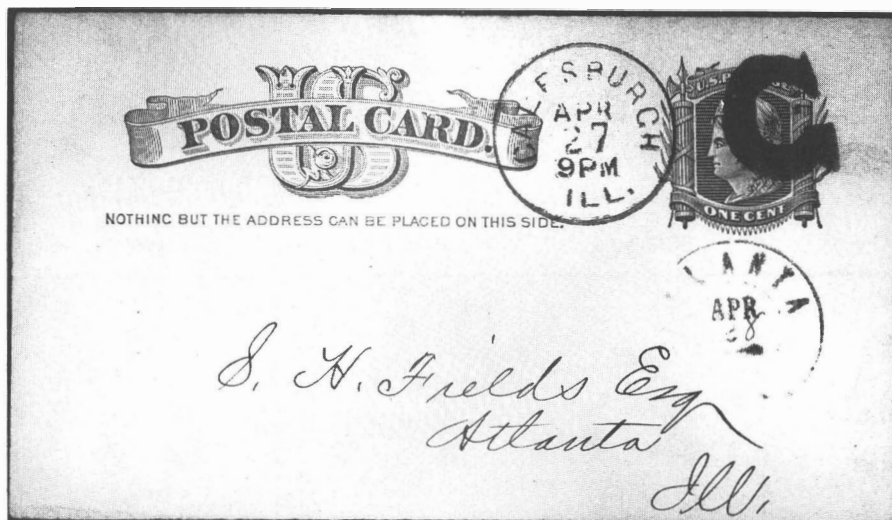


US-146	II-		Cod-y-yah, Indian Territory 1887 Tahlequah, Indian Territory (Purple) 1887
US-147	II-		McMillan, Mich. August 9, 1886
US-148	II-		Richfield, Wisc. (Black) 1880 St. George, Wisc. (Purple) 1885 Elcho, Wisc (Black) 1889
US-149	II-		Wytheville, Va. Jan. 24, 1881
US-150	II-		
US-151	II-		
US-152	II-		1883 Issues
US-153	II-		(Manuscript) 1873 Issues
US-154	II		Freeport, Ill. Nov. 9, 1885
US-155	II		1870 Issues
US-156	II		Kansas City, Mo.
US-157	II		1873 Issues
US-158	II		Royalton, N.Y. (Blue) 1873 Issues
US-159	II		(Magenta) July 21, 1880
US-160	II		"USPO"
US-161	II		"USPO" or "USPOD"



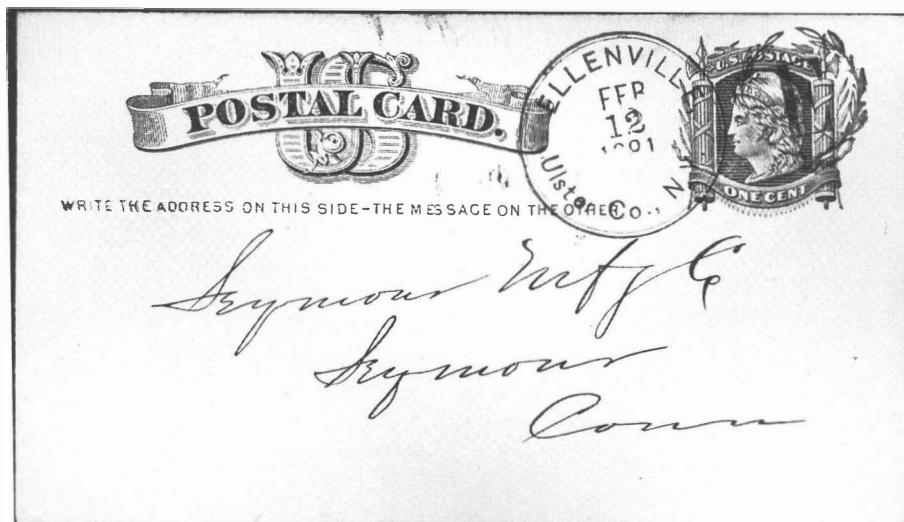
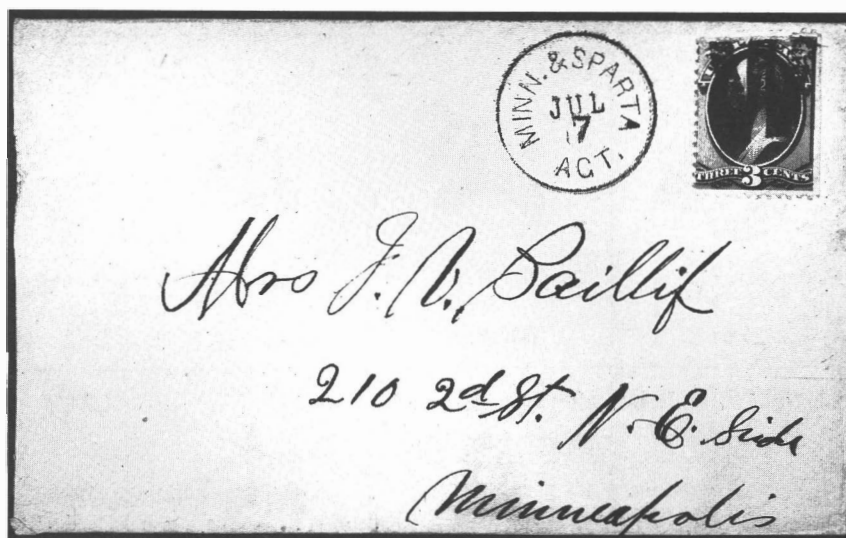
Struck in magenta on a postal card addressed to Alton, Illinois, the origin of this unusual marking, "U.S.X. 124" is unknown.

Single letter markings typically have the first initial of a post office, postal station or branch, or postmaster or clerk's name. Most of these, other than those for large city branch and sub-stations, were hand carved, locally.























The Galesburgh, Illinois "G" cancel (see page 255) for details) is typical of the single letter style cancels used at smaller offices. (LG-8A)





















A Minn(eapolis) & Sparta (Wis.) route agent cover with a "W" for "West(bound)" killer. A similar "E" was probably used when the train returned, going the opposite direction. Thus, "E" and "W," "N" and "S," and also "AM" or "PM" (when morning and return afternoon trips were made) are frequently found with railroad postmarks. (See pages 249, 268, 276 and 284-5.)











































The Ellenville, Ulster County, N.Y. wreathed "E" was only one of a group of similar commercial cancels, undoubtedly rubber stamps, used in the 1880s. See page 291 for details.





















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La-1  Ashaway, R.I. 1890 Issues	I-	La-2  Official Issues	I-	La-3  Appleton, Wisc. 1873 Issue	I-	La-4  Auburn, Neb. 1890 Issues	I-	La-5  Aurora, Ill. 1875 P.C.	I-
La-6  Andersonville, Va. 1887 Envelope	I-	La-7  Nauvoo, Ill. Nov. 17, 1882	I-	La-8  Akron, Ohio Mar. 14, 1874	I-	La-9  North Scituate, Mass. Official Envelope	I-	La-10  Sta. A, Boston, Mass. Feb. 14 - Apr. 19, 1876	I-
La-11  1879 Issues	I-	La-12  1890 Issues	I-	La-13  Alliance, Ohio (Blue) November 24, 1875	I-	La-14  Arlington, Vt. 1882	I-	La-15  Attica, N.Y. 1873	I-
La-16  1873 Issues	I-	La-17  1873 Issues	I-	La-18  Paducah & Waterloo RPO	I-	La-19  1890 Issues	I-	La-20  1890 Issues	I-














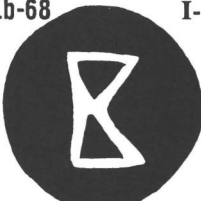






La-21  1879 Issues I-	La-22  Ashtabula, Ohio 1873 Issues I-	La-23  1870 Issues I-	La-24  Cincinnati, Ohio 1890 Issues I-	La-25  North Attleboro, Mass. 1890 Issues I+
La-26  I+	La-27  Ashley, Mich. 1887 Issues I-	La-28  Columbian Issues I-	La-29  Ames, Iowa (Blue) Dec. 16, 1874 I-	La-30  Baltimore, Md. January 21, 1874 I-
La-31  B & MO. Neb. R.R. (Blue) 1874 I-	La-32  Albert Lea, Minn. 1881 Issues I-	La-33  Worcester, Mass. November 23, 1881 I-	La-34  May 27, 1871 I-	La-35  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) September 22, 1873- May 12, 1874 (Black) August 1, 1873 I
La-36  I-	La-37  I-	La-38  I-	La-39  I-	La-40  Crawfordsville, Ind. June 13, 1885 I-
<div> <div>Wilkes Barre, Pa.</div> <div>1875 P.C.</div> <div>January 9, 1888</div> </div>				













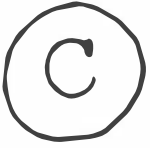

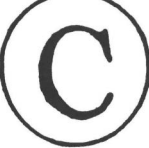





La-41 I-  Afton, N.Y. September 4, 1891	La-42 I-  Brazil, Ind. Dec. 6, 1880-May 18, 1881	La-43 I-  Athens, Ohio 1883 Issues	La-44 I-  Kenton, Ohio	La-45 I-  Norwich, Conn. (Blue) April 26, 1875
La-46 I-  Boston, Mass. Dorchester Sta. February 2, 1888	La-47 I-  Sta. A March 29, 1871 - April 18, 1874	La-48 I-  Louisville, Ky. (Blue) 1879 Issues	La-49 I-  Washington, D.C. November 26, 1872	La-50 I-  Danbury, Conn. 1873 Issues
La-51 I-  Appleton, Wisc.	La-52 I-  1874	La-53 I-  Anna, Ill. 1883 Issues	La-54 I-  Alliance, Ohio October 12, 1892	La-55 I-  Auburn, N.Y. (Blue) November 14, 1873
La-56 I-  Alexandria, Va. (Blue) June 8, 1874	La-57 I-  Amherst, Mass. 1880	La-58 I-  Onarga, Ill.	La-59 I-  Whitehall, N.Y. 1870	La-60 I-  Lafayette, Ind. May 14, 1874

Lb-16 I-  Englewood, Ill. 1887 Issues	Lb-17 I-  Brodhead, Wisc. 1883	Lb-18 I-  Weyauwega, Wisc. 1873 Issues	Lb-19 I-  Hartford, Vt. 1870 Issues	Lb-20 I-  Ozaukee, Wisc.
Lb-21 I-  1879 Issues	Lb-22 I-  Philipsburgh, Pa. May 4 - 12, 1875	Lb-23 II  (Purple) 1890 Issues	Lb-24 II  	Lb-25 II 
Lb-26 I-  Beloit, Wisc. 1874	Lb-27 I-  Roxbury, St.- Boston, Mass. 1870 Issues	Lb-28 I-  1873 Issues	Lb-29 I-  Brazil, Ind. (Purple) June 12- 19, 1878	Lb-30 I-  1883 Issues
Lb-31 I-  Bangor, Me. 1878-83	Lb-32 I-  New Bedford, (state?) April 23, 1875	Lb-33 I-  1883 Issues	Lb-34 I-  Beaver Dam, Wisc. 1873 Issues	Lb-35 I-  1881 Issues

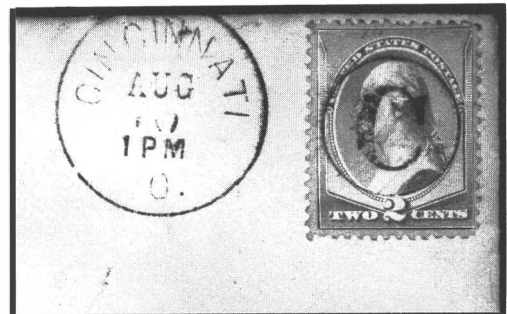
<p>Lb-36 II-</p>  <p>1887</p>	<p>Lb-37 I-</p>  <p>1886</p>	<p>Lb-38 I-</p>  <p>1886</p>	<p>Lb-39 I-</p>  <p>1893</p>	<p>Lb-40 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>
<p>Lb-41 I</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-42 I-</p> 	<p>Lb-43 I-</p>  <p>March 7, 1877</p>	<p>Lb-44 I</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-45 I</p> 
<p>Lb-45A I-</p>  <p>Bement, Ill. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-46 I</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-47 I</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-48 I</p>  <p>1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-49 I</p>  <p>Albany, N.Y. 1870 Issues</p>
<p>Lb-50 II</p> 	<p>Lb-51 I+</p>  <p>Worcester, Mass. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lb-52 I+</p> 	<p>Lb-53 I+</p> 	<p>Lb-54 I</p>  <p>Bucksport, Me. 1870-72</p>





















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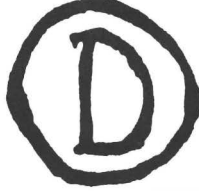
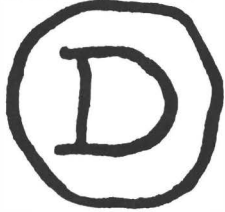
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Lb-60 I-  Baraboo, Wisc. 1886	Lb-61 I-  1885	Lb-62 I-  Evansville, Ind. 1881 Issues	Lb-63 I-  Boston, Mass. South Boston Sta.- 1879 Issues	Lb-64 I-  (3rd Class Mail) December 1875
Lb-65 I-  Stoughton, Wisc. 1893	Lb-66 I-  Beloit, Wisc. 1870 Envelope	Lb-67 I-  Burlington, Wisc. 1870 Issues	Lb-68 I-  York, Neb. August 1886	Lb-69 I-  Brooklyn, N.Y. 1883 Issues
Lb-70 I-  1881 Issues	Lb-71 I-  Sedalia, Mo. 1879 Issues	Lc-1 I-  Vandalia, N.Y. 1874 envelope	Lc-2 I-  Camden, N.J. 1873 Issues	Lc-3 I-  1883 Issues





















<p>Lc-4 I- </p> <p>_____ Cohoes, N.Y. _____</p> <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-5 I- </p>	<p>Lc-6 I- </p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-7 I- </p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-8 I- </p> <p>Albion, Ill.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>
<p>Lc-9 I- </p> <p>Fulton, Ill.</p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-10 I- </p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-11 I- </p> <p>Boston, Mass.</p> <p>November 24, 1873</p>	<p>Lc-12 I- </p> <p>Champaign, Ill.</p> <p>1875 P.C.</p>	<p>Lc-13 I- </p> <p>Chamberlain, Dak. Terr.</p> <p>1887 Issues</p>
<p>Lc-14 I- </p> <p>West St. Louis Sta. - St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>July 29, 1880</p>	<p>Lc-15 I- </p> <p>Coopersville, Mich.</p> <p>Feb. 8 - March 7, 1881</p>	<p>Lc-16 I- </p> <p>Chatsworth, Ill.</p> <p>November 7, 1874</p>	<p>Lc-17 I- </p> <p>_____ Cincinnati, Ohio _____</p> <p>January 31, 1891</p>	<p>Lc-18 I- </p> <p>1883 Issues</p>
<p>Lc-19 I- </p> <p>East Boston Sta. - Boston, Mass.</p> <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-20 I- </p> <p>West Winfield, N.Y.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-21 I- </p> <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-22 I- </p> <p>Carthage, Ill.</p> <p>1875 P.C.</p>	<p>Lc-23 I- </p> <p>Official Issues</p>





















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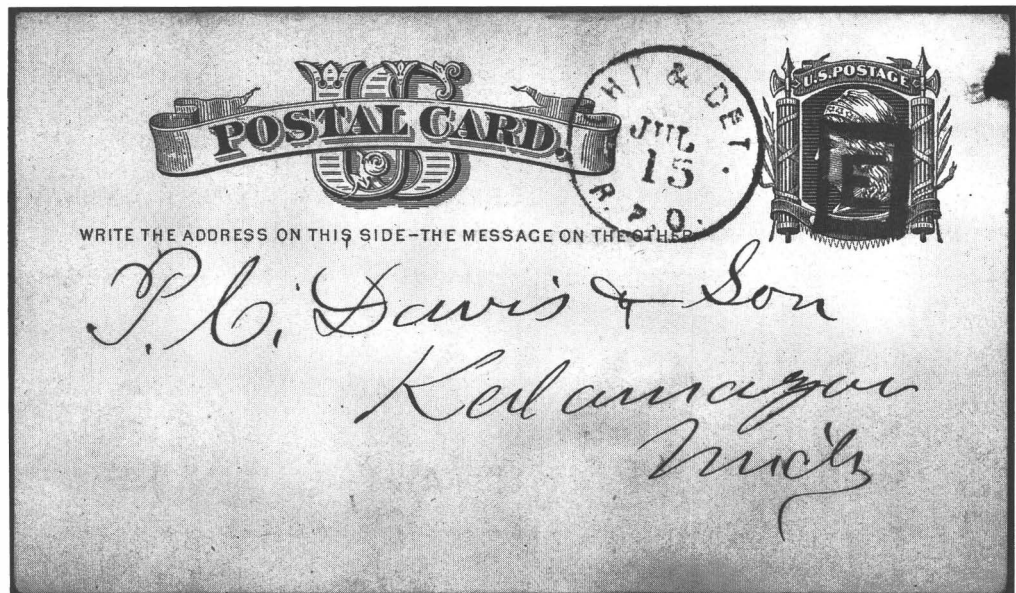
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<p>Lc-39 I-</p>  <p>... d 1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-40 I-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-41 I-</p>  <p>West St. Louis Sta.-St. Louis, Mo. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-42 I-</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lc-43 I+</p>  <p>1879 Issues</p>

