

The Marcophily of Hudson, New York, 1793 - 1919

Named to commemorate Henry Hudson's first landing on the shores of the upper river, Hudson became the first chartered city in independent America.

By 1786, with a population of about 1500, Hudson had several wharves, four large warehouses, shops, barns and a distillery. The presence of twenty-five sea-going vessels made Hudson a major port that included a thriving whaling industry.

To meet the burgeoning population's need for reliable mail service, the Hudson Post Office opened its doors on June 12, 1792.

The purpose of this exhibit is to trace the evolution of the various postmarks and postal markings (and their combinations) used in Hudson beginning in 1793, the earliest such markings are known:



Straight Line Postmark

*'Hudson,' 25x4mm with comma
Earliest Recorded Use*

Typeset

'AVG' 29, 1793

'1 oz' Pre-paid 50-cents

Four times the rate due to enclosures

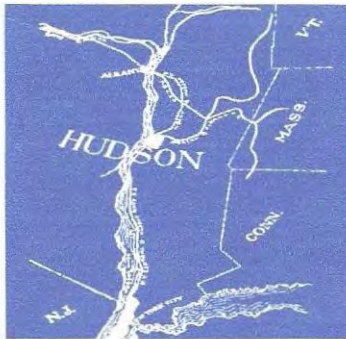
Single sheet rate 12-1/2-cents (100 - 150 miles; Act of February 20, 1792)

ORGANIZATION OF EXHIBIT: *This exhibit is loosely arranged chronologically allowing for some overlap for many markings. Grouping is based upon the type of date stamp used; variables include presence and style of obliterator, font, color, usage, and any auxiliary markings utilized.*

- Items of special interest are set within colored frames.

STAMPLESS ~ 1793 - 1854:

*Straight Line Markings (Typeset)
Fancy Scroll Circular Date Stamps
Rimless Circular Date Stamps
Circular Date Stamps
Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps
Cross Border Mail
Independent Mail*



FRANKED ~ 1851 - 1919:

*Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps
Circular Date Stamps
Double Circle Date Stamps
Attached Year Date Stamps
Straight Line Markings (Rubber)
Machine Cancellations*

POSTSCRIPT: Auxiliary Markings

Straight Line Markings (Typeset)

25 x 4mm

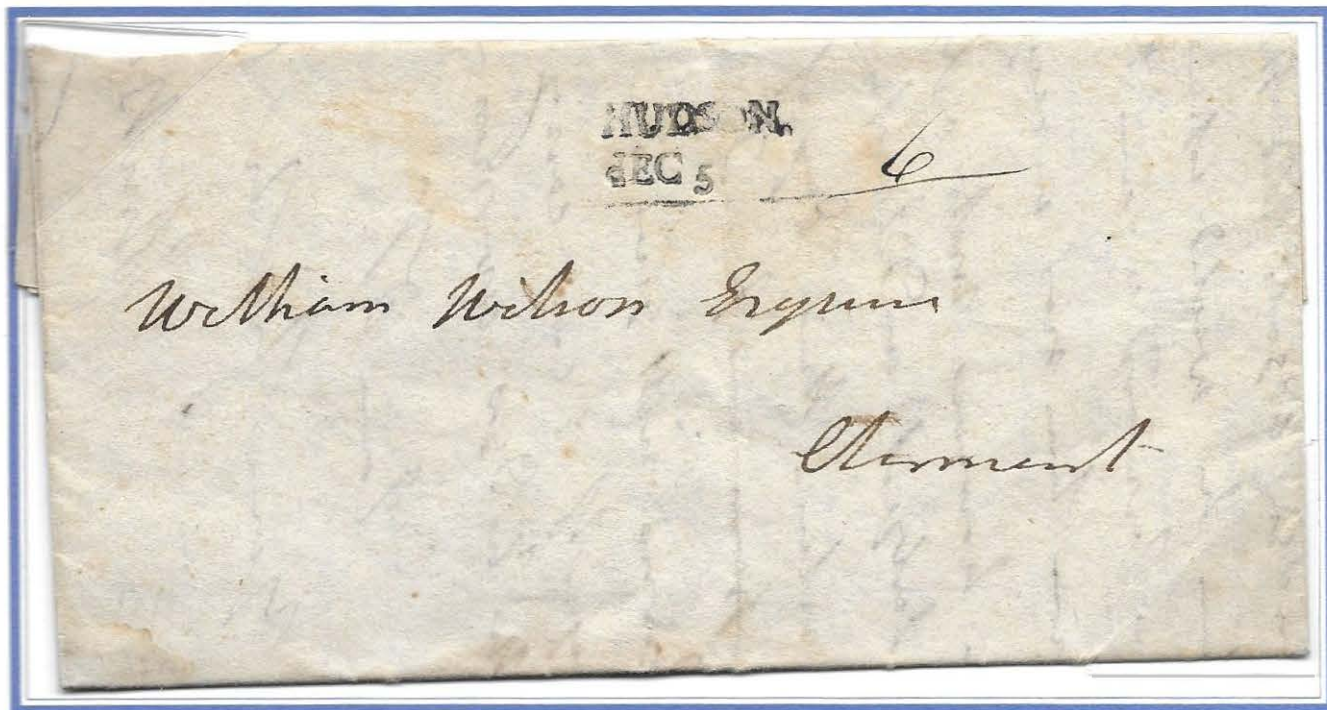
Various sizes in use 1793 - 1801

1794 ~ Free Frank

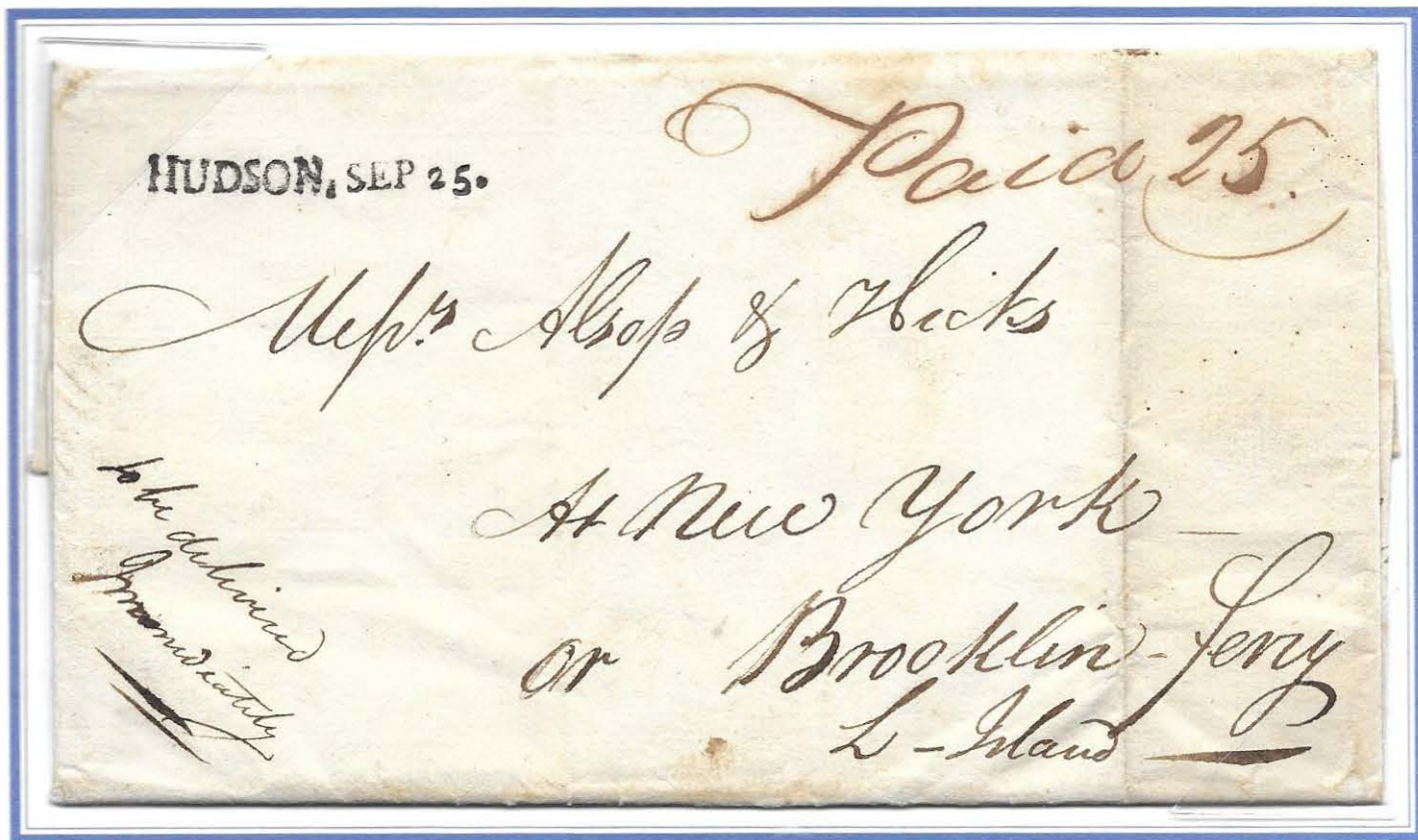


***Straight Line Postmark 'Hudson,' 25x4mm with comma**
Free frank of Cotton Gelston, first Postmaster of Hudson
Typeset, one of five examples recorded*

*'Nov. 29,' (1794)
docketed '11 mo 27'*



Stampless Letter to Clermont, New York rated 6-cents (under 30 miles; Act of February 20, 1792)
 Straight Line Postmark 25x4mm with period Typeset, one of five recorded
 Not docketed, the marking dictates this as another 1794 use; unpaid



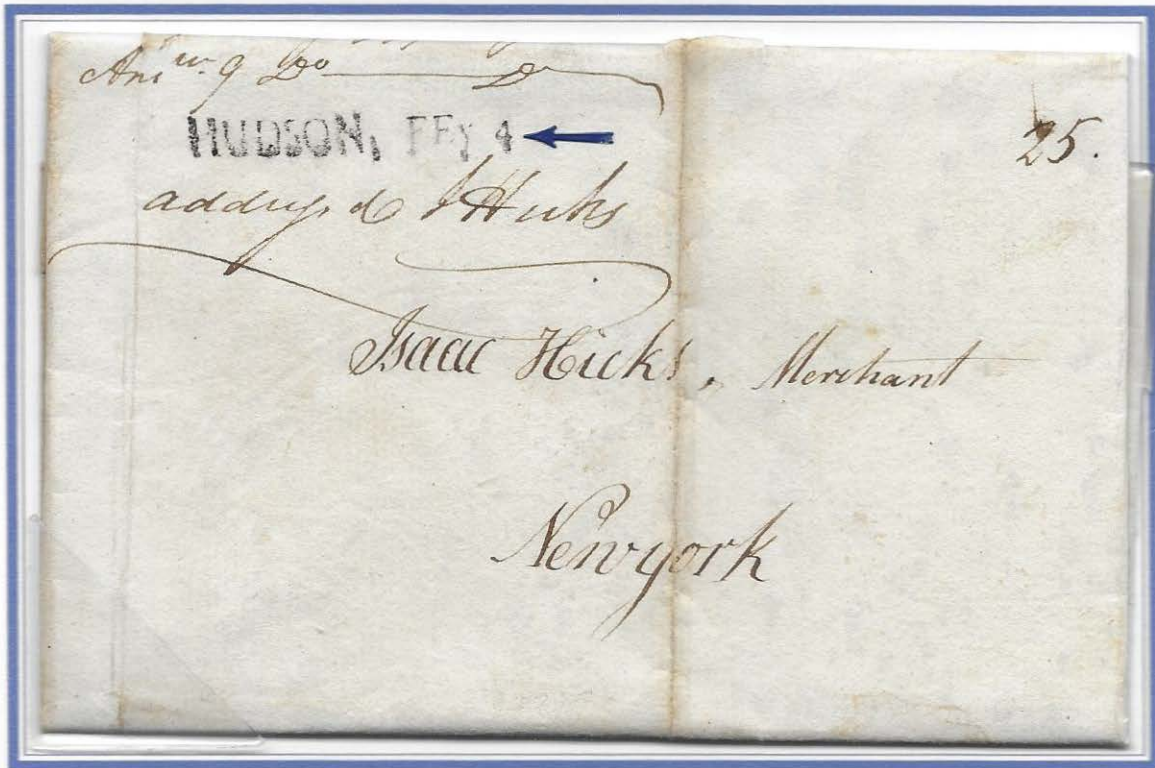
1795 Folded Letter to New York City ("or Brooklyn Ferry, L-(ong) Island")
25x5mm Straight Line Typeset: ASCC Unlisted
Pre-paid double-rate (100 - 150 miles; Act of February 20, 1792)



1796 Folded Letter to New York, New York
 22x4mm Straight Line Typeset, only example recorded for 1796
 Unpaid, single rate 12 1/2-cents (corrected →) (Act of February 20, 1792)



1798 Folded Letter mailed intra-county to Clermont, New York
 25x4mm Straight Line Typeset, one of five recorded
 Free-franked by Elisha Jenkins, prominent Quaker and member of New York State Assembly



'FEy' 1797 Folded Letter to New York City rated 25-cents (double rate), Unpaid
 25x5mm Straight Line Typeset; Discovery copy 'HUDSON' italic (vs. slipped strike)



'FEBy.' 1797 to New York City unpaid, rated 37-1/2-cents (triple rate)
 25x4mm. Typeset; Discovery copy Crown & Britannia-with-Shield watermarked paper

24 x 4mm / 23 x 4mm

1797 / 1799

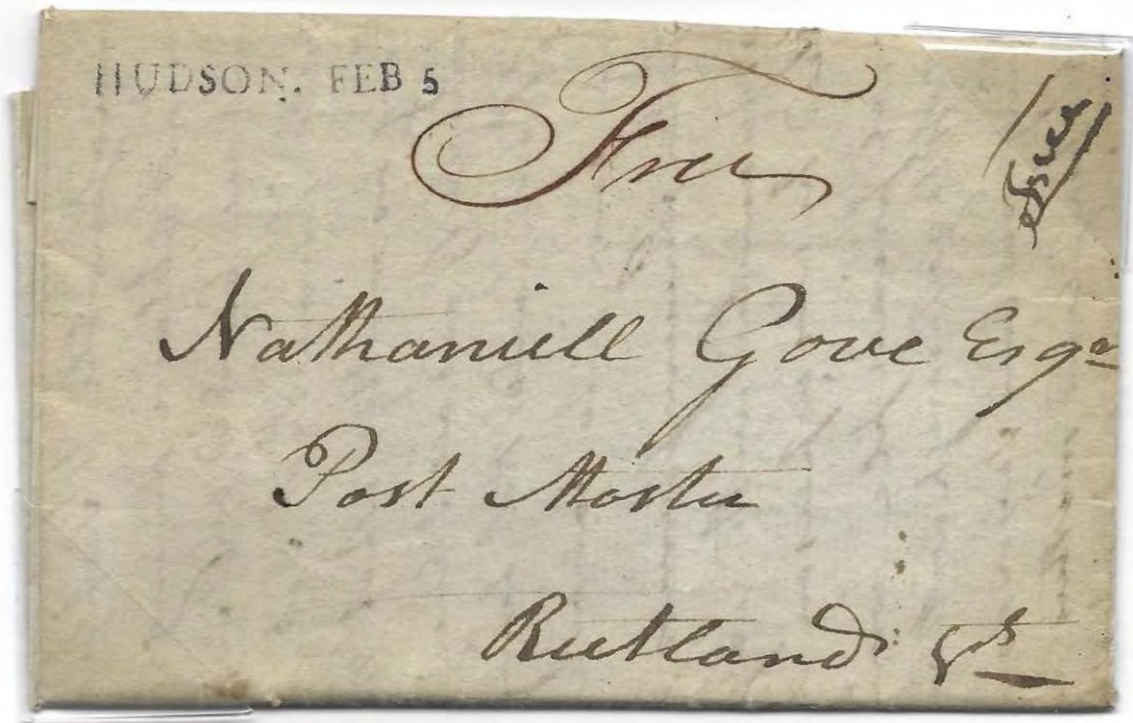


1797 Folded Letter to Wethersfield, Connecticut
Unpaid rated 10-cents (60 - 100 miles; Act of Feb. 20, 1792)
 Straight Line Postmark, Typeset, 24 x 4mm
 Month in full upper case



1799 letter to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 rated 17-cents (150 - 300 miles; Act of March 2, 1799), unpaid
 Straight Line Postmark, Typeset, 23 x 4mm

With neither a comma nor a period following 'HUDSON' this configuration saw use only in 1799
 ASCC unlisted variety includes mixed case for month abbreviation and addition of day date



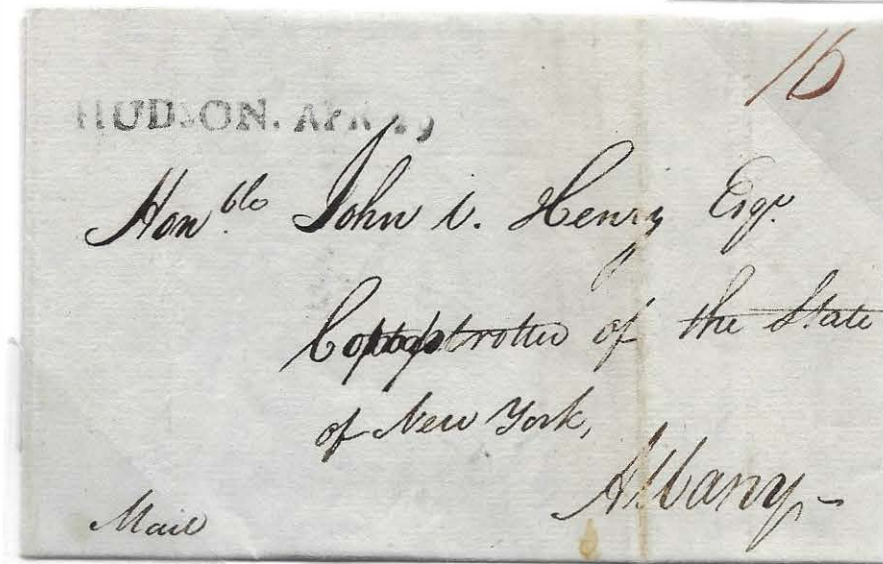
*1800 Free Franked Stampless Letter
to Nathaniel Gove, Postmaster of Rutland, Vermont (July 1796 - July 1801)
Manuscript 'Free' written once by sender (black ink) and once by PO clerk (red ink)*



*1800 cover sent to Granby, Connecticut "per Hartford Post Office,"
Unpaid rated 12-1/2-cents (90 - 150 miles; Act of March 1799)*



Unpaid 1801 Stampless Letter to Canaan, Connecticut
 rated 8-cents (not over 40 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)
 Straight Line Postmark, Typeset, 27x4mm
 Month 'APRIL'



Unpaid 1801, to Albany, New York
 Double-rated 16-cents (enclosure)(not over 40 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)
 Straight Line Postmark, Typeset, 27x4mm
 Month abbreviated 'APR'

No Post Office Name

known thus just from 1802

16 x 4mm Italic 'Paid' only

1802



1802 Folded Letter to Albany, New York
Prepaid double rate 16-cents (not over 40 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)
'PAID' with period

Manuscript Post Office Name

Used 1809 - 1827

13 x 5mm 'Paid'

1809



1809 Folded Letter to Albany, New York
Prepaid 8-cents (not over 40 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)



1803 Folded Letter to New York, New York
rated 12-1/2-cents (90-150 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)



1817 Folded Letter to Albany, New York
rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)

27mm

Unpaid Disputed; Treasury vs. USPOD



*Folded Letter mailed to New York City in 1817
originally rated 12-1/2-cents (90 - 150 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)*

*Manuscript: Treasury Dept
3rd Aud. Office
P. Hagner*

During this era a dispute arose between The Treasury Department and the Post Master General over whether or not Treasury had the right to Free Frank their official mail. Since the USPOD at this time was responsible to the Treasury Department, Treasury prevailed.

