



Unused OG right margin arrow block of 12



Used block of 12



Unused OG



Circle of Hearts



Shield



Hiogo Japan



Waterbury CT  
Woman in Snood



Waterbury  
Running chicken



Hackettstown NJ



Ultramarine Cork



Purple Grid



4 Ring Green Target





Unused OG block of 12



Waterbury  
Three leaf clover



Cork and town cancel



Double Grill



Purple grid



Black star



Blue cork



Hiogo Japan



Unused OG upper right corner margin block of 18  
including plate block of 10





Unused OG



Pre-printing  
paper fold



Black star



FREE



Blue ring of hearts



Kittrell NC  
Shoe fly



Green cork



Waterbury CT  
skull and cross-bones



Waterbury CT  
pumpkin



Pumpkin face



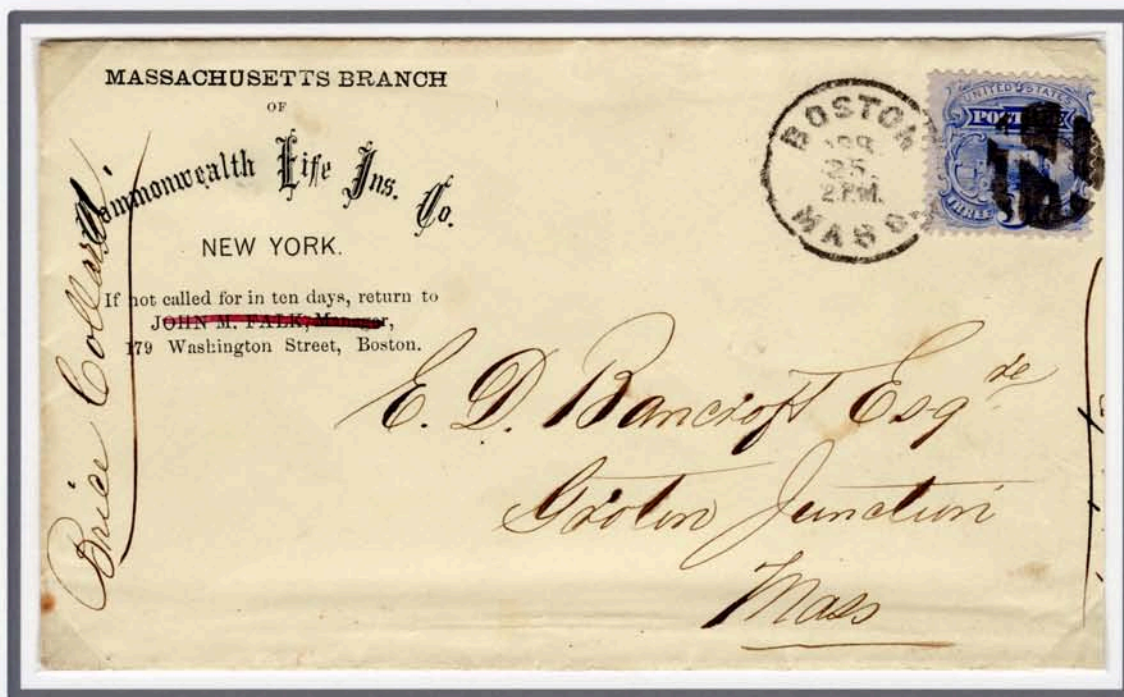
Waterbury CT  
small bee



Waterbury CT  
Shield on piece



Waterbury CT  
mortar & pestle  
On piece



Apr 1869 letter from Boston to Groton Junction MA



St. John Ship Letter



Unused



Steamer Costa Rica



Star



Blue target



Green target



Red cork



Black cork



"W"





Unused OG



Hiogo Japan



New York Steamship



New York  
PAID ALL transit



Steamer Costa Rica



French anchor and dots



Ultramarine grid of  
Small diamonds



San Francisco CA  
8 pointed star



Dedham MA  
PAID in grid



New Britain CT



Blue Cincinnati



Geometric



NYC Bee





Unused OG block of 6



Unused



Crossroads



Circle of wedges



Blue cork



Red NYC  
PAID ALL transit



Double Grill



Baltimore  
foreign mail



Purple cork



Unused OG  
Type II



Type I



Type II

Unused



Type I



Type II

Used



Split grill  
Type II



Blue French entry  
Type I



Red NYC transit  
Blue French entry  
Type I



Red cork  
Type I



24 Cent unused OG



Used block of 4



Used



Used





Unused OG block of 4 without grill



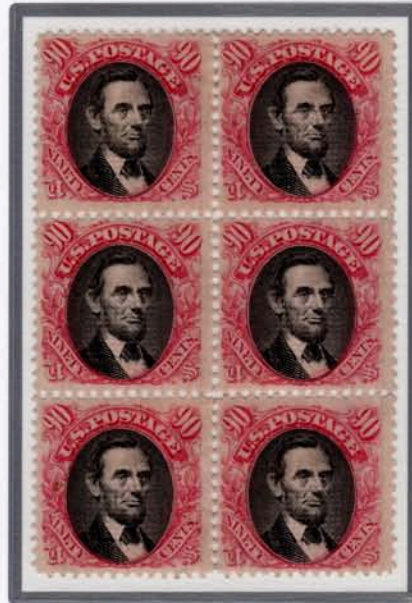
Unused OG



Used red cork cancel



Used brown grid  
cancel



Unused OG block of 6  
Largest Intact Unused Block



Used



Used



Center vignette  
inverted  
Black star cancel



Center vignette  
inverted



Flags inverted  
Blue French  
receiving mark





Letter from Versailles KY to Fort Smith AK..  
Segmented cork cancels



Letter to Grinnell IA and then forwarded to North Danville VT.  
One cent stamp originally intended to pay drop rate. 2 cent stamp added, probably after  
the one cent stamp was canceled, to pay first class domestic postage.



Letter to Frederick PA. Vertical bisect part of attached pair. Black target cancel.



Letter from Cabell Court House to Point Pleasant WV. Green target cancel.



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## UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.

ANNUAL TAXES, MARCH, 1870.

To *Reuben Lucas*  
of *Honeyville*, in  
the *6th* Division *6th* District,  
and State of *Virginia*.



## TAKE NOTICE

That, in pursuance of the acts of Congress, you are required to make out a Return according to the forms within, and deliver the same to me, at my office, WITHIN TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, or an addition of FIFTY PER CENTUM will be made to the proper tax.

No Return will be accepted unless made out in detail, that is, with the proper entry opposite each item of the Return, and the whole subscribed and sworn to.

The form and manner for declaring that a person is not possessed of a taxable income, under the proviso of Section 118, of the Act of June 30, 1864, amended by the Act of March 2, 1867, is prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to be the within Return, properly filled up, subscribed and sworn to, as above indicated.

Dated this *2nd* day of *April*, 1870.

*Frank J. Bramhall*  
Assistant Assessor.

OFFICE AT *Luray, Va.*

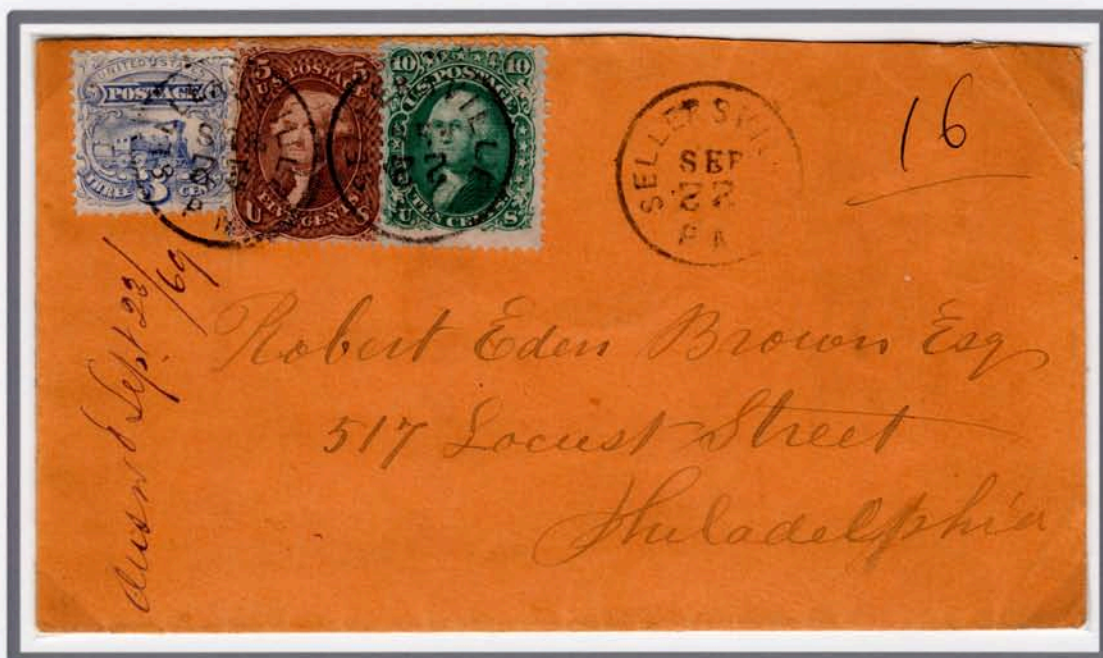
Vertical two-thirds used as 2 cents circular rate on United States Internal Revenue printed tax notice. 2 cent rate applies because it is addressed outside of Luray to Honeyville VA.