Ld-1 I-  (Purple) 1890 Issues	Ld-2 I-  Delton, Wisc. 1874	Ld-3 I-  	Ld-4 I-  Guineys, Va. 1883 Issues	Ld-5 I-  Denver, Colo. 1883 Issues
Ld-6 I-  1882 Issues	Ld-7 I-  Dayton, Wisc. 1887	Ld-8 I-  1875 Issues	Ld-9 I-  Dothen, Ala. 1890 Issues	Ld-10 I-  1879 Issues
Ld-11 I-  1881 Issues	Ld-12 I-  South Boston Sta.— Boston, Mass. 1873-75 Issues	Ld-13 I-  Shelbyville, Mo. 1879 Issues	Ld-14 I-  Dallas City, Ill. 1887 Issues	Ld-15 I-  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 P.C.
Ld-16 I-  Sioux Falls, Dak. Terr. 1879 Issues	Ld-17 I-  	Ld-18 I-  	Ld-19 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. Feb. 14, 1879	Ld-20 I-  June 10-July 10, 1879

Ld-21 I  1887 Issues	Ld-22 I-  1870 Issues	Ld-23 I-  1879 Issues	Ld-24 I-  1879 Issues	Ld-25 I 
Ld-26 I-  Deadwood, Dak. Terr. 1883 Issues	Ld-27 I-  Slater, Mo. 1883 Issues	Ld-28 I-  Delaware, Ohio 1873 Issues	Ld-29 I-  Official Issues	Ld-30 I-  Ottawa, Ill. 1873 Issues
Ld-31 I-  N.Y. & Washington R. P.O. June 24, 1882	Ld-32 I-  Dorchester Sta. - Boston, Mass. 1889	Ld-33 I-  Winthrop, Me.	Ld-34 I-  1873 Issues	Ld-35 I-  1873 Issues
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Le-3 I-  1879 Issues	Le-4 I-  Gibson City, Ill 1883 Issues	Le-5 I-  1879 Issues	Le-6 I-  1890 Issues	Le-7 I-  Dayton, Ohio (Blue) March 3, 1875
Le-8 I-  1873 P.C.	Le-9 I-  Springfield, Ill Aug. 20, 1874	Le-10 I-  Nov. 23, 1874	Le-11 I-  Freeport, Ill. 1870 Envelope	Le-12 I- 
Le-13 I-  1879 Issues	Le-14 I-  (Purple) Official Issues	Le-15 I-  Chicago, Ill. July 13, 1871	Le-16 I-  Bangor, Me. (Reddish-Purple) Dec. 5, 1876	Le-17 I-  Ind. & Peoria Agt.
Le-18 I+  Boston, Springfield & New York RPO 1879 Issues	Le-19 I-  Mar. 27, 1888	Le-20 I-  Horicon & Portage RPO 1883	Le-21 I-  1881	Le-22 I-  Chicago & La Crosse RPO 1883





















Le-23	I-	Le-24	I-	Le-25	I-	Le-26	I-	Le-27	I-
									
Peoria & Terre Haute Agt.									
(Blue) Feb. 15, 1878		May 31, 1881		Feb. 11, 1882		Jan. 2-Sept. 16, 1885		Jan. 4, 1888	
Le-28	I-	Le-29	I-	Le-30	I-	Le-31	I-	Le-32	I-
									
Minn. & La Crosse RPO 1880		Chicago & Winona RPO 1891		1883 Issues		Chicago & Sparta RPO 1870		(Blue) 1881 Issues	
Le-33	I-	Le-34	I-	Le-35	I-	Le-36	I-	Le-37	I-
									
Bluffs. & Han. Agt. 1880		Chicago & Minn. RPO 1890		La Crosse & St. Paul R.P.O. 1878		(Blue) 1882		Pt. Huron & Valp. Agt. 1877	
Le-38	II	Le-39	I	Le-40	I-	Le-41	I-	Le-42	I-
									
1881 Issues		Lafay. & Quincy RPO (Blue) Nov. 2, 1874		Portland & Boston RPO		Litchfield, Ohio 1881 Issues		La Crosse & S. Falls RPO July 10, 1884	











































Chicago & Detroit route agent postmark with an "E" for "East(bound)," duplexed, on UX5 postcard, July 15, 1876. A tracing of the counterpart cancel with "W" for "West(bound)" is shown at left.





















Le-43 I	Le-44 I	Le-45 I-	Le-46 I-	Le-47 I
1881 Issues	1873 Issues		Official Issues	1887 Issues
Le-48 I	Le-49 I	Le-50 I	Le-51 I-	Le-52 I-
Newark, Ohio June 2, 1887	Pittsburgh, Pa. July 5, 1879	Chicago & Minn. RPO 1892-1894	Chicago & Detroit RPO Nov. 18, 1875	South Hanson, Mass. Feb. 18, 1890





















Le-53 I-  Elleda, Ohio 1873 Issues	Le-54 I-  Eufala, Ala. 1887 Envelope	Le-55 I-  New Tacoma, Wash. Terr. 1881 Issues	Le-56 I-  Norwich, Conn. Dec. 19, 1875	Le-57 I-  Albany, N.Y. Dec. 19, 1875
Le-58 I-  Appleton, Wisc. 1881	Le-59 I-  Wykoff, Minn. Mar. 14, 1894	Le-60 I-  Eau Claire, Wisc. 1870 Issues	Le-61 I-  1883	Le-62 I-  Springfield, Ill. 1883 Issues
Le-63 I-  Delaware, Ohio 1879 Issues	Le-64 I-  1875 P.C.	Le-65 I-  Waukesha, Wisc. 1881 Issues	Le-66 I-  1881 Issues	Le-67 I-  1881 Issues
Le-68 I-  Oakfield, Wisc. 1891	Le-69 I-  1875 issues	Le-70 I-  1879 Issues	Le-71 I+  New Orleans, La.	Le-72 I  1881 Issues





















Le-73 I  Empire, La. Mar. 12, 1887	Le-74 I-  1881 issues	Le-75 I-  1870 Issues	Le-76 I-  Chicago, Ill. June 20, 1871	Le-77 I-  Elmira, N.Y. 1882
Le-78 I-  1883 Issues	Le-79 I  1890 Issues	Le-80 I  ... ton, Columbian issues	Le-81 I-  Boston & Albany RPO Nov. 6, 1886	Le-82 I-  May 16, 1887
Le-83 I-  Kal. & S.H. Agt. 1878	Le-84 I-  Mem. & L. Rock Agt. Nov. 8, 1882	Le-85 I-  Marion & R. Water Agt.	Le-86 I-  Peoria & Terre H. Agt. Jan. 17, 1886	Le-87 I  Boston & Albany RPO 1879 Issues
Le-88 I-  Chi. & Sparta RPO (Black, Magenta) 1880	Le-89 I-  Boston, Springfield & New York RPO 1879 Issues	Le-90 I-  Chi. & Minn. RPO 1890	Le-91 I-  Racine & Rock Island Agt. (Blue) 1877	Le-92 I-  1891





















<p>Lf-1 I-</p>  <p>Redfield, Dak. Terr. 1887</p>	<p>Lf-2 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lf-3 I-</p>  <p>Northville, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lf-4 I-</p>  <p>Cape Girardeau, Mo. 1887 Issues</p>	<p>Lf-5 II</p>  <p>Farmers, York Co., Pa. Dec. 26, 1890</p>
<p>Lf-6 I-</p>  <p>Dorchester Sta.-Boston, Mass. 1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lf-7 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1874 Envelope</p>	<p>Lf-8 I-</p> 	<p>Lf-9 I-</p>  <p>Traverse City, Mich. Sept. 29, 1875</p>	<p>Lf-10 I-</p>  <p>Greeley, Colo. 1875</p>
<p>Lf-11 I-</p>  <p>Muscatine, Iowa Aug. 8, 1877</p>	<p>Lf-12 I-</p>  <p>West Farmington, Ohio 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lf-13 I-</p>  <p>Uniontown, Ky. Apr. 29, 1881</p>	<p>Lf-14 I-</p>  <p>Mattapan Sta.-Boston, Mass Apr. 2, 1888</p>	<p>Lf-15 I</p> 
<p>Lf-16 I-</p>  <p>Traverse City, Mich. Nov. 23, 1875</p>	<p>Lf-17 I-</p>  <p>Feb. 16-July 6, 1875</p>	<p>Lf-18 I-</p> 	<p>Lf-19 I-</p>  <p>Friendship, N.Y. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lg-1 II</p>  <p>Lewisburg, Ark. (Brown) 1870 Issues</p>








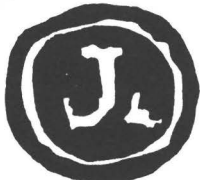












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<p>Lg-7 I-</p> 	<p>Lg-8 I</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lg-9 I-</p>  <p>July 2, 1883</p>	<p>Lg-10 I-</p>  <p>1874 Envelope</p>	<p>Lg-11 I</p>  <p>Indianapolis, Ind. 1875</p>
<p>Lg-12 II+</p>  <p>Waterbury, Conn. Nov. 9, 1879(?)</p>	<p>Lg-13 II</p>  <p>Granger, Ind. 1873 issues</p>	<p>Lg-14 I</p>  <p>1891 P.C.</p>	<p>Lg-15 I</p> 	<p>Lg-16 I</p>  <p>Mattapan Sta.- Boston, Mass Apr. 3, 1882</p>
<p>Lg-17 I-</p>  <p>Marietta, Ohio May 26, 1887</p>	<p>Lg-18 I-</p>  <p>Georgetown Sta.- Washington, D.C. 1880-82 (Drop Letters)</p>	<p>Lg-19 I-</p> 	<p>Lg-20 I-</p>  <p>Glenbeulah, Wisc. Jan. 8, 1874</p>	<p>Lg-21 I-</p>  <p>Columbian Issues</p>

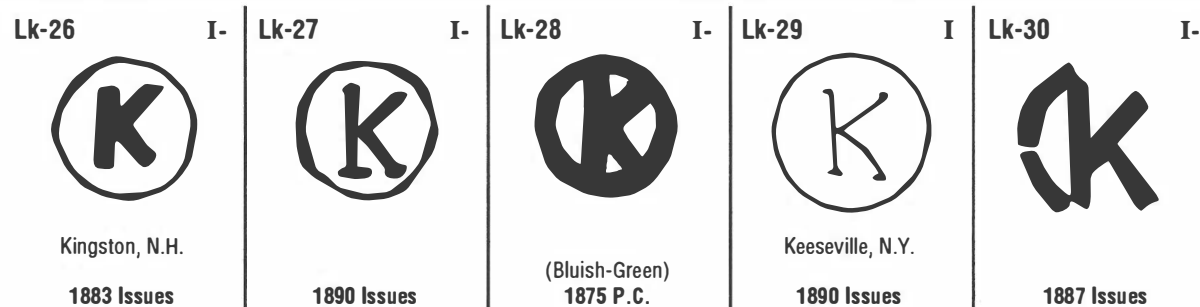
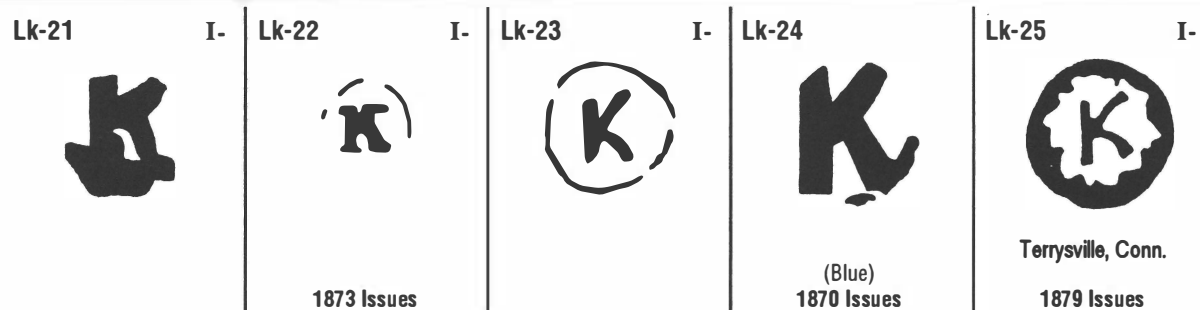
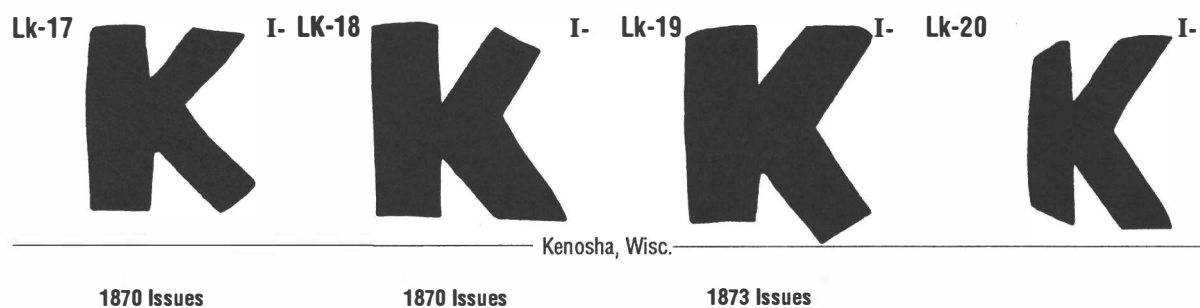
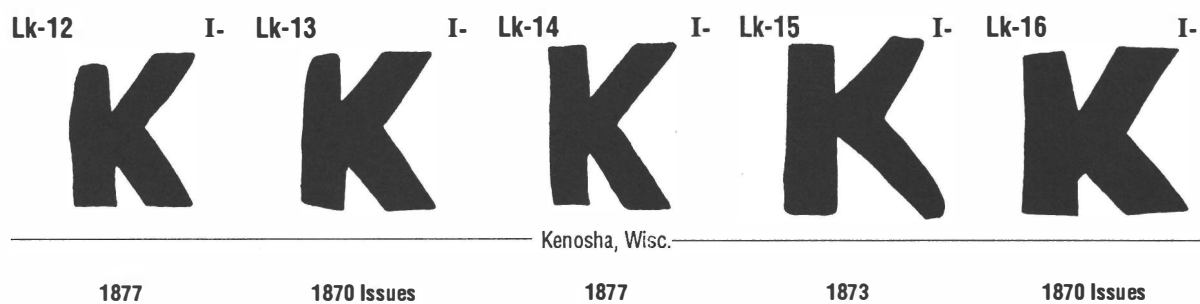
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<p>Lg-27 I-</p> 	<p>Lg-28 I</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-1 I-</p>  <p>Jamaica Plains Sta.- Boston, Mass. Mar. 5, 1887</p>	<p>Lh-2 I-</p>  <p>Hudson, N.Y. Mar. 22, 1892</p>	<p>Lh-3 I-</p>  <p>Oowala, Indian Territory 1885</p>
<p>Lh-4 I-</p>  <p>Huntington, N.Y. 1887 Envelope</p>	<p>Lh-5 I-</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-6 I-</p>  <p>Ft. Howard, Wisc. 1870 Envelope</p>	<p>Lh-7 I-</p>  <p>Hardwick, Vt. 1875 P.C.</p>	<p>Lh-8 I-</p>  <p>Haverhill, Mass. 1874 Envelope</p>
<p>Lh-9 I-</p>  <p>Augusta, Me. Sept. 28, 1881-1889</p>	<p>Lh-10 I-</p>  <p>Luverne, Minn. 1887 Envelope</p>	<p>Lh-11 I-</p>  <p>Harmon, Ill. 1886 P.C.</p>	<p>Lh-12 I-</p>  <p>Centre Moriches, N.Y. 1887 Envelope</p>	<p>Lh-13 I-</p>  <p>Fairview, Ill. 1879 Issues</p>



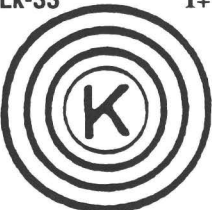

















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Lh-19  Hartford, Wisc. 1882 I-	Lh-20  Salida & Silverton RPO 1890 Issues I-	Lh-21  1887 Issues I-	Lh-22  Jersey City, N.J. 1879 Issues I-	Lh-23  1873 Issues I-
Lh-24  Savannah, Ga. 1870's I-	Lh-25  (Blue) Official Issues I-	Lh-26  I-	Lh-27  Pittsfield, Mass. I	Lh-28  1881 Issues II
Lh-29  I+	Lh-30  I-	Lh-31  Huron, Ohio 1887 Envelope I-	Lh-32  New York City I-	Lh-33  1890 Issues I-





















<p>Lh-34 I</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-35 I</p>  <p>Coeymans, N.Y.</p> <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-36 I</p>  <p>Hanover, Wisc. (Blue) 1884</p>	<p>Lh-37 I</p>  <p>Philadelphia, Pa.</p>	<p>Lh-38 I</p>  <p>New Washington, Ohio Hopewell, Pa. (Purple) 1883-87 Issues</p>
<p>Lh-39 I</p>  <p>1887 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-40 I-</p>  <p>New York City</p> <p>1880's</p>	<p>Lh-41 I</p>  <p>Hancock, N.Y.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 1893</p>	<p>Lh-42 I+</p> 	<p>Lh-43 I-</p>  <p>Haverstraw, N.Y.</p> <p>1887 Envelope</p>
<p>Lh-44 I-</p>  <p>Wyand, Ill.</p> <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-45 I-</p>  <p>Rome, N.Y.</p>	<p>Lh-46 I-</p>  <p>Ottawa, Ill.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-47 I-</p>  <p>(Blue) 1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-48 I-</p>  <p>1879 issues</p>
<p>Lh-49 I-</p>  <p>Bennington, Vt.</p> <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lh-50 I-</p>  <p>Beloit, Wisc.</p> <p>1870 Envelope</p>	<p>Lh-51 I-</p>  <p>Huntington, Ore.</p> <p>Official Issues</p>	<p>Lh-52 I-</p>  <p>Providence, R.I. (Blue) Feb. 20, 1870</p>	<p>Lh-53 I-</p>  <p>Hartford, Conn.</p> <p>Aug. 6, 1875</p>





