The Hudson Postmaster felt this letter should be charged and applied the manuscript 12-1/2. The New York City Postmaster recognizing the frank, crossed out the rate.

This letter is docketed August 28, but the date stamp wasn't applied until September 8, implying a delay in the letter being put into the mails due to the dispute with the sender.

Peter Hagner was appointed Third Auditor by President James Monroe in 1817, the same year that office was created and this letter mailed.

Fancy Scroll Circular Date Stamps

In use 1801-1823

27mm

Free Mail



1812 Folded Letter from Hudson to Athens, New York
 Free-Franked by Abraham Moore, Third Postmaster of Groton, Massachusetts
 (serving January 1812 to August 1815) while visiting Hudson

Fancy Scroll Circular Date Stamps

In use 1801-1823

27mm

Prepaid Mail



1803 Folded Cover to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania rated 17-cents
 (150-300 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)
Italic 'PAID' 14x4mm handstamp



1810 Stampless Folded Letter sent to New York, New York double-rated 25-cents
 (90-150 miles; Act of March 2, 1799)
Block-Lettering 'PAID' 14x4mm handstamp



1809 Stampless Folded Letter to Albany, New York
 RERATED from 12-1/2 cents, 'not paid' to the correct 8-cent rate
 (Act of March 2, 1799; not over 40 miles) - 19mm Circular 'PAID' Handstamp



1818 Folded Letter to Washington, D.C. rated 18-[1/2] cents
 (150-400 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) - 19mm Circular 'PAID' Handstamp

Rimless Circular Date Stamps

In use 1820-1823

26.25mm

Unpaid Mail

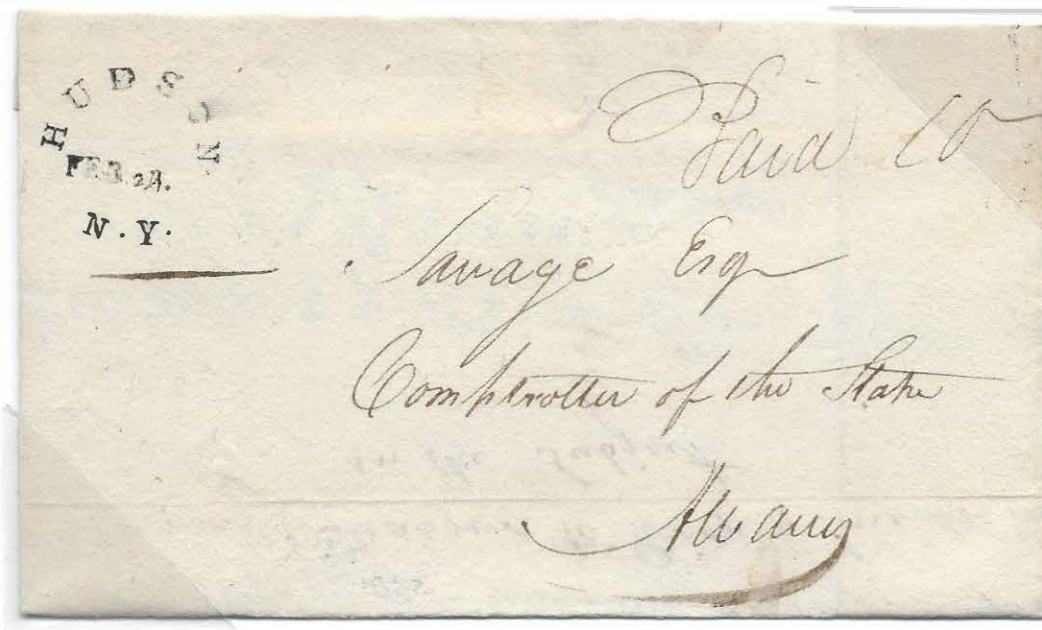
Variously described as either 'Broken Rim,' 'No Outer Rim' (ASCC), or 'Partial Rim' (Bernadt; Type 8 variety), appearance is dictated by a combination of the degree of hand pressure and the level of inking used in application i.e: enough of either or both could create the appearance of a partial rim with ink from the hub's edge appearing on the cover.



1823 Folded Letter to Bristol, Rhode Island rated 18-1/2 cents (150-400 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) Partial rim appears at right



1823 Stampless Cover to Albany, New York double-rate 20 cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) Partial rim appears at bottom



**Folded Letter mailed from Hudson to Albany, New York in 1822
rated 10-cents single rate (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)**

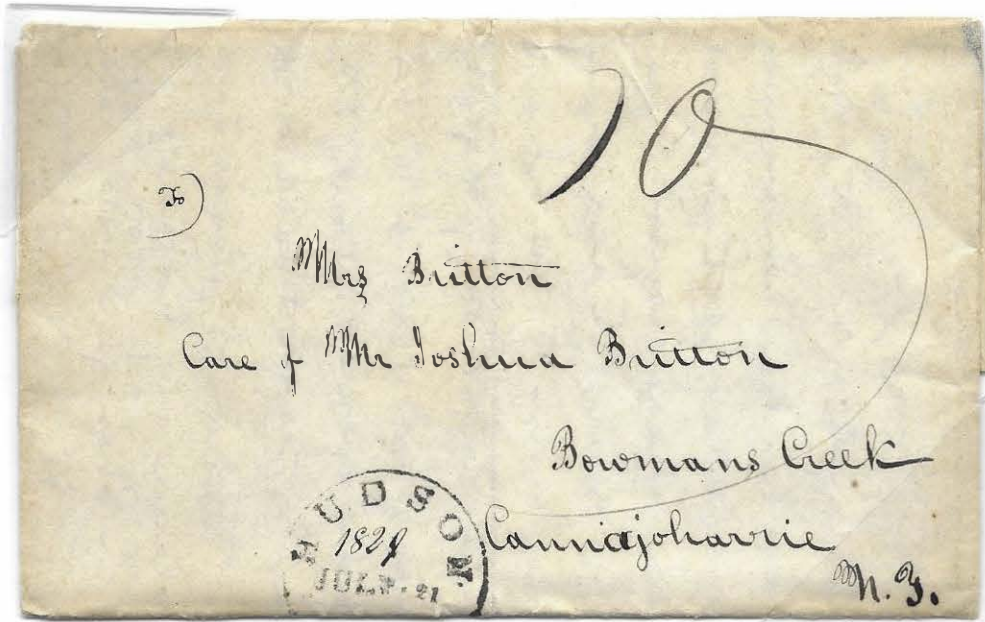
No trace of the device's hub whatsoever



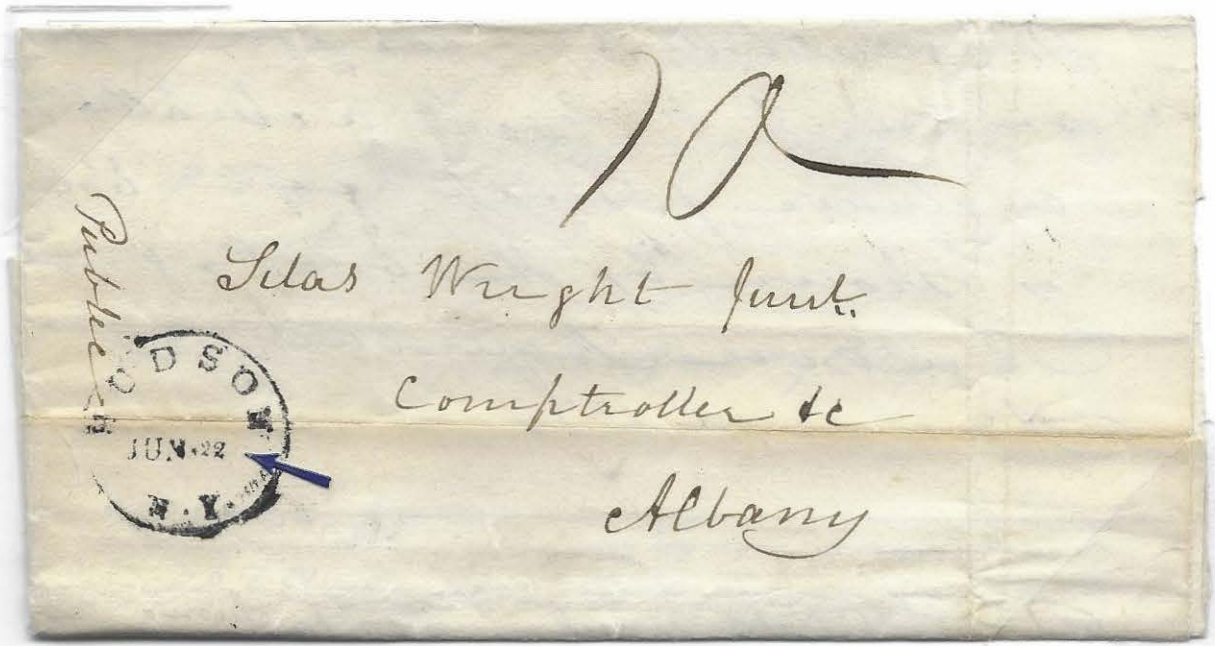
1822 Folded Letter to Manhattan rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
 Forwarded to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, additional charge 6 cents (not over 30 miles)
 'forw'd,' '6,' '18-1/2,' and 'Brooklyn NY,' applied in Manhattan,
 the recipient having left a directive with the Postmaster to forward his mail



1826 Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)



1829 Folded Letter to Canajoharie, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act April 9, 1816)
 Manuscript year added to date stamp



1830 Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
 Date slug with mixed font sizes



1825 Folded Cover to Albany, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
Manuscript red 'Paid'



1827 Folded Letter to New York City rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
22x5mm Fancy Ribbon 'PAID' handstamp & manuscript 'Paid'





*1827 Folded Letter mailed to Temascaltepec, Mexico
Prepaid 12-1/2-cents (80 - 150 miles; Act of 1816)*

*This cover likely went to New York City
where it was thereafter handled either by a Forwarder or privately by Ship
With no other markings to provide evidence,
there is no way to determine how delivery was ultimately accomplished*



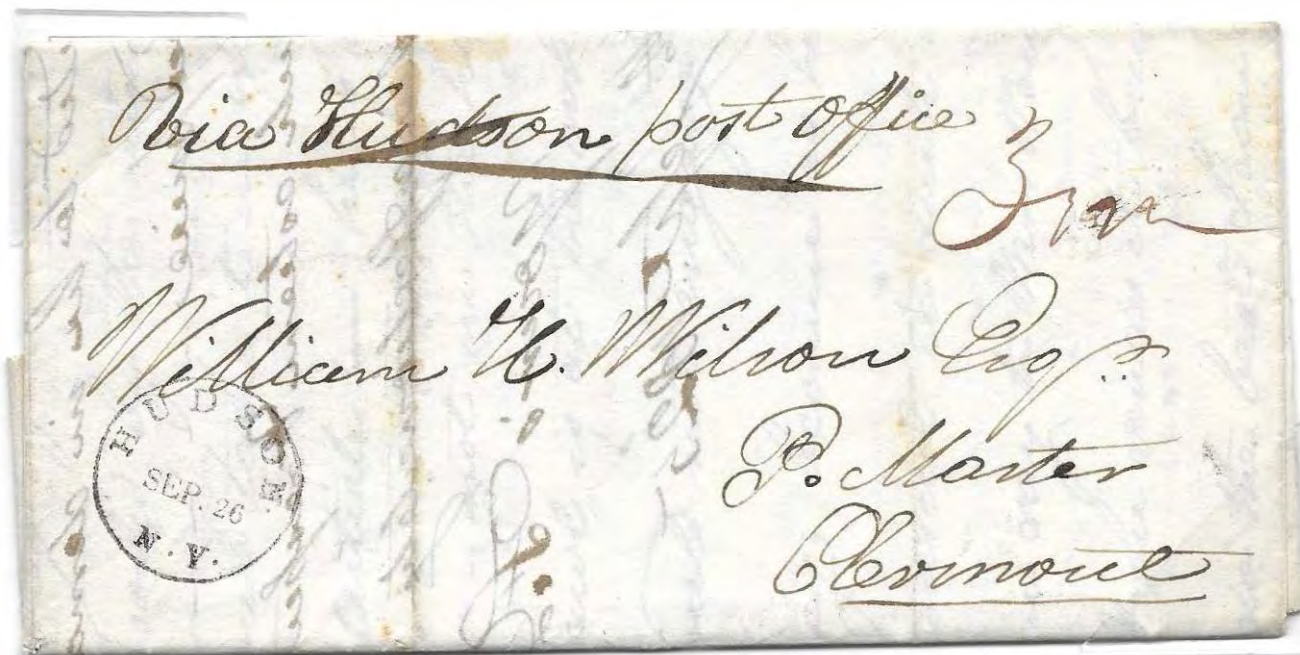
March 7, 1829 Folded Letter to Berwick-on-Tweed, NB (North Britain)

**Rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) 'PAID' to New York Packet Port
Carried aboard ship Napoleon (Blue Swallowtail Line) on March 8 arriving Liverpool March 24,
entering England as an unpaid ship letter**

**Rated collect 1-shilling and 8-pence (8d trans-Atlantic ship rate plus 1/- internal British rate),
plus 'Addl 1/2' Scottish Wheel Tax assessed in error: The 1707 Act of Union that created Great Britain
in part also defined Berwick as being part of England ending years of contention with Scotland
'NB' also used as a common abbreviation for Scotland caught the attention of the postal clerk
instead of the English town name, attracting the rate**



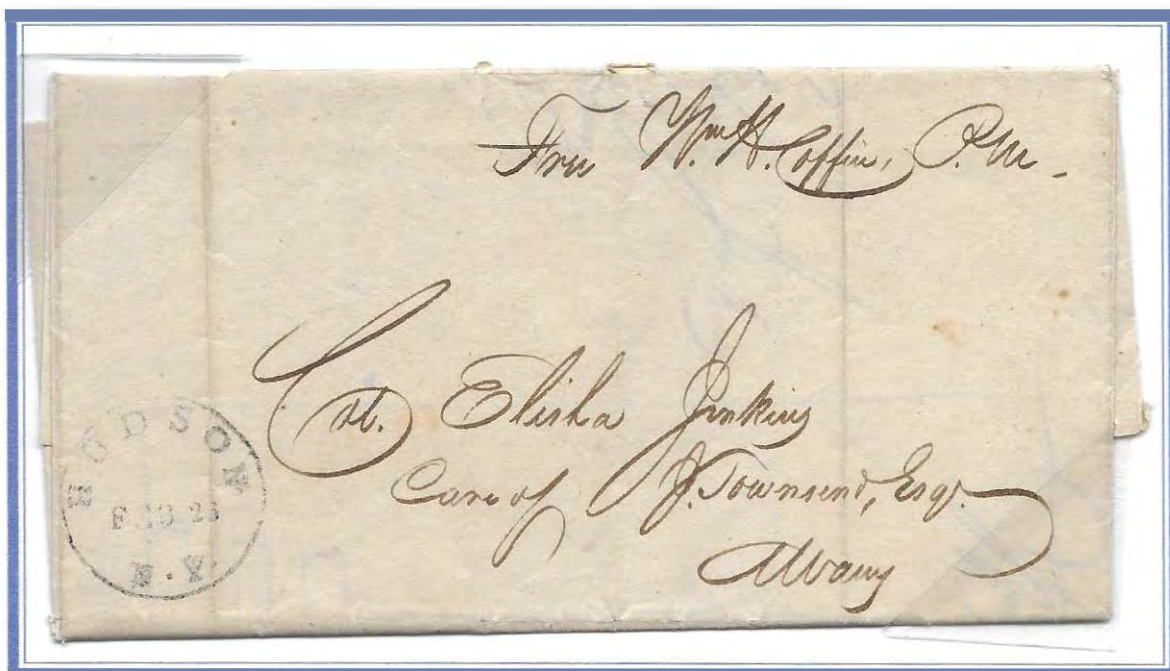
1825 Folded Letter to Albany, New York
 authored by Elisha Williams, founder of Waterloo, New York
 Addressed to Martin Van Buren
 current New York Senator and future President of the United States (1837-1841)



1825 Folded Letter from New York City to Clermont, New York
 addressed to William Wilson, Clermont Postmaster
 via steamboat to Hudson and on to Clermont by stagecoach

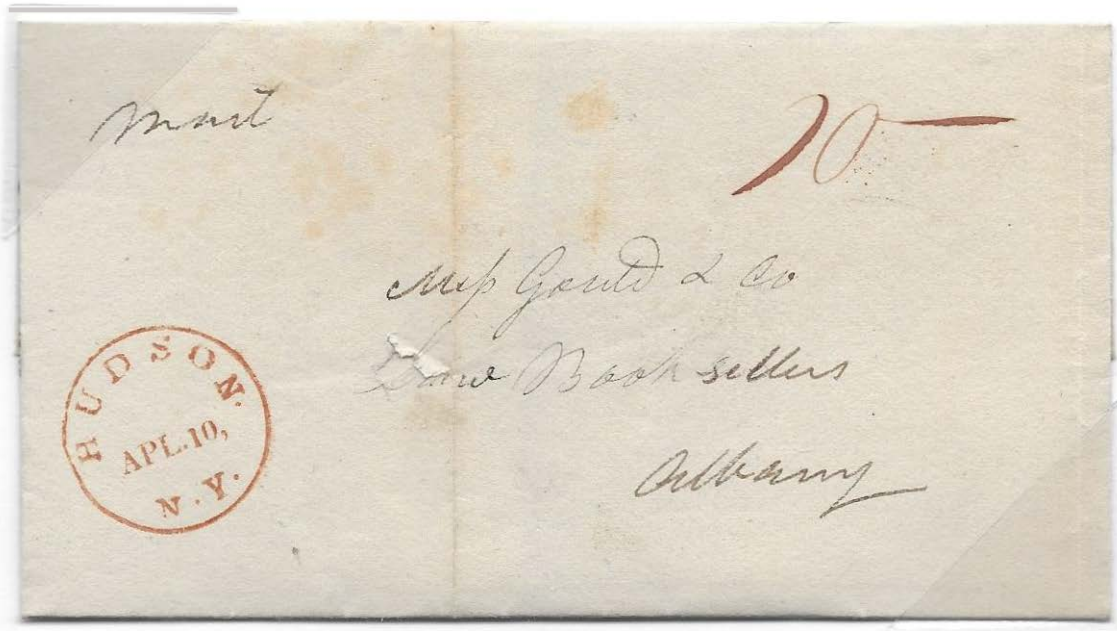


*1830 Folded Letter from New Haven, Connecticut to Hudson, Ohio
Missent Hudson, New York
Hudson, NY date stamp applied when redirected to Ohio*



*Folded Letter signed by William H. Coffin, third Hudson Postmaster (1825-1833)
Addressed to Col. Elisha Jenkins of Albany, former NY State Comptroller (1801-1805),
Secretary of NY State (multiple terms 1806-1813), and Mayor of Albany (1814-1819)
Latest known use - February 25th, 1831*

Date stamps in red from this era are much less common than their black counterparts.



