

10 Cent Issue of 1861—1869

Foreign destination covers



Ten cents paid the single letter non-contract ship rate from Boston, Mass. to Havana, Cuba, Feb. 1, 1867 on a preprinted corner seal of the Surveyor's Department * Custom House, Boston. Datelined enclosure talks about friends, weather and ice dealers.



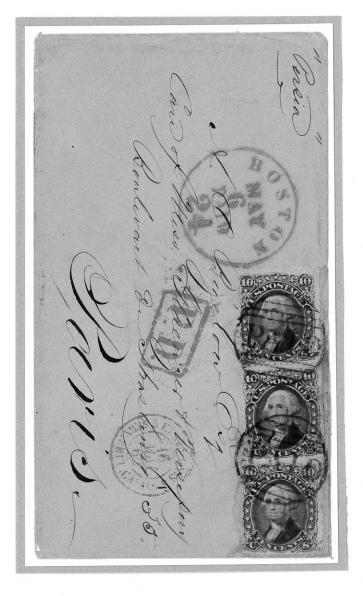
30 Cents franked by three 10 Cent stamps paid the double letter rate from San Francisco to Strasburg, France on Feb. 12, 1864 via New York.



Three different shades of the five cent issue are shown here used in combination with the ten cent stamp, each paying the single letter rate to France. Of these 3 combinations, brown (top) was the commonest followed next by buff (middle) and the scarcest was the red brown (bottom). Notice the red heart cancels tying the latter.

United States

Ten Cent Issue of 1861



Thirty cents paying double the single letter rate for letter weighing between one quarter and one half ounce from Boston, May 6, 1862, to Paris, France by British Packet. The United States credited France 24¢ as evidenced by the red circular "Boston May 6 Paid 24." France accounted to Great Britain 6¢ for British transit, 12¢ for British sea postage, and retained 6¢ for French inland postage.

Ten cents paying the direct rate from New York to Menslage, Germany via South-hampton by Bremen Packet.



Ten cents paying the direct rate from New York to Hamburg, Germany. The United States retained 3¢ inland postage and credited Hamburg 7¢.



Ten cents paid the above cover from Benicia, Cal. to Hawaii in 1868 as evidenced by docketing on the back. The cover below, to the same Miss Josephine Wundenberg, also required 10 cents for the single letter contract rate of postage from Hawaii to the U.S. even though it was carried out of the U.S. mails until it was posted in San Francisco on May 8, (1869) for delivery to her in Vallejo, Cal. The backside of the cover below is endorsed "1869 per Idaho, received May 10, dated April 21", these dates conforming with the steamship "Idaho's" Honolulu sailing and San Francisco arrival dates in 1869.