Lh-54 I-  West Stockbridge, Mass 1883 Issues	Lh-55 I-  Monmouth, Ill. 1875 Issues	Lh-56 I-  Haddonfield, N.J. Oct. 17, 1882	Lh-57 I-  1879 Issues	Lh-58 I-  Stoughton, Wisc. 1876
Lh-59 I-  1883 Issues	Lh-60 I-  Ottawa, Ill. 1881 P.C.	Lh-61 I-  June 13, 1885	Lh-62 I  Freeport, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	Lh-63 I  (Purple) 1879 Issues
Lh-64 I-  Hartford, Wisc. 1890	Lh-65 I-  Meriden, Conn. 1873 Issues	Lh-66 I-  North Div. Sta. - Chicago, Ill. 1874 Envelope	Lh-67 I+  1883 Issues	Li-1 I-  New York City 1879 Issues
Li-2 I-  1883 Issues	Li-3 I  1887 Issues	Lj-1 I-  	Lj-2 I  1879 issues	Lj-3 I 





















<p>Lj-4 II-</p>  <p>Altoona, Pa. Dec. 18, 1873-Apr. 24, 1874</p>	<p>Lj-5 I+</p> 	<p>Lj-6 I+</p>  <p>Barre, Mass. 1887 Issues</p>	<p>Lj-7 I</p>  <p>Matthew, Ky. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lj-8 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>
<p>Lj-9 I-</p>  <p>Philadelphia, Pa. Aug. 31, 1874</p>	<p>Lj-10 I+</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lj-11 I</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lj-12 I-</p> 	<p>Lk-1 I</p>  <p>Kentland, Ind.</p>
<p>Lk-2 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lk-3 I-</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lk-4 I-</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lk-5 I-</p>  <p>Fargo & La Moure RPO September 21, 1885</p>	<p>Lk-6 I-</p>  <p>Kissimmee, Fla. Sept. 20, 1893</p>
<p>Lk-7 I-</p>  <p>Dwight, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lk-8 I-</p>  <p>Knoxville, Ill. 1874 Envelope</p>	<p>Lk-9 I-</p>  <p>Kilbourn City, Wisc. 1884 Envelope</p>	<p>Lk-10 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lk-11 I-</p>  <p>Jerseyville, Ill. 1874 Envelope</p>











































Lk-31 I  Chicago, Ill (Blue). 1873 Issues	Lk-32 I-  Norton, Ks. 1889	Lk-33 I+  Kirkwood, Mo. Oct. 8, 1886	Lk-34 I+  1890 Issues	Lk-35 I+  1890 Issues
Lk-36 I-  Feb. 14, 1885	Lk-37 I-  Jacksonville, Ill.	Lk-38 I  1881 Issues	Lk-39 I-  Kent, Conn. May 26, 1875	Lk-40 I-  1883 Issues
Lk-41 I-  Macon, Ga. 1873 Issues	Lk-42 I-  Kenosha, Wisc. 1870 Issues	Lk-43 I-  Jefferson, Wisc. 1890	Lk-44 I-  1879 Issues	Lk-45 I-  Knob, Va. 1881 Envelope
Lk-46 I-  1875 P.C.	Lk-47 I-  1870 Envelope	Lk-48 I-  Chicago, Ill. 1870 Envelope	Lk-49 I-  1870 Envelope	Lk-50 I-  Perry, N.Y. Oct. 11, 1889





















LI-1  Wisner & Blair Agt. 1879	I- LI-2  Independence, Mo. 1879 Issues	LI-3  1879 Issues	LI-4  1883 Issues	LI-5  1879 Issues
LI-6  Lowell, Me. 1883 Issues	I LI-7  1883 Issues	I- LI-8  1873 Issues	I- LI-9  1879 Issues	I- LI-10  1873 Issues
LI-11  1875 Issues	I- LI-12  1873 Issues	I LI-13  Ely, Vt. Sept. 19, 1884 "Long-P.M."	I+ LI-14  Le Sueur, Minn. 1879 Issues	I- LI-15  Washington, D.C. Apr. 23, 1880-Feb. 21, 1881 (Drop Letters)
LI-16  Albert Lea, Minn. Jan. 11, 1888	I- LI-17  1890 Issues	I- LI-18  1870 Issues	I- LI-19  Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. 1886	I- LI-20  Lewiston, Me. 1875 P.C.




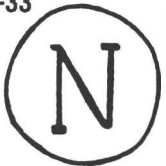
















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Lm-6 I-  Marinette, Wisc. 1873	Lm-7 I-  1873 Issues	Lm-8 I-  1873 Issues	Lm-9 I-  1880	Lm-10 I-  1890 Issues
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Lm-16 I-  Bellefontaine, Ohio Feb. 17-Mar. 3, 1885	Lm-17 I-  Vinita, Indian Territory 187?	Lm-18 I-  (Purple) 1879 Issues	Lm-19 I-  Columbian Issues	Lm-20 I-  Middletown, Pa.
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Lm-31 I  . . . e (Purple) 1883 Issues	Lm-32 II  1883 Issues	Lm-33 II  1873 Issues	Lm-34 I+  1883 Issues	Lm-35 I+  1883 Issues

Lm-36 I-  Marlboro, Mass. 1887 Envelope	Lm-37 I-  Cambridge Sta.-Boston, Mass 1874 Envelope	Lm-38 I-  Menasha, Wisc. 1887	Lm-39 I-  1887 Envelope	Lm-40 I- 
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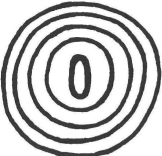


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Ln-5 I-  Nelsonville, Ohio Official Issues	Ln-6 I-  1873 Issues	Ln-7 I-  1881 Issues	Ln-8 I-  Official Issues	Ln-9 I-  1883 Issues

Ln-10  Marietta, Ohio 1890 Issues	Ln-11  1883 Issues	Ln-12  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1874 Envelope	Ln-13  Ishpeming & Ft. Howard Agt. Aug. 31, 1877	Ln-14  1877
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Ln-25  Rut. Salem & Troy Agt. May 19, 1878-1883	Ln-26  Chi. & St. Louis Night RPO Sept. 14, 1887	Ln-27  1875 issues	Ln-28  Win. & Worcester Agt. 1883	Ln-29  Des. M. Valley R.R. 1875

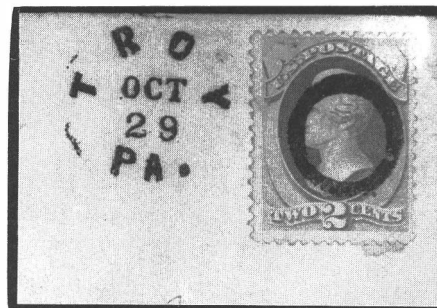
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		Chey. Boulder & Den. Agt.				Needham, Mass.			
Ln-35  N.D. Sta.-Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 Issues	I-	Ln-36  R.B. Bridge, Agt. Apr. 1, 1884	I-	Ln-37  Northampton, Mass. June 6, 1884	I	Ln-38  Cleve. & Wheel. Agt. (Green) ?* Jan. 27, 1882	*II+	Ln-39  Chi. & St. Louis RPO Night Oct. 19, 1887	I-
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Ln-45  1890 Issues	I-	Ln-46  1883 Issues	I-	Ln-47  Norway, Me. 1890 Issues	I-	Ln-48  Worcester, Mass.	I-	Ln-49  Monroe, Mich. 1879 Issues	I-




















<p>Ln-50 I-</p>  <p>Cleveland, Ohio Dec. 20, 1881</p>	<p>Ln-51 I-</p>  <p>Menomonee, Wisc. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Ln-52 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Ln-53 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Ln-54 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>
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<p>Ln-60 I-</p>  <p>Petersboro & Wor. Agt. 1881, 1883</p>	<p>Ln-61 I-</p>  <p>Knobel & Helena (Ark.) RPO</p>	<p>Ln-62 I-</p>  <p>Chatt. & Atlanta RPO</p>	<p>Ln-63 I-</p>  <p>Lanc. & Boston Agt. 1880's</p>	<p>Ln-64 I-</p>  <p>Cleve. Hud. & Col. Agt. (Blue, Black)</p>
<p>Ln-65 I-</p>  <p>Peoria & Terre H. Agt. Apr. 15, 1879</p>	<p>Ln-66 I-</p>  <p>St. Albans & Boston RPO 1881 Issues</p>	<p>Ln-67 I-</p> 	<p>Ln-68 I-</p> 	<p>Ln-69 I-</p>  <p>Boston & Troy RR 1875 P.C.</p>





















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1873 Issues

Lo-1  1873 Issues	I-	Lo-2  1881 Issues	I-	Lo-3  Peoria, Ill Dec. 31, 1880	I-	Lo-4  Galesburgh, Ill. July 5, 1881-July 28, 1882	I-	Lo-5  (Purple) 1883 Issues	I-
Lo-6  Troy, Pa. 1879 Issues	I-	Lo-7  Carey, Ohio Nov. 11, 1893	I-	Lo-8  1881 Issues	I-	Lo-9  Omaha, Neb.	I-		
Lo-10  Lincoln, Ill. Feb. 10-July 10, 1886	I-	Lo-11  Mar. 6, 1886	I-	Lo-12  St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 13, 1879	I-	Lo-13  Oberlin, Ohio	I-	Lo-14  1870 Issues	I-
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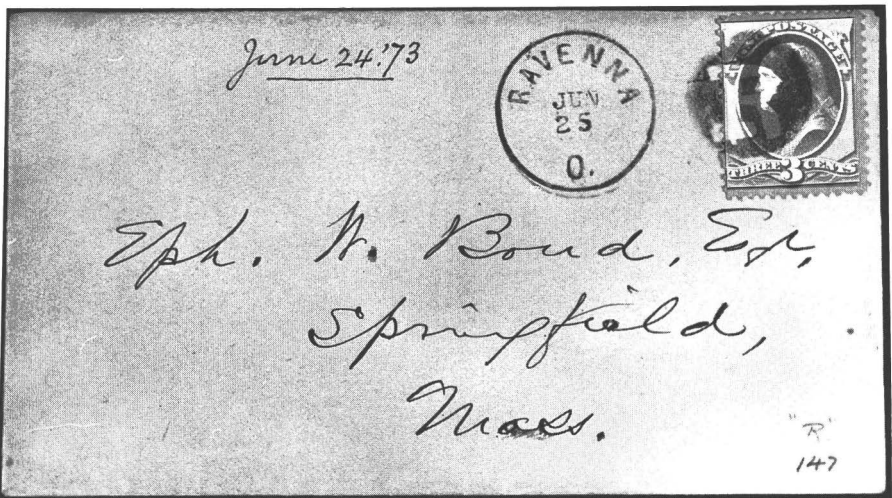

Circular cancels, considered here an "O," were often called a "black eye" by old time collectors. This Troy, Pennsylvania "O," probably a carven cork in a duplexed steel socket of a handstamp, is on a cover that was sent after the 2¢ per half ounce first class rate of October 1883 came into being, the stamp being the 2¢ vermillion of 1879.






















Lp-1  I- 1873 Issues	Lp-2  I- Portage City, Wisc. 1875 Issues	Lp-3  I- 1875 Issues	Lp-4  I- Ozaukee, Wisc. 1873 Issues	Lp-5  I- Pana, Ill. (Blue) 1870 Issues
Lp-6  I- Richmond, Va. 1873 Issues	Lp-7  I- 1873 Issues	Lp-8  I- 1883 Issues	Lp-9  I Paris, Ill. 1870 Issues	Lp-10  I- Narragansett Pier, R.I. Aug. 28, 1889
Lp-11  I+ Pawtucket, R.I. 1887	Lp-12  I- 1890 Issues	Lp-13  I- 1881 Issues	Lp-14  I- Punxatawney, Pa. Dec. 28, 1879	Lp-15  I- 1887 Envelope
Lp-16  I Pittsburgh, Pa. 1878	Lp-17  I Apr. 27-May 1, 1878	Lp-18  I+ 1883 Issues	Lp-19  I- Plymouth, Mass.	





















Lp-21 I-  Pioche, Nev. July 9, 187?	Lp-22 I-  Friend, Neb. (Purple) Oct. 21, 1878	Lp-23 I-  1883 Issues	Lp-24 I-  Titusville, Pa. 1887	Lp-25 I- 
Lp-26 I-  Mar. 3, 1887	Lp-27 I-  Providence, R.I. Mar. 21, 1887	Lp-28 I-  April 4, 1887	Lp-29 I-  Mar. 28, 1887	Lp-30 I-  The Princeton, Ill. P.O. used a number of "P" cancels during this period 1874 Envelope
Lp-31 I-  Pueblo, Colo.	Lp-32 I-  1870 Issues	Lp-33 I  (Blue) 1870 Issues	Lp-34 I-  Chicago, Ill. 1870 Issues	Lp-35 I-  N.W. Sta. 1881 Issues
Lp-36 I-  Slater, Mo. 1883 Issues	Lp-37 II  Bucksport, Me. Oct. 25, 1894	Lp-38 I-  1870 Issues	Lp-39 I-  Galena, Ill. 1881 P.C.	Lp-40 I  1890 Issues





















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<p>Lq-1 I</p>  <p>Quincy, Ill. 1873 issues</p>	<p>Lr-1 I-</p>  <p>Richmond, Vt.</p>	<p>LR-2 I-</p>  <p>Greenville, Ill. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>LR-3 I-</p>  <p>Rockport, Dakota Territory 1875 Issues (Registered)</p>	<p>LR-4 I-</p>  <p>Norwalk, Ohio June 23, 1874</p>
<p>Lr-5 I-</p>  <p>Rockland, Me. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lr-6 I-</p>  <p>1870 Envelope</p>	<p>Lr-7 I-</p>  <p>Roxbury, N.Y. 1887 Issues</p>	<p>Lr-8 I-</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lr-9 I-</p>  <p>Rochester, N.Y.</p>
<p>Lr-10 I+</p> 	<p>Lr-11 I-</p>  <p>Ravenna, Ohio June 24, 1873</p>	<p>Lr-12 I</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lr-13 I-</p>  <p>Donaldsonville, La. April 22, 1881</p>	<p>Lr-14 I-</p>  <p>Rushville, Ill. 1873 Issues</p>
<p>Lr-15 I-</p>  <p>Rosendale, Wisc. 1875</p>	<div data-bbox="462 1396 1356 1900">  </div>			
<p>Lr-16 I-</p>  <p>Randolph, Wisc. 1882</p>				

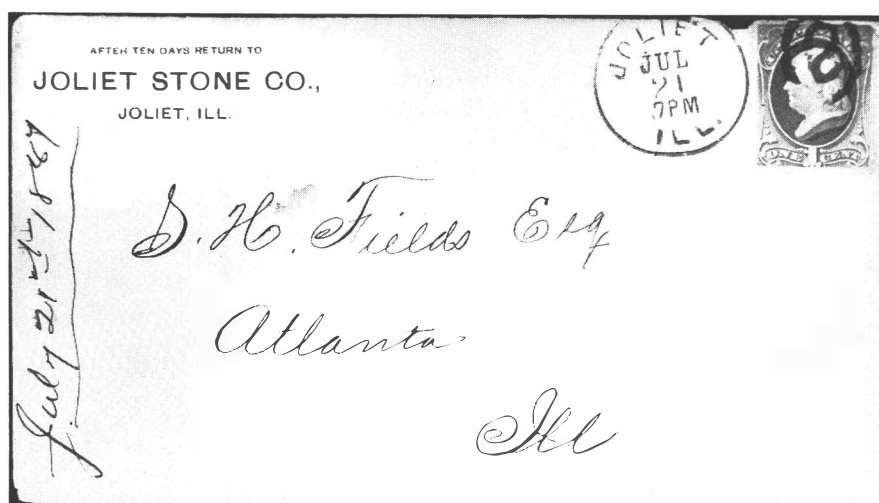
This cover has a 3¢ National Banknote Co. 3¢ green cancelled with the large negative "R" of Ravenna, Ohio, probably in duplexed form.

Lr-17 I-  Rome, N.Y. 1875 P.C.	Lr-18 I-  Rhinebeck, N.Y. Nov. 25, 1892	Lr-19 I-  1887 Envelope	Lr-20 I+  Lowell, Mass. 1881 Issues	Lr-21 I-  1890 Issues
Lr-22 I-  Richmond, Ind. 1884 Envelope	Lr-23 I  Ripon, Wisc. 1873 Issues	Lr-24 I  1879 Issues	Lr-25 I  1883 Issues	Lr-26 II-  1870 Issues
Lr-27 I+  1873 Issues	Lr-28 I+  Chicago, Ill. 1873 P.C.	Lr-29 I+  (Blue) 1873 Issues	Lr-30 I+  (Blue) 1873 Issues	
Lr-31 I  Chicago, Ill. 1870 Envelope	Lr-32 I  Chicago, Ill. (?) (Blue) 1873 Issues	Lr-33 I  Racine & R.I. R.R. 1873 Issues	Ls-1 I-  Red Oak, Ill. 1883 Issues	Ls-2 I-  El Paso, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues

Ls-3  Carrollton, Ky. 1873 Issues	Ls-4  1883 Issues	Ls-5  Fairview, Ill. 1870 Envelope	Ls-6  Palentine, Ill 1884 Issues	Ls-7  Bucksport, Me. 1879 Issues
Ls-8  Shawneetown, Ill. 1890 Issues	Ls-9  Waverly, Iowa 1883 Issues	Ls-10  Sheboygan, Wisc. 1881	Ls-11  Chicago, Ill. 1870 Envelope	Ls-12  1870 Issues
Ls-13  (Blue) 1873 P.C.	Ls-14  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	Ls-15  (Blue) May 12, 1874	Ls-16  Elroy & Harvard Agt. 1882-3	Ls-17  1882-3
Ls-18  Ft. Howard & Chicago RPO 1876	Ls-19  1876	Ls-20  (Blue) 1879 Issues	Ls-21  Milwaukee & Chicago Agt. 1882	Ls-22  New Hart. & Far'ct. Agt.





