1824 Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) April in date stamp abbreviated 'APL'



1824 Folded Letter to on board Ship George & Susan, New Bedford (Massachusetts) Rated 18-1/2-cents (150-400 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) Manuscript S at left of rate either indicates delivery to a ship or is an accounting mark applied at New Bedford

27mm ~ Red

Prepaid Mail



1822 Folded Letter to Catskill, New York rated 6-cents (not over 30 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) Manuscript 'Paid' in black & red

27mm ~ Red

Free Mail



1820 Folded Letter to Clermont Free-franking granted to the sender, the Honorable James Henry Strong, Federalist member of the 16th U.S. Congress

28mm

Circular Date Stamps 28mm	
<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>
Black Type I	1831
Black Type II	1832 - 1833
Red Type II	1833 - 1837



Type I



Type II

28mm ~ Black ~ Type I

Unpaid Mail



1831 Folded Letter to South Lee, Massachusetts
 rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)



1832 Folded Letter to Gardnersville, New York rated 10-cents
(30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
CDS mis-struck; docketing confirms State of origin



1832 Folded Letter to Burdett, New York rated 18-1/2-cents
(150-400 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)



1833 Folded letter to Department du Bas Rhin, Sar Union, France

*Pre-payment of 12-1/2-cents paid for carriage to the port of departure, New York City
(80 - 150 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)*

24 x 4mm 'PAID' handstamp

*Entering France, the cover received a 'Pays Doustremer Par Le Havre' boxed handstamp
and a 30mm Le Havre circular date stamp*

15-decimes postage due, 2-decimes of which paid the Ship fee



1834 Folded Letter to Johnstown, New York
 rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
 Short bar



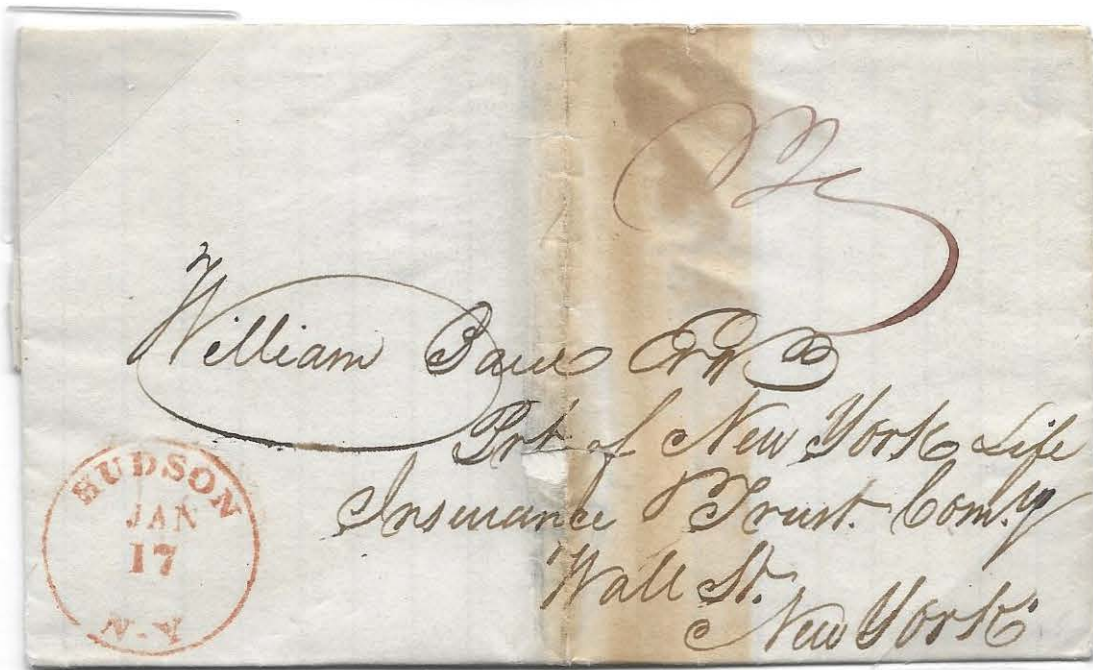
1836 Folded Letter to Kinderhook, New York
 rated 6-cents (not over 30 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
 Long bar

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1833 - 1837

28mm ~ Red ~ Type II ~ without Bar

Unpaid Mail



1837 Folded Letter to New York City rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)
2 sheets, under-charged

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1833 - 1837

28mm ~ Red ~ Type II ~ without Bar

Prepaid Mail



1835 Turned Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 20-cents (double rate, 30-80 miles, Act of 1816)
24.5x5mm 'PAID' handstamp

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1833 - 1837

28mm ~ Red ~ Type II ~ with Bar

Prepaid Mail



1834 Folded Letter to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania rated 18-1/2-cents (150-400 miles; Act of 1816) forwarded Bristol, Pennsylvania, assessed additional 6 cents (less than 30 miles) 24.5x5mm 'PAID' handstamp and manuscript 'Paid' applied at Hudson and crossed out with the cover forwarded unpaid on second leg Philadelphia forwarding marking

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1833 - 1837

28mm ~ Red ~ Type II ~ without Bar

Free Mail



1833 Folded Letter to William H. Wilson, Postmaster, Clermont, New York (1820-1852) 26x5mm 'FREE' handstamp

30mm

<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>
Black	1837 - 1851
Red	1837 - 1851
Blue	1837 - 1851
Green	1841 - 1842

The most common color ink used in Hudson during the 30mm cds period was red.
 By virtue of its limited two-year use, green ink is uncommon.
 The use of black ink, surprisingly, is also relatively uncommon.

30mm ~ Black

Unpaid Mail



1849 Stampless Envelope to Schaghticoke, New York
 Manuscript rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1837-1851

30mm ~ Black

Unpaid Mail



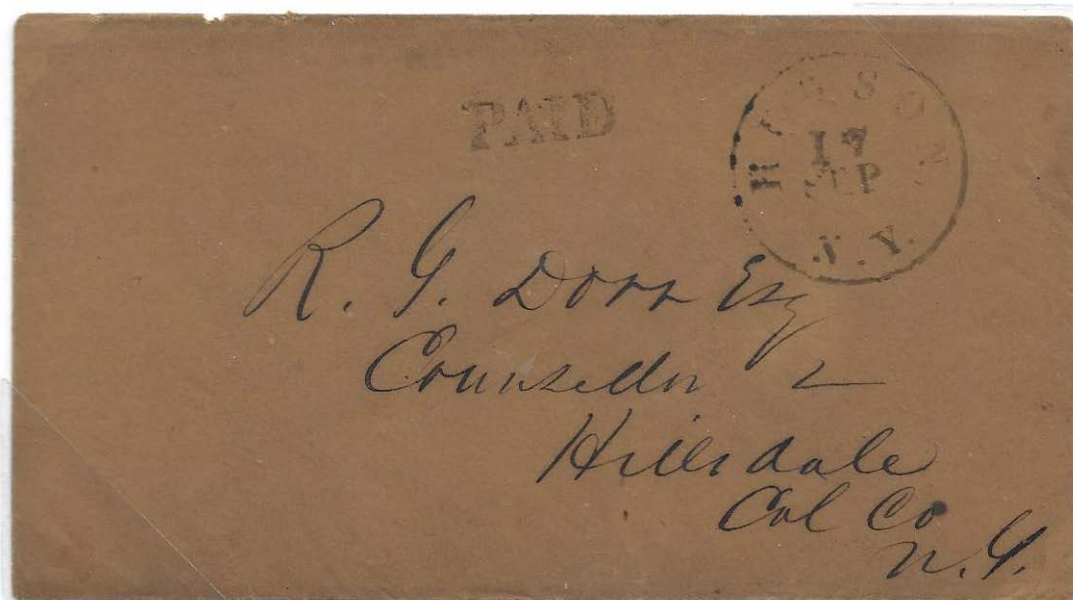
Stampless Folded Letter to Albany, New York
7x10mm '5' handstamp

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1837-1851

30mm ~ Black

Prepaid Mail



Stampless Envelope to Hillsdale, New York
'PAID' Handstamp 20x6mm



Stampless Mourning Cover mailed to Albany, New York
'PAID' Handstamp 20x6mm



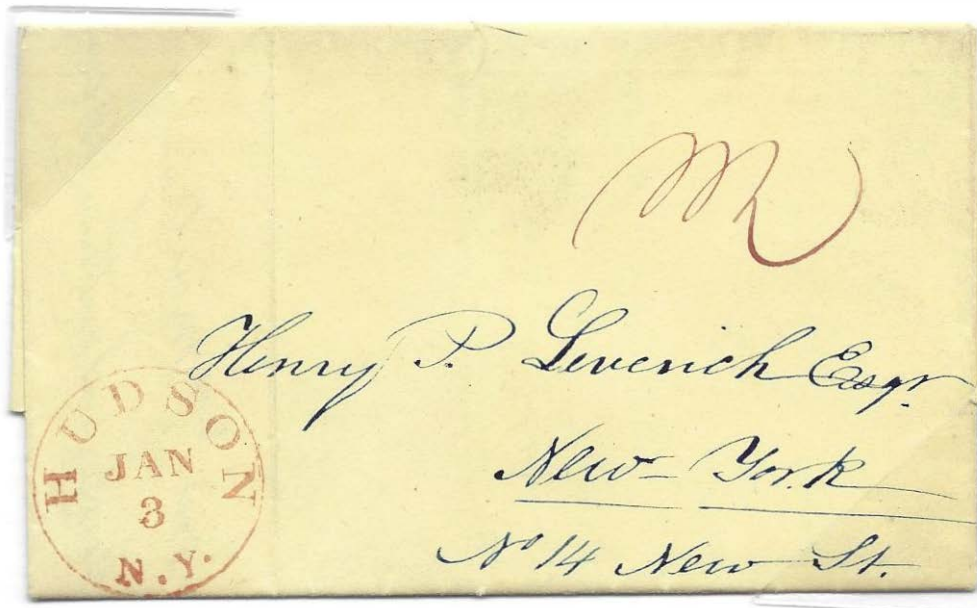
1849 Folded Letter to Hillsdale, New York rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)

'PAID' Handstamp 20x3mm

7x10mm '5' handstamp

Manuscript 'Pd H.H.'*

*Henry Hogeboom, former New York State Assembly member from Columbia County and future State Supreme Court Justice; free franking privilege appropriately not used during this intervening time.



1840 Folded Letter to New York City
Manuscript rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)

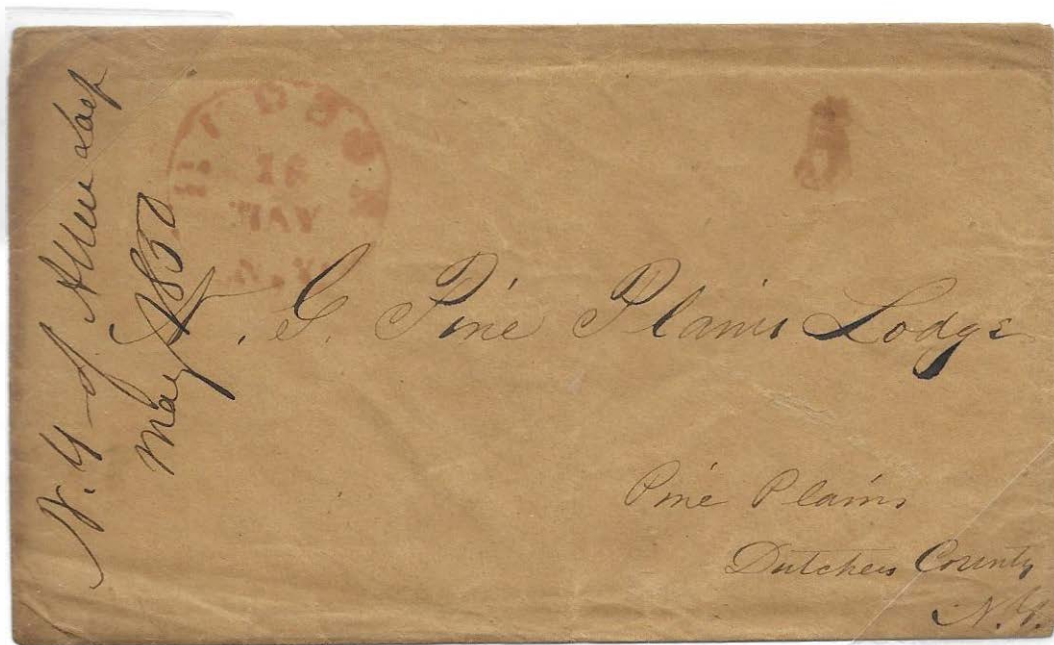


Stampless Envelope mailed to Mellenville, New York
Rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845) by 7x12mm '5' Handstamp



1846 Folded Letter to Spencers Corners, New York (current-day North Broadalbin) rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)

**One datestamp is dated Feb 11 and the other Feb 12:
 Did a clerk, realizing the date hadn't been changed from the previous day make the necessary correction and re-strike the cover, or did the letter not make it out with the Feb 11th mails, getting re-struck to show the actual date of departure?**



1850 Stampless Envelope to Pine Plains, New York rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845) with 7x12mm '5'



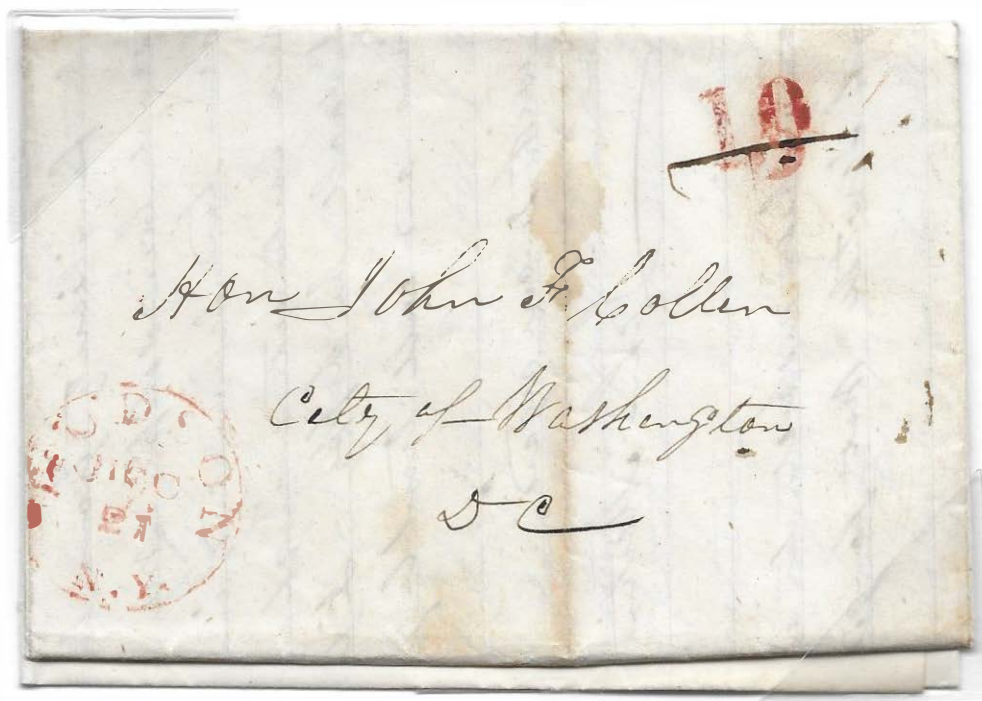
**1846 Stampless Local Drop Letter rated 2-cents (Act of March 3, 1845)
 8x12mm hollow '2' handstamp unlisted in The American Stampless Cover Catalog (ASCC)**



**1846 2-cent Local Drop Letter
 8 x 12mm solid '2' handstamp used without circular date stamp
 Unlisted Discovery Copy**



1846 Folded Letter to Washington, D.C. mis-rated 10-cents, corrected to 5-cents, single rate (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)



1846 Folded Letter to Washington, D.C. mis-rated 5-cents, corrected to 10-cents, double rate (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)



