

Canal Rail Road

Route Agent Marking



27 December (1857) to New York

CANAL RAILROAD route agent postmark tying 3c, type 1, 1857 issue

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples

The "Canal Railroad" was the popular name for the New Haven & Northampton R.R. as the railroad was built over the right of way of the defunct Farmington Canal.

Connecticut River Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



18 June 1863 Brattleboro, Vermont to New York City
prepaid with 3c 1861 issue

CONN. RIVER R.R. route agent postmark

Fewer Than Ten Reported Examples Of This Marking

Danbury & Norwalk Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



20 August to Foxboro, Massachusetts

prepaid with 3c 1851 issue

DANBURY & NORWALK R.R. route agent postmark

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Of This Marking

Fitchburg-Cheshire & Rutland & Burlington Rail Road

Route Agent Marking



6 October to Poughkeepsie, New York
FC. & R. & B. R.R. MAIL LINE route agent postmark tying 3c 1861 issue

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



7 December 1844 Bridgeport, Connecticut to South Lee, Massachusetts

RAILROAD straight line postmark, type 1, and pencil 12½ due rate

9 December postmarked again at West Stockbridge, Massachusetts and rated in ink

The Earliest Reported Example Of Any Housatonic Rail Road Marking

Two Reported Examples Of This Marking

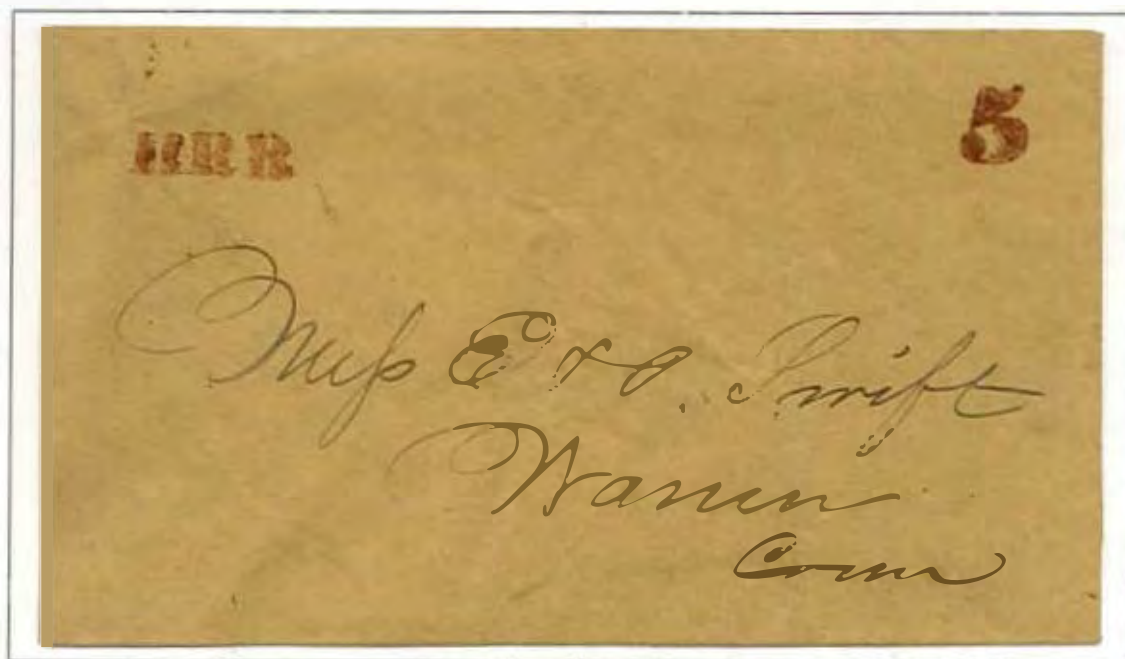
A route agent, A. C. Chadwick, was assigned to the Housatonic R.R. in 1843. At the time of the above usage, West Stockbridge was the northern terminus of the rail road.

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



2 April 1847 Great Barrington, Massachusetts to South Lee, Massachusetts
H R R / MAIL two line postmark, type II, and 5 due rate handstamp
postmarked again at West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Four Reported Examples Of This Marking



1849 to Warren, Connecticut
H R R two line postmark, type III, and 5 due rate handstamp

Both of the above covers bear the same numeral five rate handstamp. The lower route agent postmark is a different size and not simply the previous marking with "mail" removed.