Ls-23 I-  Rut. Salem & Troy Agt. Oct. 13, 1887	Ls-24 I-  ... N Haven Agt. May 27, 1880	Ls-25 I  Chicago & St. L. RPO Nov. 28, 1879	Ls-26 I-  Chicago & Tolono RPO June 15, 1880	Ls-27 I-  Essex Jct. & Boston Agt. 1883 Issues
Ls-28 I-  Portage City & Chicago RPO 1887	Ls-29 I-  1875	Ls-30 I-  1876	Ls-31 I-  1877	Ls-32 I-  Elroy & Marshfield Agt. 1873 Issues
Ls-33 I  Essex Jct. & Boston RPO 1883 Issues	Ls-34 I  Dec. 15, 1886	Ls-35 I-  Menasha & Milw. Agt. 1879	Ls-36 I  Chicago & Winona RPO July 4, 1884	Ls-37 I  Salem, Mo. (Blue) June 4, 1883
Ls-38 I  1890 Issues	Ls-39 I  1879 Issues	Ls-40 I  (Reddish-Purple) 1879 Issues	Ls-41 I-  Salem, Conn. 1881 Issues	Ls-42 I-  Allston Sta.-Boston, Mass. 1879 Issues





















Ls-43 I-  1883 issues	Ls-44 I  Quincy, Ill. 1873 issues	Ls-45 I-  Ishpeming & Ft. Howard RPO 1888	Ls-46 I  Elyria, Ohio (Magenta) 1873 issues (Blue) Dec. 13, 1874	Ls-47 I  Sheffield, Pa. 1883-87 Issues
Ls-48 I  Stonington, Ill. F.F. Weiser, P.M. (Purple) April 18, 1880	Ls-49 I-  1883 issues	Ls-50 I-  1879 issues	Ls-51 I-  Joliet, Ill. July 21, 1887	Ls-52 I-  Minier, Ill. November 29, 1879
Ls-53 I+  Shandaken, N.Y.	Ls-54 I-  (Blue) 1873 issues	Ls-55 I-  Des. M. Valley RR 1871	Ls-56 I-  1883 issues	Ls-57 I-  Jacksonville, Ill. 1884 envelope







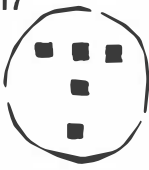

















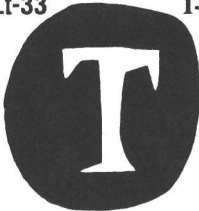

















The cancel applied in 1887 on this circular rate cover from Joliet to Atlanta, Ill. is either a reversed "S" or a pothook in a circle.

































Ls-59 I-  1879 Issue	Ls-60 I-  Worcester, Mass. September 19, 1881	Ls-61 I-  1886	Ls-62 I-  Sparta,, Wisc. 1886	Ls-63 I-  Oshkosh, Wisc. 1881
Ls-64 I-  Sparta, Mich. September 3, 1886	Ls-65 I-  West Meriden, Conn. June 11, 1874	Ls-66 I  Streator, Ill. 1881 Issues	Ls-67 I-  1887 Issues	Ls-68 I-  Boston & Lanc. RR 1875 P.C.
Ls-69 I-  Rut. Salem & Troy Agt. Nov. 11, 1878	Ls-70 I-  Dec. 10, 1878	Ls-71 I-  Dan. & Cairo Agt. Apr. 4, 1883	Ls-72 I-  Charlotte & Aug. Agt.	Ls-73 I-  Green & Boston Agt. Dec. 11, 1880
Ls-74 I-  Pueb. & Durango Agt. May 17, 1883	Ls-75 I-  Ashland & Milw. RPO 1887	Ls-76 I-  Ashland & Abbotsford RPO 1887	Ls-77 I-  Lowell & Marshfield 1879 Issues	Ls-78 I-  St. Albans & Boston RPO 1881 Issues

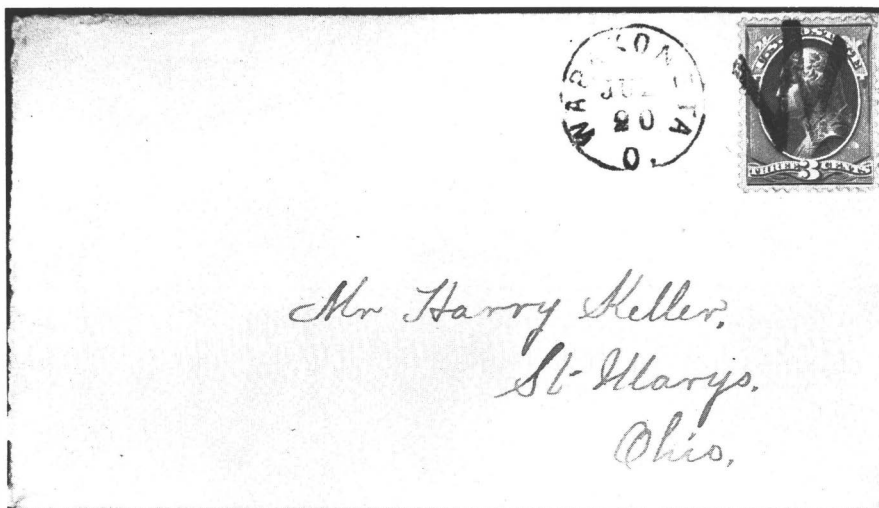
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Ls-84 I  1887 Issues	Ls-85 I  1883 Issues	Ls-86 I  1879 Issues	Ls-87 I  Sing Sing, N.Y.	Ls-88 I-  Or. & Alex. RR 1870-71
Lt-1 I-  1879 Issues	Lt-2 I-  Taunton, Mass. 1870's	Lt-3 I-  1883 Issues	Lt-4 I-  Waupaca, Wisc. 1870 Issues	Lt-5 I-  Terre Haute, Ind. 1873 Issues
Lt-6 I-  St. Paul, Minn. Mar. 31, 1875	Lt-7 I-  June 9, 1875	Lt-8 I-  Stoughton, Wisc. 1886	Lt-9 I-  "Thomas J. Tiffany-P.M." Bennington, Vt. 1874-82	Lt-10 I- 

<p>Lt-11 I-</p>  <p>Titusville, Pa. 1880's</p>	<p>Lt-12 I+</p>  <p>Taylorville, Tx. (Purple) Jan. 23, 1878</p>	<p>Lt-13 I</p> 	<p>Lt-14 I</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-15 I</p> 
<p>Lt-16 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-17 II-</p>  <p>Toulon, Ill. 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-18 II</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) Nov. 21, 1874</p>	<p>Lt-19 II</p> 	<p>Lt-20 II</p>  <p>Tyngsboro, Mass. 1883 Issues</p>
<p>Lt-21 I-</p>  <p>Turner, Me.</p>	<p>Lt-22 I-</p>  <p>Hudson River RPO Jan. 4, 1875</p>	<p>Lt-23 I-</p>  <p>St. Louis, Mo.</p>	<p>Lt-24 I-</p>  <p>Monroe City, Mo. (Black, Blue) 1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-25 I-</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill 1870 Envelope</p>
<p>Lt-26 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-27 I-</p>  <p>Greencastle, Ind. Mar. 19, 1873</p>	<p>Lt-28 I-</p>  <p>Taunton, Mass. 1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-29 I-</p>  <p>Freeport, Ill. 1887 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-30 I-</p>  <p>1879 Issues</p>






<p>Lt-31 I-</p>  <p>Ticonderoga, N.Y.</p>	<p>Lt-32 I-</p> 	<p>Lt-33 I-</p>  <p>San Antonio, Tx. 1882</p>	<p>Lt-34 I-</p>  <p>Southwest Harbor, Me. 1890 Issues</p>	<p>Lt-35 I-</p> 
<p>Lu-1 I</p>  <p>1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lu-2 I-</p>  <p>Eugene City, Ore.</p>	<p>Lu-3 I-</p>  <p>Southington, Conn. 1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lu-4 I</p>  <p>Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1870 Issues</p>	<p>Lu-5 I-</p>  <p>Stoughton, Wisc. Nov. 7, 1893</p>
<p>Lv-1 I-</p>  <p>Viola, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-2 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-3 I-</p>  <p>1879 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-4 I-</p>  <p>Juneau, Wisc. 1885</p>	<p>Lv-5 I-</p> 
<p>Lv-6 I-</p>  <p>"J.D. Vail - P.M."(?) Blairstown, N.J. 1873 P.C.</p>	<p>Lv-7 I</p>  <p>(Magenta) 1873 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-8 I-</p>  <p>1883 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-9 I-</p>  <p>1881 Issues</p>	<p>Lv-10 I-</p>  <p>1890 Issues</p>







Lv-11 I  	Lv-12 I  Morrison, Ill. (Blue) 1873 Issues	Lv-13 I-  1883 Issues	Lw-1 I-  South Windham, Me. Apr. 3, 1882	Lw-2 I-  1879 Issues
Lw-3 I-  (Purple) 1883 Issues	Lw-4 I-  West Eau Claire, Wisc. 1870 Issues	Lw-5 I-  Lyons, Iowa 1874 Envelope	Lw-6 I-  Wabash, Ind. Mar. 15, 1875	Lw-7 I-  Waukesha, Wisc. 1870 Issues
Lw-8 I-  (Magenta) 1873 Issues	Lw-9 I-  1887 Issues	Lw-10 I-  Whitestown, N.Y. 1883 Issues	Lw-11 I- Lw-12 I-   _____Whitewater, Wisc._____ 1893 Issues	
Lw-13 I-  Canton, Ill. (Blue)? 1874 Envelope	Lw-14 I-  Fargo, Dakota Terr. July 31, 1883	Lw-15 I-  Carlinville, Ill. 1884 Envelope	Lw-16 I-  Warren, Ohio Oct. 7-Nov. 13, 1875	Lw-17 I-  1883 Issues






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_____ Waupun, Wisc. _____				Brooklyn, N.Y.-(Sta. W) Jan. 2, 1874-Jan. 26, 1875		New Britain, Conn. 1873 Issues		West St. Louis Sta., St. Louis, Mo. 1873 Issues	
1870									
Lw-23	I-	Lw-24	I-	Lw-25	I-	Lw-26	I	Lw-27	I-
									
_____ Wapakoneta, Ohio _____				Wallingford, Conn. 1875 P.C.		Vinita, Indian Territory 1879		Minn. & Sparta Agt. (Blue) 1880	
May 1, 1884		June 8, 1886							




























The "W" of Wapakoneta, Ohio exists in several similar types, this being on the reengraved 3¢ green of 1881. As with most such cancels, wear and frequent replacement with similar but not identical carved "corks" caused a proliferation of minor varieties.





















Lw-28	I-	Lw-29	I-	Lw-30	I-	Lw-31	I-	Lw-32	I-
									
Bangor & Boston RPO		Bangor R.P.O. 1875 P.C.		Port. & Con. Agt. 1883 Issues		New London & New Haven Agt. 1883		Kan. City & Topeka Agt.	





















Lw-33	I-	Lw-34	I-	Lw-35	I-	Lw-36	I-	Lw-37	I-	Lw-38	I-
											
Peoria & Terre H. Agt.											
Sept. 13, 1878		Dec. 4, 1879		Feb. 24, 1880- Aug. 5, 1885		Mar. 18, 1881- Mar. 9, 1882		Mar. 19, 1883		Nov. 23, 1885	





















Lw-39	I-	Lw-40	I-	Lw-41	I-	Lw-42	I-	Lw-43	I-
									
Boston, Springfield & New York RPO 1879 Issues		May 12, 1881		Bis. & Miles City Agt. 1880's		Chicago & Sparta RPO (Purple) 1878		Boston & Albany RPO Nov. 6, 1886	




















Lw-44	I-	Lw-45	I-	Lw-46	I-	Lw-47	I-	Lw-48	I-
									
Chicago & Winona RPO								Benson & Los Angeles Agt.	
1884		1886		1887		1890			

Lw-49  Oct. 18, 1886	I- Lw-50  July 22, 1885	I- Lw-51  1873 Issues	I- Lw-52  1881 Issues	I- Lw-53  W. Leb. & Fisher Agt. 1879-81 Issues
Lw-54  Horicon & Portage RPO 1883	I- Lw-55  Wayland, N.Y. 1890 Issues	I- Lw-56  North Division Sta.- Chicago, Ill. 1873 Issues	I- Lw-57  Chicago, Ill (Blue) 1873 Issues	I- Lw-58  1883 Issues
Lw-59  Boston, Springfield & New York RPO 1875 P.C.	II Lw-60  1870 Envelope	I- Lw-61  Westerly, R.I.	I- Lw-62  Stockbridge, Mass 1880	I- Lw-63  1883 Issues
I- Lw-64  La Monte, Pettis Co., Mo. 1883-June 28, 1885	I- Lw-65  Port. & Worc. RPO 1877	I- Lw-66  Watkins, N.Y. 1873 Issues	I- Lw-67  1890 Issues	I- Lw-68  W.D. Sta.-Chicago, Ill (Blue) May 10, 1886

Lw-69 I  1887 Issues	Lw-70 I-  Boston & Bangor RPO May 19, 1881	Lw-71 I-  Dundee, N.Y. Feb. 22, 1887	Lw-72 I  North Bend, Ohio May 29, 1882	Lw-73 I  Waseca, Minn 1883 Issues Jericho, Vt. (Enos Williams P.M.) (Magenta, Black) 1883 Issues
Lw-74 I  Schaefferstown, Pa. Feb. 22, 1887 Cardington, Ohio Jan. 9, 1888	Lw-75 I  Pittsburgh, Pa. Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 1880	Lw-76 I-  	Lw-77 I-  Pittsburgh, Pa. February 17, 1881	Lw-78 II-  Worthington, Ohio 1873 Issues
Lw-79 II-  1879 Issues	Lw-80 I+  Woodbury, Conn. 1873 Issues	Lw-81 I  1883 Issues	Lw-82 I  Brooklyn, N.Y. (Sta. W) 1873 Issues	Lw-83 I  Pittsburgh, Pa. Apr. 19, 1882
Lw-84 I  1879 Issues	Lw-85 II-  Worcester, Mass. 1879 Issues	Lw-86 I-  Waupaca, Wisc. 1881	Lw-87 I-  Waukesha, Wisc. 1886	Lw-88 I-  Wenona, Ill. 1886 Envelope

Lw-89 I-  Willimatic, Conn. Nov. 16, 1886	Lw-90 I-  Williamsport, Pa.	Lw-91 I-  	Lw-92 I-  1873 Issues	Lw-93 I-  Whitehall, N.Y.
Lw-94 I-  San Francisco, Ca 1887 Issues	Lw-95 I-  1879 Issues	Lw-96 I-  Aurora, Ind. 1875	Lw-97 I-  Woburn, Mass. 1874 Envelope	Lw-98 I-  Winsted, Conn. Apr. 1875
Lw-99 I-  1887 Issues	Lw-100 I-  Wallingford, Conn. 1887 Issues	Lw-101 I-  1887 Issues	Lw-102 I-  Washington, D.C.. Nov. 26, 1872	Lw-103 I-  New Britain, Conn. 1873 Issues
Lw-104 I-  Topeka, Ks. 1875	Lw-105 I-  Watkins, N.Y. 1873 Issues	Lw-106 I-  Tucson, Ariz. Oct. 12, 1882	Lw-107 I-  Brooklyn, N.Y. Aug. 31, 1879	Lw-108 I-  East Boston Sta.- Boston, Mass Aug. 16, 1882-Mar. 1886

Lw-109 I-  Hend. & Columbia Agt. Feb. 28, 1884	Lw-110 I-  Boston & Troy RPO Nov. 3, 1883	Lw-111 I-  Boston & Alb. RPO. 1874 Envelope	Lw-112 I-  Prov. & Willim'ton Agt. 1875	Lw-113 I-  Portland & Swant. 1883 Issues
Lw-114 I  Pittsburgh & Chicago E. Div. (Purple) 1881 Issues	Lw-115 I-  June 4, 1878-May 12, 1881 1881	Lw-116 I-  1879 Issues	Lw-117 I-  1883 Issues	Lw-118 I-  Den. & LaSang. RPO 1883 Issues
Lw-119 I-  (Blue) May 31, 1878	Lw-120 I-  Nov. 16, 1880- Sept. 23, 1881	Lw-121 I-  Sept. 15, 1881	Lw-122 I-  July 12-Sept. 2, 1882	Lw-123 I-  June 30, 1888
Lx-1 I  Chicago, Ill. (Blue) 1873 issues	Lx-2 I-  1879 issues	Lx-3 I-  Oberlin, Ohio 1873 Issues	Lx-4 I-  1870 Issues	Lx-5 I+  Saccarappa, Me. 1870-73 Issues

Lx-6  Mineral Pt., Wisc. 1874	I	Lx-7  1873 Issues	I+	Lx-8  1873 Issues	I-	Lx-9  1873 Issues	I-	Lx-10  1873 Issues	I
Lx-11  1873 Issues	I	Lx-12  June 26, 1871	I-	Lx-13  June 15, 1871	I-	Lx-14  1873 Issues	I-	Lx-15  1873 Issues	I-
Ly-1  1883 Issues	I-	Ly-2  1883 Issues	I-	Ly-3  1883 Issues	I-	Ly-4  1883 Issues	I+	Ly-5  Youngstown, Ohio 1874	I-
Ly-6  1883 Issues	I-	Ly-7  1881 Issues	I-	Ly-8  Hartford, Conn. 1873 Issues	I-	Lz-1  Ulysses, Neb. 1890 Issues	I		

Lz-2

I+

Lz-3

I

Lz-4

I



Zelienople, Pa.