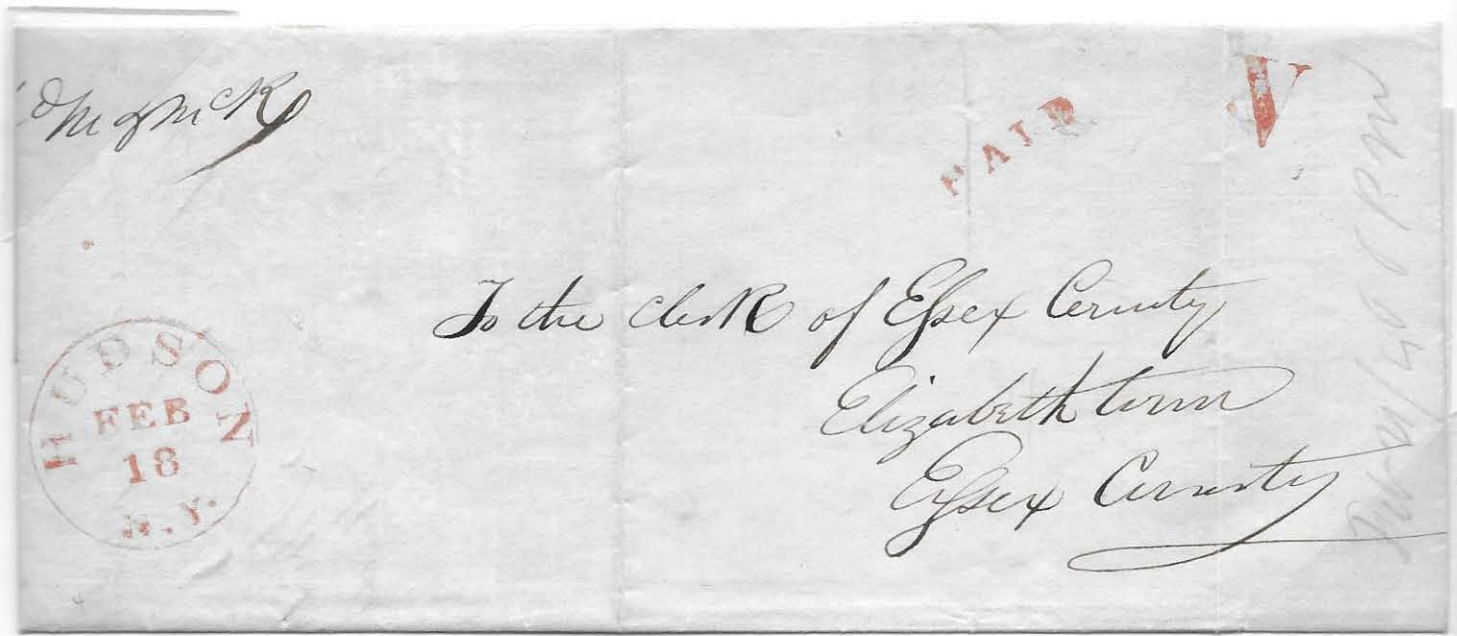
1838 Folded Letter to New Haven, Connecticut rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)
20x4mm red 'PAID' handstamp



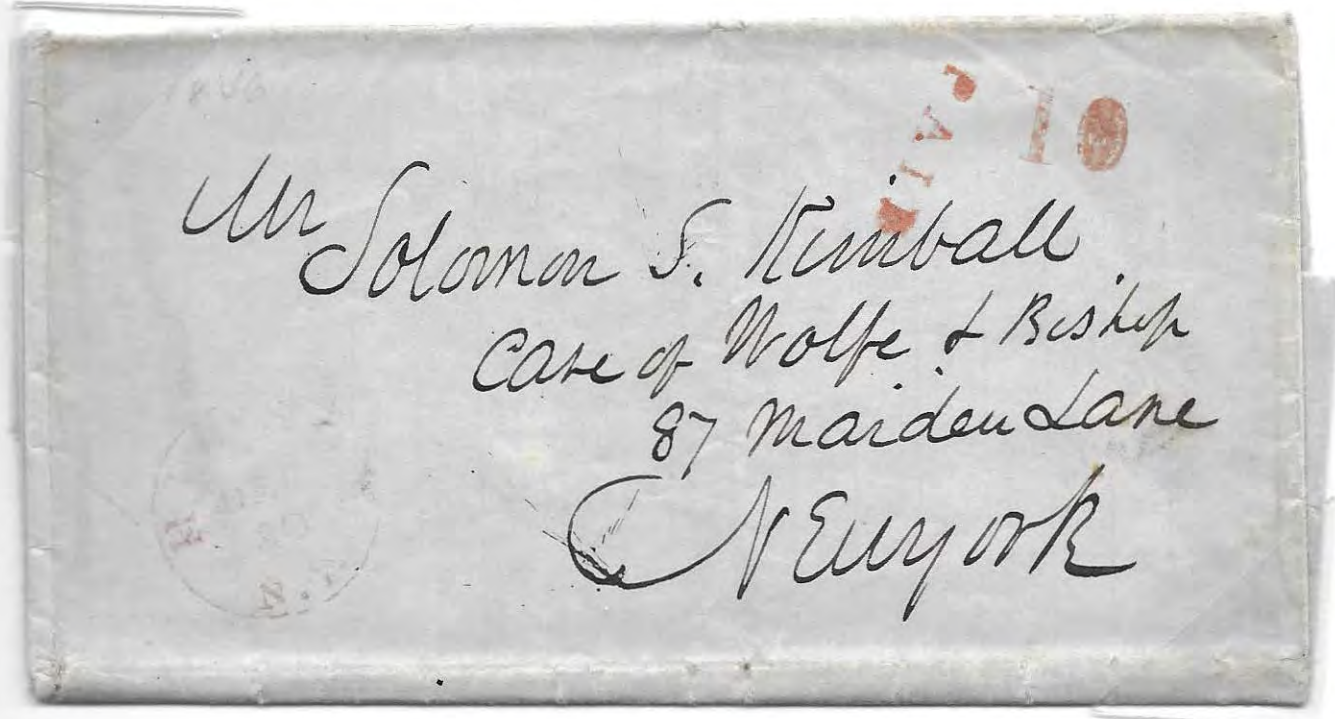
1844 Folded Letter double-rated 25-cents to New York City (80-150 miles; Act of 1816)
Manuscript 'Paid Double Only,' 20x4mm red 'PAID' handstamp



1846 Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
 20x4mm 'PAID' ~ 7x10mm '5'



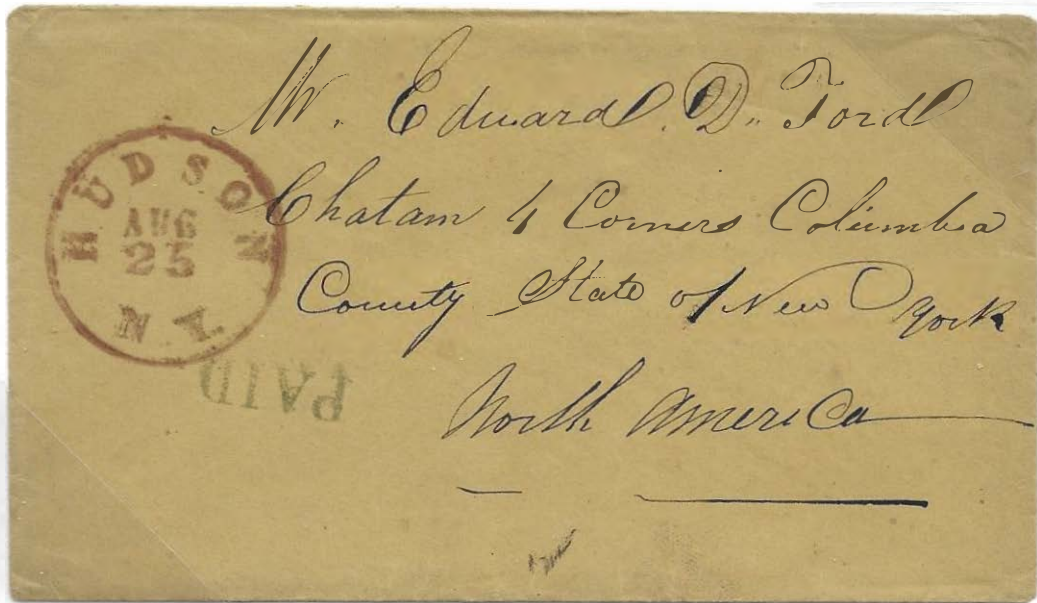
1846 Stampless Envelope to Elizabethtown, New York
 rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
 20x4mm 'PAID' ~ 10x12mm '5'



1846 Double Rate Folded Letter to New York City (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
 24x5mm 'PAID' ~ 12x10mm '10'

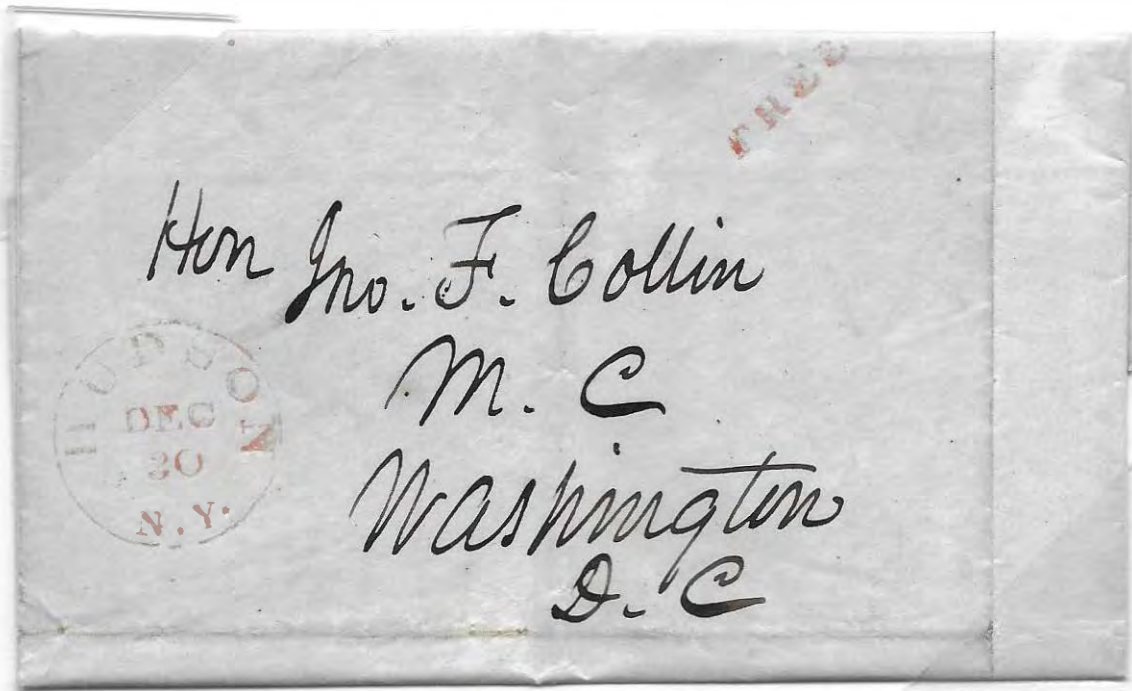


1850 Folded Letter to Davenport, New York forwarded to Middletown Centre
 rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
 20 x 4mm 'PAID' ~ 7x10mm '5'



*Stampless Envelope to Chatham Four Corners, New York
20x6mm 'PAID'*

**Inclusion of 'North America' in the address
indicates a foreign letter by hand to Hudson where it entered the mail stream
to be sent on to Chatham-Four-Corners.**



1846 Folded Letter to Washington, D.C.
20x4mm 'FREE'



1847 Folded Letter to Washington 'City'
20x4mm 'FREE'

In both of the above cases, the addressee John Francis Collin, member of the 29th Congress (1845 - 1847), accorded the use of the free frank privilege.



*1838 Folded Letter to Department du Bas Rhin, Alsace, France
20x4mm 'FREE' handstamp*

Free Frank of Solomon Wescott, Hudson Post Master (05/1833 - 03/1842)

Mail could only be sent free (or paid) to the Port of Departure

Red New York Exchange Office circular date stamp

*This cover was handled as a Ship Letter in France
19 decimes (1 Franc, 30-centimes) due: 2 decimes ship fee ~ 17 decimes inland postage
for distance travelled at the 10-gram weight class, indicated by the manuscript 'W'*

'PAYS D'OUTREMER PAR LE HAVRE' handstamp records arrival in Le Havre

21mm blue Paris Double Circle Date Stamp as transfer marking

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1837-1851

30mm ~ Blue

Unpaid Mail



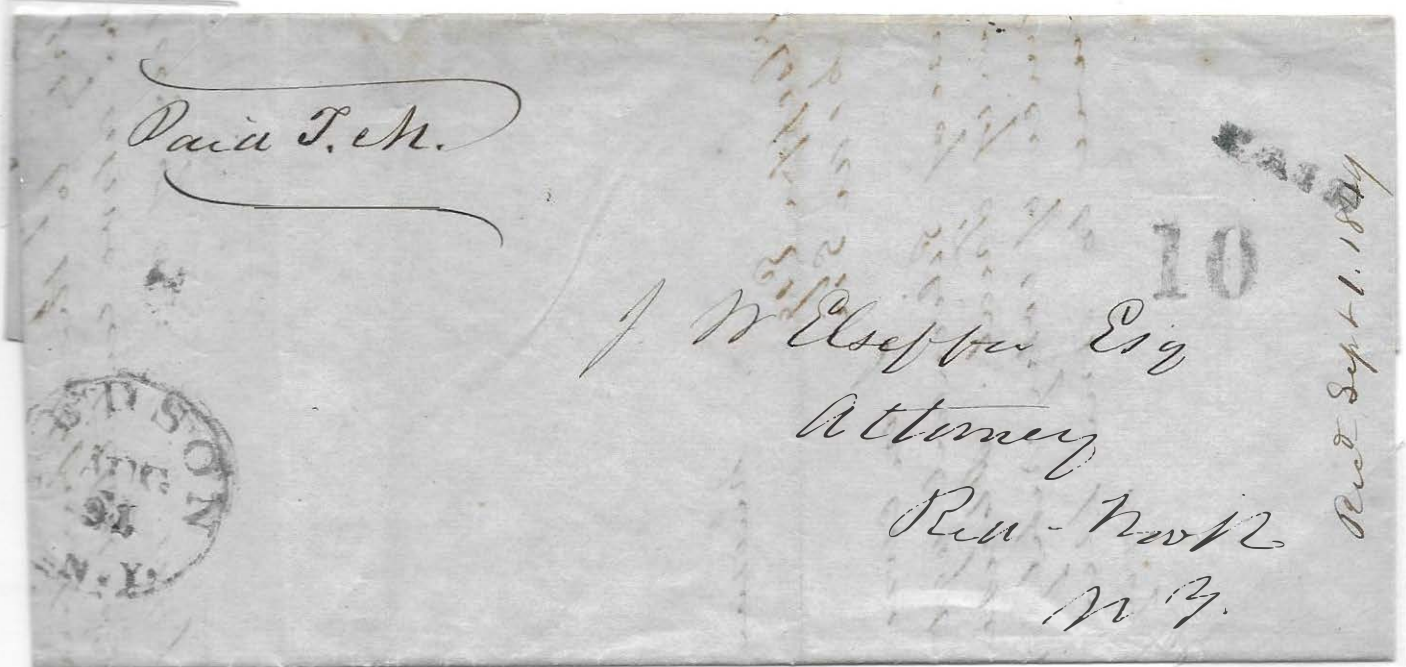
1849 Folded Letter to South Lee, Massachusetts
 rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
 7x10mm '5'

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1837-1851

30mm ~ Blue

Prepaid Mail



1849 Folded Letter to Red Hook, New York
 double-rated 10-cents (under 300 miles, 1/2 - 1 ounce; Act of March 3, 1849)
 21x4mm 'PAID' ~ 13x10mm '10'

The CDS and auxiliary markings most likely are a 'dirty blue' with the hand stamp perhaps being used with black ink just prior to the blue. Some believe these markings are green in which case by virtue of the auxiliary handstamps, this cover becomes an unlisted variety in the ASCC.

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1841-1842

30mm ~ Green

Unpaid Mail



1841 Folded Letter to Williams, Pennsylvania rated 12-1/2-cents (80-150 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)

Circular Date Stamps

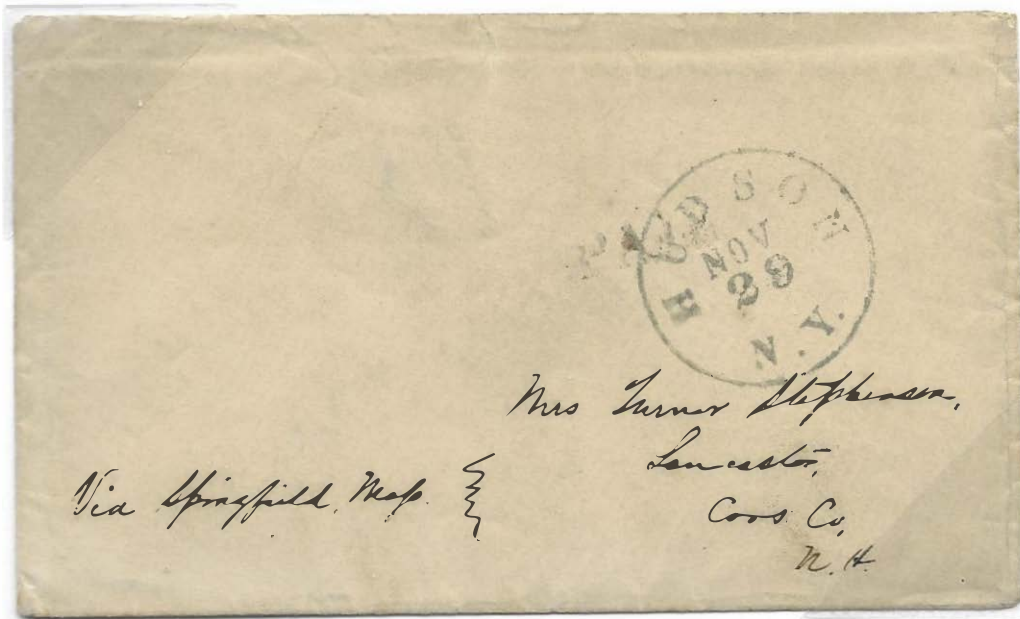
In use 1841-1842

30mm ~ Green

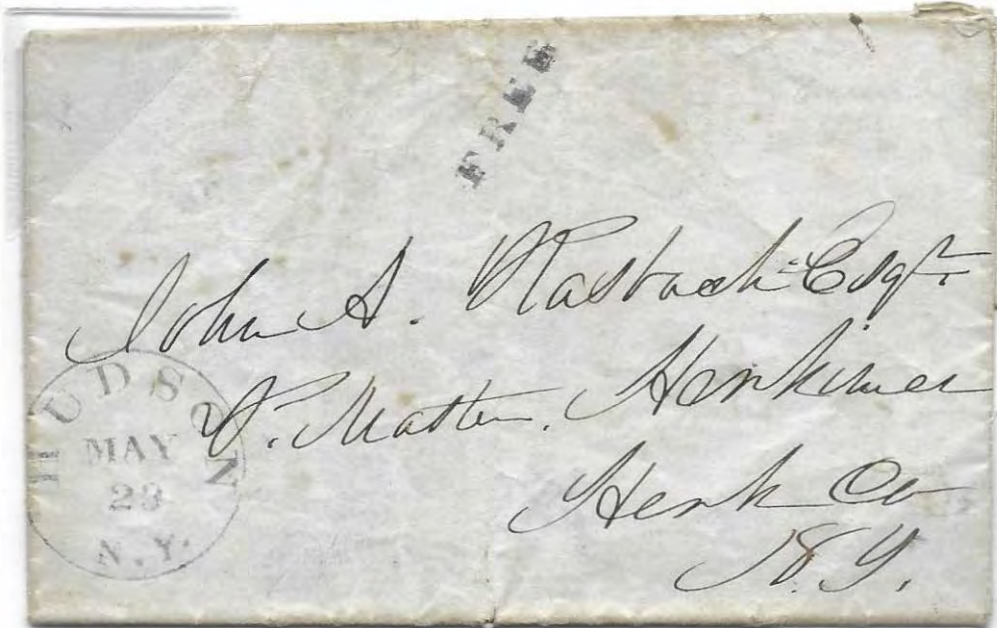
Prepaid Mail



1841 Folded Letter to Charleston Four Corners, New York rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of Apr. 9, 1816)
21x4mm green 'PAID'



Stampless Envelope mailed to Lancaster, New Hampshire directed 'via Springfield, Mass'
20x5mm 'PAID'



1841 Folded Letter to Herkimer, New York
21x4mm 'FREE'

Postmasters were permitted to send and receive mail for free
Addressee: John A. Rasbach, Postmaster of Herkimer (1836-1841; 1844-1849).