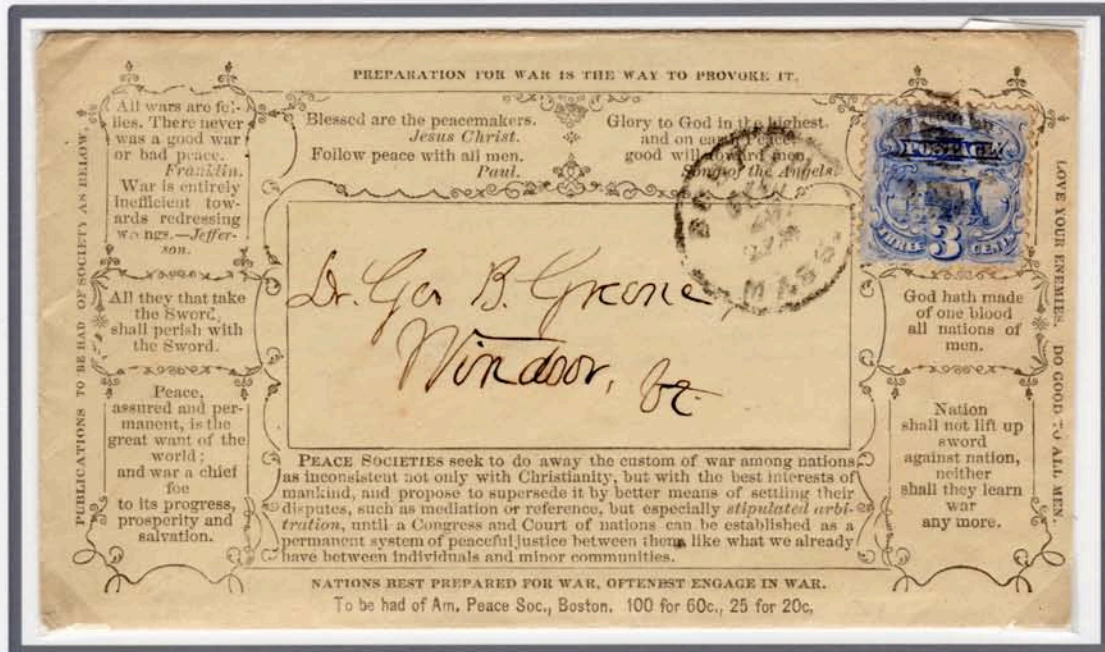
Oct 1869 letter from Cincinnati OH to Boston MA.

3 cent single rate plus 15 cent registry fee. Manuscript 258 is "registration" ID or number. Straight line 'REGISTERED' applied in Cincinnati. Boston dotted circle receiving mark.

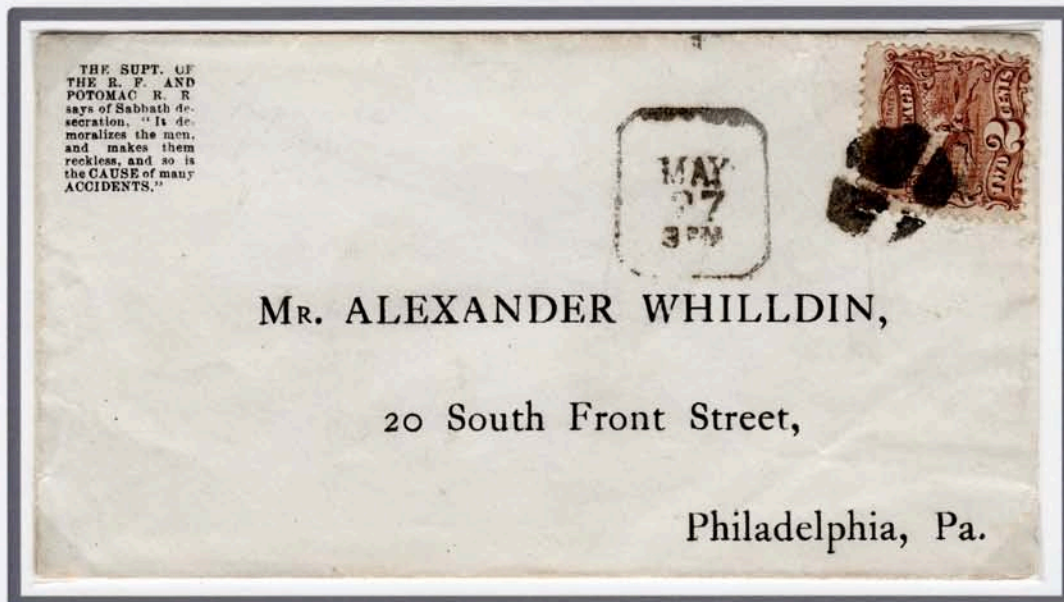


Sep 1869 letter from Sellersville to Philadelphia PA

3 cent single rate plus 15 cent registry fee. Manuscript 16 is "registration" ID or number.



Letter from Boston MA to Windsor VT.  
 American Peace Society propaganda cover.

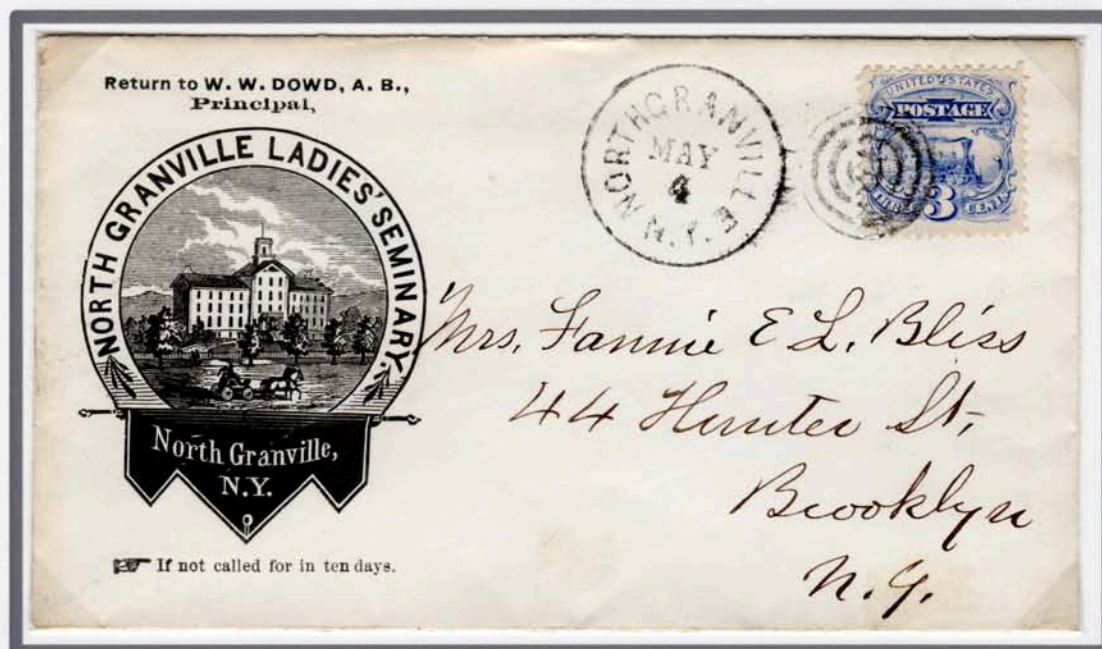


Philadelphia drop letter with religious message, from the superintendent of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, in box at upper left corner.  
 Cork cancel and Philadelphia boxed receiving date and time marking.



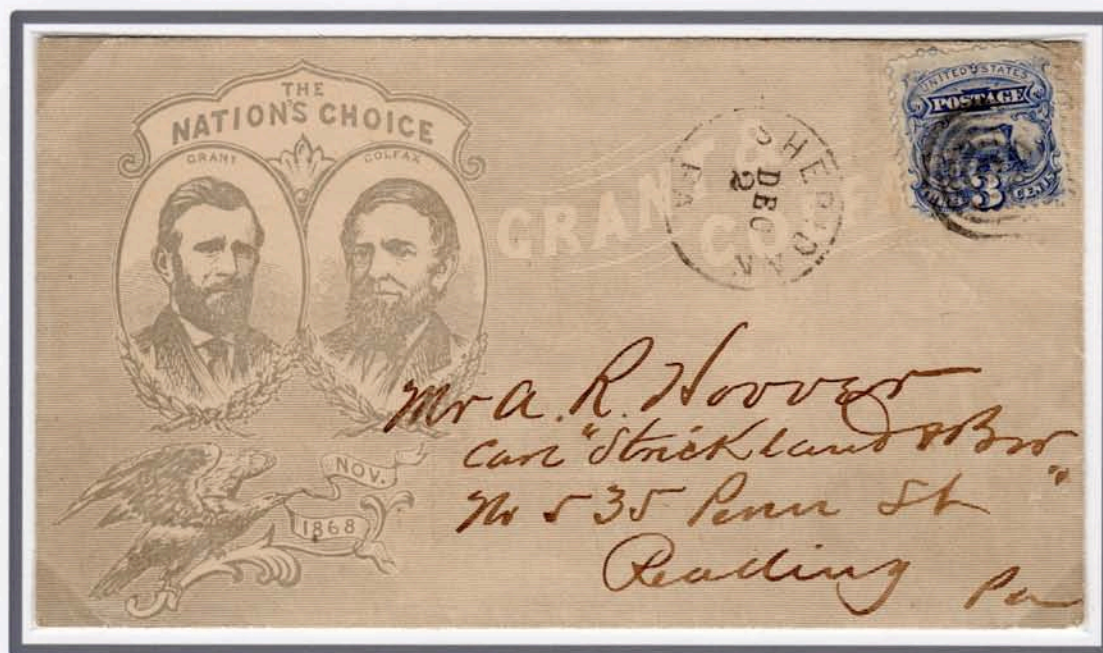


Letter from New York City to Hartford CT.  
Embossed Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. illustration.