(Purple)
1879 Issues

1873 Issues

During this period several towns, primarily in Pennsylvania, used cancels consisting of a single letter, usually the first letter of the name of the town, in a finely detailed wreath. It is unlikely that these came from more than one source, though who supplied them is unknown.

L-1

II



Ashley, Pa.

1883 Issues

L-2

II



Breadysville, Pa.

1883 Issues

L-3

II



New Wilmington, Pa.

L-4

II



Delta, York Co. Pa.

1883 Issues

L-5

II



Ellenville, Ulster Co., N.Y.

(Red, Black)

Feb. 12-Apr. 20, 1881

L-6

II

Hulmeville, Bucks Co. Pa.
(Purple)Aug. 8, 1882-Oct. 14,
1884

L-7

II



Fremont, Pa.

Oct. 31, 1882

L-8

II

Williamsville, Ill.
(Purple, Black)

L-9

II



Malvern, Pa.

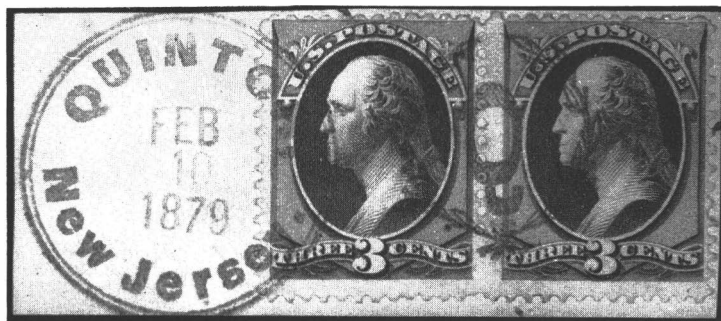
1879 Issues

L-10

II

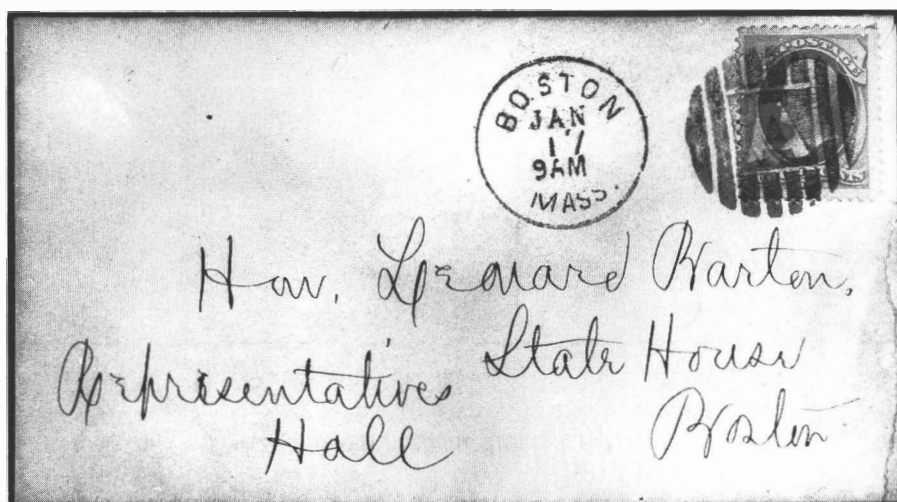
Niantic, Montgomery
Co., Pa.

1883 Issues

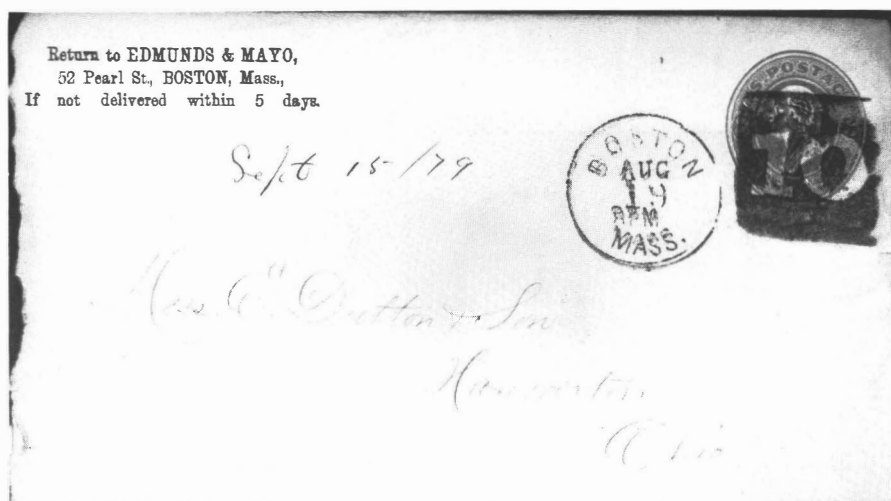


The Quinton, N.J. wreathed "Q" in magenta, used Feb. 10, 1879 on a pair of 3¢ Continental Banknote stamps. (L-11)

BOSTON NEGATIVES



Boston, Mass. negative "A" cancel, BOS-14, on a cover with a 2¢ vermillion Jackson Banknote stamp.



Boston negative "10" in a square on a 3¢ green embossed government stamped envelope, sent in August 1879.

(BOS-32A)

As will be seen on pages 296-7, similar negative letter and numeral cancels were used in large post offices in New England during the same period as were the Boston negatives. While some call these imitations of the Boston markings, it is probable that most of them were first produced about the same time.



A Portland, Maine negative "8" cancel, very similar but not identical to some of the Boston negative types.

(BOR-15)

The main post office in Boston, Mass. used a series of negative letters and numbers in various geometric designs to cancel mail during the period 1875-1883. The earlier period (1875-78) saw the use of smaller cancels using letters A-H and O. Some time during 1878, the larger cancels came into use and included both numbers and letters. The different numbers and letters were used to identify the various clerks. (These should not be confused with the markings of stations designated by letters.)

BOS-1

I-



1875 issues

BOS-2

I-

BOS-3

I-

BOS-4

I-

BOS-5

I-

BOS-6

I-



1873 issues



Nov. 26, 1877



1873 issues



Nov. 6, 1877



Nov. 16, 1877

BOS-7

I-

BOS-8

I-

BOS-9

I-

BOS-10

I-

BOS-11

I-



Aug. 14, 1877



1873 issues



1873 issues

BOS-12

I-

BOS-13

I-

BOS-14

I-

BOS-15

I-

BOS-16

I-



1873 issues













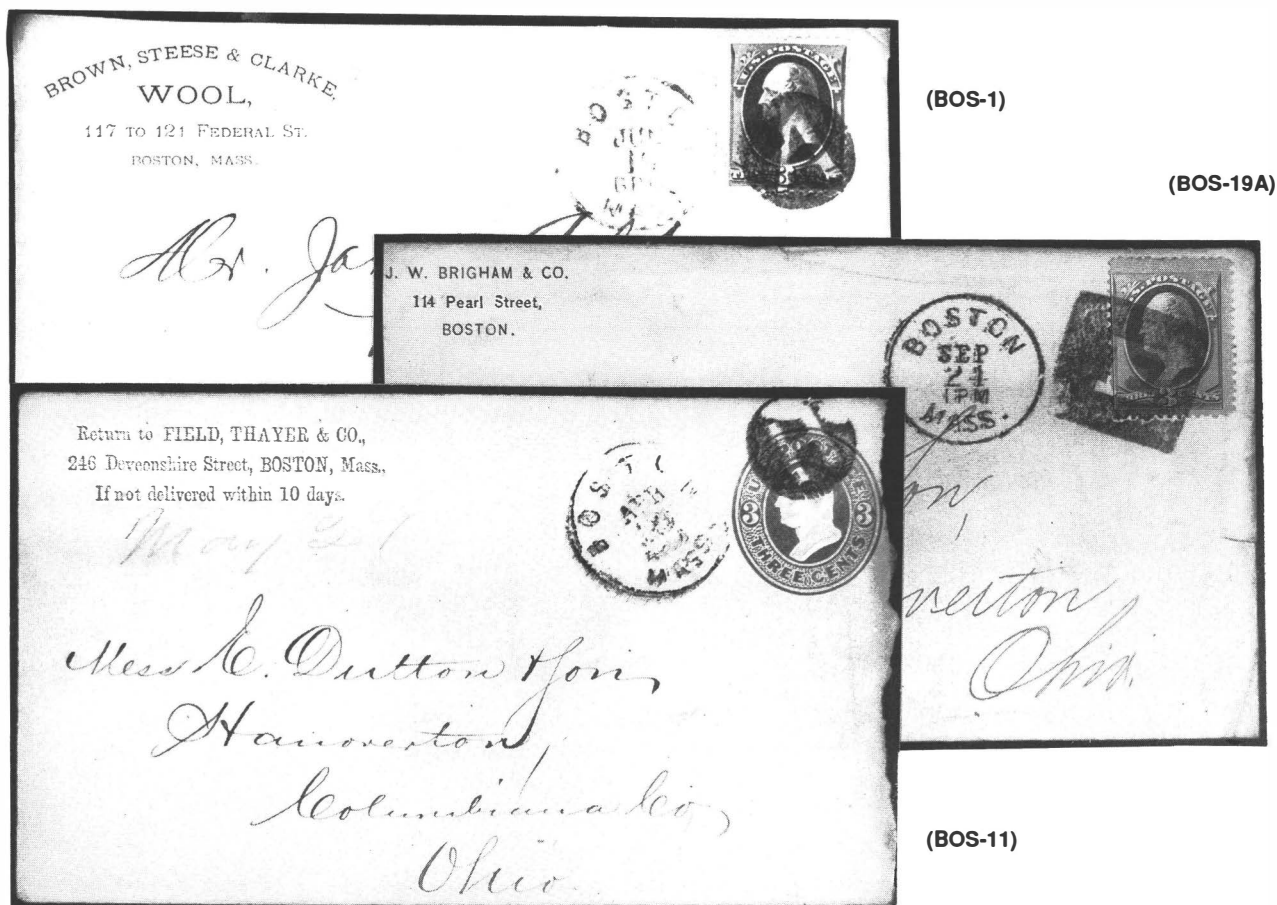
1879 issues




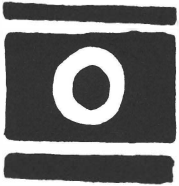


















Sept. 28, 1880

Jan. 10, 1880-
Mar. 22, 1882

BOS-17	I-	BOS-18	I-	BOS-19	I-	BOS-20	I-	BOS-21	I-
									
1879 issues		1879 issues		1879 issues		Oct. 15, 1881			
BOS-22	I-	BOS-23	I-	BOS-24	I-	BOS-25	I-	BOS-26	I-
									
1879-81 issues				1881 issues					



Three of the Boston negative letter cancels. Top (A) and bottom (H) are of the small letter series, but the center cover shows the series with square backgrounds.

BOS-27	I-	BOS-28	I-	BOS-29	I-	BOS-30	I-	BOS-31	I-
									
		1881 issues		1879 issues		1879-81 issues		Oct. 17, 1881	
BOS-32	I-	BOS-33	I-	BOS-34	I-	BOS-35	I-	BOS-36	I-
									
1879 issues		July 17, 1882		May 3, 1880		1881 issues		Dec. 8-15, 1882	
BOS-37	I-	BOS-38	I-	BOS-39	I-	BOS-40	I-	BOS-41	I-
									
Sept. 8-10, 1880		1875 P.C.		1879 issues				Sept. 23, 1879	
BOS-42	I-	BOS-43	I-	BOS-44	I-	BOS-45	I-	BOS-46	I-
									
				1881 issues		Dec. 20, 1882		November 4, 1882	

BOSTON RELATED NEGATIVES

Several other cities used cancels similar to those used in Boston, Mass., during this period.

BOR-1



I- BOR-2



I- BOR-3



I-

Andover, Mass.

1887 Envelope

1879 issues

BOR-4



I- BOR-5



I BOR-6



I- BOR-7



I- BOR-8



I-

Andover, Mass.

Feb. 6, 1879

Apr. 10, 1879

1883 issues

Nov. 5, 1884

BOR-9



I- BOR-10



I- BOR-11



I- BOR-12



I-

Andover, Mass.

1883 issues

1883 issues

Apr. 30, 1885

BOR-13



I- BOR-14



I- BOR-15



I- BOR-16



I-

Portland, Me.

AUG. 4, 1880

1875 P.C.

1881 issues

1883 issues



Worcester, Mass.

1879 issues

1879 issues

Apr. 6, 1881

1879 issues

1883 issues



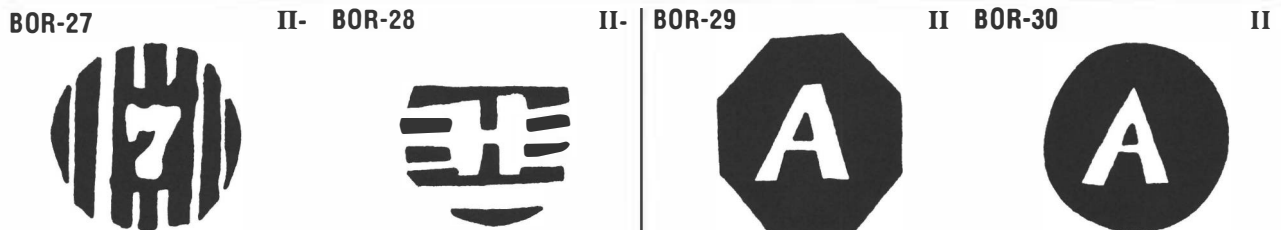
Worcester, Mass.

1879 issues

1879 issues

1879 issues

1879 issues



Washington, D.C. - Congress

Waterbury, Ct.

May 14-21, 1880

June 5, 1880

Dec. 31, 1879 - Jan. 31, 1880

Feb. 6, 1880



Waterbury, Ct.

March 19, 1880 -
April 20, 1884















"Hayes"
March 5, 1880 (?)

















Dec. 16, 1879

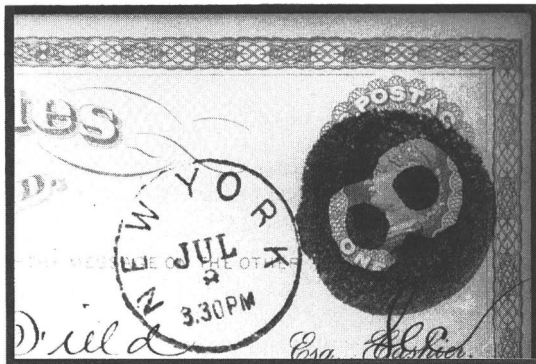
April 29-May 14, 1880

Dec. 3, 1879

By 1870, the main post office of New York City was already using a variety of numeral cancellations on domestic mail, intended for points outside the city. The numbers, 1-15 represented the various clerks employed at the time. These cancels were hand carved and wore out quickly. Thus, a variety of types for each number can be found.

















		NYC-1 I-		NYC-2 I-	
					
		1873-79 issues		Aug. 21-Nov. 2, 1874	
NYC-3 I-	NYC-4 I-	NYC-5 I-	NYC-6 I-		
					
July 23, 1873	Mid 1870's	Feb. 5, 1874	Dec. 22, 1875		
NYC-7 I-	NYC-8 I-	NYC-9 I	NYC-10 I-		
					
1873 issues	Jan. 23, 1876	1870 issues	Oct. 22, 1874		
NYC-11 I-	NYC-12 I-	NYC-13 I-	NYC-14 I-		
					
1873 issues	Aug. 5, 1875	Apr. 28, 1873	Mar. 25 - Apr. 16, 1875		

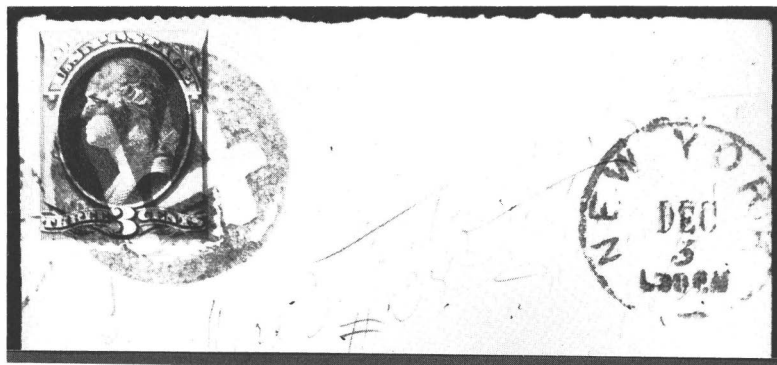
NYC-15 I-  1872-1876	NYC-16 I- 	NYC-17 I-  1873 issues	NYC-18 I- 
NYC-19 I-  Mar. 25, 1876	NYC-20 I- 	NYC-21 I-  June 11, 1875	NYC-22 I- 
NYC-23 I-  1870 issues	NYC-24 I-  September 29, 1875	NYC-25 I-  Jan. 24, 1874	NYC-26 I-  1873 issues
NYC-27 I-  1870 issues	NYC-28 I-  1873 issues	NYC-29 I-  Feb. 15, 1875	NYC-30 I-  1873 issues








A New York negative "8," used on July 8, 1875. This was probably a cancel with the same handstamp that produced NYC-19, on this page, on March 25, 1876, almost nine months later. The handstamp had apparently crumbled on its edges from use in the meantime.

