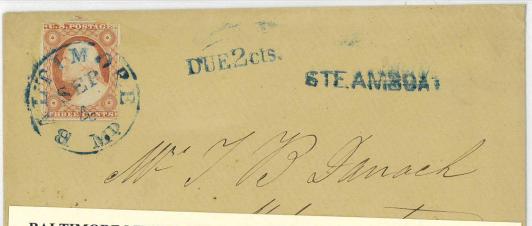




Drop letters were left at at a PO to be picked up and paid for by the addressee, never entering the mails. As indicated in the letter, this was picked up by a steamboat on the Mississippi River and left at the New Orleans PO. The 3¢. Stamp paid the 1¢ drop fee and 2¢ fee to the steamboat captain. The normal "drop" mark contains a "1" This mark without a number is very rare.



BALTIMORE MD/SEP 4 CDS, STEAMBOAT and DUE 2cts. Back-stamped "WILMINGTON DEL/SEP 4. The 2 cts. indicates that this letter was handed to steamboat captain, who was paid 2cts. when is entered the mails in Delaware.



STEAM BOAT BAYOU BELL packet wrapper. Instead of a letter with name and cancel, this is part of a wrapper around goods that had the stamp cancelled by the boat applied directly to it. Never seen another.



Rob. A. Barnes Cyr.

Folding letter sheet requesting "Steamboat St. Louis". Hand stamped "STEAM" on arrival in St. Louis to be picked up by addressee. One cent charged to the addressee for the ship captain and two cents for steamboat fee.



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Ma E. Lo. Anderson

Bedford. Pa.

## **GREAT LAKES**

Lake Superior Lake Huron North Channel St. Clair River Lake Erie

## Purser's Marking

Route:

 $\mathsf{Lake}\;\mathsf{Superior}\;\to\;\mathsf{North}\;\mathsf{Channel}\;\to\;\mathsf{Lake}\;\mathsf{Huron}\;\to\;\mathsf{St.}\;\mathsf{Clair}\;\mathsf{River}\;\to\;\mathsf{Lake}\;\mathsf{Erie}\;\to\;\mathsf{Cleveland},\;\mathsf{OH}$ 

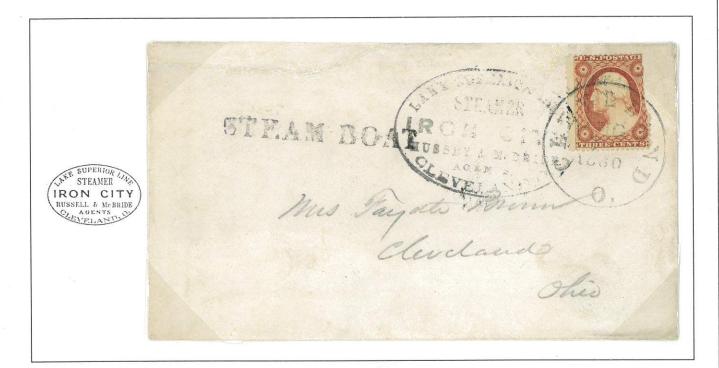
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Mails:

Cleveland, OH

Purser's

Marking: LAKE SUPERIOR LINE STEAMER IRON CITY



The Steamer Iron City marking is a purser marking applied aboard the steamboat to letters picked up for delivery to the post office or letters which originated on board.