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



7 June 1847 Newtown, Connecticut to Winchester, Connecticut
HOUSATONIC RAILROAD 5, type IV, double circle postmark



27 July 1847 South Barrington, Massachusetts to Bridgeport, Connecticut
HOUSATONIC RAILROAD 5, type V, double circle postmark

The type IV postmark differs from the type V in the shape and position of the numeral five. Serif points to the "N" on type IV, while it points to the "C" on type V.

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



1 March 1849 Berlin, Connecticut to New York City
HOUSATONIC RAILROAD 5, type IV, double circle postmark



23 July 1849 Berlin, Connecticut to New York City
HOUSATONIC RAILROAD 5, type VI, single circle postmark

The type VI postmark has no inner circle and a larger numeral than the previous two types.

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



31 August 1849 Bridgeport, Connecticut to Flint, Michigan
HOUSATONIC RAILROAD 10 double circle postmark, type VII

Three Reported Examples Of This Marking

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



7 September (1847) to Salisbury, Massachusetts
HOUSATONIC R.R. postmark, type IX, and 5 due rate handstamp



18 July 1860 to Auburn, New York prepaid with 3c 1857 issue
HOUSATONIC R.R. postmark, type X

The type IX postmark is 32mm in diameter while the type X postmark is 34mm in diameter.

Housatonic Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



20 April (1854) to Seymour, Connecticut prepaid with 3c 1853 issue entire
HOUSATONIC R.R. postmark, type X in green

The type X postmark is 34mm in diameter.

Housatonic Rail Road

Station Agent Markings



6 December Botsford, Connecticut to Orange, Connecticut
prepaid with 3c 1851 issue
BOTSFORD HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark

The Only Reported Example Of This Marking

Housatonic Rail Road

Station Agent Markings



6 June Brookfield, Connecticut to Danbury, Connecticut
prepaid with 3c 1861 issue

BROOKFIELD HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark in red


The Only Reported Example of This Marking

Housatonic Rail Road

Station Agent Markings



30 June 1868 Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut to Brewster Station, New York
 prepaid with 3c 1867 issue "F" grill
 H.R.R. CORNWALL BRIDGE double circle station agent postmark
 The Only Reported Example

		1865
To <i>S. P. Glover</i> THE HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.		
Destination For Transportation of Merchandise from		
5 Bales of Sash 670-32 318 for Sash 640 20	\$ 214 128	cts.
Received Payment, for the Company, <i>J. Botsford</i>		Expenses, 342

27 October, 1865 freight receipt signed by J. Botsford
 H.R.R. NEWTOWN double circle station agent datestamp

Housatonic Rail Road

Station Agent Markings



4 August 1857 Hawleyville, Connecticut to New York City
prepaid with 3c 1857 issue

HAWLEYVILLE HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark, station name in sans serif letters



22 September Hawleyville, Connecticut to Huntington, Connecticut
prepaid with 3c 1861 issue

HAWLEYVILLE HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark, station name in serif letters