(NYC-19A) (II-)




NYC-31	I-	NYC-32	I-	NYC-33	I-	NYC-34	I-		
									
1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues		Mid 1870's			
NYC-35	I-	NYC-36	I-	NYC-37	I-	NYC-38	I		
									
1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 issues		1873 Issues			
<p>Roman numerals were also used, though apparently for a short time.</p>									
		NYC-39	I+	NYC-40	I+	NYC-41	I+		
									
		June, 1875-April, 1876 (or letter I?)							
NYC-42	I+	NYC-43	I+	NYC-44	I+	NYC-45	I+	NYC-46	I+
									
		Aug. 8, 1874				1873 issues		Aug.-Sept. 1874	







The New York negative "14" used to cancel a 3¢ Continental Banknote stamp. The stamp has been photographically faded to show the cancel.

NYC-47	I+	NYC-48	I+	NYC-49	I+	NYC-50	I+	NYC-51	I+
									
Oct. 27, 1874		1873 issues		1873 issues		Aug. 21, 1874 - Oct. 30, 1874		1873 issues	

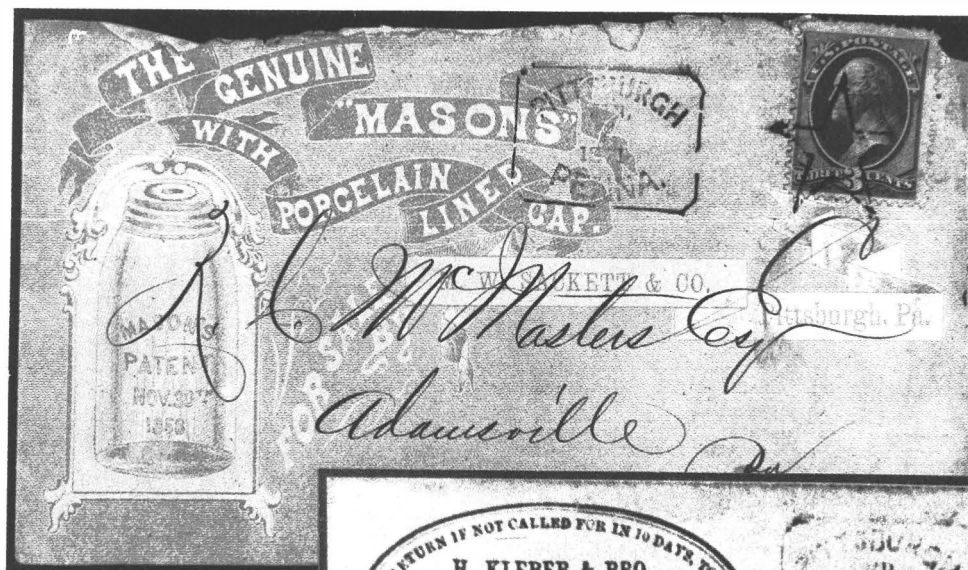
During this period New York substations used cancels which consisted of letters, designating the specific substation.

NYC-52	I-	NYC-53	I-	NYC-54	I
					
Aug. 4, 1870		Houston & Broadway 1872-Nov. 6, 1876		1870 issues	

NYC-55	I-	NYC-56	I+	NYC-57	I-	NYC-58	I-
							
		Hudson & Bank Sts. 1869-1872		Astor Place 1873 issues		8th Ave. & 33rd St.	

NYC-59	I-	NYC-60	I+	NYC-61	I-	NYC-62	I-
							
3rd Ave. & 33rd St. 1869-1872		1872-1876		3rd Ave. & 86th St.		3rd Ave. & 124th St.	

The first known use of a machine to cancel mail was in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1871. The manufacturer of this device is unknown.



The hollow star (left) and shield cancels (below) may have been produced by a double headed cancelling machine.



For many years, this cancel was identified as having been made by a cancelling machine made under patents obtained later by Goff and Hursy, but recent research that located the patent has disproved that idea. The MC-1 and MC-2 killers may have been produced by a multi-headed machine, but the MC-3 marking on the opposite page is probably from a different cancelling die.

MC-1

II

MC-2

II



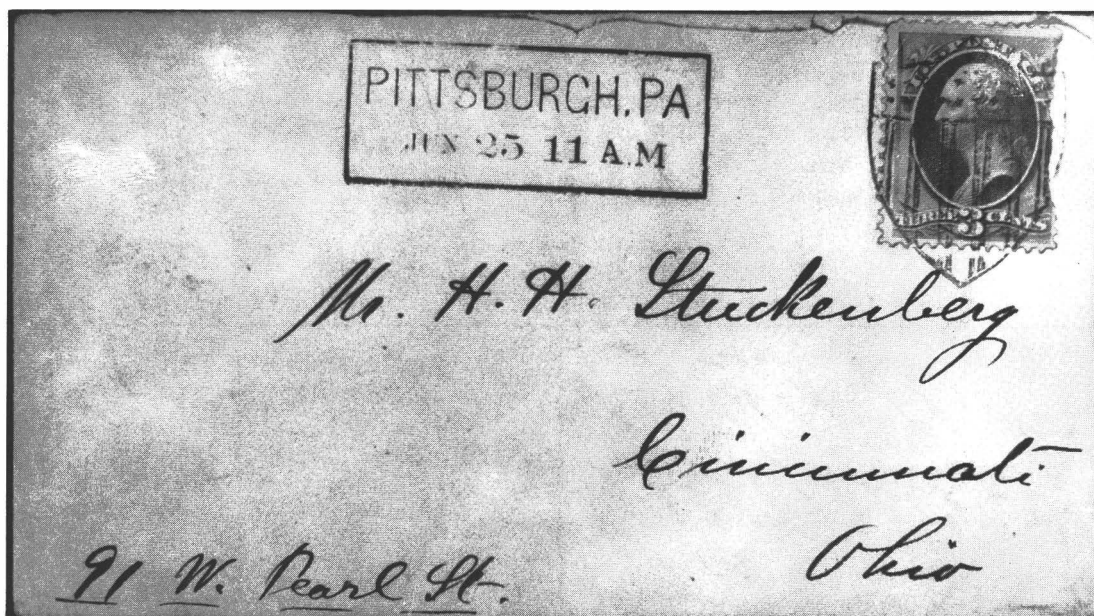
Pittsburgh, Pa.

July 7-Oct. 4, 1871



Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sept. 6-29, 1871



While only a few examples of either MC-1 or MC-2 are known, about 70 covers with MC-3 have been recorded. It is a very attractive marking, and demand, however, is high. The other markings shown here are both rare and in demand.

MC-3

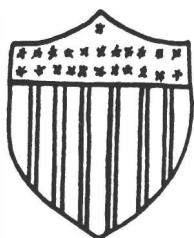
II

MC-4

II

MC-5

II+



Apr. 30, 1872
(One star at top)



Pittsburgh, Pa.
June 25-Sept. 14, 1872
(2 stars at top)



Myers(?)
New York City
(This has been attributed to Frederick Myers, but nothing definite has been determined.)

MC-6

II

MC-7

II-



"Myers"
All copies used in New York City in 1876.



"Palmer & Clark"
Washington, D.C.
1st known used April 21, 1876

Leavitt Cancelling Machines were first used in Boston, Mass. in 1876 and later in a number of different cities. Because they did not adjust well to the varying thicknesses of letters, their use was restricted primarily to Postal Cards.

MC-8



"Leavitt"
New York City

II-



MC-9

BOSTON
MASS
APR. 18.77
3 P.M.



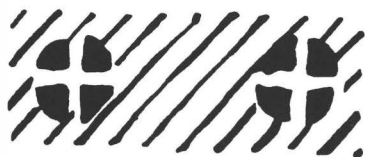
"Leavitt"
Boston, Mass.

II

Feb. 9, 1876 - Apr. 11, 1878

MC-10

BOSTON
MASS.
JAN. 7.76
3 P.M.



"Leavitt"
Boston, Mass.

Jan. 6 - June 8, 1876

II

MC-11



"Leavitt"
Chicago, Ill.

June 10 - Aug. 27, 1877

II-

MC-12



"Leavitt"
Boston, Mass.

Apr. 7, 1878 - Aug. 14, 1880

II-

MC-13



II-

MC-14



II-

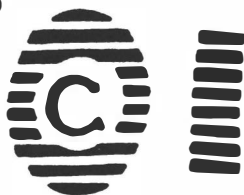
"Leavitt"

San Francisco, Ca. (C,D),
Hartford, Conn. (C,D)
Atlanta, Ga. (C)
Indianapolis, Ind. (C,D)
Louisville, Ky. (D)
New Orleans, La. (C)
Baltimore, Md. (D)
Boston, Mass. (C,D)
Detroit, Mich. (D)

Kansas City, Mo. (C,D)
St. Louis, Mo. (D)
Newark, N.J. (C)
Albany, N.Y. (C,D)
Brooklyn, N.Y. (D)
Buffalo, N.Y. (C,D)
Rochester, N.Y. (C)
Cincinnati, Ohio (D)
Cleveland, Ohio (C)
Dayton, Ohio (C,D)

Toledo, Ohio (D)
Philadelphia, Pa. (D)
Pittsburgh, Pa. (C)
Providence, R.I. (D)
Nashville, Tn. (D)
Richmond, Va. (C)
Washington, D.C. (C,D)

MC-15



II-

"Leavitt"
(Experimental)
New York City
Oct. 14-19, 1881

MC-16



II

"Leavitt"
(Experimental)
Boston, Mass.
Nov. 1-3, 1882

MC-17

II



"Leavitt"
Boston, Mass.

Nov. 4, 1885 - July 19, 1886

MC-18

II

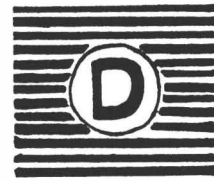


"Leavitt"
Boston, Mass. (Experimental type)

Dec. 30, 1881 - Apr. 19, 1882

MC-19

II+



"Leavitt"
Norwalk, Ohio

June 4, 1883 - April 24, 1884

MC-20

I-

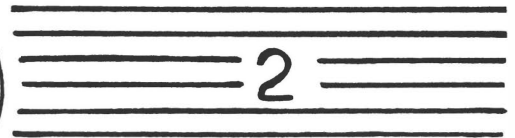


"American"
Boston, Mass.

Used from 1885 to 1891

MC-21

I-

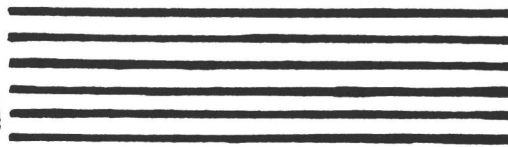


"American"
Boston, Mass.

First used in 1886; the numbers representing the machine used.

MC-22

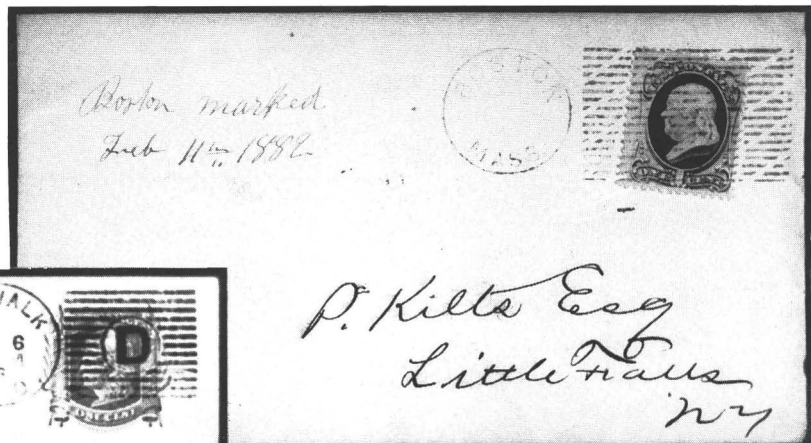
I-



"American"
Boston, Mass.

First used in 1884; Replaced in 1885

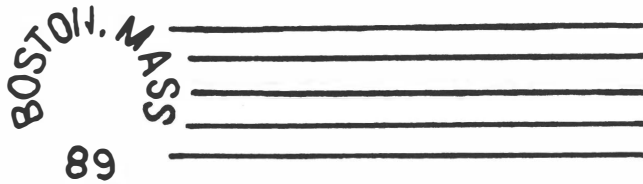
At right: A Leavitt experimental type, used in the inventor's attempts to induce his machine to work well on envelopes of varying size and thicknesses. Leavitt machines were mostly used only to cancel postal cards.



At left: the rare Norwalk, Ohio Leavitt cancel with a square killer bar section rather than the standard ellipse. This machine was probably moved to Norwalk after being used (infrequently) at Cleveland, where it applied the normal MC-13 cancel shown on the opposite page.

MC-23

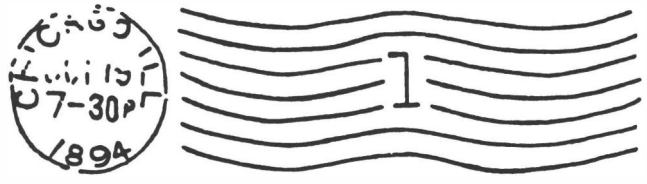
I-



"American"
Boston, Mass.
Used on third class mail.
1889

MC-24

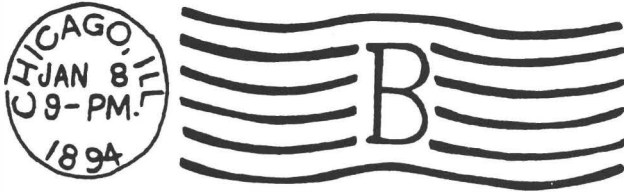
I-



"American"
Chicago, Ill.
(Numbers 1-6)
July 19, 1894

MC-25

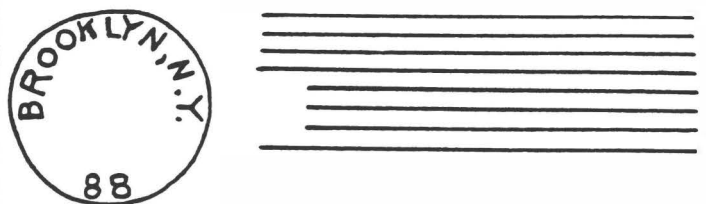
I-



"American"
Chicago, Ill.
(Letters A & B)
Jan. 8, 1894

MC-26

II-



"International"
Used in N.Y. City, Brooklyn & Buffalo in
1888-89.

MC-27

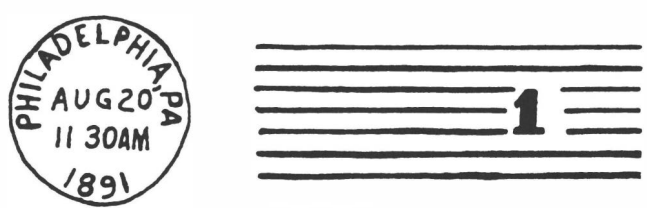
I-



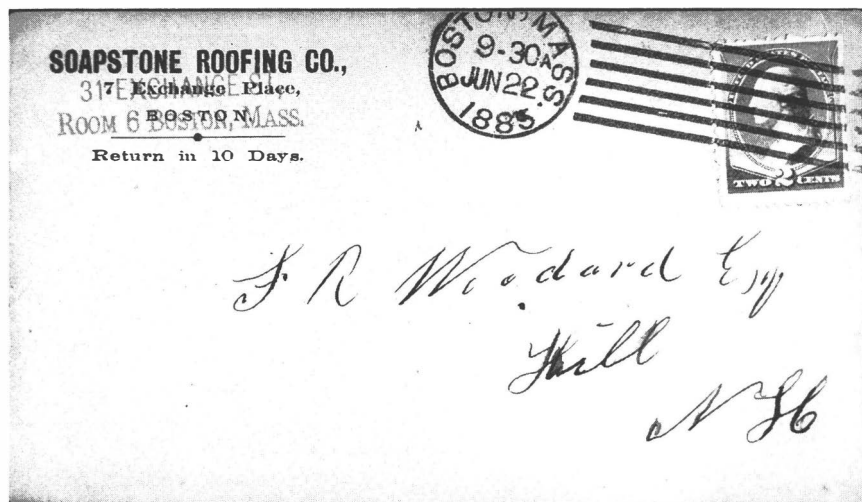
"International"
Washington, D.C.
December 28, 1889

MC-28

I-



"International"
Philadelphia, Pa.
August 20, 1891



One of the many variations of the Boston American Postal Machine early rapid cancelling machine markings of the 1880s. More of these are shown on the previous page.

(MC-20A)

These were used primarily on 3rd & 4th class mail & are found on the later issues. They usually doubled as both a cancel & town marking.

VL-1



I-

VL-2



I-

New York City

1883-87 issues

1881-83 issues

VL-3

I-

VL-4

I-

VL-5

I-



(Probably used on foreign mail.)
1879-87 issues

New York City
(Main Post Office)
Nov. 16, 1887

(Circular Room)
1879-87 issues

VL-6

I-

VL-7

I-

VL-8

I-



(Foreign Division)
1879 issues

New York City
(Registered Mail)
1879 issues

(Registry Division)
Jan. 6, 1886 Feb. 26, 1889

VL-9

I

VL-10

I-

VL-11

I-



Industry Building - New York City



Rochester, N.Y.



Buffalo, N.Y.

1887 issues

VL-12

I



(Purple)
1879 issues

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

VL-13

I-



1881-87 issues

VL-14

I-



Hudson, N.Y.

1883 issues

VL-15

I-



Jersey City, N.J.

1881-87 issues

VL-16

I-



Providence, R.I.

September 3, 1882

VL-17

I-



VL-18

I-



Pawtucket, R.I.

1881-90 issues

VL-19

I



St. Johnsbury, Vt.

1879-83 issues

VL-20

I-



Portland, Me.

VL-21

I-



Biddeford, Me.
1887 issues

VL-22

I-

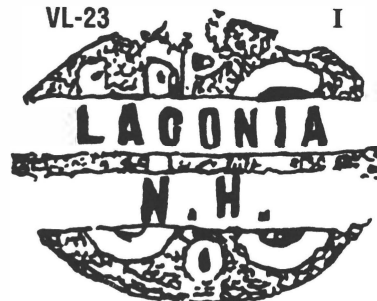


Worcester, Mass.