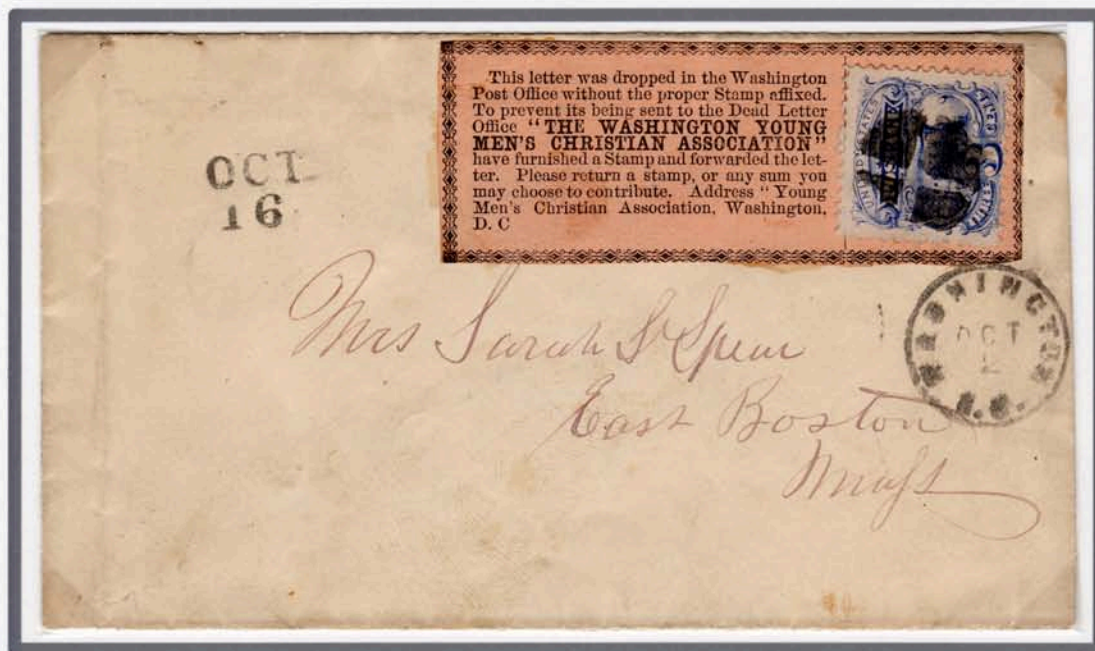
Letter from North Granville to Brooklyn NY.  
North Granville NY Ladies' Seminary  
Early use of the "return request" provided for in the postal law effective July 1868.





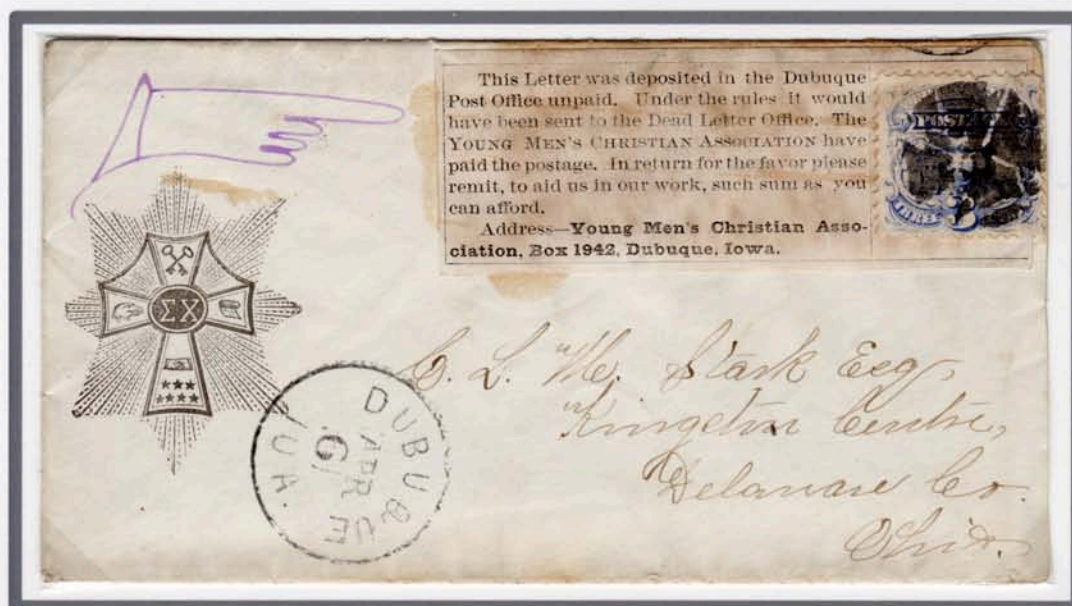
Letter from Sheridan to Reading PA.  
Election of 1868, Grant - Colfax campaign cover

During the Civil War the YMCA left stamps in various Post Offices to pay postage on unstamped soldier's mail. They also left a label which was to be applied to the front of the envelope advising the recipient of the letter that the YMCA furnished the stamps and to request a donation to help with its charitable work. The post office found this easier than sending a letter to the dead letter office. This fund raising effort continued after the war.



The letter from Washington DC to East Boston MA.

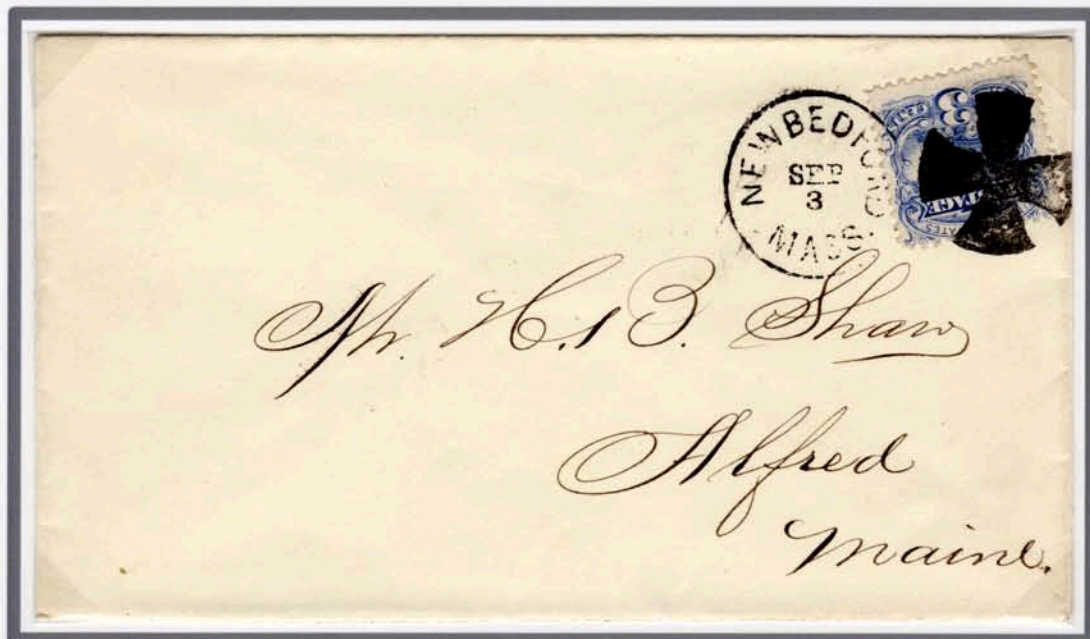
OCT 16 handstamp indicating when the letter would be sent to the dead letter office.



A letter from Dubuque IA to Kingston Center PA.

Sigma Chi fraternity advertisement. Purple pointing hand to etiquette label.





Letter from New Bedford MA to Alfred ME.  
Stamp canceled with Maltese Cross

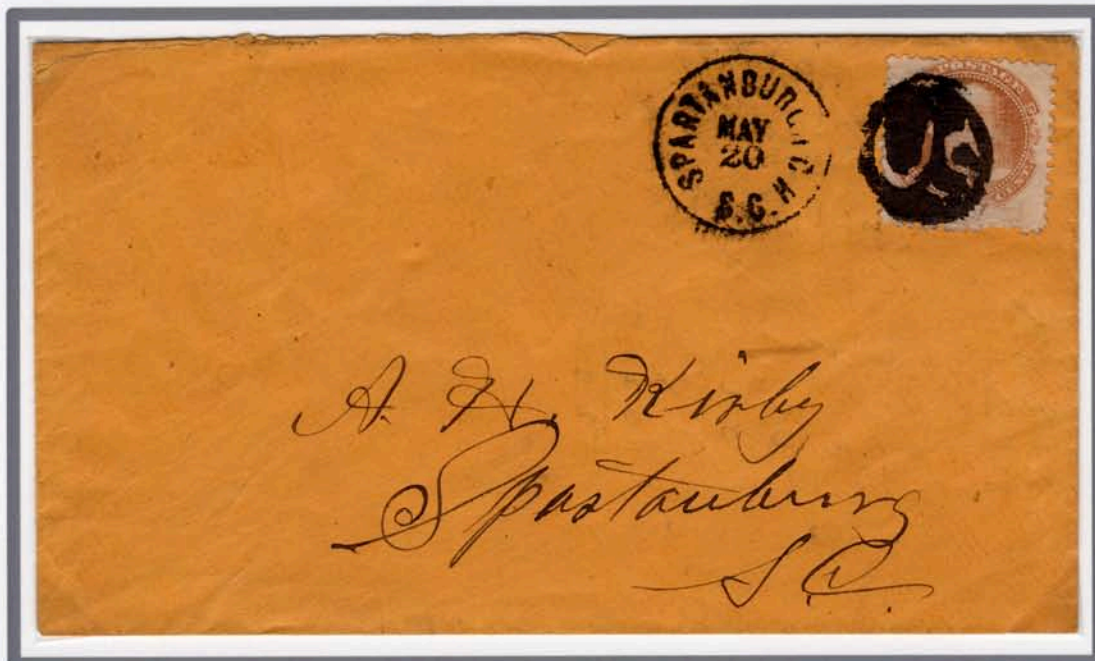


Letter from Bridgeport CT New York City.  
Stamp canceled with Top Hat





Letter from Paris IL to New York City  
Stamp canceled with bold "P".