Housatonic Rail Road

Station Agent Markings

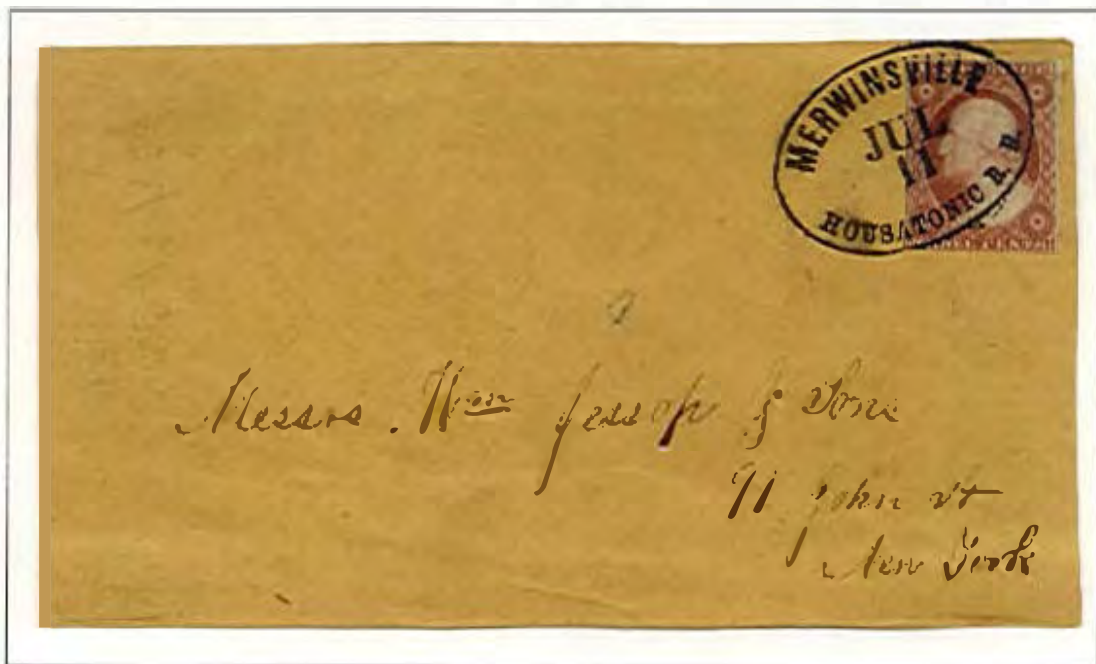


7 May Kent, Connecticut to Winsted, Connecticut
 prepaid with 3c 1857 issue
KENT HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark



22 September Kent, Connecticut to Bridgeport, Connecticut
 prepaid with 3c 1861 issue
KENT HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark

**Housatonic Rail Road
Station Agent Markings**



11 July Merwinsville, Connecticut to New York City
prepaid with 3c 1851 issue
MERWINSVILLE HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Of This Marking

Housatonic Rail Road
Station Agent Markings



23 January Newtown, Connecticut to Woodbridge, Connecticut
prepaid with 3c 1861 issue
NEWTOWN HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent postmark

<i>M. B. Glover</i>		1863	
To THE HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.			
Destination			
For Transportation of Merchandise from			
4 Bns flour		\$	88
1 " Cysters			33
1 " Chest Tea			14
Received Payment, for the Company.		Expenses,	135
<i>J. Botsford</i>			

15 October, 1863 freight receipt signed by J. Botsford
NEWTOWN HOUSATONIC R.R. station agent datestamp

Naugatuck Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



18 March 1851 to Northford, Connecticut

NAUGATUCK R.R. route agent postmark in orange red with "5" due rate handstamp



5 April to Campville, Connecticut

NAUGATUCK R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1851 issue

New Haven & Springfield Rail Road

Route Agent Marking



15 April 1850 to Radfordville, Alabama
N. HAVEN & SPRINGFIELD R.R. route agent postmark and pencil "10" due rate

This was the first postmark used on the New Haven, Hartford & Springfield Railroad route. It was followed by the New Haven & Greenfield R.R. marking and then the markings of N.H. & Bellows Falls R.R.

New Haven & Greenfield Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



17 June 1850 Springfield, Massachusetts to Lisbon, New Hampshire
N. HAVEN & GREENFIELD R.R. route agent postmark in red, pencil "5" due rate



13 November 1852 to Hartford, Connecticut
N. HAVEN & GREENFIELD R.R. route agent postmark in black, prepaid with 3c 1851 issue