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1841-1842

30mm ~ Mixed Inks

Unpaid Mail

The availability of different colored inks and handstamps sometimes not being wiped clean between use resulted in markings applied with 'dirty inks,' green and black together being known. These ink colors were apparently selected indiscriminately by postal clerks.



1842 Folded Letter to Lee, Massachusetts rated 10-cents (30-80 miles; Act of April 9, 1816)

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1841-1842

30mm ~ Mixed Inks

Prepaid Mail



1841 Folded Letter to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania rated 18-1/2-cents (150-400 miles; Act of April 9, 1816) 21x4mm 'PAID'

Requiring some force and at times speed in application some strikes of handstamps would skip upon their intended targets resulting in multiple impressions.



1847 Folded Letter to Troy, New York rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
Double impression of '5'



1849 Folded Letter to Albany, New York rated 5-cents (under 300 miles; Act of March 3, 1845)
21x4mm 'PAID'
Triple impression of '5'



Stampless Envelope originating in Washington, D.C. sent to Utica, New York free-franked by Hugh White, Member of Congress

DATING USEAGE: Hugh White served in the 29th to 31st Congress between March of 1845 to March of 1851 providing a range for the use of this cover. The red New York City handstamp was used throughout this period.

HUDSON CIRCULAR DATE STAMP: True brown canceling ink, obtained from either the secretions of the cuttle fish or the squid, is quite scarce in general and is not recorded used in Hudson. A color described as 'claret' that was used on many NYFM cancellations was probably not a distinct entity but was either a mixture of black and red inks on the canceling device or an oxidized red ink. The Hudson cds ink color could fall into either of these categories. However, the NYFM cancellations tend to appear washed out whereas this cds seems more saturated providing the possibility of an unlisted use of brown ink.

ROUTING & MARKINGS: The Washington, D.C. branch of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R.R. opened in 1835 and as the sender was a Congressman, Washington makes a very likely origin for this cover.

Carried by train as loose mail, the '**BALTIMORE R.R.**' straightline cancel was applied north of Baltimore to indicate origin. Post Office records list a Baltimore & Washington Route Agent for this period, but no markings are known.

The New York City cds was added since this is where the cover 'entered the mails' and the letter was sent on to Utica, New York via Hudson.

USE OF HUDSON CDS AS TRANSIT MARKING: Early March would have found the Hudson River north of the City of Hudson un-navigable due to ice, eliminating Albany as the usual transfer station. The Hudson cds was applied when the mailbag carrying this cover was offloaded from its steamboat and transferred to a stage coach after having been sorted.

The Postal Act of March 3, 1851 specified Unpaid Mail be charged 5-cents up to 3000 miles.



1851 Stampless Folded Letter to New York, New York



*Stampless Envelope to Brooklyn, New York
Addition of street address suggests carrier delivery*



1853 Stampless Envelope to Cooperstown, New York

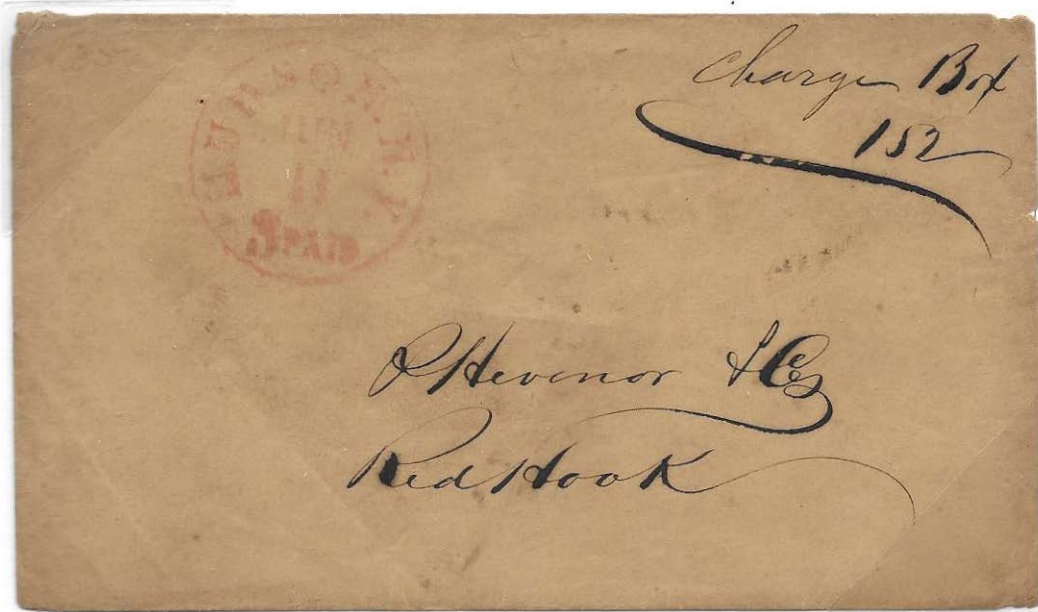


1854 Folded Stampless Document (Pre-printed Letter of Protest) to New York City

32mm ~ Red

Prepaid Mail

The Postal Act of March 3, 1851 specified Prepaid Mail be charged 3-cents up to 3000 miles.



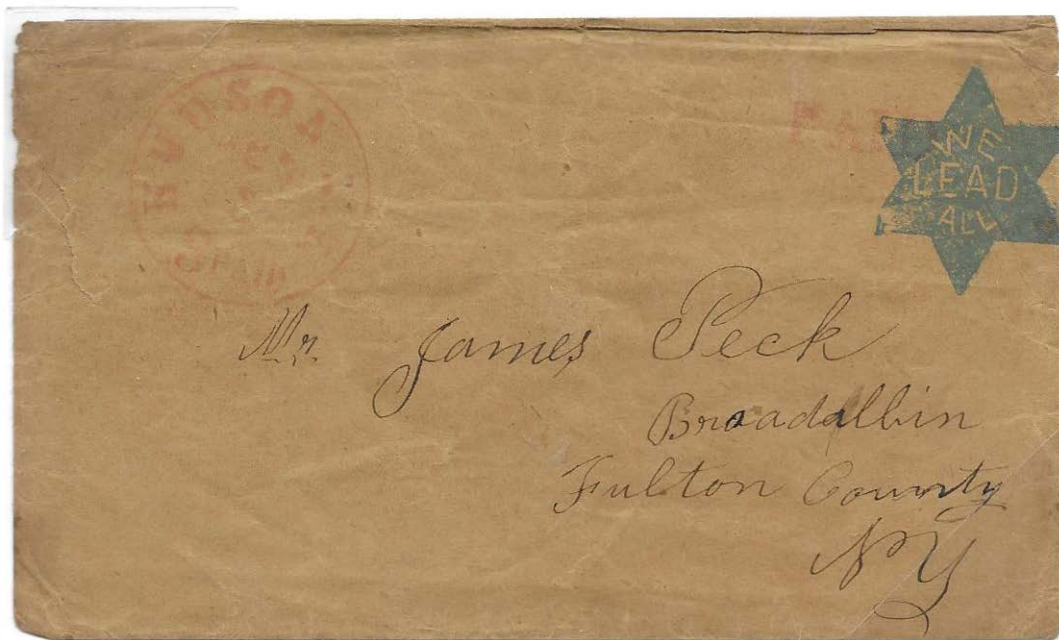
Stampless Envelope to Redhook, New York



Stampless Envelope to Redhook, New York
20x6mm green 'PAID' Handstamp



1852 Stampless Folded Letter to Hartford, Connecticut
20x6mm dark red 'PAID'



Stampless Commercial Envelope to Broadalbin, New York
A 20x6mm bright red 'PAID' handstamp "cancels" a blue six-point star
believed to be a bank advertising handstamp

Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps

In use 1851-1854

32mm ~ Red

Prepaid Mail



**1852 Folded Letter to Hartford, Connecticut
19x6mm blue 'PAID' Handstamp**

Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps

In use 1851-1854

32mm ~ Green

Prepaid Mail



**Stampless Envelope to Ohio City, New York
20x6mm red 'PAID' Handstamp**

32mm ~ Red

Free Mail



1851 Folded Letter to New York, New York
20x4mm 'FREE' handstamp

32mm ~ Blue

Free Mail



1853 Folded Letter to New York, New York
20x4mm 'FREE' handstamp overlays manuscript 'Paid'
Manuscript 'Free'

Free franking permitted because of the addressee:
Josiah Sutherland, member of the 32nd U.S. Congress 1851 - 1853.

The Integral Rate Date Stamps were intentionally struck low to keep
The '3 PAID' from being visible as these were both mailed free.

Cross Border Mail

Manuscript Post Office Name

Prepaid Mail



1821 Folded Letter to Ancaster, Upper Canada 'via Lewiston,' NY, 20mm 'PAID' in circle

Pre-1851 Treaty Rate: U.S. 18-1/2-cents to the border

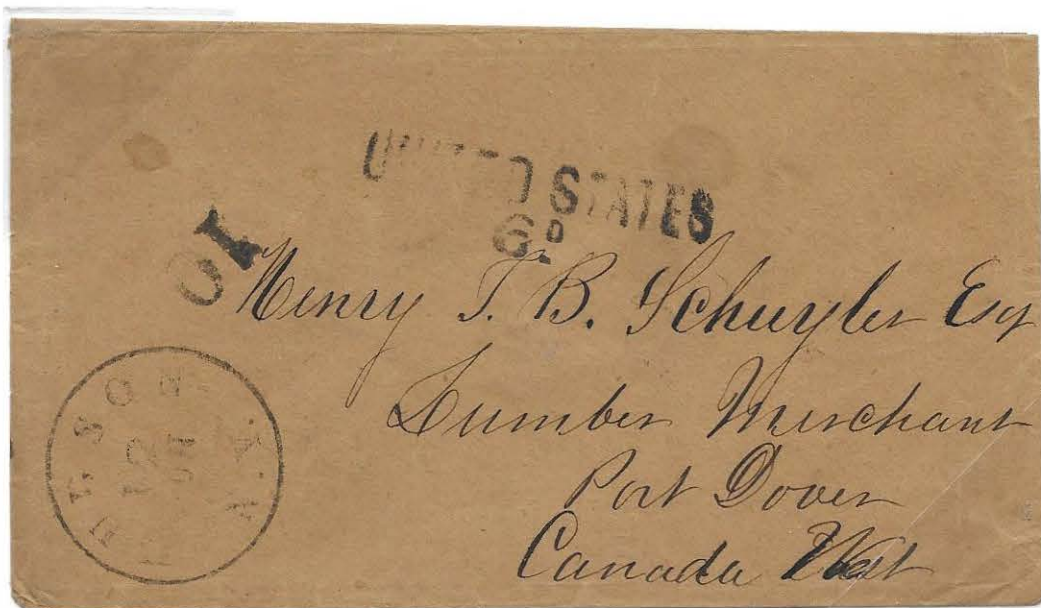
Canada '8+2': 7 pence (61 - 100 miles) + 2d Lewiston to Queenston, Canada ferrriage

To augment their incomes, deliberate 1d overcharges were commonly applied by Canadian Postmasters between 1810 and 1821, a practice ended by a Commission of Inquiry.

Cross Border Mail

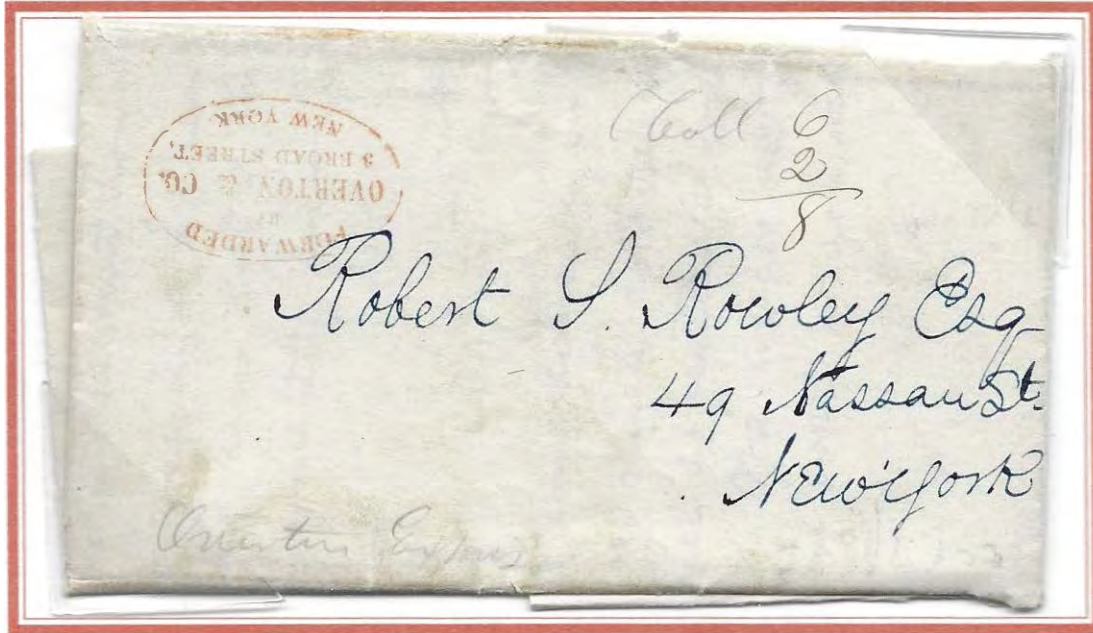
31mm cds ~ Black

Unpaid Mail



1855 Stampless Envelope to Port Dover, Canada West

Treaty Rate 10-cents (6d Canadian)



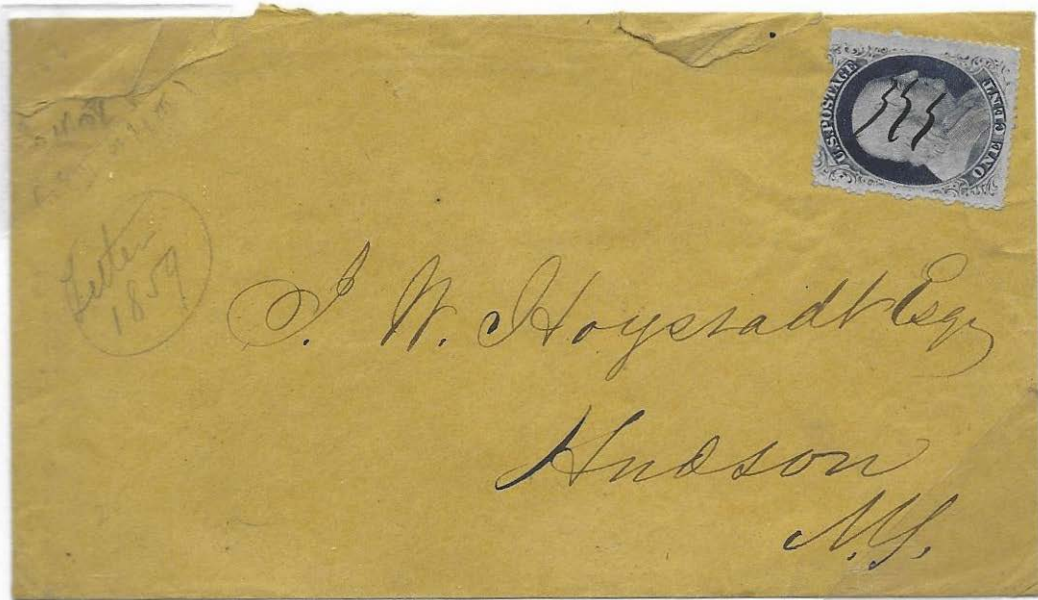
*1844 Folded Letter carried outside the government mails by Overton & Company
Albany to New York City route; picked up en-route at Hudson, rate 6-cents
Two cents additional for local delivery in New York City
Unpaid: Coll(ect) 6+2=8*

Hudson Oct 7th 1844



After June 30, 1845, Independent Express Agencies such as Overton were forced out of business by Postal Regulations of the same year.

The Transition To Compulsory Pre-Paid Postage & Adhesives



1859 Drop Letter franked by a one-cent Franklin issue of 1857

In the United States, prepayment (by cash or stamps) of domestic letter mail was made compulsory by the Act of March 3, 1855. The use of stamps for prepayment of domestic letter mail, excepting free mail, was made mandatory by the Act of February 27, 1861.

During the transition from pre- & un-paid stampless mail to all mail by law requiring postage, many post offices found themselves either caught short in terms of replacing existing cancelling devices or found it prohibitively expensive to do so.

Hudson continued using their Integral Rate handstamps into the mid 1850's.

Aside from serving to cancel stamps, the significance of these markings was greatly diminished by the advent of adhesives and Government Stamped Postal Stationery.

Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps

In use 1851-1854

32mm ~ Black

'3 PAID'



Three-cent Stamped Envelope issue of 1853 to Hillsdale, New York

Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps

In use 1851-1854

32mm ~ Red

'3 PAID'



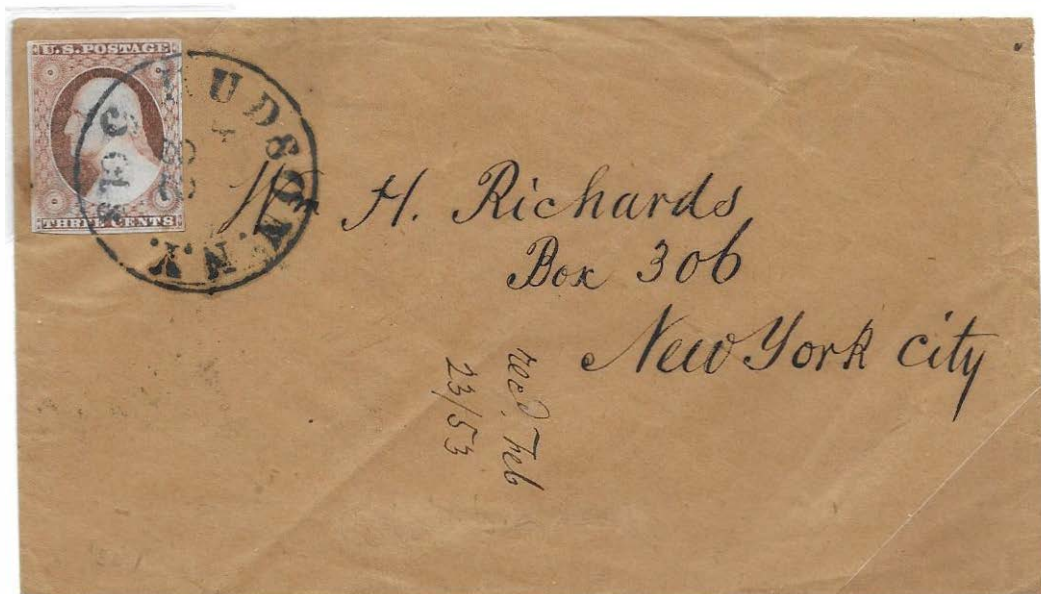
*1852 Folded Letter to Mellenville, New York
franked by a 3-cent orange-brown Type II George Washington issue of 1851*

Integral Rate Circular Date Stamps

In use 1851-1854

32mm ~ Black

'5 cts'



*1853 Envelope to New York, New York
franked with a 3-cent dull red Type II George Washington issue of 1853*

32mm ~ Blue

'5 cts'



*Intra-county envelope to Philmont, New York
franked with a 3-cent Type II George Washington issue of 1853
Manuscript 'JUN' fills in month missing from cds*



*Envelope to Williamstown, Massachusetts
franked by a 3-cent dull red Type II George Washington issue of 1853
18mm 7-bars-in-circle handstamp obliterates integral rate*



3-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1853 plus a 3-cent George Washington issue of 1853 double rate, to New York City in 1856



1858 Business-Size Envelope (folded left) to New Lebanon, New York franked with a 12-cent issue of 1851 & a 3-cent red-brown issue of 1857 Five times the domestic rate up to 2.5 ounces For revenue protection, a postal clerk added an ink manuscript 'killer' to the 12-cent stamp to augment the like-colored cds which did a poor job of cancelling the stamp

32mm

Black



*3-Cent Stamped Envelope Issue of 1854 to Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory in 1856
The cover passed the Hudson Post Office without the 7-cent shortage being noticed
Underpayment noted in New York City with the 'Due 7' marking applied*

32mm

Red

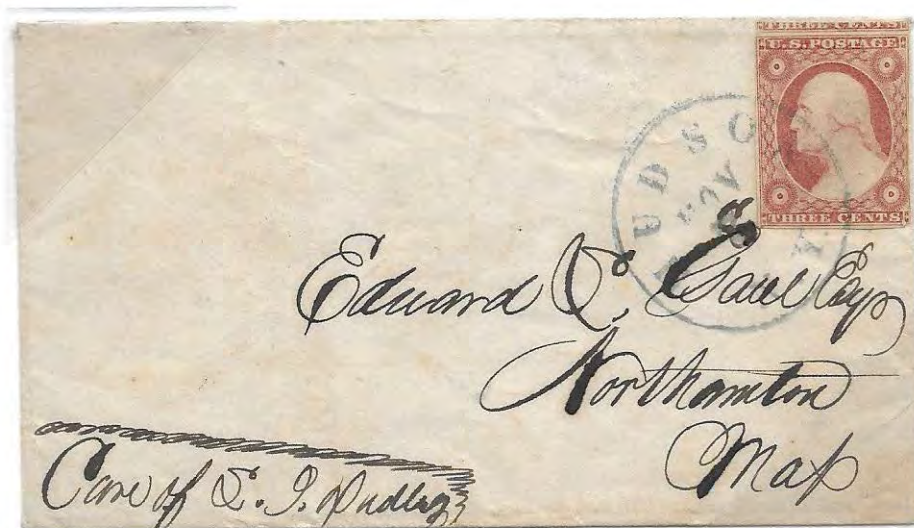


*1854 Cover to Hillsdale, New York franked with a 3-cent issue of 1851 (position 86R3)
Blue 13x10mm '10' handstamp used for revenue protection, not signifying a rate*

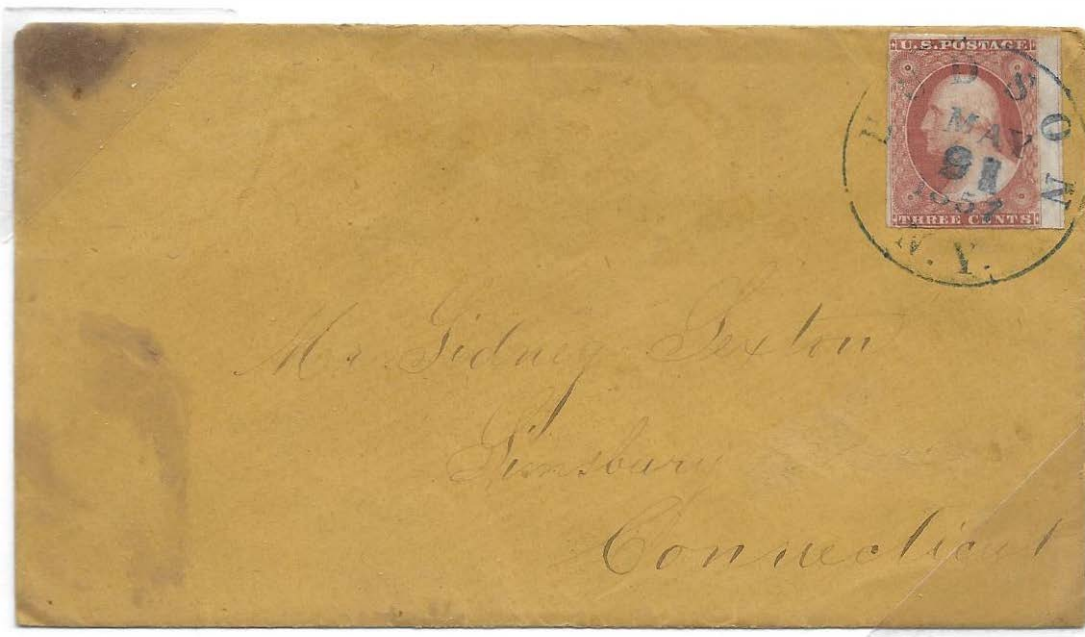
Since there was still a 5-cent unpaid rate in use (which if doubled would equal 10 cents), it seems reasonable that such a handstamp, left over from the stampless era, would be available.



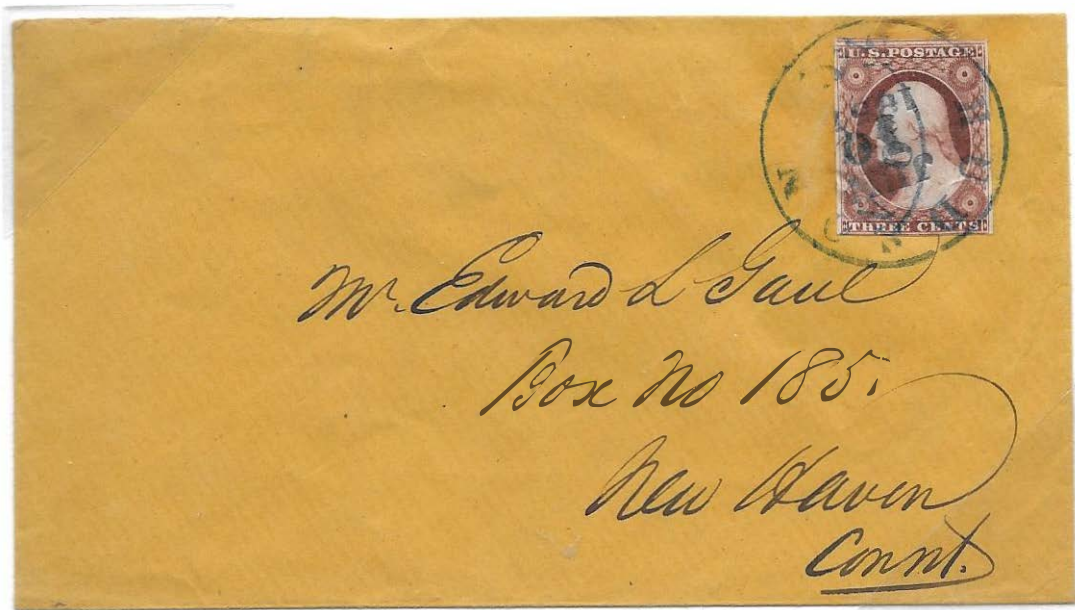
1851 Folded Letter to Redhook, New York
franked with a 3-cent orange-brown issue of 1851 tied by a green 19mm circular 7-bar grid



Envelope to Northampton, Massachusetts
franked with a 3-cent dull red issue of 1853 tied by the circular date stamp



1857 cover to Simsbury, Connecticut franked with a 3-cent claret George Washington issue of 1852



1857 cover mailed to New Haven, Connecticut franked with a 3-cent dull red issue of 1855

The stamp appears to have been reused as it is struck by a blue circular date stamp that does not extend onto the envelope. The second cds, used for this mailing, ties the stamp. Being difficult to imagine a clerk missing this, the sender must have been allowed to reuse the stamp from another cover that was not mailed.

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1855

31mm

Green



1855 Lady's Cover to Catskill, New York franked with a 3-cent dull red Washington issue of 1855

Circular Date Stamps

26mm

Black



Envelope to North Guilford, Connecticut franked with a 3-cent dull red Washington issue of 1857

Double Circle Date Stamps

In use 1861-1868

Post Master General Joseph Holt's directive of July 23, 1860 required the use of a separate killer, while prohibiting the use of town date stamps, for the purpose of cancelling postage stamps.

<u>TYPE / SIZE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>
Type I 26.5mm	1861 - 1868
Type II 29.0mm	1863 - 1866



26.5 mm



29.0 mm

Double Circle Date Stamps

In use 1861-1868

26.5mm

Type I



1861 Embossed Patriotic Advertising cover
to a Corporal serving with the 14th New York Volunteer Regiment then at Washington, D.C.
The 3-cent dull red George Washington issue of 1857 is cancelled by a
17mm seven-bar circular grid killer

26.5mm

Type I

The Post Office Department (POD) began issuing this type of device to post offices in 1859. Manufactured by Edmund Hoole of Brooklyn, New York, these were supplied either to the POD under contract, or bought by those post offices not eligible to receive handstamps from the POD (those with gross annual receipts less than \$100).

In 1861, the Hudson Post Offices gross receipts topped \$7500 so this device was POD-supplied.



*1861 Civil War patriotic cover to Rochester, New York
franked by a dull red 3-cent George Washington issue of 1857,
cancelled with a 17mm 7-bar circular grid killer*



*1863 Civil War patriotic envelope to New York City
franked with 3-cent George Washington issue of 1861,
cancelled by a 17mm 7-bar circular grid*



1863 Advertising Envelope to Schenectady, New York franked with a 3-cent issue of 1861 cancelled by a 17mm black seven-bar circular grid obliterator



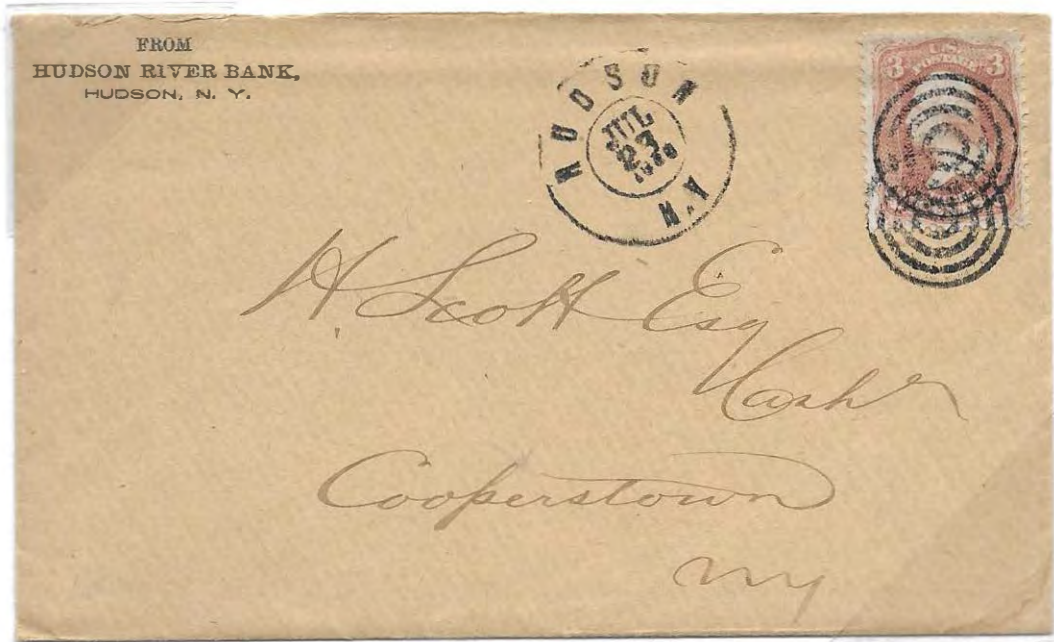
1868 Patriotic Envelope to New York City franked with 3-cent issue of 1861 cancelled with two strikes of a 17mm seven-bar circular grid killer

26.5mm

Type I



1863 Patriotic Envelope to New York City franked with a 3-cent George Washington issue of 1861 tied by a black 20mm hollow bull target killer



1862 cover to Cooperstown, New York
3-cent George Washington issue of 1861 struck twice by a 20mm hollow bull target obliterator



*Patriotic Cover to Fort Edward, New York
franked with a 3-cent George Washington issue of 1861
18mm solid bull target killer*



*1865 embossed Patriotic Lady's Cover to Oak Hill, New York
The 3-cent 1861 George Washington issue is cancelled twice by a 23mm circular 'Paid 3' handstamp*

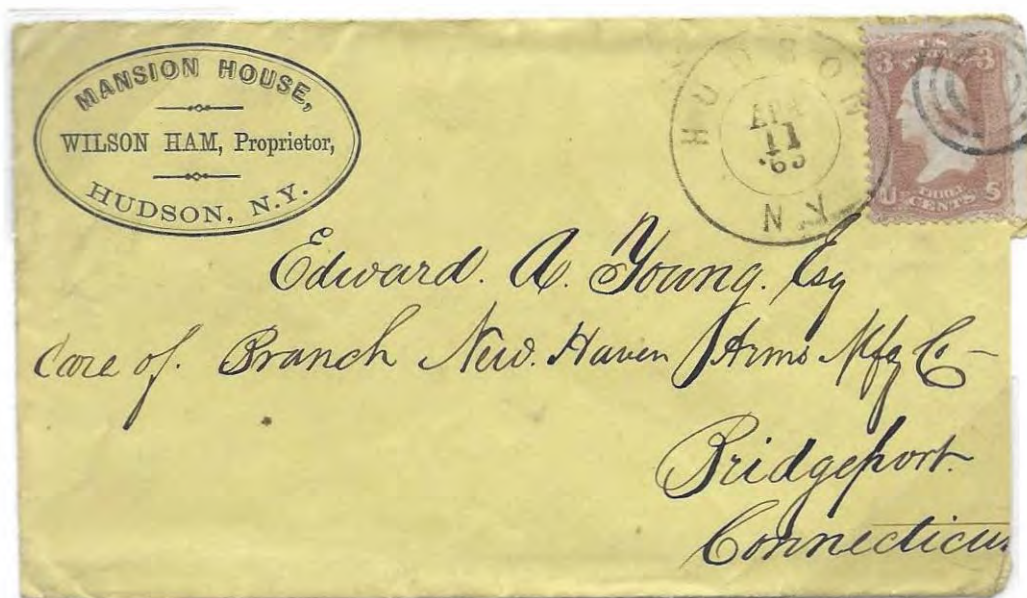




*Cover mailed from West Meriden, Connecticut to Hudson in 1863
 franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861 cancelled by a target killer
 Forwarded to Albany, New York
 'forw 3' manuscript ~ stamp re-struck by a circular grid showing fee paid*



1865 local mail franked with a 2-cent Andrew Jackson issue of 1861
20mm hollow bull target killer



1865 Cover to Bridgeport, Connecticut
franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861
20mm hollow bull target killer

29mm

Type II

1865 intra-county business-sized cover mailed to Hillsdale, New York franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861

The stamp is tied by a 20mm hollow bull target style obliterator





1866 cover to Woodlesford, England

franked by a 24-cent gray George Washington issue of 1862

Rate: 24-cents per 1/2-oz

*Full & partial Type II double circle Hudson date stamps with New York Transit marking in red
Red London transfer marking; (Leeds receiving marking verso)*

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1861-1875

25mm

The directive of 1860 requiring a separate killer proved time-consuming since two separate devices had to be used. This led to the development and implementation of the Duplex Handstamp.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>
I	1861 - 1874
II	1867 - 1875



Type I



Type II

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1861-1874

25mm

Type I



*Cover to Alexandria, Virginia
franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861
19mm 4-ring hollow center target killer*



*Cover to Albany, New York franked with a 3-cent issue of 1861
18mm Cross Roads killer*



*2-cent Stamped Envelope issue of 1864 sent intra-county to Austerlitz
Circular Rate
17mm notched Cross Roads killer*



Second Class Printed Matter was supposed to be cancelled only with a mute device without a date for expediency and to hide the transit time for this discounted mail. However, some Post Offices treated Circulars like First Class mail insofar as postmarking either in error or for lack of a mute device.