Drop Letter from Spartanburg Courthouse SC  
Stamp canceled with negative "US" in circle



Dec 1869 letter from Nashotah WI to Detroit MI  
Stamps canceled with "1869" in circle

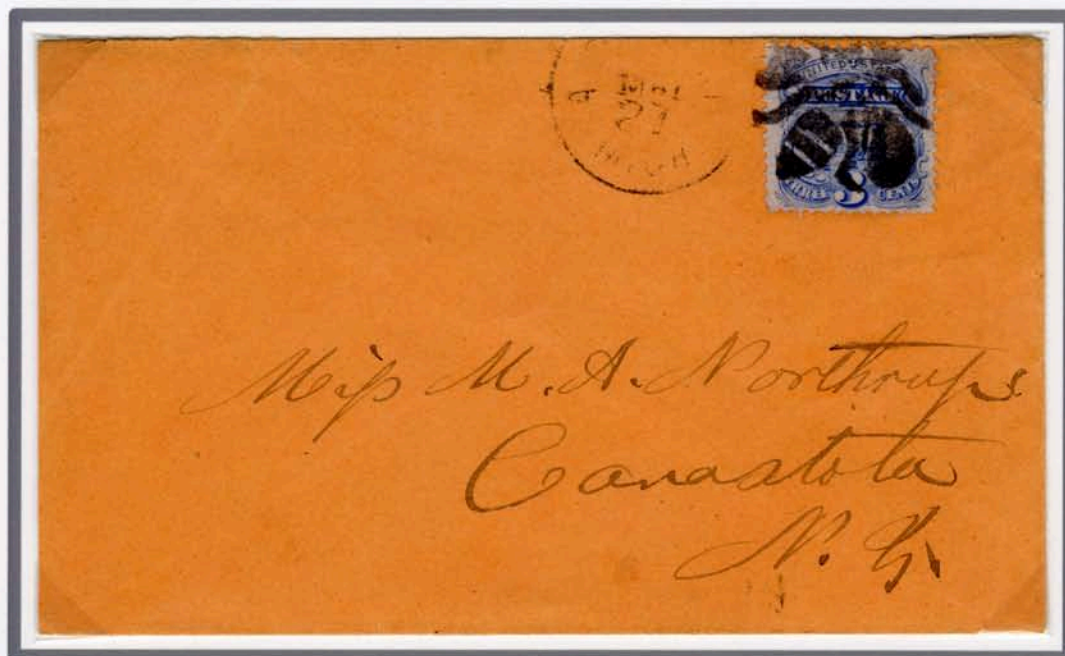


On reverse  
Philadelphia PA  
G.P.P. received  
marking



Mar 1870 letter from Nashotah WI to Philadelphia PA.  
"1870" in circle



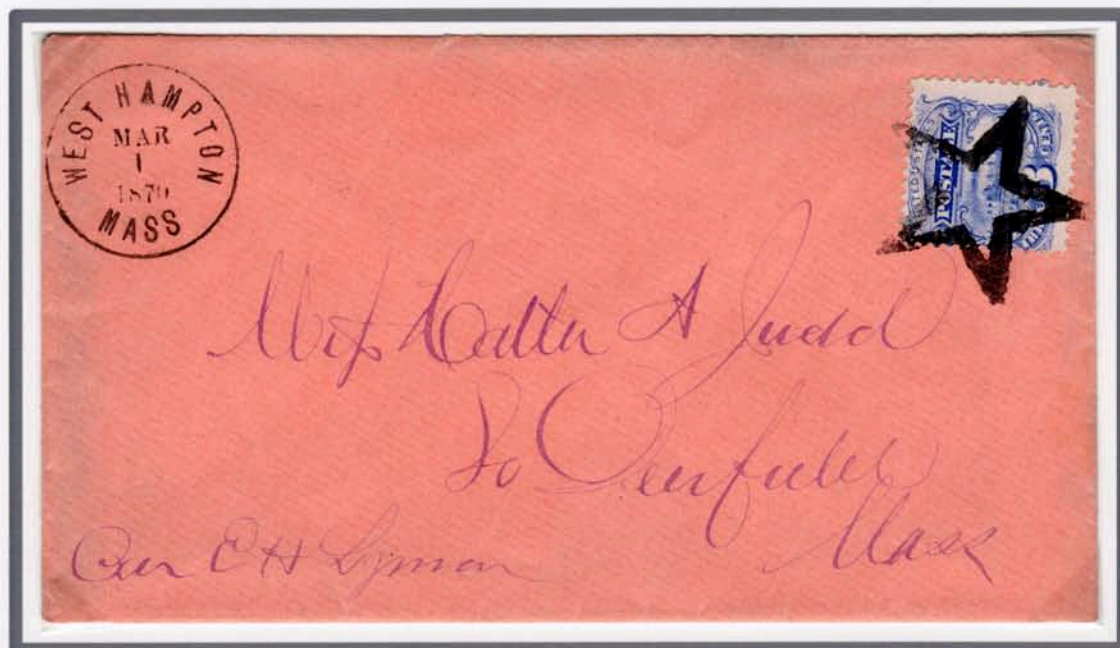


Letter from Adrian MI to Canastota NY  
Stamp canceled with Adrian Bee

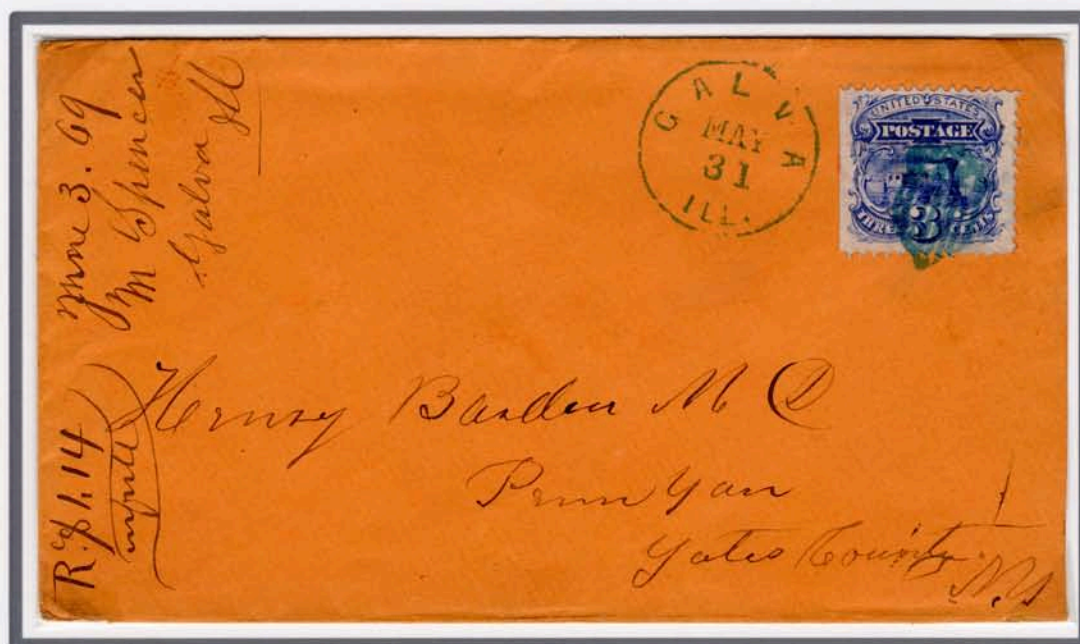


Letter from Toledo OH to Pittsford NY  
Stamp canceled with "Shoo Fly" cancel





Mar 1870 letter from West Hampton to South Deerfield MA.  
Large hollow star cancel.



Mar 1869 letter from Galva IL to Penn Yan NY. Blue shield cancel.

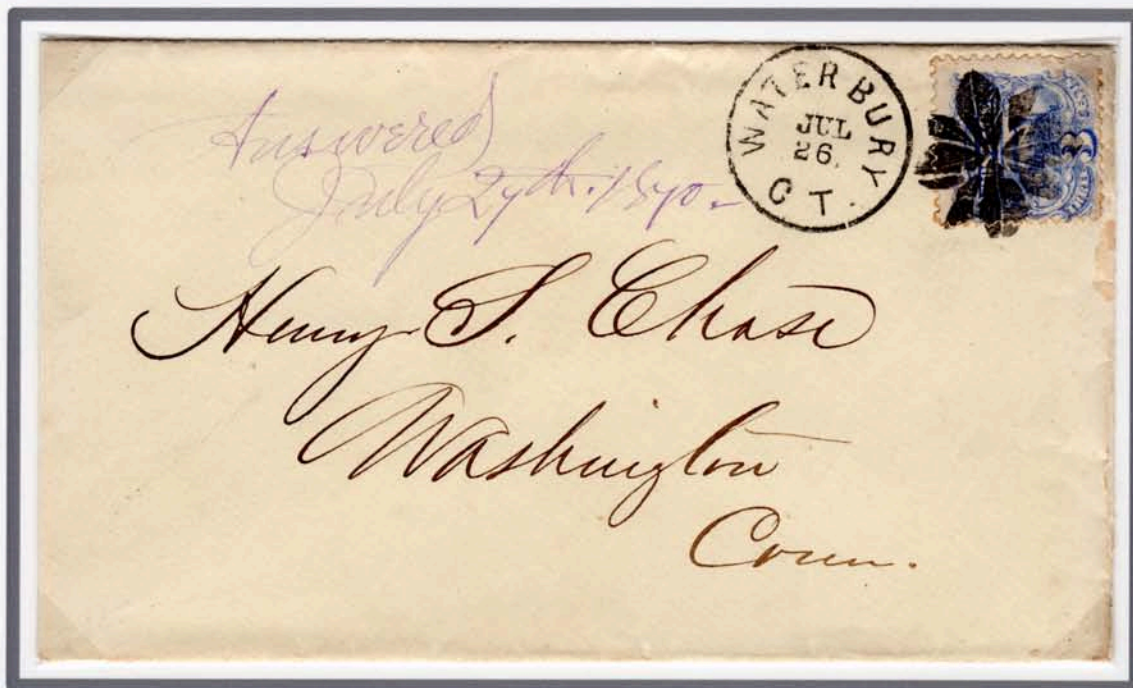


Feb 1870 letter from Waterbury CT to Boston MA.  
Stamp canceled with small bee.



Mar 1870 letter from Waterbury to Woodbridge CT  
Stamp canceled with woman in bonnet cancel.