New Haven & Bellows Falls Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



1 February to Boston, Massachusetts

N.H. & BELLOWS FALLS R.R. route agent postmark, type I, prepaid with 3c entire

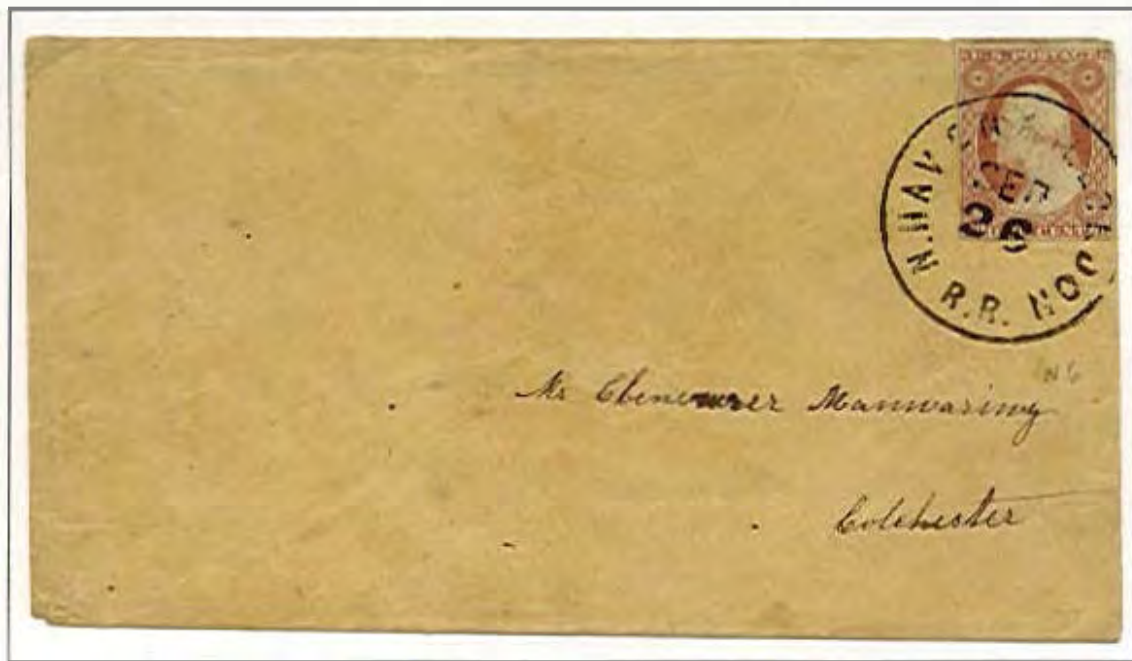


18 January to West Northfield, Massachusetts

N. HAV. & BELLOWS FALLS R.R. route agent postmark, type II, prepaid with 3c 1857 issue

New Haven & New London Rail Road

Route Agent Marking



26 September 1854 to Colchester
N. HAVEN & N. LONDON R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1851 issue

New London, Willimantic & Palmer Rail Road

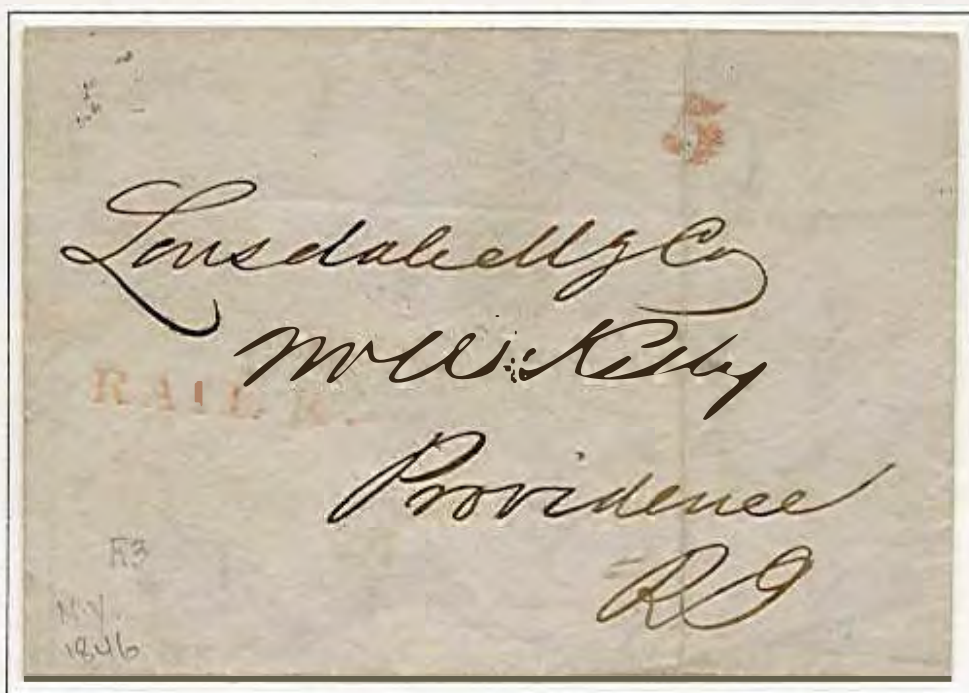
Route Agent Markings



12 August 1853 to Cambridgeport, Massachusetts
prepaid with 3c 1853 Nesbitt entire with seal on verso
NEW LONDON W & P R.R. route agent postmark