A true workhorse, the ubiquitous Segmented Crossroads killer was both simple and effective. Those shown here and elsewhere demonstrate varying diameters, channel widths, inking, and wear. Here each cancels a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861, the bottom cover having travelled the furthest (to Walla Walla, Washington Territory in 1867)



*1869 cover to Hempstead, New York
franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1867
20mm circular geometric obliterator with narrow channels*



*Envelope to Roundout, New York
franked with a 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869
20mm circular geometric killer with wide channels*



3-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1864 to Mineral Springs, New York in 1868
17mm Negative-X obliterator



1871 Intra-County cover to Valatie forwarded to Chatham Center
franked by a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note Issue
20mm 3-ring solid bull target killer

25mm

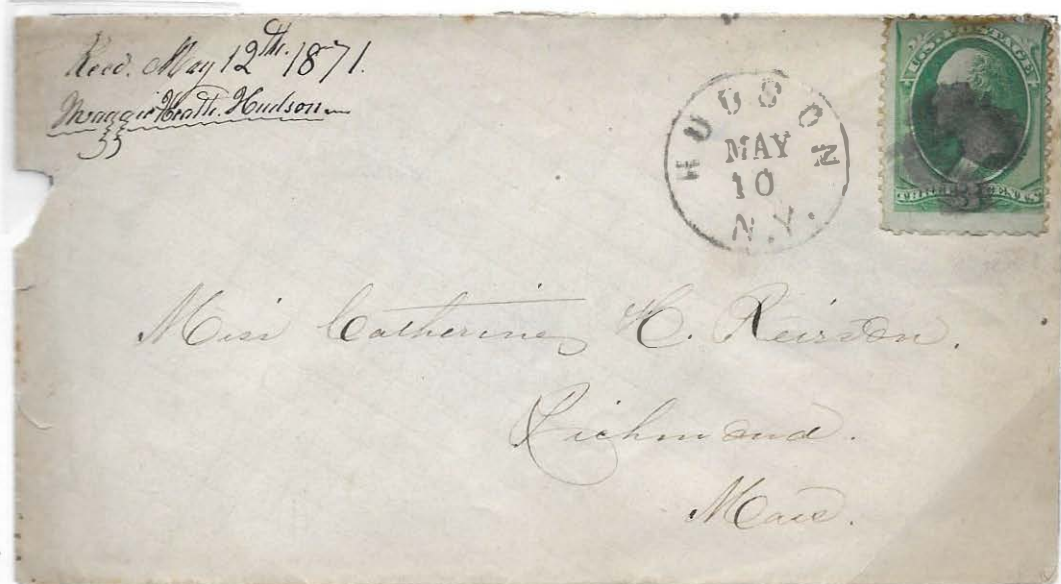
Type I



Local letter franked by a 2-cent brown Post Horse & Rider issue of 1869 with guideline, 20mm notched solid cork killer



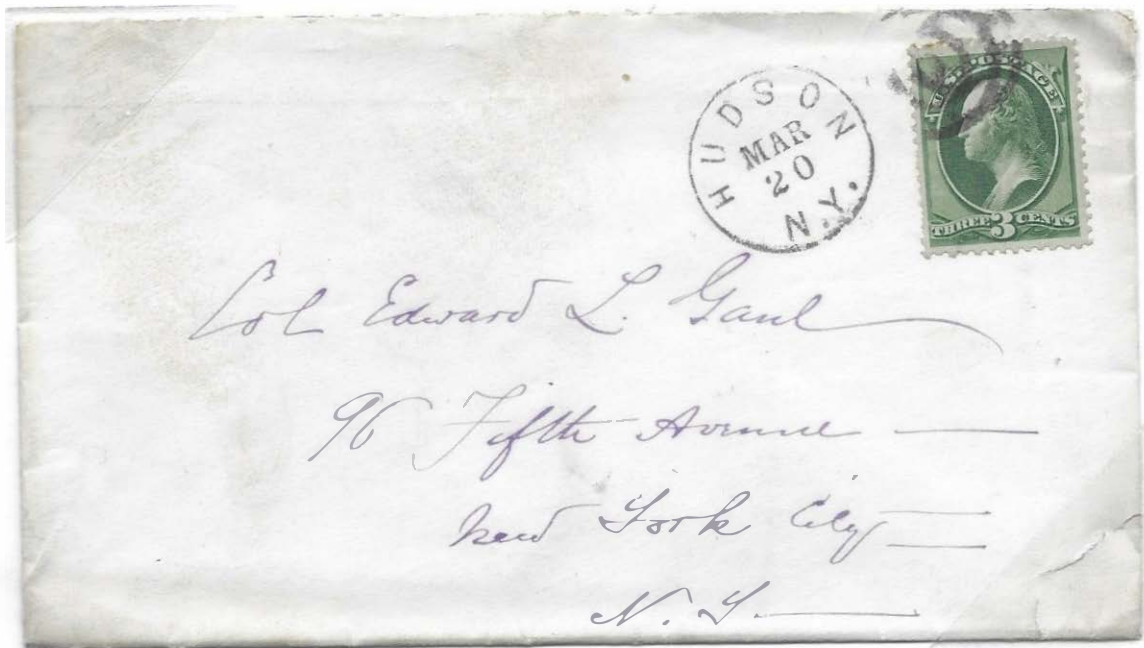
1869 envelope to Chateaugay, New York franked with a 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869, 20mm circular geometric killer



1871 envelope sent to Richmond, Mass. franked with a 3-cent large Bank Note issue, Fancy 'Urn' killer



*Cover to Newburgh, New York
franked with a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
20mm 'Circle of V's' killer*



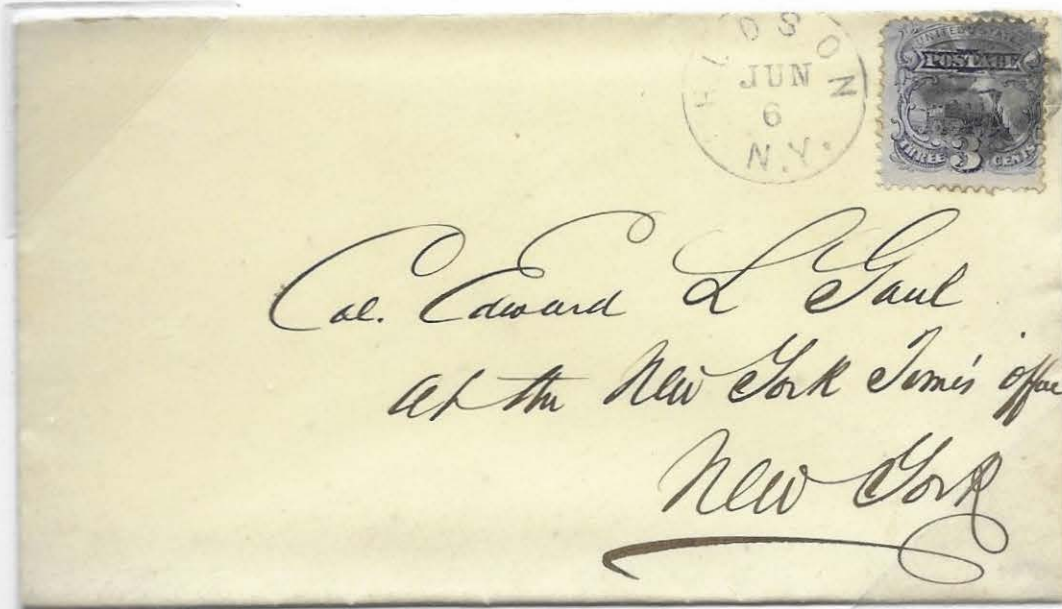
*Letter to New York, NY
franked with a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
large oval target obliterator with hollow bull*

25mm

Type I



Envelope sent to Belding, Michigan franked with a 3-cent large Washington Bank Note issue, ovoid solid cork killer



Cover to New York City franked with a 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869, 20mm Negative-X obliterator



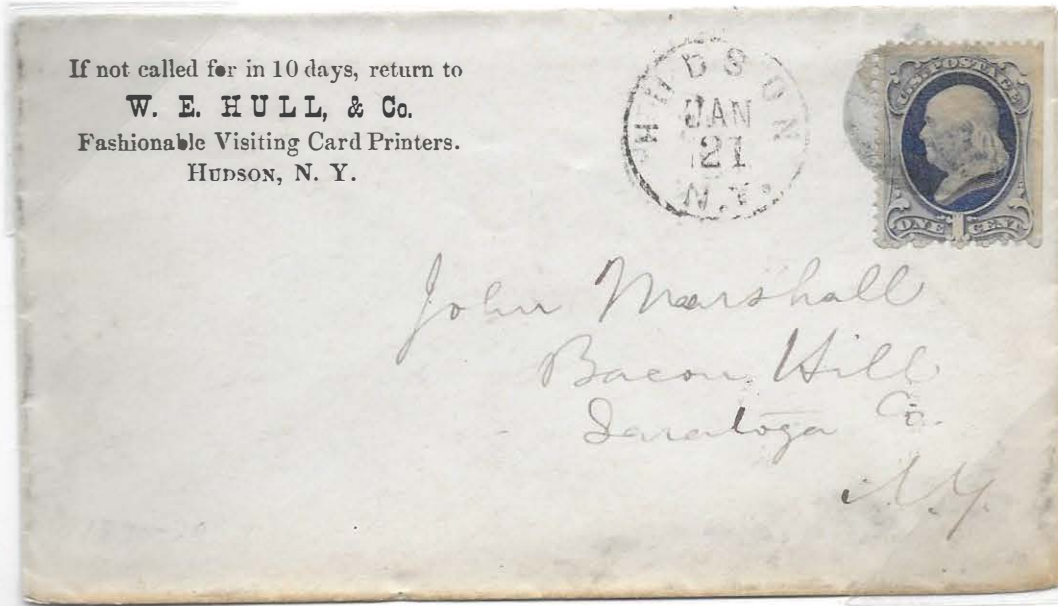
C.H. Evans Hook & Ladder Co. No.3 envelope to Philmont, NY franked with a one-cent Bank Note issue, Circular rate, 18mm solid center target killer

Circular Date Stamps

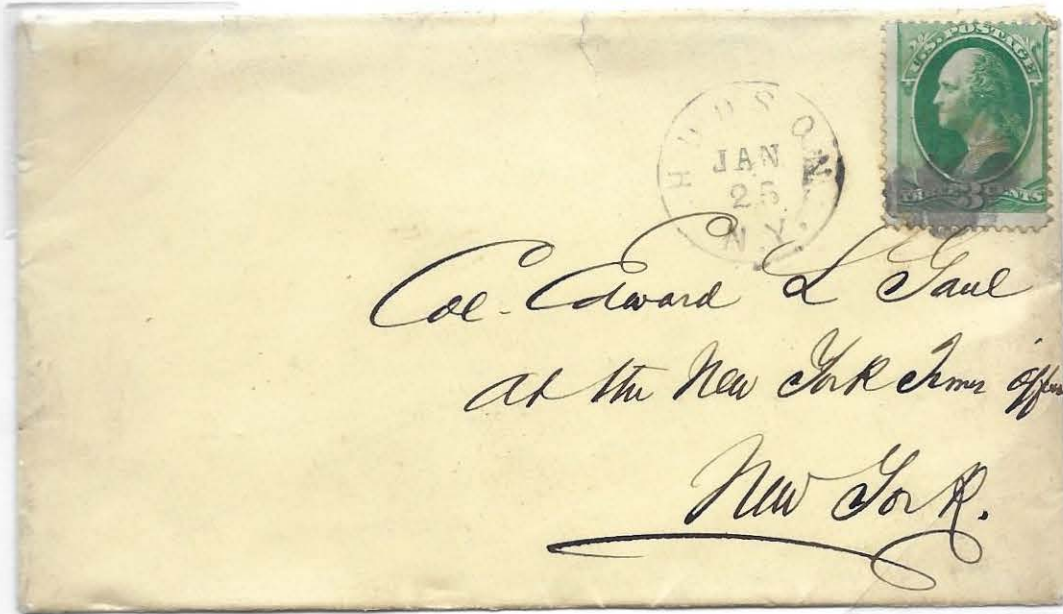
In use 1861-1874

25mm

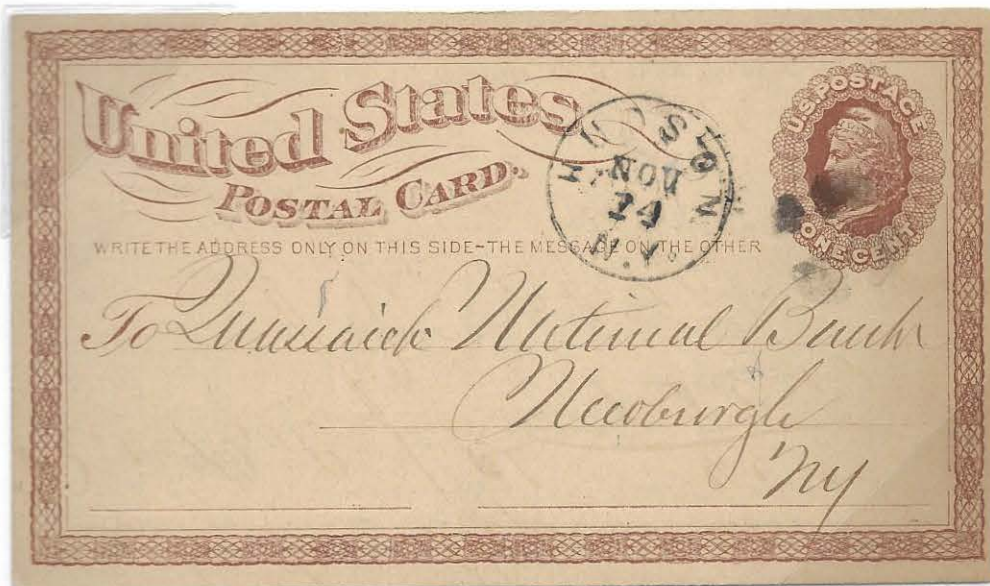
Type I



Circular to Bacon Hill, NY franked with a one-cent Bank Note issue, 23mm solid circular killer



Envelope to New York, New York franked with a 3-cent large green Bank Note issue, Tri-lobed 'blob' obliterator



1-cent Postal Card issue of 1873 mailed to Newburgh, NY in 1873, 18mm Crossroads killer with very wide channels



1868 cover to Glensdale, New York forwarded to North Adams, Michigan
 franked with a 3-cent grilled George Washington issue of 1868
 segmented killer 21mm 'Due 3' in circle
 Corner Card crossed out to prevent return to Hudson



Cover to New York City franked by a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
 Maltese Cross killer

- This marking exhibits a blue hue which may be an ink quality issue or the handstamp was used with blue ink prior creating a mixed color

25mm

Type I

1870's intra-Hudson drop rate business-sized cover franked with an Official Treasury one-cent brown issue of 1873.

The envelope is sealed which eliminates 3rd class rate use. The drop rates in 1873 were 1 cent for an office that was not a carrier office, and 2 cents for an office that had carriers. As of 1877 per the Postmaster General Report, Hudson did not yet have carrier service delivery

The stamp is cancelled by a 3-ring oval target killer in duplex



Latter 1860's envelope addressed to Glensdale, New York franked with a 3-cent rose grilled issue of 1867 cancelled by a circular geometric killer



REGISTERED PACKAGE

POSTMASTER AT

Austerlitz
Cohoes, N.Y.



No. 55

Postmark of



Mailing Office.

Open by Cutting this End.

*US Post Office Department
Registry Seal issue of 1872
securing a Registered Mail
Package to Austerlitz,
New York*

*5-point solid star killer in
duplex*

Registered Package envelopes were used for transmitting registered letters between Post Offices and were considered to be 'supplies,' not 'accountable paper.' Their use was discontinued in 1911.



*3-cent Stamped Envelope issue
of 1874 to Cohoes, New York*

*19mm 2-ring, solid center
target killer*



Circular Date Stamps

In use 1861-1874

25mm

Type I



1870 Local Cover franked by a buff 1-cent Benjamin Franklin grilled issue of 1869
20mm Circular Geometric killer



Circular Date Stamps

In use 1861-1874

25mm

Used As Forwarding Marking

Type I



Pink 3-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1864
mailed from St. Charles, Minnesota to Hudson, forwarded to New York City



*1871 Mixed Franking Cover to Woodlesford, England
franked with a 6-cent carmine Abraham Lincoln large Bank Note issue
(up to one-half ounce rate ~ in effect January 1, 1870)
Branch with Leaf killer*

*British rose red one-penny Queen Victoria issue of 1864 (Plate 127)
cancelled with Leeds duplex for redirection to Adel, England*

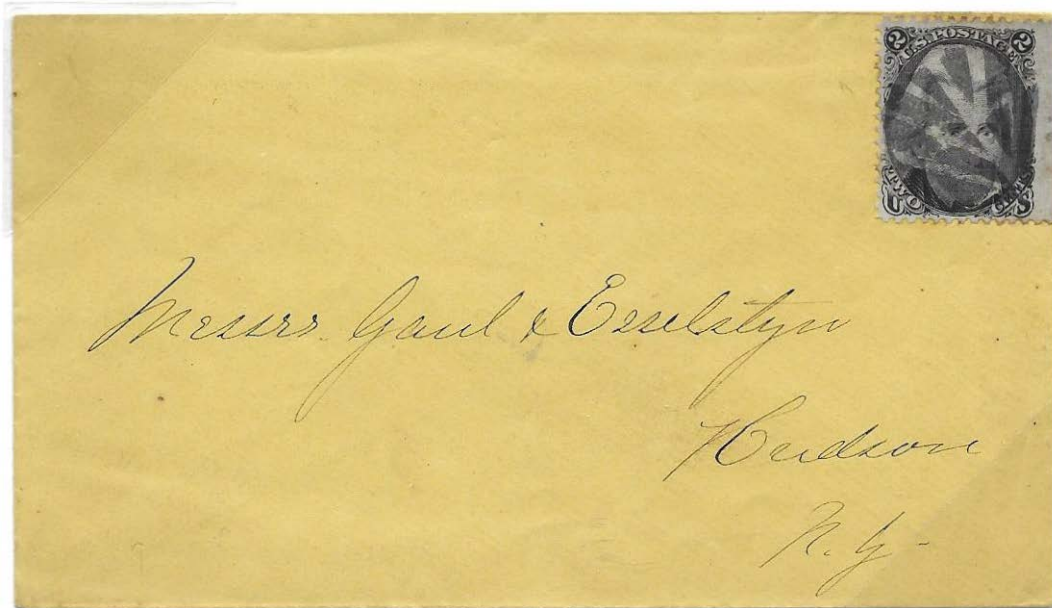




*1869 cover to Woodlesford, England
franked by a black 12-cent George Washington issue of 1867 with F-grill
(up to one-half ounce rate ~ in effect January 1, 1868 to December 31, 1869)
20mm Circular Geometric obliterator*