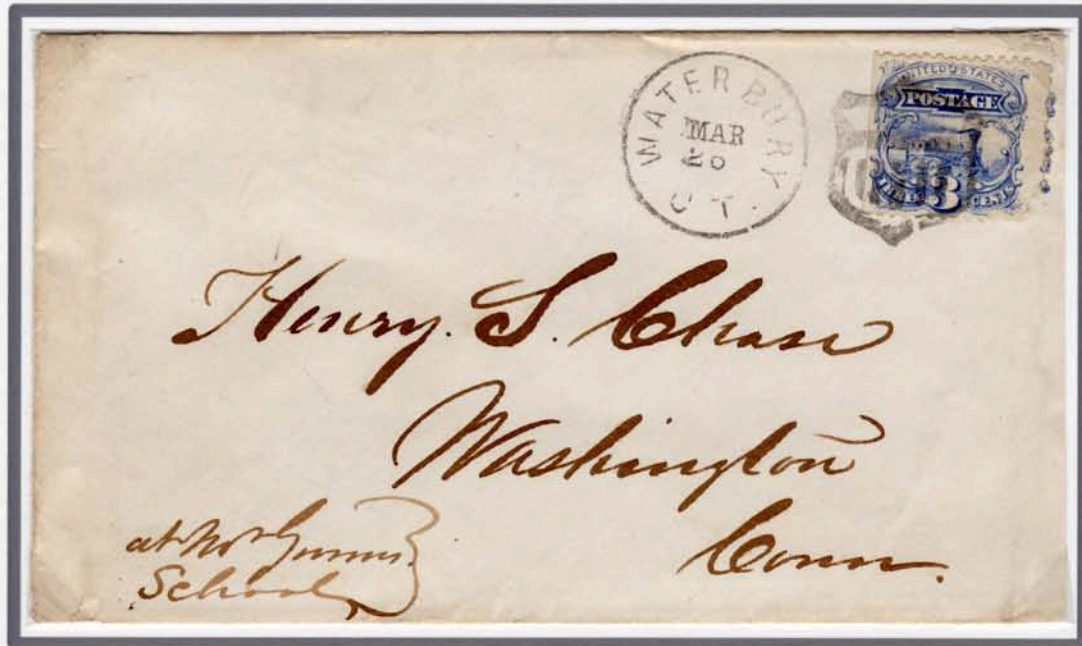


Jul 1870 letter from Waterbury to Washington CT.  
Stamp canceled with holly sprig



May 1870 letter from Waterbury CT to North Amherst MA.  
Stamp canceled with holly sprig.





March 1870 letter from Waterbury to Washington CT.  
Stamp canceled with five bar shield.



Mar 1870 letter from Waterbury CT to Alfred ME.  
Stamp canceled with buttonless shoe

## New Mexico Territory



Letter from Santa Fe NM to Las Vegas NM. Las Vegas NM receiving stamp on back. Las Vegas NM was a large western town during the growth of western railroads. New Mexico became a state in 1912.

## Indian Territory



Oct 1869 letter from Atoka OK in the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory. Addressed to Forsyth GA and then forwarded to For Valley GA. FORWARDED handstamp. Atoka CN manuscript postmark.





April 1870 letter to Alfred MA. Carried from Alameda County to San Francisco by Bamber Express connecting with Wells Fargo in San Francisco. Blue Wells Fargo San Francisco Oval and Bamber and Co printed frank.



Letter to Clifton England. The letter traveled to New York City privately and then shipped to England with other letters as a bulk package saving money. In England the letter was placed in an envelop and sent at the domestic 1 d rate.

Carried privately to New York and then by bulk to England and by mail in England.





Peru to Nashville TN with Peru, Great Britain and US postage. Panama and NY Steamship transit markings on cover and the Port of Callao (Peru) marking on the back. NY marking indicates 10 cents due. 10 cent 1869 stamp applied, probably on receipt, to pay the postage due.



Apr 1870 letter from Arroyo Puerto Rico to New York City via St. Thomas Dutch West Indies. Letter carried privately to St. Thomas. Three cents D.W.I. postage paid in cash and the ten cent stamp applied. Brazil Line steamer South America carried the letter to New York City arriving 21 Apr. Forwarded by Lamb & Co., ship insurance agents. St Thomas postmark and New York Steam Ship postmark.



## Hawaiian Steam Service



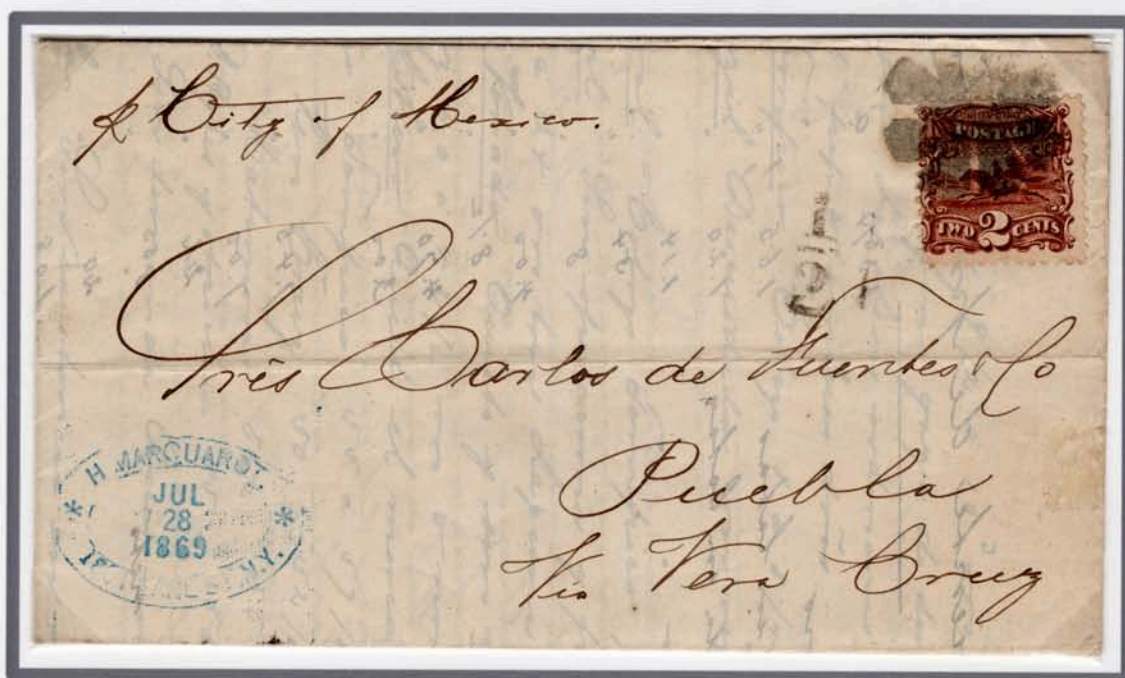
Nov 1869 letter from the Commander of the Pacific Fleet, Rear Admiral Turner, on his Flagship Pensacola in the Hawaiian Islands to New York City. 3 cent partial payment of 10 cent steamship rate. Due 7 marking and HAWAIIAN/STEAM/SERVICE handstamps applied in San Francisco. The letter departed Honolulu 28 Nov on the North Pacific Transportation Company steamship ship Idaho arriving in San Francisco 9 Dec.

Late use of the HAWAIIAN/STEAM/SERVICE marking. The letter did not enter the Hawaiian postal system but went directly from the Navy to the Idaho.

## 1862 U. S.-Mexico Treaty



July 1859 letter from New York City to Vera Cruz Mexico. Stamps pay 3x 10 cent rate. The letter left New York on the Alexander Line ship "City of Mexico". 5 Reales due on receipt. J. De Rivera & Co. handstamp. De Rivera was a New York trading company in the sugar and other businesses in Central and South America.



July 1859 prices current printed matter from New York City to Pueblo Mexico. Stamps pay 2 cent printed matter rate.  $\frac{1}{2}$  reales due handstamp. The letter left New York on the Alexander Line ship "City of Mexico". H. Marquardt. Handstamp.



American Packet



Feb 1870 letter from New Bedford MA to Whaling Ship Bark Edward Everett at San Carlos Chile. Mixed franking paying the 34 cent rate via American Packet.

Red 12 indicating 12 cents due to Chile. The rate changed on 16 Feb from 34 cents to 22 cents so this letter was overpaid by 12 cents.

29 Mar San Carlos receiving marking on back. Also a 30 Mar receiving mark from Talcahuano indicating that the letter was forwarded to the coast to meet the Bark Everett at Talcahuano.

## Via American and British Steamship Lines



Jul 1869 letter from San Francisco to Lima Peru. Stamps paid the 34 cent rate to Peru. 24 cents credited to England. The letter went from San Francisco to Panama on a Pacific Steamer. In Panama it was exchanged with the British postal agency where the A/PANAMA/date exchange marking was applied. The letter then went to Callao Peru on a Pacific Steam Navigation Company steamer. Then to Lima.

Magenta San Francisco postmark and magenta 24 due to Britain on cover. Lima receiving mark on back. A. Vignier blue forwarding handstamp on cover. 34 cent rate to Peru.



Oct 1869 letter from Port Chester NY to Lima Peru. Stamps pay the 2x rate of 34 cents. 48 cents credit to England. The letter traveled from New York to Aspinwall then across Panama and to Lima.



Via American and British Steamship Lines



Nov 1869 letter from Port Chester NY to Lima Peru. Stamps pay the 3x rate of 34 cents. 72 cents credit to England.  
The letter traveled from New York to Aspinwall then across Panama and to Lima.

via United States and Brazil Steamship Line



Jul 1869 letter from San Francisco to St. Thomas in the West Indies via New York. 23 Aug New York transit marking on front.

Traveled on the American and Brazil Mail Steamship Line ship South America departing New York 23 Aug and arriving in St. Thomas 30 May. St. Thomas receiving mark on back.



May 1870 letter from Patterson NJ to Rio de Janeiro. Stamp pays 10 cent American Packet rate to Brazil. Manuscript by Brazil and N. American mail steam packet.

Traveled on the American and Brazil Mail Steamship Line ship South America departing New York 23 May and arriving in Rio de Janeiro 19 Jun. Rio de Janeiro receiving mark on back.



# Steamship Service Between San Francisco and Japan and Hong Kong



Sept 1869 letter from Boston to Hong Kong via San Francisco. Boston postmark and cork cancels. 2 2 cent and 2 3 cent stamps paying the 10 cent rate.

San Francisco magenta balloon "PAID ALL". The letter traveled via the overland route to San Francisco and then on PMSS Japan departing San Francisco 4 Sep and arriving in Hong Kong 5 Oct. Hong Kong receiving mark on back.



Sep 1869 letter from New Caanan CT to U.S. Navy ship Piscatuqua at Yokohama Japan. Horizontal pair and single paying 3x the 10 cent rate.

The letter traveled via the overland route to San Francisco and then on PMSS China departing San Francisco 4 Oct and arriving in Yokohama 30 Oct.