Fewer Than Five Reported Examples Of This Marking

New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route
Route Agent Markings



19 March 1846 New York City to Providence, Rhode Island
RAIL R. route agent postmark in red with "5" due rate handstamp



3 March 1846 New York City double rate to Providence, Rhode Island
RAIL R. route agent postmark in red with manuscript "10" due rate

This "Rail R." marking is found only on mail from New York to Providence. It is believed to have been applied by a route agent on the Long Island Rail Road. The mail was then transported by steamer to Stonington, Connecticut and from there, via the Providence & Stonington R.R., to Providence.

New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route

Route Agent Markings



25 July 1847 New York City to Providence, Rhode Island

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL N.Y. / N. YORK red route agent postmark and "5" due rate handstamp



31 March 1847 New York City double rate to Gardiner, Maine

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL N.Y. / N. YORK red route agent postmark and "10" due rate handstamp

This marking was used on the route between 1847 and 1861 on mail heading east from New York City. The mail was transported by steamer to Stonington, Connecticut and from there, via the Providence & Stonington R.R., to Providence.

New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route

Route Agent Markings



5 May 1848 Boston to New York City

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL Mass. / BOSTON red route agent postmark and large "5" due rate handstamp



31 June 1848 Boston to Cohoes, New York

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL Mass. / BOSTON red route agent postmark and small "5" due rate handstamp

This marking was used on the route between 1847 and 1857 on mail heading west from Boston. The mail was transported by rail to Stonington, Connecticut and from there by steamer to Long Island and by rail again to New York City.

New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route

Route Agent Markings



3 October 1851 New York City to Boston, Massachusetts

U.S. EXPRESS MAIL N.Y. / N. YORK red route agent postmark and grid tying 3c 1851 issue