1883 issues

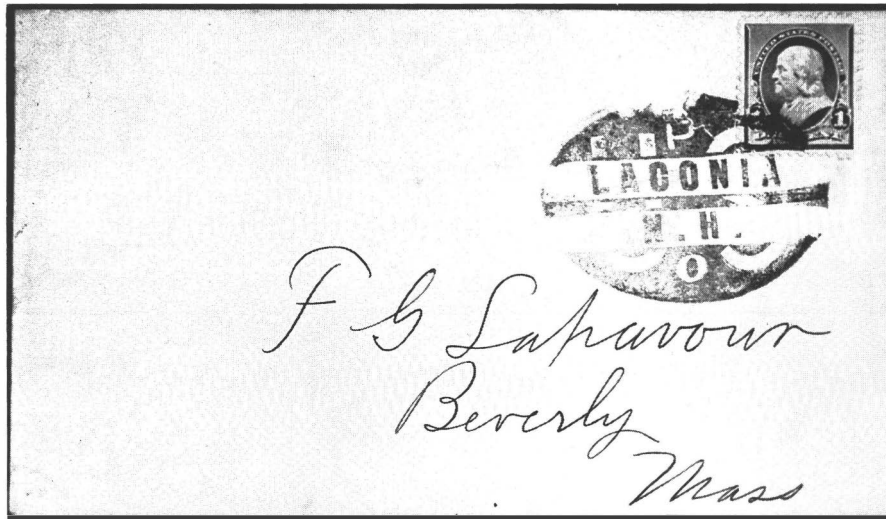
VL-23

I



Laconia, N.H.
1890 issues

(also: Pawtucket, R.I., Montpelier, Vt.,
Auburn, Me., Lynn, Mass.)



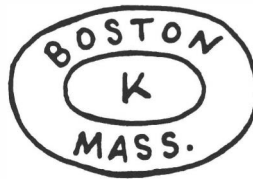
The Laconia, N.H. and other similar (VL-23, page 308) handstamps were probably made from P.O. Department postmens' belt buckles by machining a slot and affixing the town name and state in place.

VL-24

I- VL-25

I- VL-26

I-



Used in late 1870's to early 1880's. Numbers
1-2. In later years used with
nothing in oval.

Boston, Mass.

1883 issues

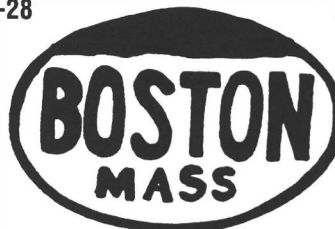
1886 Envelope

VL-27

I- VL-28

I- VL-29

I-



Boston, Mass.

1879 issues

1883 issues

1882

VL-30

I-



VL-31

I-



VL-32

I-



Boston, Mass.(Branches)

1887 issues

1887 issues

1881-83 issues

VL-33

I-



Baltimore, Md.
(Registered)
1883 issues

VL-34

I-



Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 13, 1887

VL-35

I-



Richmond, Ind.

VL-36

I-



(Registered)
July 25, 1882

VL-37

I-



(Postage Due)
1883 issues

VL-38

I-



Numerals 1-9 (?)
Two sizes
1882-83

VL-39

I-



(Main Post Office)
1882-1883

VL-40

I-



Washington, D.C.
(East Capitol Station)
Letter A - Georgetown Sta.

VL-41

I-



(Georgetown Sta.)
1883

VL-42

I-



(Circular Division)
1887 issues

VL-43



Philadelphia, Pa.
(Registry Division)
1881-83 issues

I-

VL-44

I-



(# 1-2 ?)
Late 1879-Mar. 5, 1881

VL-45

I-



1887 issues

VL-46

I-



1887 issues

VL-47

I-



Erie, Pa.
(Dark Blue)
1881-83 issues

VL-48

I-



Reading, Pa.

VL-49

I-



St. Louis, Mo.

1881 issues

VL-50

I-



Milwaukee, Wisc.

1887 issues

VL-51

I-



(Circular Office)
used late 1870's to early 1880's.

VL-52

I-



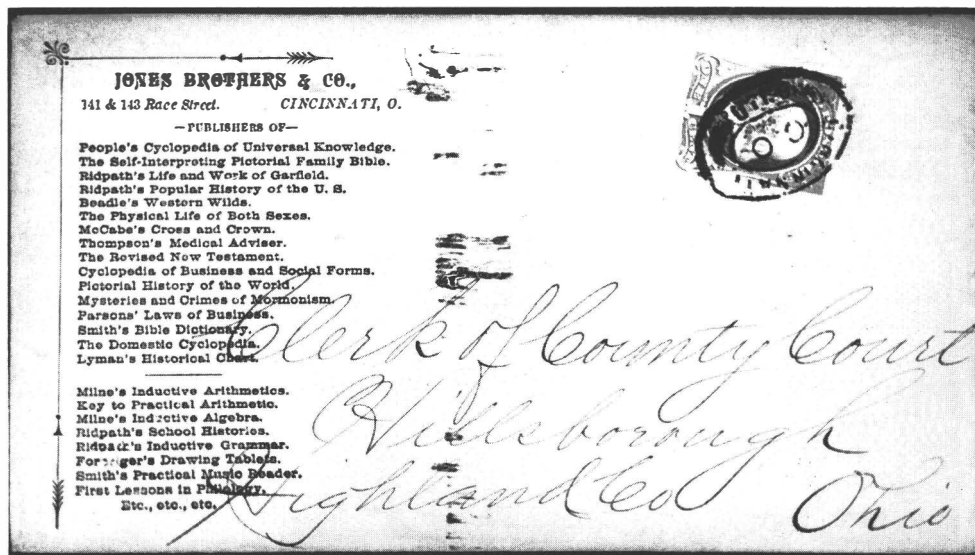
Cincinnati, Ohio
1883 issues

VL-53

I-



(Registry Div.)
1882 issues



The double oval style of marking, usually without a date, was developed for use on other than first class mail, and the style existed for many years. This Cincinnati handstamp, VL-51, indicates its usage with the letters "C.O. (Circular Office)" in the center.

VL-54

I-



Columbus, Ohio

1881-87 issues

VL-55

I-



Minneapolis, Minn.

1883 issues

VL-56

I-



St. Paul, Minn.

1883 issues

VL-57

II

Oshkosh, Wisc.
A.J. Schloreb - clerk

1877

VL-58

II



1883 issues

VL-59

II

Ft. Howard, Wisc. -
T.J. Bailey
used on newspaper wrapper

VL-60

I-

VL-61

I-

VL-62

I-



Cleveland, Ohio
(2 sets, Numerals # 1-6)
1883-87 issues

(Registered)
1883 issues

VL-63

I-

VL-64

I-

VL-65

I-



Chicago, Ill.

1887 issues

VL-66

I-

VL-67

I-

VL-68

I-



Chicago, Ill.

1879 issues

Aberdeen, S. Dak.

1883 issues

VL-69

I-

VL-70

I-

VL-71

I-



Tacoma, Wash.



New Orleans, La.

1883 issues



San Francisco, Ca.

1883 issues

An oval Portland, Me. negative cancel on a circular rate cover from a bookseller and stationer to New Gloucester, Maine. Without date, but the stamp is the Continental Banknote issue of 1873. (VL-72) (I+)



John Goldsborough of Philadelphia evidently introduced the ellipse style barred cancel in the United States about 1875. Similar cancels had been used in England, where they are called "barred ovals" since the 1840s, so the idea was not new. Goldsborough's earliest advertisements in the *U.S. Postal Guide* were for money order business handstamps, appearing as early as the quarterly issue for April 1875. Goldsborough later advertised that he held the contract for the steel government handstamps in the late 1870s-1880s.

The actual devices were probably made on a sub-contract basis by Benjamin Chambers of Lodge, Virginia and his family. Chambers was awarded the contract to furnish handstamps to the Post Office Department as of July 1, 1886, so the ellipse cancel devices were furnished direct from Chambers after that date if not before. By then, Goldsborough had evidently sold his business to Eagle Stamp Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia, as stated in an advertisement of Eagle in the January 1886 *U.S. Postal Guide*.



POSTMASTERS AND OTHERS,

Send 3-cent stamp for Circulars and information of STAMPS OF ALL KINDS, FOR BANKS, RAILROADS, etc., and Postmasters' Complete Set.

J. GOLDSBOROUGH, 919 Market Street, Philadelphia,
(OPPOSITE NEW POST OFFICE.)

This ad (in the then quarterly *U.S. Postal Guide* of April 1879) may be one of Goldsborough's first attempts to sell his elliptical cancel duplexes direct to postmasters not entitled to have them furnished by the Department. His address was then 919 Market Street, Philadelphia.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH'S PATENT "MARKER," (With Canceled Combined or Separate.)

The advertisement features a central illustration of a handstamp device with a handle (A), a base (B), a die plate (C), and a felt cloth ring (E). Surrounding the device are several circular and rectangular handstamps, including:

- MISSENT FORWARDED AND
- RETURNED FOR BETTER DIRECTIONS
- PHILADELPHIA M.O.B. AUG 30 1874 PENNA.
- PHILA. APR 7 10AM REC'D.
- DUE 3
- HELD FOR POSTAGE
- NEW YORK MAY 5 6 PM 79
- PHILADELPHIA APR 8 2PM PA.
- SPRING VALLEY JUL 4 1891 MINN.
- REGISTERED NO.
- RETURNED TO WRITER
- ADVERTISED

At the bottom, a large stamp reads "BOX RENT DUE" with a signature "Edith M. Chaffin" and "R. A. CAMPBELL, P. M." below it.

The Goldsborough ad at left, one of two ads he ran in the January 1883 *U.S. Postal Guide*, shows his patented handstamp with a wide variety of markings being offered for sale directly to postmasters. The Spring Valley, Minn. duplex with a highly anticipatory date of July 4, 1891 (eight years in the future!) is apparently either a record of a handstamp sold to a small postmaster or imaginative advertising. Apparently, the patent number shown on the handstamp of May 12, 1874 is also imaginative advertising, as the only patent found issued to Goldsborough on that date shows a bench type ribbon dater with no resemblance to the handstamp in the ad.

A is the Handle (of flexible Rubber, Wood, or Cork); B is the Case or body; C is the "Die" plate which slides off and on; D is the "Die"; and E is a felt cloth ring on base of handle. This is one of the finest and most durable stamps. Made of Steel, also of "Hard Brass." Postmasters' choice of any ten (10) metal stamps, \$8.00; including one \$5.00 Brass "Marker" and Canceled, dates for 12 years, Ink and Pad, and Name stamp. Metal hours, etc. each extra, or sent in place of years. Send 3-cent stamp for circulars of Rubber, Ribbon, and Seal Stamps, etc.

JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, 720 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
See other advertisement, page 32.

These cancels were part of a duplex device, which consisted of a circular date stamp including the town name, and the killer, in an elliptical shape. They were first used in New York about 1875, and became the most commonly used commercial cancel of this period. Most of these were government issued; i.e., manufactured and furnished under P.O.D. contracts and while the earlier versions differ, they later had great uniformity from one city to another.

EL-1

I-



Ft. Apache, Az. Territory

Nov. 7, 1887 - Aug. 25, 1889

EL-2

I-



Oakland, Ca.

1883 issues

EL-3

I-



San Francisco, Ca.

May 3, 1884 - June 5, 1890

EL-4

I-



Sept. 24, 1885 (Letters A & B)

EL-5

I-



New Haven, Conn.

(John Goldsborough Duplex)(#s 4, 5)
July 8, 1882 - Dec. 19, 1883

EL-6

I-



(#s 1-2)
Dec. 7, 1883

EL-7

I-

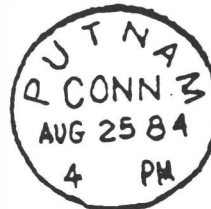


Bridgeport, Conn.

1883 issues

EL-8

I-



Putnam, Conn.

(Walter Wesson Duplex)

Dec. 9, 1883 - Dec. 22, 1888



EL-9

I-



Volunteer, Conn.

Mar. 17, 1884

EL-10

I-



Wilmington, Dela.
(#s 1-2).

Jan. 3, 1884

EL-11

I-



Atlanta, Ga.

1886-1887 (#s 1-3 [?])
















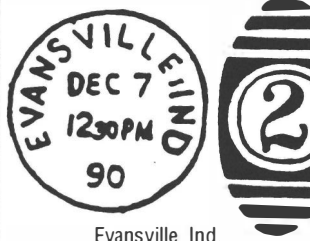
EL-12

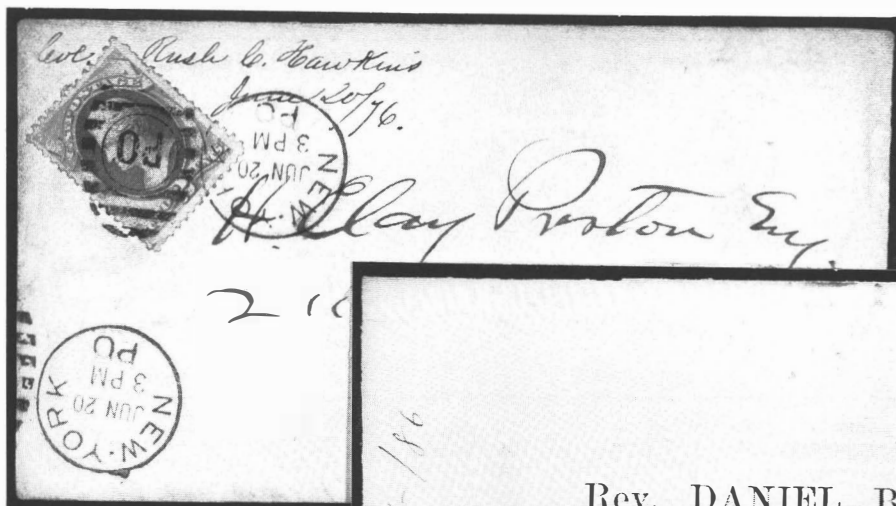
I-



Macon, Ga.

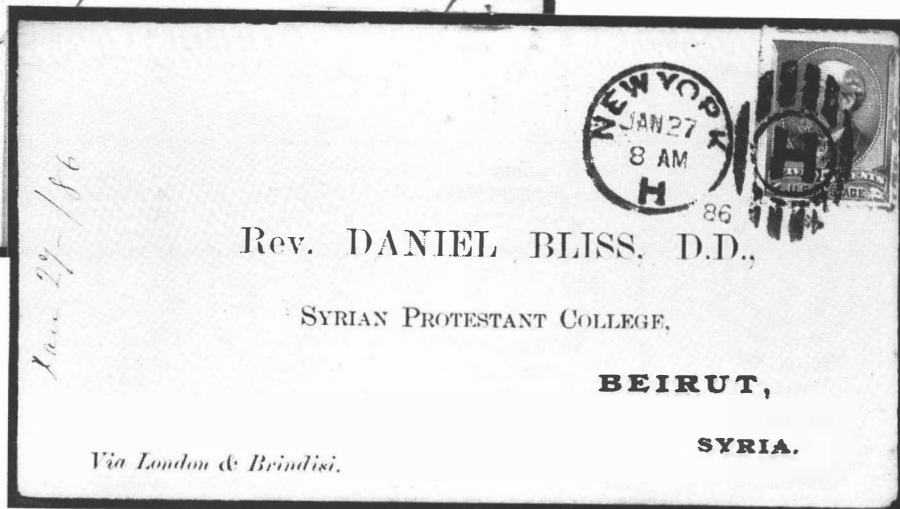
Aug. 16, 1884 - Nov. 1, 1886

EL-13	I-	EL-14	I-	EL-15	I-	EL-16	I-
							
Banner, Idaho		Beason, Ill. (Blue) Apr. 7, 1880		Chicago, Ill. Jan. 14, 1882 - Feb. 26, 1883		Chicago, Ill. Jan. 9, 1888	
EL-17	I-	EL-18	I-	EL-19	I-	EL-20	I-
							
Sept. 22, 1886 - Sept. 25, 1889		(Letters A, D) Chicago, Ill. Mar. 29, 1882 - Apr. 10, 1887		Chicago, Ill. Apr. 4, 1887 - Mar. 12, 1889		"MS" Madison St. Station 1883 issues	
EL-21	I-	EL-22	I-	EL-23	I-	EL-24	I-
							
Elgin, Ill.		McLean, Ill. 1883 issues		Moline, Ill. 1887 issues		Seaton, Ill. 1894 P.C.	
EL-25	I-	EL-26	I-	EL-27	I-	EL-28	I-
							
Springfield, Ill. 1883 issues		Quincy, Ill. 1881 issues		Terre Haute, Ind. Feb. 16, 1886 - June 10, 1887		Evansville, Ind. (#s 1-2) Feb. 5 - Dec. 7, 1890	