Steamship Service Between San Francisco and  
Japan and Hong Kong

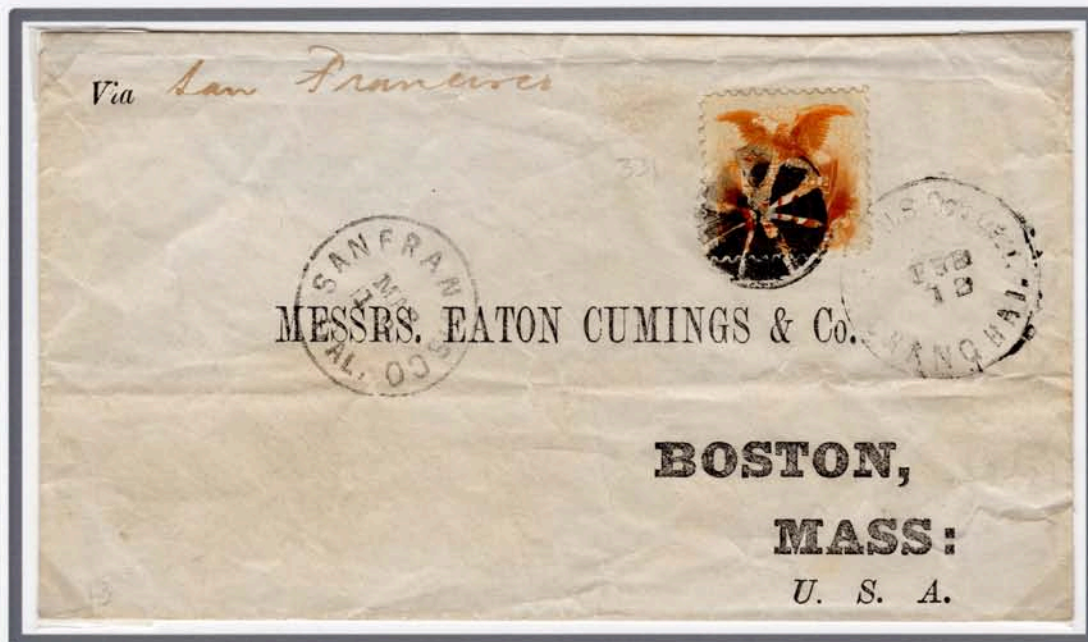


Letter to Kingkitao Korea from St. Louis MO. Kingkitao was the Chinese name for their administrative district in west-central Korea. Since Korea was very isolated most communications were carried through Chinese diplomatic channels. Most likely went to Hong Kong on a P.M.S.S. steamer from San Francisco and then to Kingkitao by diplomatic courier.



Steamship Service Between San Francisco and Japan  
and Hong Kong

From Shanghai



Feb 1871 letter from Shanghai China to Boston via San Francisco  
CONGNL Shanghai postmark and San Francisco transit marking.

The letter left Shanghai on the PMSS ship New York arriving in Yokohama 19 Feb. On 22 Feb the letter left on PMSS ship Japan arriving in San Francisco Mar 18.

## U.S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1869



Jun 1871 Wells Fargo & Co. envelope from British Columbia to England via New York. 5 cent British Columbia stamp, 12 cents in US postage paying 2x the treaty rate to England. Wells Fargo applied the 5 cent stamp.

Blue "For Britain and Ireland" and Wells Fargo VICTORIA V. I. handstamps. NY red exchange office handstamp. Stamps canceled with black New York Foreign Mail cancel - a small shield.

Letter carried by private express and postal systems of the U. S. and England. Arrived in Lewers 4 Jul. Lewers receiving mark on back.



### U.S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1867 and 1868



Aug 1869 letter from St Marys GA to Edinburgh Scotland. Vertical pair of 6cent stamps pay 12 cent treaty rate to United Kingdom.

Letter left New York 10 Aug on Cunard Line ship Russia and arrived in Queenstown 20 Aug. Red New York "PAID ALL" exchange mark and London "PAID" markings. Edinburgh receiving mark on reverse.



Dec 1869 letter from Cambridge MA to London. 12 cent stamp paying treaty rate to England. Cambridge town postmark and Boston foreign mail postmark.

The letter left New York 22 Dec on the Cunard Line ship Siberia and arrived at Queenstown 2 Jan. London receiving mark 3 Jan. B. F. Stevens London mail agent handstamp.

## U.S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1867 and 1868



Dec 1869 letter from New York to London. 12 cent stamp pays treaty rate to England.  
 Left New York 18 Dec on Inman Line City of Brooklyn arriving in Queenstown 27 Dec. 29 Dec  
 London PAID receiving mark.



Jun 1869 morning letter from Philadelphia to Sherborne England. 12 cent stamp with purple  
 grid cancel. Purple Philadelphia exchange marking.

The letter left New York 26 Jun on the Inman Line ship City of Brooklyn and arrived at  
 Queenstown 6 Jul. Sherborne receiving mark on back.



## U.S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1867 and 1868



Oct 1869 letter from Philadelphia PA to London. Strip of 3 and single stamp paying 12 cent treaty rate. Purple cork cancels and purple Philadelphia exchange marking. Departed New York 13 Oct on Cunard ship China arriving at Queenstown 22 Oct. Red 25 Oct. London arrival marking.

## U. S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1869



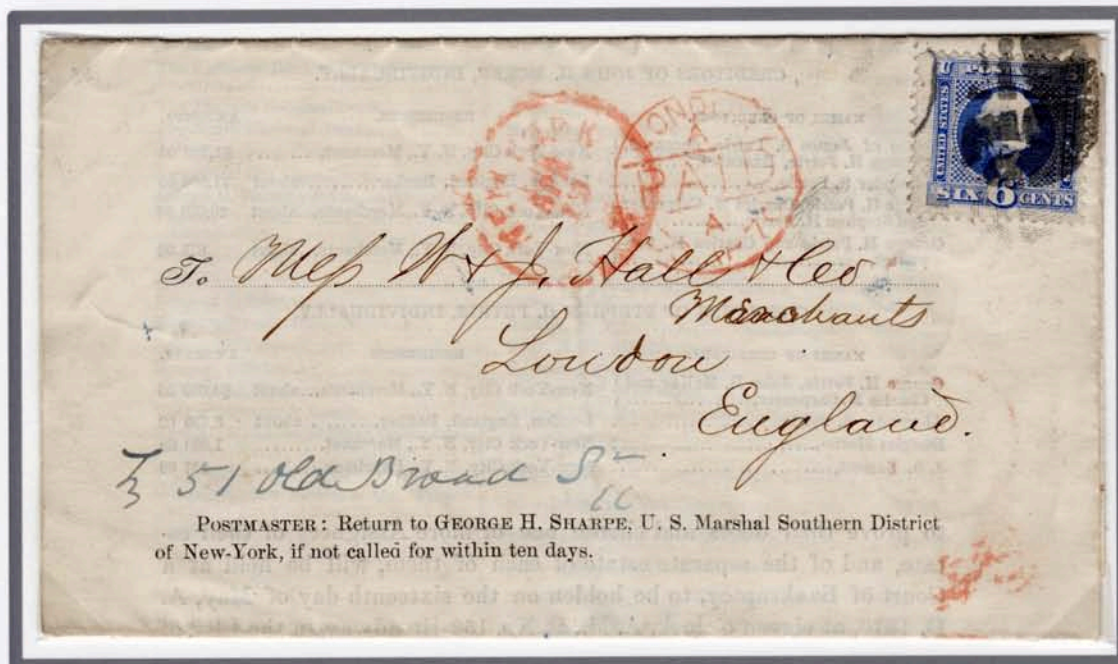
Feb 1870 letter from Ravenna OH to Newport England. Stamp pays the treaty rate to England. New York exchange office marking. Letter traveled on HAPAG ship Hammonia II leaving New York 22 Feb arriving in Plymouth 6 Mar. Newport receiving mark on back.



Dec 1872 letter from San Francisco CA to London England. 3x 6 cent rate. San Francisco Christmas Eve postmark and Hellmann Bros. company handstamp. 13 Jan London receiving mark.

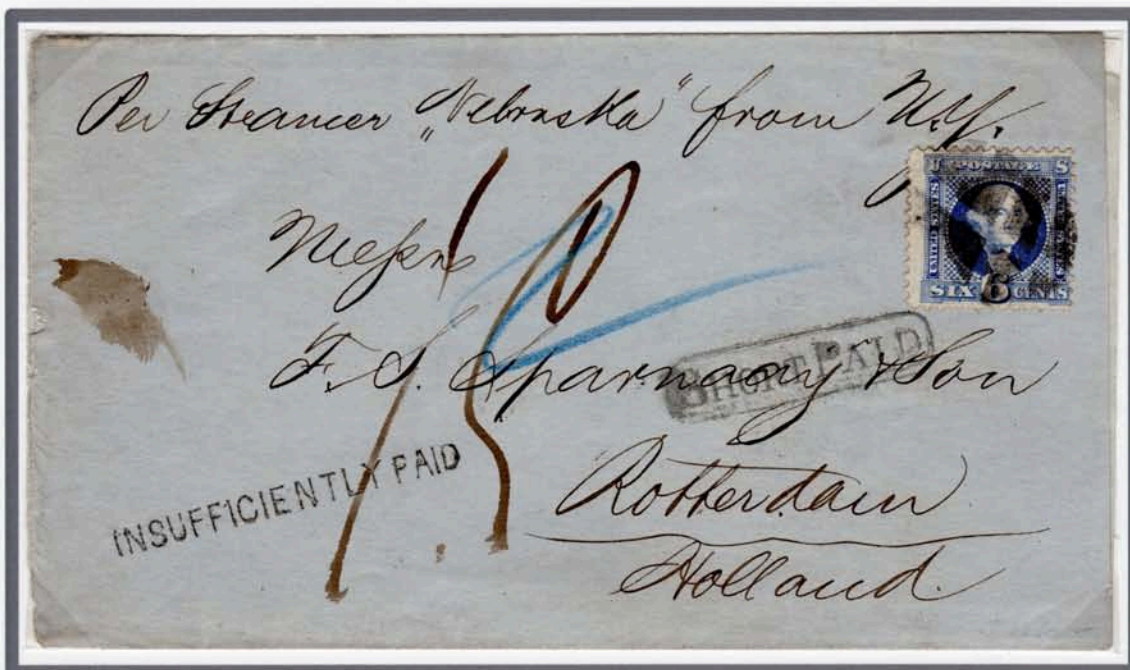


U. S.-U. K. Postal Conventions of 1869



Apr 1870 circular from New York City to London England.  
New York exchange office marking. Letter traveled on HAPAG ship Holsatia leaving New York 19 Apr  
arriving in Plymouth 29 Apr. London receiving mark on back.  
Bankruptcy notice. Return request on front.