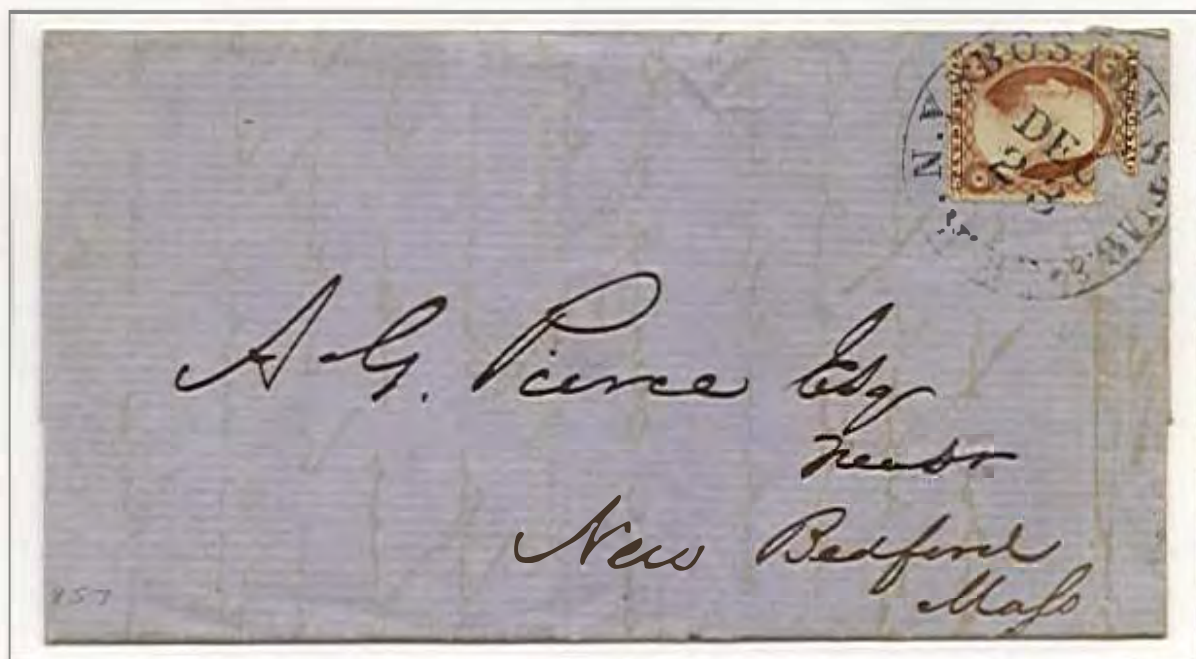


15 November 1854 New York City to Providence, Rhode Island

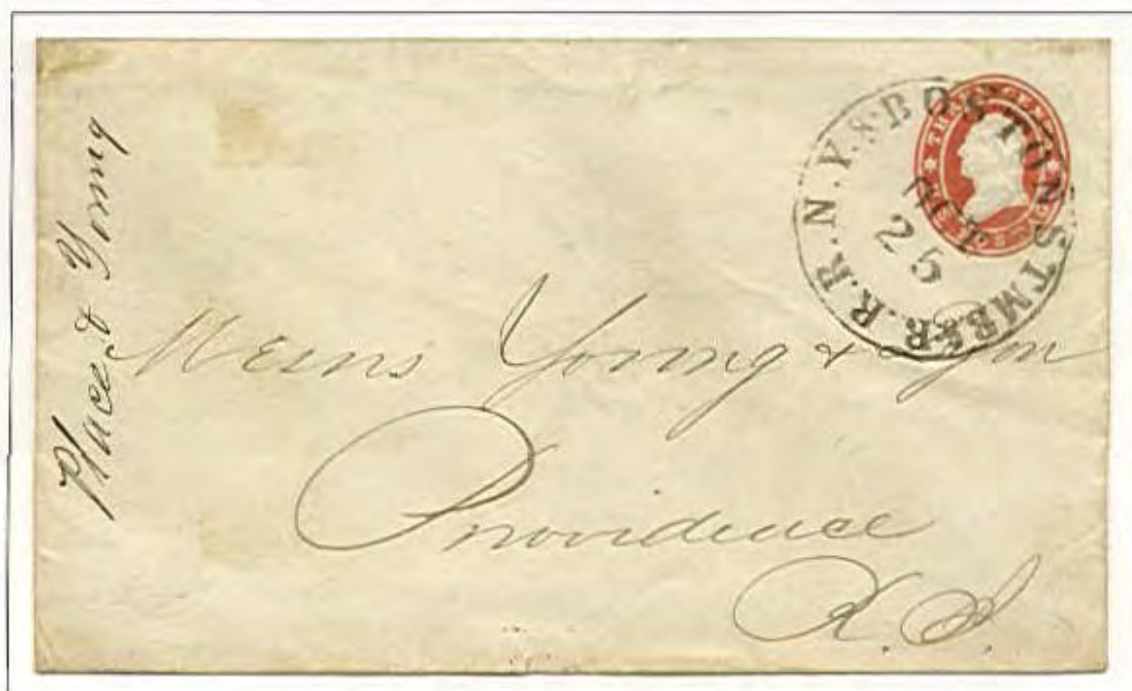
U.S. EXPRESS MAIL N.Y. / N. YORK black route agent postmark and grid tying 3c 1851 issue

This marking was used on the route between 1847 and 1861 on mail heading east from New York City. The mail was transported by steamer to Stonington, Connecticut and from there, via the Providence & Stonington R.R., to Providence.

New York & Boston Steamboat & Rail Road Route
Route Agent Markings



23 December 1857 New York City to New Bedford, Massachusetts
N.Y. & BOSTON STMB. & R.R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1857 issue



25 October 1860 New York City to Providence, Rhode Island
N.Y. & BOSTON STMB. & R.R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1860 issue entire

This marking was used on the route between 1857 and 1861 taking the place of the "Express mail" markings. The mail was transported by steamer to Stonington, Connecticut and from there, via the Providence & Stonington R.R., to Providence.