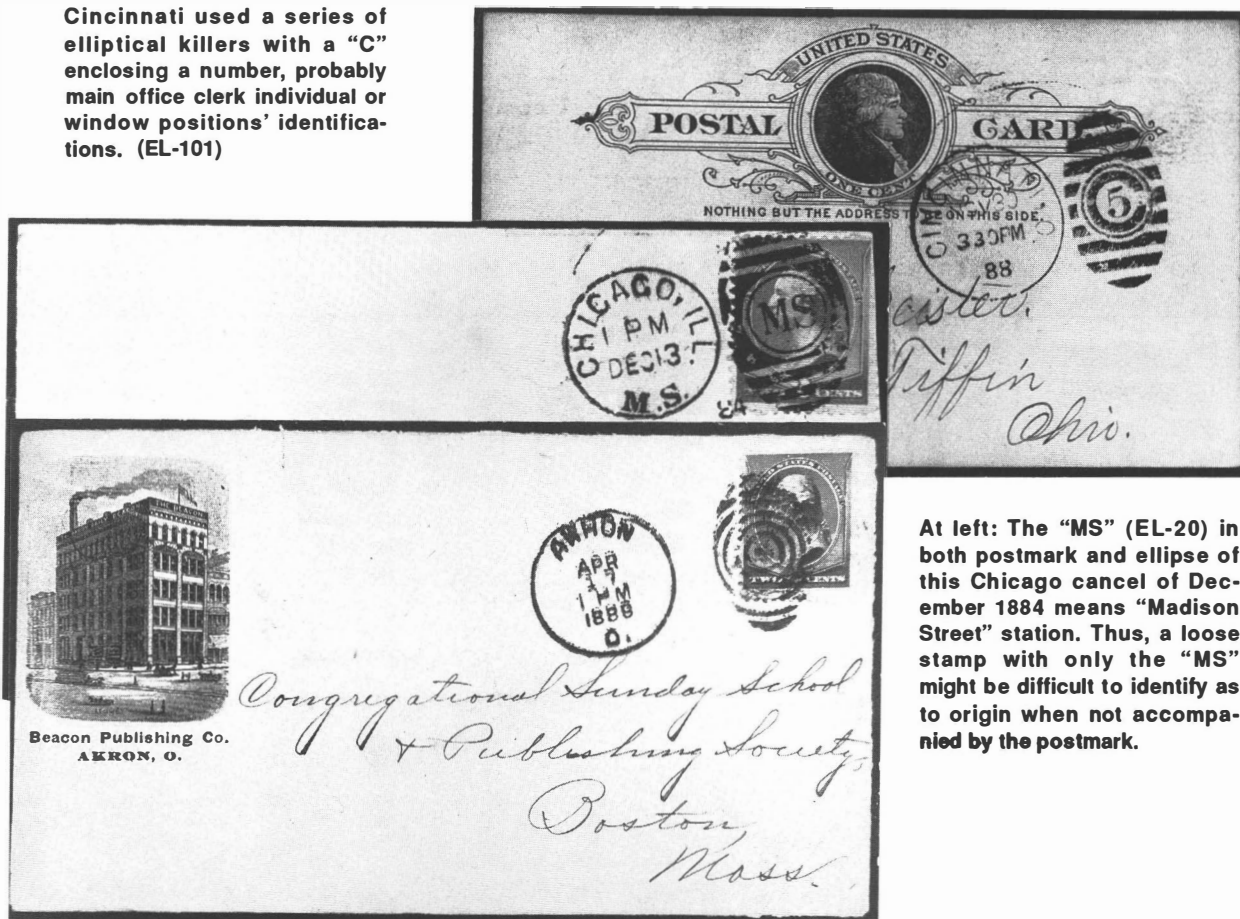


An early use of the New York duplex with "PO" in an ellipse, June 20, 1876, on a local letter. (EL-87)

New York Station "H" duplex cancelling a 5¢ brown Garfield on a letter to Syria in 1886. The single letter station designation appears in both the vertical barred ellipse and the postmark. (EL-84H)



Cincinnati used a series of elliptical killers with a "C" enclosing a number, probably main office clerk individual or window positions' identifications. (EL-101)



At left: The "MS" (EL-20) in both postmark and ellipse of this Chicago cancel of December 1884 means "Madison Street" station. Thus, a loose stamp with only the "MS" might be difficult to identify as to origin when not accompanied by the postmark.

Akron, Ohio and many other towns used this mute ellipse with concentric circles style, as per EL-72, 108,141-2 and 145.

EL-29

I-

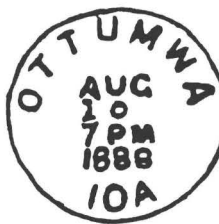


Keokuk, Iowa

Jan. 2, 1887 - Dec. 13, 1890

EL-30

I-

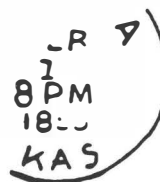


Ottumwa, Iowa

Aug. 10, 1888

EL-31

I-



Emporia, Ks.

1887 issues

EL-32

I-



Leavenworth, Ks.

1883 issues

EL-33

I-



(#'s 1-3)

EL-34

I-



Louisville, Ky.

(Drop Letters)

Nov. 19, 1887 - Sept. 21, 1888

EL-35

I-



Frankfort, Ky

Mar. 7, 1891

EL-36

I-



New Orleans, La.

1887 issues

EL-37

I-



Feb. 3, 1886

EL-38

I-



(#'s 1-2)

Oct. 16, 1888

EL-39

I-



Newfield, Me.

Feb. 25, 1884

EL-40

I-



(#'s 1-8?)

1881 issues

EL-41

I-



(#'s 13-15, 18-19)

Mar. 17, 1891

EL-42

I-



Baltimore, Md.

1883 issues

EL-43

I-








April 14, 1885



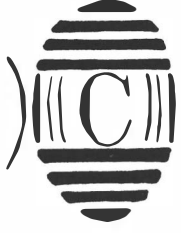
EL-44






I-



























Feb. 26, 1889






EL-45	I-	EL-46	I-	EL-47	I-	EL-48	I-	EL-49	I-
									
Baltimore, Md.				Boston, Mass.					
1887 issues		Dec. 13, 1890		1879 issues		Apr. 20, 1877 - Apr. 29, 1884		Mar. 19, 1879	






EL-50	I-	EL-51	I-	EL-52	I
					
(Letters A-H, J-P, W) (Walter Wesson Duplex) (Carrier Mail) Aug. 28, 1882 - Feb. 16, 1889		Boston, Mass.			
		May. 7, 1889			





EL-53	I+	EL-54	I	EL-55	I	EL-56	I-	EL-57	I-
									
		Boston, Mass.		Brookline Station		East Boston Station			
		Chelsea Station		Nov. 11, 1883 - Feb. 28, 1889		Aug. 1883 - June 26, 1884			






EL-58	I-	EL-59	I-	EL-60	I-	EL-61	I+	EL-62	I-
									
Leominster, Mass.		Lowell, Mass. (#'s 1-2) Feb. 27, 1887		Lynn, Mass.		Stoneham, Mass. Mar. 6, 1888		Williamstown, Mass. (John Goldsborough Duplex) 1886-1893	





















<div>EL-63</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Allegan, Mich.</div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>EL-64</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Jackson, Mich.</div> <div>Sep. 10, 1885-Feb. 25, 1886</div>	<div>EL-65</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>St. Paul, Minn. (#'s 1-2)</div> <div>Nov. 5, 1883-Jan. 21, 1884</div>	<div>EL-66</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Apr. 26, 1887</div>	<div>EL-67</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>St. Louis, Mo.</div> <div>June 6, 1884 - July 7, 1889</div>
<div>EL-68</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>(#'s 1-10?)</div> <div>Nov. 30, 1882-July 10, 1889</div>	<div>EL-69</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>St. Louis, Mo.</div> <div>1890</div>	<div>EL-70</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Aug. 8, 1887</div>	<div>EL-71</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Hoboken, N.J.</div> <div>1879 issues</div>	<div>EL-72</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Elizabeth, N.J.</div> <div>1887 issues</div>
<div>EL-73</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Jersey City, N.J.</div> <div>Dec. 6, 1884-Apr. 5, 1888</div>	<div>EL-74</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>New Brunswick, N.J.</div> <div>1879 issues</div>	<div>EL-75</div> <div>I+</div> <div></div> <div>West End, N.J.</div> <div>1887 issues</div>	<div>EL-76</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Albany, N.Y.</div> <div>July 8, 1887</div>	<div>EL-77</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Amsterdam, N.Y.</div> <div></div>
<div>EL-78</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Buffalo, N.Y.</div> <div>Nov. 28, 1884</div>	<div>EL-79</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>East Buffalo Sta., Buffalo, N.Y.</div> <div>Dec. 30, 1890</div>	<div>EL-80</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Croton Lake, N.Y.</div> <div>Mar. 5, 1888</div>	<div>EL-81</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Gouverneur, N.Y.</div> <div>1887 issues</div>	

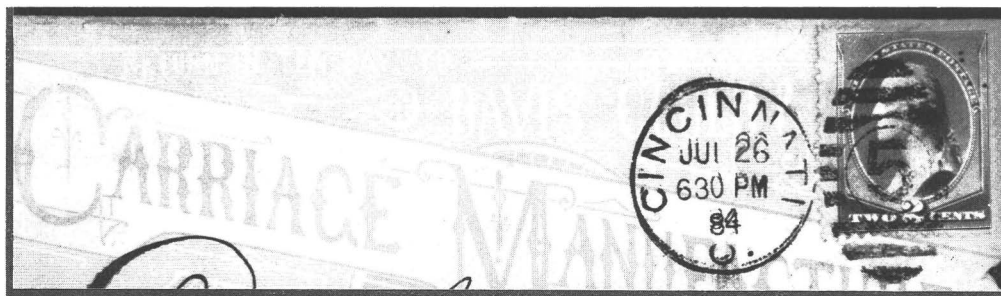
EL-82	I+	EL-83	I-	EL-84	I	EL-85	I-	EL-86	I-
									
Hancock, N.Y. Columbian issues		Ithaca, N.Y. June 6, 1884		New York City (Letters A-H, J-P, R-T, W; Different Sizes) Dec. 24, 1878 - 1889					

EL-87	I-	EL-88	I-	EL-89	I+	EL-90	I+
							
Drop letters				(New York Supplemental Mail) #'s 1-2			
Mar. 27, 1877 - 1888				Double rate fee charged for putting Foreign mail aboard ship after the P.O. closed.			
				June 8, 1879 - Nov. 14, 1884			






EL-91	I-	EL-92	I-	EL-93	I-	EL-94	I-
							
New York City (2 sets #'s 1-38 & #'s 1-33, 24-52 even #'s) (Used on Foreign mail) #'s 1-6 May 27 - Aug. 31, 1877				Oswego, N.Y. May 3, 1876 - Feb. 23, 1890			
				Mar. 16, 1877 - Oct. 21, 1886			
				May 28, 1883 - Jan. 5, 1885			






EL-95	I-	EL-96	I	EL-97	I-	EL-98	I	EL-99	I
									
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 1883 issues		Redwood, N.Y.		Rochester, N.Y. 1879 issues		Lockport, N.Y. (Different Types) 1882-1883			






<div>EL-100</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Auburndale, Ohio</div>	<div>EL-101</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div><div>1) #3-5 Aug 29, 1881-Sept. 21, 1888 (Drop letters)</div><div>2) #1-5 Dec. 8, 1890 -Aug. 29, 1891 1883 issues</div></div>	<div>EL-102</div> <div>I</div> <div></div> <div>Cincinnati, Ohio</div>	<div>EL-103</div> <div>I-</div> <div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Dec. 13, 1890</div>	
<div>EL-104</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Akron, Ohio</div>	<div>EL-105</div> <div>I-</div> <div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>July 4, 1884-May 25, 1885</div>	<div>EL-106</div> <div>I-</div> <div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Oct. 27, 1885</div>	<div>EL-107</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>De Graff, Ohio</div>	
<div>EL-108</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Mansfield, Ohio</div> <div>Sept. 26, 1887</div>	<div>EL-109</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Lancaster, Ohio</div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>EL-110</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Toledo, Ohio</div> <div>Feb. 15 - Sept. 27, 1888</div> <div>(#'s 1-4)</div>	<div>EL-111</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Toledo, Ohio</div> <div>June 24, 1886 -Aug. 23, 1887</div> <div>(#'s 1-2)</div>	
<div>EL-112</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Harrisburg, Pa.</div> <div>1883 issues</div>	<div>EL-113</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Harrisburg, Pa.</div> <div>1879 issues</div>	<div>EL-114</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Haverford College, Pa. (John Goldsborough Duplex)</div> <div>1884 - Mar. 2, 1885</div>	<div>EL-115</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Reading, Pa.</div>	<div>EL-116</div> <div>I-</div> <div></div> <div>Wilkes Barre, Pa.</div> <div>November 27, 1885</div>
























Cincinnati ellipse (EL-103-5) on a carriage manufacturer's overall pink lithographed cover.











EL-117	I-	EL-118	I-	EL-119	I-	EL-120	I-	EL-121	I-
									
(#'s 1-10)				Philadelphia, Pa. (Different sizes)		(#'s 1-10) (#'s 11-21 (smaller))		July 7, 1883 - Nov. 22, 1888	
Sept. 15, 1880 - 1883		1873 issues		Oct. 10, 1883 - 1891					

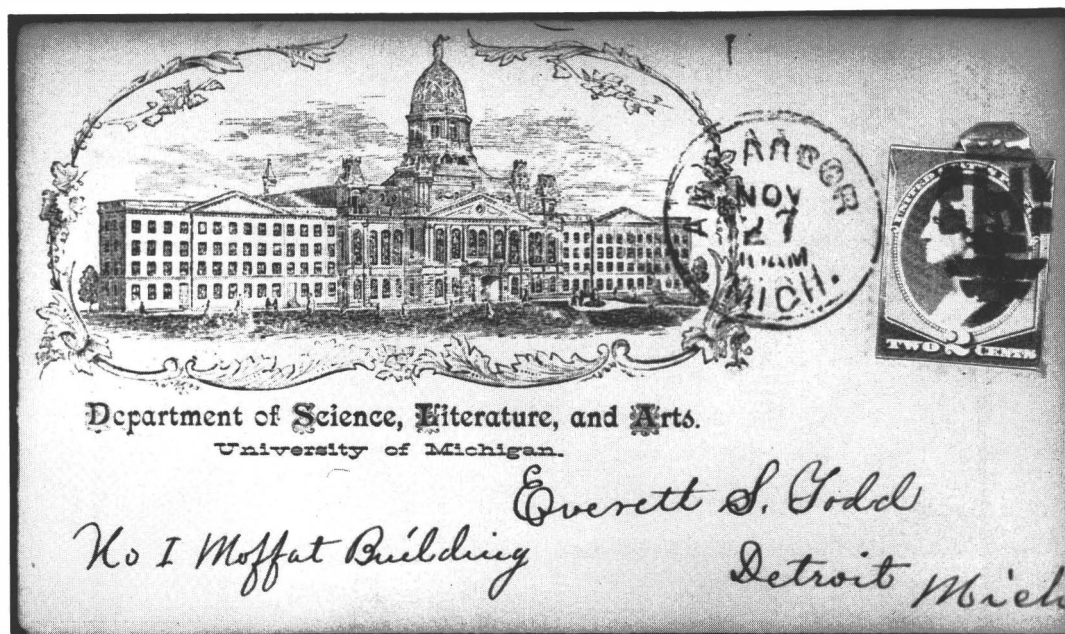
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EL-130	I-	EL-131	I	EL-132	I-	EL-133	I-
							
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EL-155 I-  1883 issues	EL-156 I-  1883 issues	EL-157 I  Brooklyn, N.Y. 1873 issues	EL-158 I-  Boston, Mass. (3rd Class Mail) 1873 issues	EL-159 II  "Harry Nichols - Clerk" Ann Arbor, Mich. 1883 issues



Harry Nichols, of the Ann Arbor, Michigan post office, provided a continuing assortment of cancels with versions of his initials. Also see pages 11 and 211 for other cancels with Nichols' initials.

EL-160	I-	EL-161	I	EL-162	I	EL-163	I	EL-164	I
									
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EL-165	II-	EL-166	I+	EL-167	I+	EL-168	I-		
									
1883 issues		"JDV" Blairstown, N.J. (Black) June 8, 1879 - Oct. 26, 1886 (Magenta) Oct. 25, 1876 - 1879 "John D. Vail -P.M."		1883 issues					



The elaborate monogram of Blairstown, N.J. postmaster John D. Vail, based upon a barred style ellipse, was in use for over ten years.

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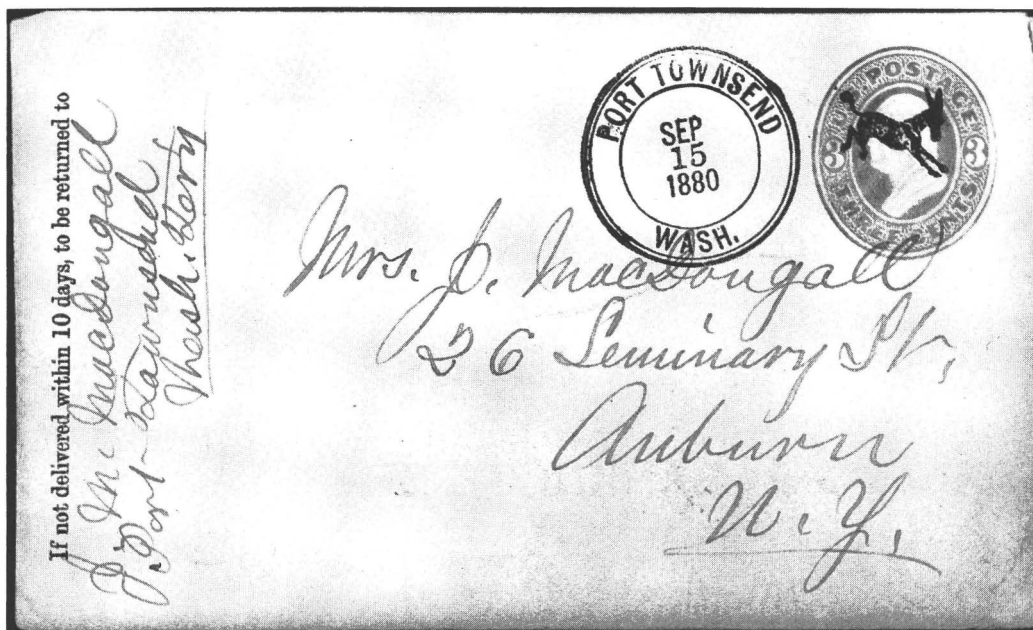
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