U.S.-U. K. Postal Convention of 1869  
To Holland



Mar 1870 printed matter to Rotterdam Holland. Left New York City 23 Mar on the Guion Line steamer Nebraska arriving in Queenstown 3 Apr.

Boxed 'SHORT PAID' and 'INSUFFICIENTLY PAID' were applied in New City. Blue crayon '2' indicating underpayment of the 8 cent printed matter rate. The Dutch postage due was 15 Dutch cents consisting of 5 Dutch cents, the 2 cent underpayment, plus 10 Dutch cents fine for underpayment.



U.S.-U. K. Postal Convention of 1869

To Ceylon



Aug 1870 letter from Janesville WI to Jaffna Ceylon. Stamps pay the 22 cent rate to Ceylon by British open mail via Southampton. Left New York 4 Aug on Cunard Line Steamer Siberia. 18 cent credit to England.

To Spain



Jul 1869 letter from New York City to Barcelona Spain. Stamps pay the 22 cent rate to Spain by British mail. 12 cent credit to England. '2d' colonial rate marking. 'PD' in oval and London transit mark. On reverse New York transit and Barcelona receiving marks.



U.S.-U. K. Postal Convention of 1869  
To Hong Kong 42 Cent Rate Via London and Marseilles



Jul 1869 letter from Collington MD to Hong Kong China. 2 cent and block of 10 of the 3 cent 1869 and 10 cent 1868 grill stamps pay the 42 rate to China via New York, London and Marseilles.

Hong Kong marine sorter, London transit, and New York and London transit markings. The letter traveled from New York on Cunard Steamer Malta. 32 cent credit to Great Britain (24 cent for British overseas postage and 8 cent premium for fast service via Marseilles). 1d. British colonial rate handstamp. Hong Kong-Singapore Marine sorter handstamp.



U.S.-U. K. Postal Convention of 1869  
To Hong Kong 42 Cent Rate Via London and Marseilles



Aug 1869 letter to Hong Kong China via New York, London and Marseilles. Red London Paid transit mark and on back New York PAID ALL transit.. The letter traveled from New York on Imman Steamer Brooklyn. 32 cent credit and 1d markings expected but missing. Hong Kong – Singapore Marine Sorter receiving mark. Stamps pay the 42 cent rate to China.

# U.S.-French Postal Convention of 1857 Via England



Aug 1869 letter from Philadelphia PA to Dinard France. three 10 cent stamps pay the 2x 15 cents rate through England by American Packet. The American Packet traveled on the Cunard ship Russia that left New York 11 Aug arriving in Queenstown 20 Aug.

Philadelphia exchange marking crediting 12 cents to France. 21 Aug Calais arrival marking. Paris transit and Dinard arrival marking on back.



Sep 1869 letter from Milford PA to Paris France. 12 cent stamp underpays the 15 cent rate to France and thus was treated as an unpaid letter. Straight line "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID" handstamp indicates underpayment and New York exchange office credits 9 cents to France.

The letter left New York 29 Sept on the Cunard ship Scotia arriving at Queenstown 8 Oct. Arrived at Calais 10 Oct. 8 handstamp indicates 8 decimes collected from recipient.

New York and Calais exchange markings. On back black POSTERESTANTE circular handstamp indicating the letter would be held at the post office for pickup.



U.S.-French Postal Convention of 1857  
Direct Via American Packet



Oct 1869 letter from San Francisco to Gironde France. 2, 3 and 10 cent stamps paying the 15 cent rate to France. Departed New York 26 Oct on HAPAG ship Holsatia arriving in Cherbourg 5 Nov. Cherbourg receiving mark ties 10 cent stamp. 7 Nov Gironde receiving mark on back. Pascal Dubedat & Co. handstamp on cover.



Jul 1869 letter from New York City to Paris France. 30 cent stamp pay the 2x 15 cents rate to France by American Packet. The American Packet traveled on the HAPAG ship Hammonia II that left New York 6 Jul arriving in Cherbourg 18 Jul. New York exchange marking crediting 6 cents to France. 18 Jul Cherbourg arrival marking.

## U.S.-French Postal Convention of 1857

Direct Via French Packet



Nov 1869 letter from Providence RI to Menton France via New York. Four 15 cent stamps pay the 4x 15 cent rate. Red PAID in circle applied in Providence.

The letter left New York on the French Line H ship Lafayette arriving at Brest 8 Dec, Paris 9 Dec and Menton 11 Dec.

On front New York exchange office marking crediting France 48 cents and French red orange octagonal which was applied aboard ship on the day it left New York City. On back, Paris and Lyon transit markings and Menton arrival stamp.



Intra-Convention – Jan 1870 to Jul 1874

Paid to the Border



Feb 1869 letter from San Francisco to Bordeaux France via New York. 10 cent stamp pays 10 cent rate to the French boarder via French packet. 8 decimes due. Departed New York 3 March on Ruger's American Line's Ocean Queen arriving in Harve 19 March.

3 March New York transit marking and 19 March Harve transit markings. Bordeaux receiving mark on back. Auger Christiansen & Company handstamp on cover.

Intra-Convention – Jan 1870 to Jul 1874  
 “6 cent” Phantom Rate 1 Jul 1870 to Oct '71



Oct 1870 letter from San Francisco CA to Portets France just South of Bordeaux. From San Francisco traveled East on the Pacific Railroad. 10 cent stamp paid the 1/3 oz rate to France. 6 cents due England. Letter weighted under 1/3 oz or 10 grams. This letter was sent during the Franco- Prussian War.

The letter left New York City 13 Oct on Cunard Packet Algeria arriving in Queenstown 22 Oct and London 24 Oct. New York PAID ALL British Packet backstamp. London and Calais transit marks. Red 6 credit handstamp and red PD, French paid mark.

Phantom rates were not publically announced until Oct 1871 but was occasionally used by the New York City post office. the postoffice would normally send letters by American or French packet direct. The 10 cent rate was to the boarder only and included French internal charges.

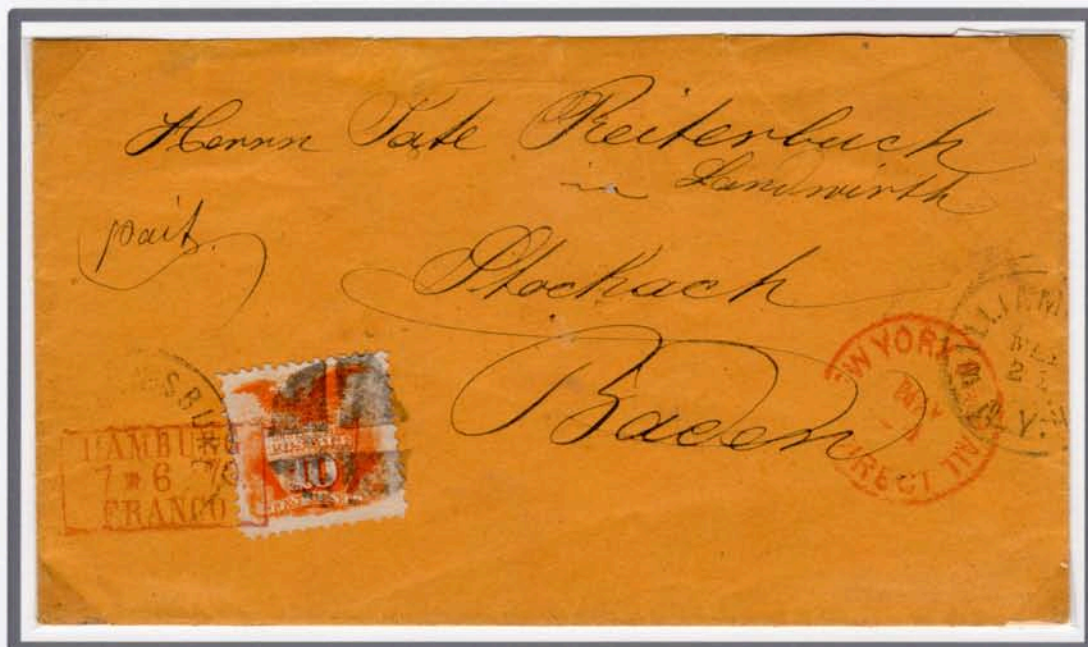
Jul 1870 letter from Paris KY  
 Example of an overpaid Phantom  
 rate letter. The sender paid the  
 15 cent rate effective from April  
 1857 to the end of 1869.

Red London transit marking and  
 red 'PD' in oval and Calais transit  
 mark. Paris receiving and  
 indistinct red New York transit  
 backstamp.





Rates Effective 1 Jan 1868



May 70 letter from Williamsburg NY to Stockach, Grand Duchy of Baden. Stamp pays the 10 cent direct rate New York PAID ALL exchange mark. The letter left New York 24 May on the HAPAG ship Allemania arriving in Hamburg 7 Jun. Basel and Hamburg transit markings and Stockach receiving mark on back.



Dec 1869 letter from Greencastle PA to Berlin Prussia. Stamps pay 2x the 15 cent closed mail rate via North German Union Closed Mail.

New York ALL PAID Transit via British packet. Left New York on Cunard Line Cuba arriving in Queenstown 25 Dec. Verviers, Belgium to Cologne Germany 4 line exchange cancel in red for prepaid letters via closed mail. This marking not used after July 1870. Berlin receiving backstamp.

Rates Effective 1 Jan 1868



Jun 70 letter from Terre Haute IN to Waltershausen Thuringia Germany. Stamp pays the 10 cent direct rate via Breman. Stamp canceled with Terre Haute 'T' in circle. Faint New York PAID ALL exchange mark. Bremen transit marking and Waltershausen receiving mark on back.



Rates Effective 1 Jan 1868

Direct Rate To Italy



Dec 1869 letter from New York City to Rome Italy. Stamps paying 14 cent North German direct mail rate. New York exchange office marking on back. P.D. indicating the postage paid to the destination. The letter left on HAPAG steamer Cimbria arriving Hamburg 3 Jan.

Very faint red Hamburg Franco marking ties stamp. Red 4 is credit to North German Union for transport beyond Germany, and red 1 ½ Wf paid beyond marking.