New York & New Haven Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



11 January 1850 Milford, Connecticut to Bridgeport, Connecticut
N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R. route agent postmark in red and pencil "5" due



26 November (ca. 1855) to New Haven, Connecticut
N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1851 issue

New York & New Haven Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



6 September 1852 to Chicago, Illinois

N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1851 issue



8 October 1859 to Greenwich, Connecticut

N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R. rimless route agent postmark tying 3c 1857 issue

Norwich & Worcester Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



17 October, 1848 New York City to Webster, Massachusetts

NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. route agent postmark and "5" due rate handstamp in red



23 March 1849 to Monroe, Michigan

NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. route agent postmark and "10" over "5" due rate handstamps in red

Norwich & Worcester Rail Road

Route Agent Markings



20 April 1849 West Killingly, Connecticut to Oxford, Massachusetts
NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. route agent postmark. prepaid with 5c 1847 issue



8 May 1851 to Danielsonville, Connecticut
NORWICH & WORCESTER R.R. route agent postmark and "5" due rate handstamp in blue

Providence, Hartford & Fishkill Rail Road
Route Agent Markings



6 October 1855 Providence, Rhode Island to Postmaster at Uncasville, Connecticut
P.H. & FISHKILL R.R. route agent postmark and “Free” handstamp

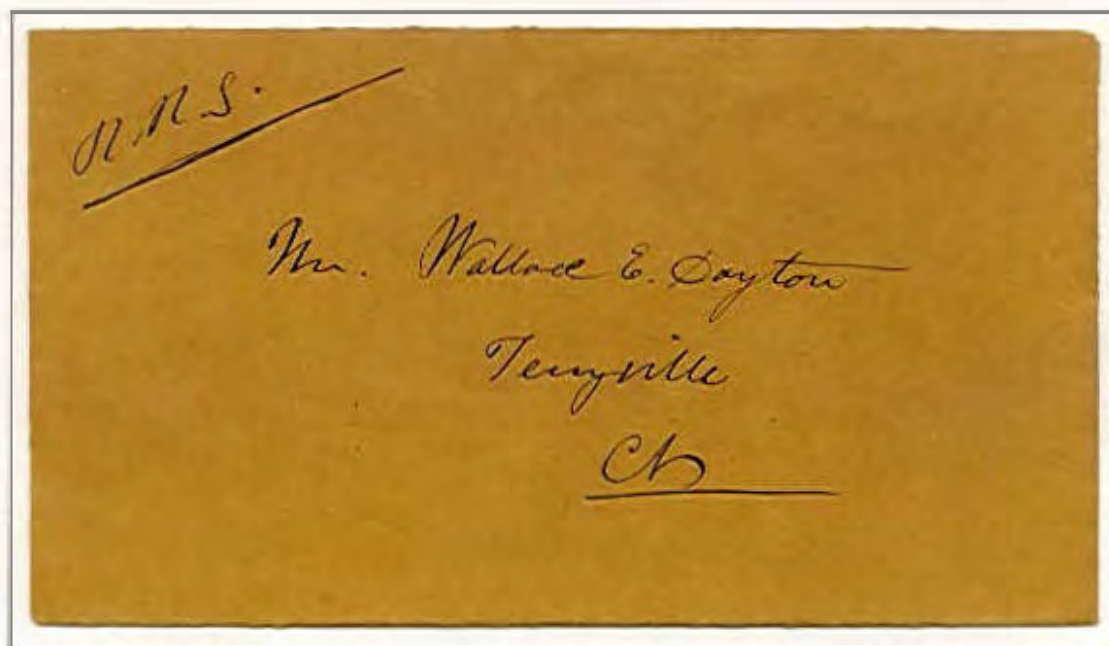
Free handstamps used by any route agent are rare



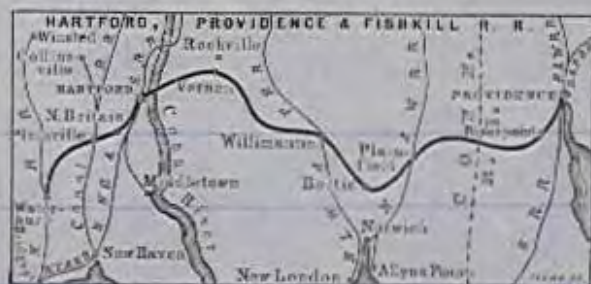
10 October (ca. 1863) to Rocky Hill, Connecticut
P.H. & FISHKILL R.R. route agent, small format postmark, 3c 1861 issue

Providence, Hartford & Fishkill Rail Road

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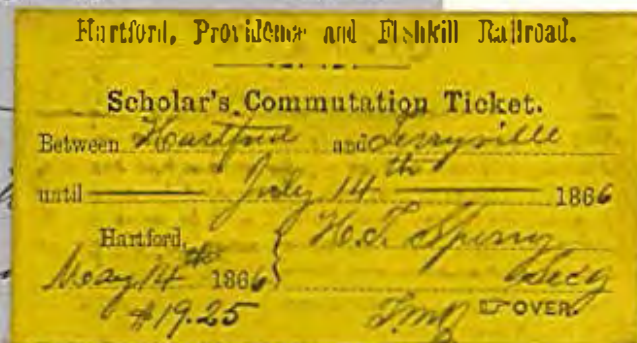


11 February 1866 Hartford, Connecticut to Terryville, Connecticut
carried outside the mails, enclosure on map illustrated stationery accompanied a pass and a ticket



Trustees' Office,

Hartford, Feb 11th 1866



Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Rail Road Broadside

HARTFORD, PROVIDENCE & FISHKILL RAILROAD.



Leaves Hartford via Willimantic, Norwich, New London and Stonington, at 12 45 p. m., on arrival of Express train from New-York, and arrives at New London at 4 p. m., thence by steamer Alice, to Stonington, and by the Stonington Railroad to Providence, arriving there at 7 p. m.

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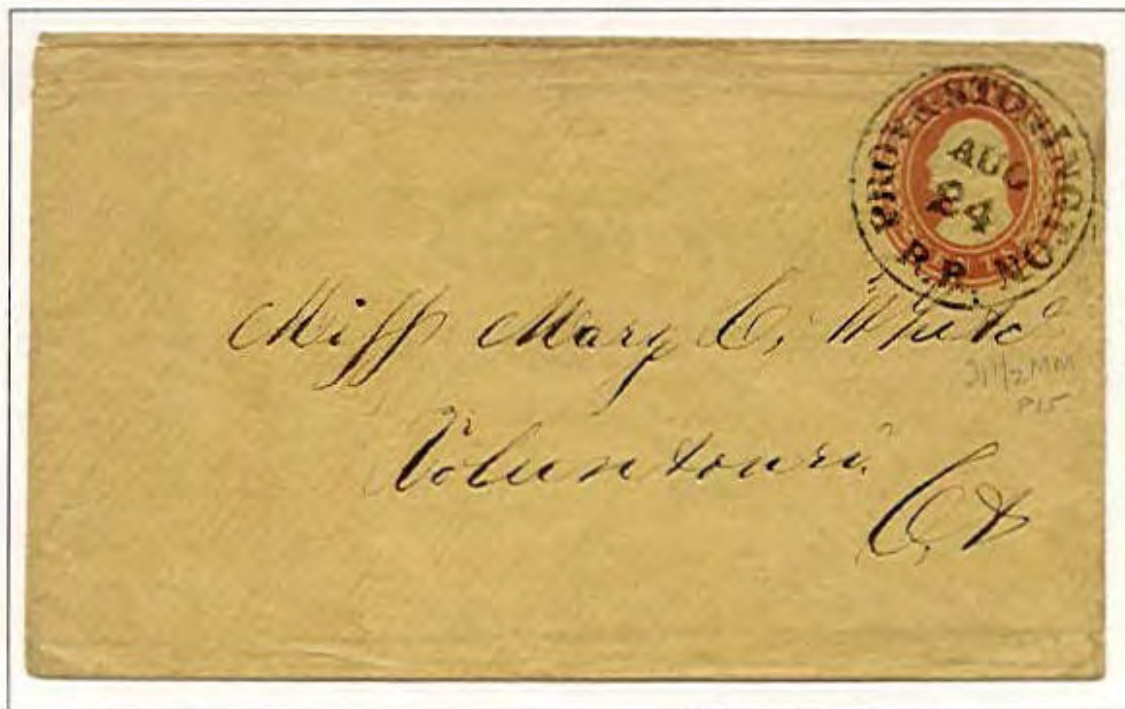
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Providence & Stonington Rail Road
Route Agent Markings



24 August (1853) to Voluntown, Connecticut

PROV & STONINGTON R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1853 Nesbit entire with seal



19 December to Kingston, Massachusetts

PROV & STONINGTON R.R. route agent postmark tying 3c 1857 issue