Closed Mail Rate To Italy



Oct 1869 letter to Rome Italy. Stamps paying 19 cent North German closed mail rate.

Red Verviers-Cologne transit and purple 'PD' Red 4 is credit to North German Union for transport beyond Germany, and Blue crayon fr. 1 ½ rate. Faint 18 Oct New York City exchange office marking and Rome receiving mark on back



Rates Effective 1 Jan 1868  
Direct Rate To Denmark



Sep 1869 letter from  
New York City to  
Copenhagen Denmark.  
Stamps paying 13 cent  
North German direct mail  
rate.

New York exchange  
office marking on back.

Red 'BREMEN  
FRANCO' transit  
marking and Weiterfit  
paid beyond rate  
marking.

2 1/2 credit handstamp.



Sep 1869 letter from  
New York City to  
Copenhagen  
Denmark. Stamps  
paying double the 13  
cent North German  
direct mail rate.

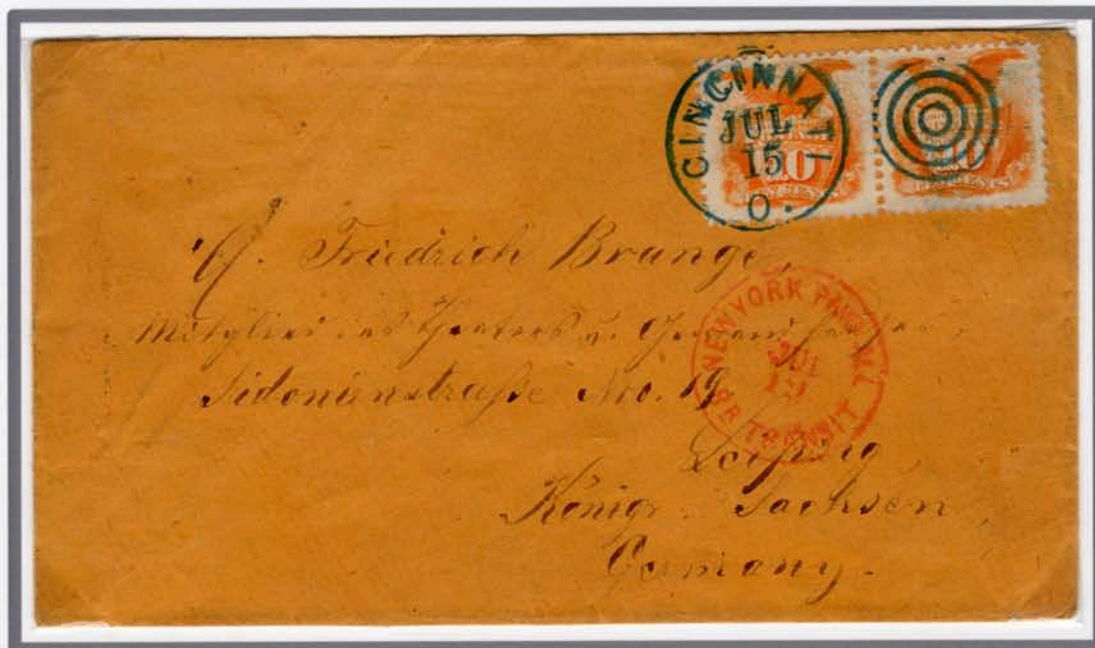
New York exchange  
office marking on back.

Red 'BREMEN  
FRANCO' transit  
marking.

'5' in circle credit  
handstamp reflecting  
double rate.



Rates Effective 1 Jul 1870  
By Closed Mail



Jul 1870 letter from Cincinnati OH to Leipzig Germany. Horizontal pair of 10 cent stamps pay 2x the 1870 Northern German Union closed mail rate..

Blue Cincinnati target duplex cancel and New York PAID ALL exchange office mark. Guion Line Minnesota left New York 19 Jul and arrived Queenstown 30 Jul.



Jul 1870 letter from Cannelton IN to Frankfurt Germany. Blue negative floral cancel. Letter was missent to Frankfurt KY and then forwarded to New York and to Germany.

Letter left New York on the Inman ship City of Paris on 30 Jul arriving in England 9 Aug and in Frankfurt 12 August. Frankfurt receiving mark on back.

Rate Effective 1 Jul 1870  
To Greece and Sweden



Oct 1870 letter from Providence RI to Athens Greece. Mixed franking paying 18 cent North German closed mail rate.

New York exchange office marking. P.D. indicating the postage paid to the destination. The letter left on Guion Line steamer Minnesota arriving in Queenstown 14 Nov. Red manuscript 8 is credit for transport beyond Germany.

Wien 1870 transit and Athens receiving marks on back.

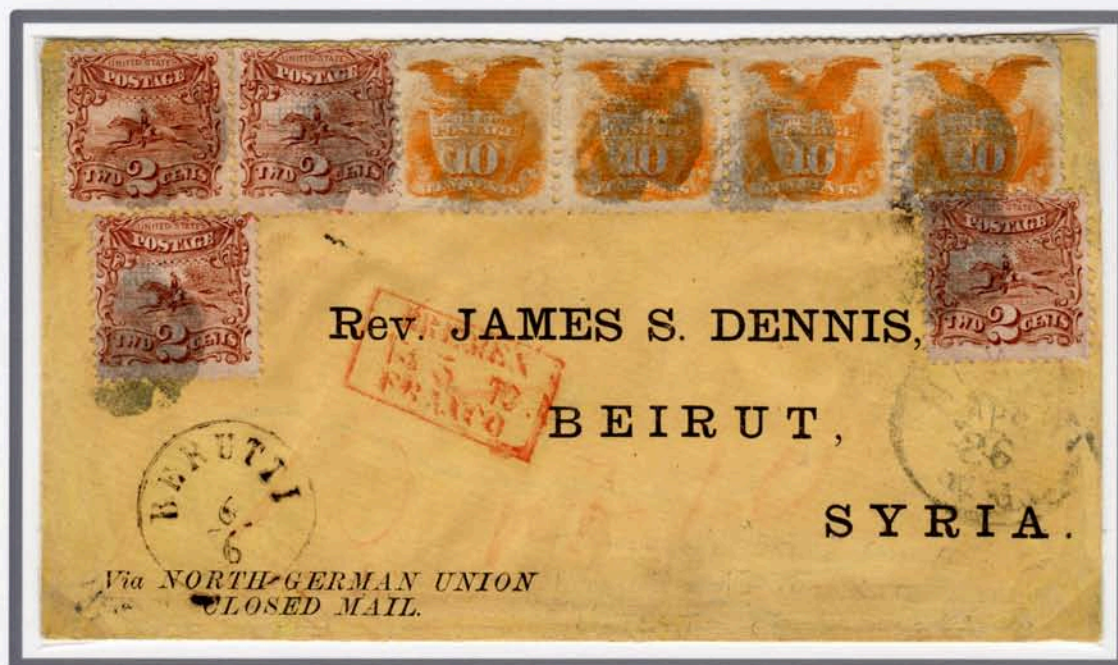


Jul 1870 letter from San Francisco to Gotland Sweden via New York. 15 cent stamp overpays the North German Union rate of 1 July 1870. Small pre-printing paper fold on stamp. Black cork cancels stamp and black town postmark.

Red New York transit mark with 4 cents credit to NGU. Wf. 1 ½ for transit beyond the NGU. Transit and receiving backstamps.



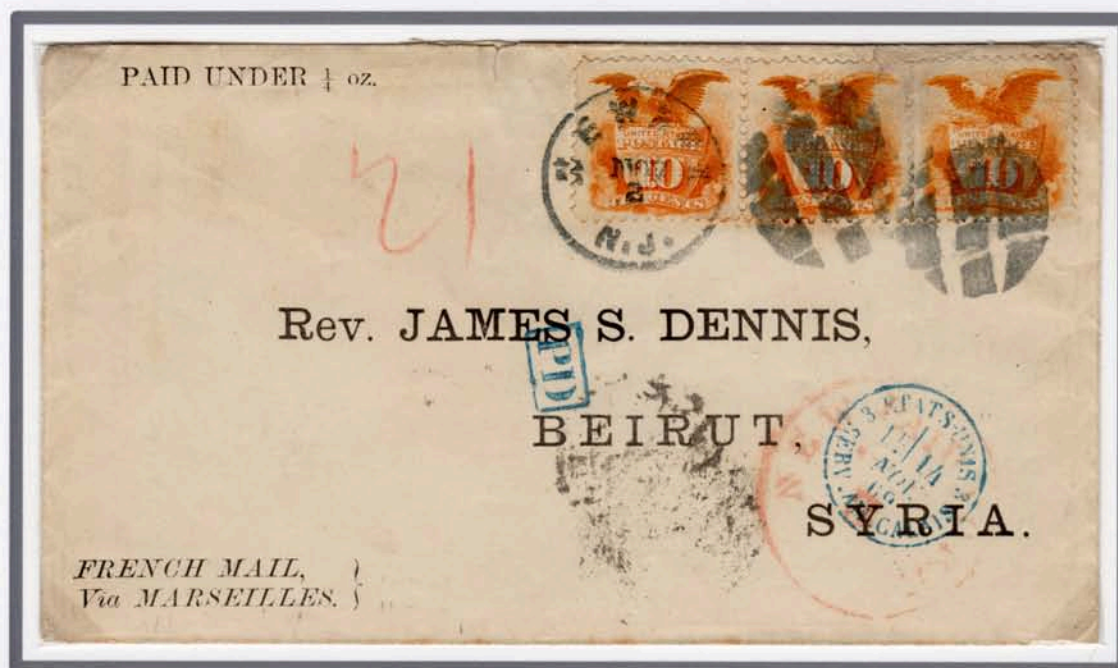
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Apr 1872 letter from Newark NJ to Beirut Syria via North German Union closed mail. Stamps canceled by Newark black skulls pay 4 times the 12 cent closed mail rate.

Apr 30 New York exchange transit mark. Sailed on Packet Koeln arriving in Bremen 15 May. Bremen transit mark. 6 June Beirut receiving mark.

French Mail Via Marseilles Rate Apr 1857



Nov 1869 letter from Newark NJ to Beirut Syria via French Mail. Nov 3 New York red exchange transit mark, blue 'PD' in box and Nov 14 Calais transit. 30 Nov Beirut receiving marks on reverse.