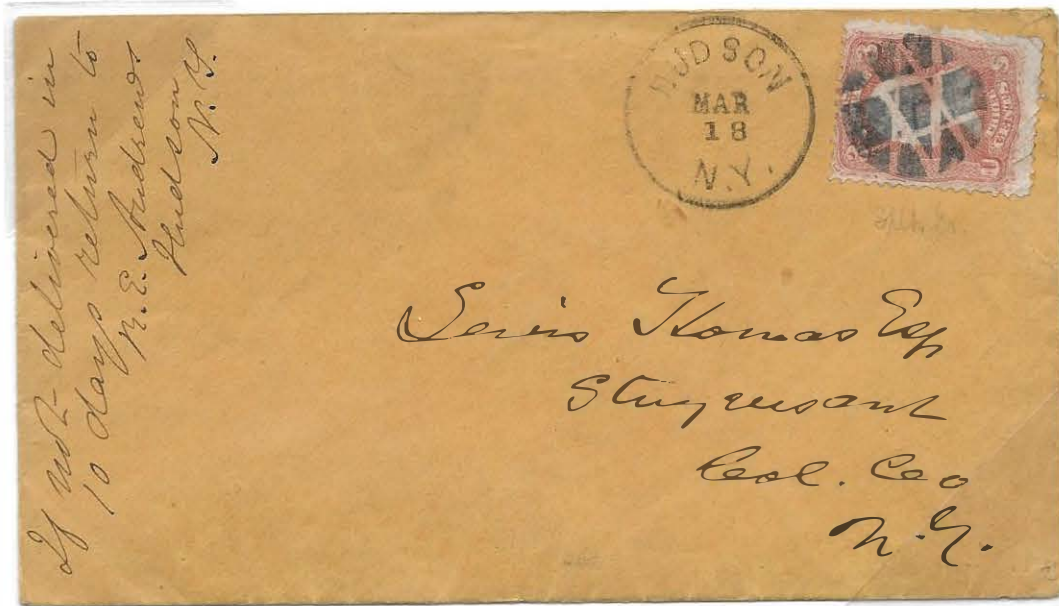
Additional markings include a red New York Exchange Office circular handstamp, a red Liverpool Paquebot transit marking indicating fee paid, and a Leeds Receiving circular date stamp (verso)

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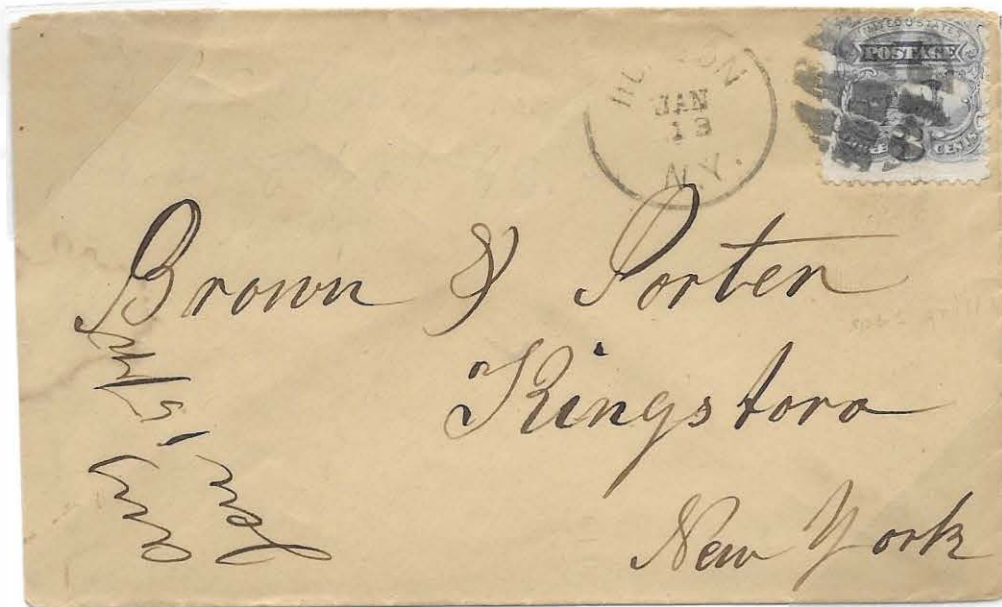


*Circular mailed during this era franked with a 2-cent black Andrew Jackson F-grill issue of 1867
Leaf fancy cancel
circular date stamp omitted to mimic the mute cancel required on Printed Matter*

In 1867 an additional duplex device was placed into service this one also with a 25mm date stamp. These are distinguishable from their concurrently used counterparts by the spacing in the town name and the reduction in height of the date slugs from the 3.0mm found in Type I to 2.5mm.



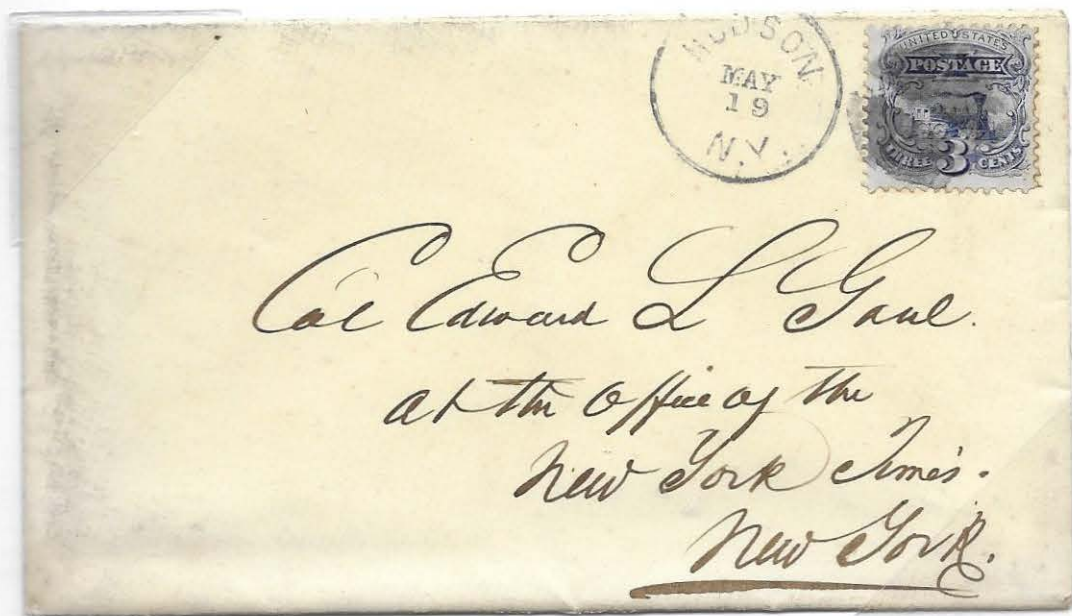
Cover to Stuyvesant, New York
franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington griled issue of 1867
20mm Negative Star in Circle killer



1870 envelope to Kingsboro, New York franked with a 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869
20mm Circular Geometric killer



*Envelope to New York City franked with 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869
20mm Negative X killer*



*Cover to New York, N.Y. franked with a 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869
20mm Split Circle killer*

25mm

Type II



Cover to New York City franked with 3-cent ultramarine Locomotive issue of 1869 cancelled by an irregular "Blob" cancel

Additional pair of covers from the same correspondence both sent to New York City and both franked with an ultramarine 3-cent Locomotive issue of 1869. Each stamp is cancelled by a different circular geometric killer



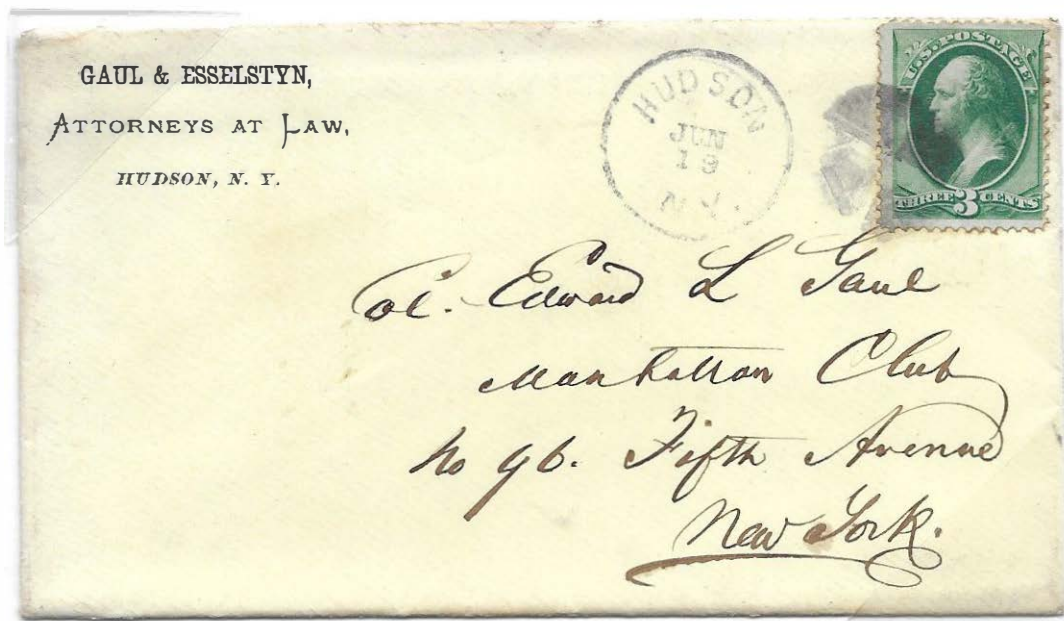
22mm 4-segment



23mm 5-segment



*1872 unsealed cover to Austerlitz, New York
franked with a 2-cent National Bank Note Company red brown Andrew Jackson issue of 1870
paying double the circular rate (over 2-, under 4-ounces)
Geometric killer*



*Envelope to New York, New York
franked by a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
20mm black Cross Roads killer with wide channels*



*Cover to Poughkeepsie, New York
franked with two large green 3-cent George Washington Bank Note issues ~ double rate
18mm small Target obliterations*



*Envelope to Medway, New York
franked with three 1-cent ultramarine Benjamin Franklin Continental Bank Note Company
issues of 1873
20mm large Target killers (one over-inked)*

25mm

Type II



*Letter to New York City
franked with a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
Segmented killer*

25mm

Type IIa



*Cover to Seapo, Kansas
franked by a 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issue
Simplex geometric killer ~ Negative 'H' in Duplex
Hybrid date stamp using large Type I font for month and day with Type II town name*



verso

Unpaid 1870 cover to Marlow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin ~ Crossroads killer

Mailed at Hudson on April 1, this cover went through the New York Exchange Office on April 2 as evidenced by the black date stamp (red would have been used had the cover been prepaid).

Carried as either Prussian or, more likely, North German Union closed mail on board Inman Lines' City of Brooklyn sailing April 2.

The cover continued on as closed mail via London, England and then on to Ostend, Belgium, the 'port of arrival,' then via railroad to Verviers, arriving April 15 (the Coeln-Verviers handstamp, seen on overseas mail to Germany, shows it was faster to off-load such mail in Belgium and send it on to Germany via train, than it was to continue by ship to Hamburg).

AUSG No.4 (Ausgabe - delivered PO #4) handstamp applied at Koln (Cologne) April 17.

The letter then travelled from Koln to Dortmund, Dortmund to Hannover, Hannover to Lubeck, and Lubeck to Rostock. Rostock, being the terminus of the rail net during this era, the cover was transferred onto mail stage, traveling on to its final destination of Marlow via Dettmannsdorf, a small village along the Rostock-to-Marlow postal route.

The manuscript blue crayon '6' on the front indicates six Silber Groschen (15-cents equivalent) due. Mail via North German Union or Prussian closed mail, not requiring pre-payment in 1870, was assessed a delivery fine.



*1875 cover to Woodlesford, Yorkshire, England
franked with a 6-cent dull pink Abraham Lincoln Continental Bank Note Company issue of 1873
18mm two ring Target killer with solid bull*

Red New York Exchange Office circular date stamp indicates postage paid

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1875-1885

27mm



TYPE I



TYPE II



TYPE III



TYPE IV

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1875-1885

27mm

Type I



Double-rated cover with two 3-cent large Bank Note issues to Kingston, New York
18mm Circle of Wedges Killers

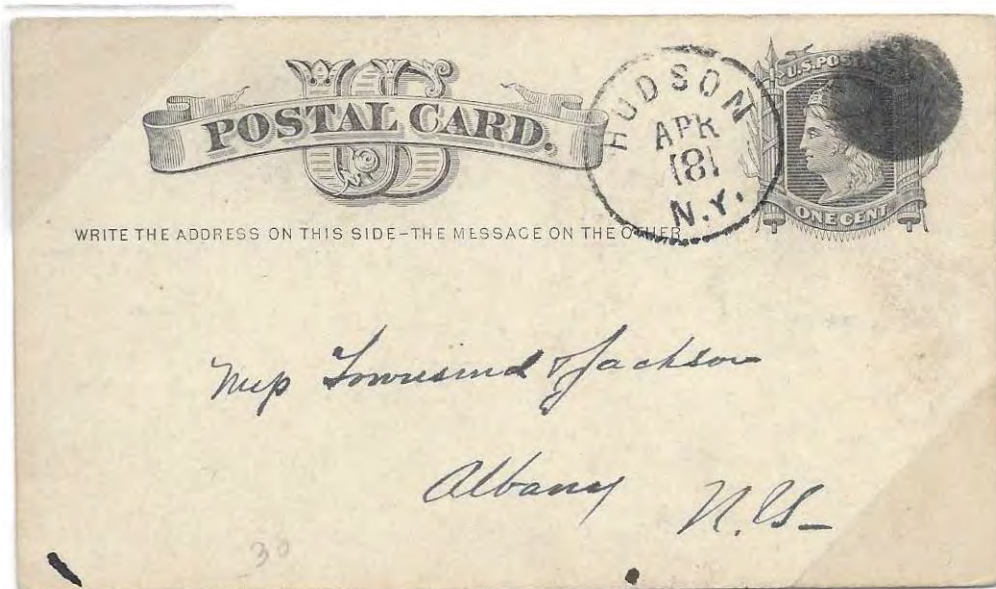


Circular Date Stamps

In use 1875-1885

27mm

Type I



One-Cent black Liberty Postal Card issue of 1875 to Albany, New York
18mm solid circular killer

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1875-1885

27mm

International Mail

Type I



1878 cover to Yorkshire, England
5-cent blue Zachary Taylor issue of 1875 pays the First Class International rate
Circle of Wedges killer

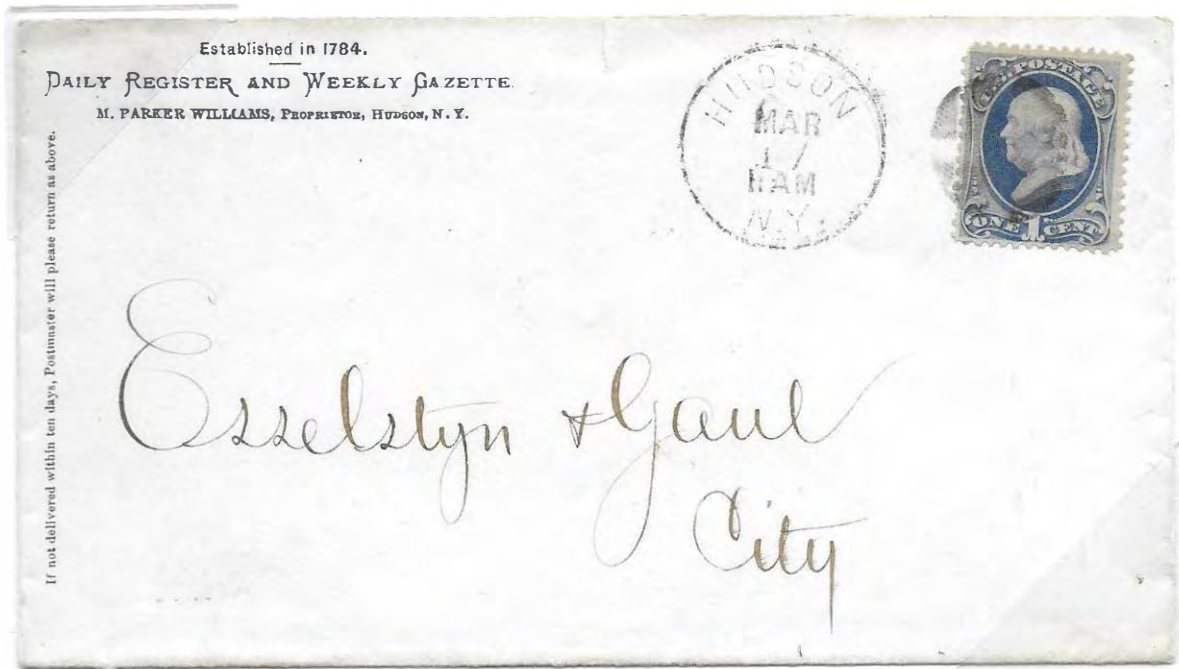


*1878 cover to London, England
franked with a 5-cent blue Zachary Taylor issue of 1875
first class international rate 5-cents/15-grams established July 1, 1875
25mm patterned circular killer*

*Addressed to a lieutenant serving on the USS Gettysburg
the cover, after receiving a red London 'paid' circular date stamp,
was forwarded to the ship stationed in the Mediterranean
under contract by B. F. Stevens Despatch Agent*

27mm

Type II



Drop Cover franked with a 1-cent ultramarine Benjamin Franklin Bank Note issue of 1873
20mm Crossroads killer



Cover to Niverville, New York franked with a 3-cent green Washington Bank Note Issue of 1873
25mm solid circular killer



*One-cent Liberty Postal Card issue of 1881 to East Dorset, New York in 1882
25mm solid circular killer with linear pattern*



*One-cent Liberty Postal Card issue of 1881 to Troy, New York in 1883
23mm circular negative 'H' obliterator*



*1885 cover to Austerlitz, New York
 franked with a 2-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1883
 bar mutes year in circular date stamp
 Station-2 barred elliptical killer*



*Envelope to Guilford, Connecticut
 franked with a 2-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1883
 bar mutes year in circular date stamp
 Station-3 barred elliptical killer*



27mm

Type III



*Cover to Stottville, New York
franked with a 2-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1883
bar mutes year in circular date stamp
Station-4 barred elliptical killer*



27mm

Type IV

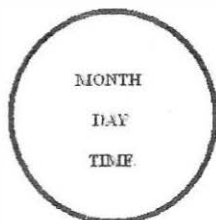


*1884 Drop Rate one-cent Liberty Postal Card issue of 1875
Station-4 barred elliptical killer*

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1886-1895

28mm



TYPE I



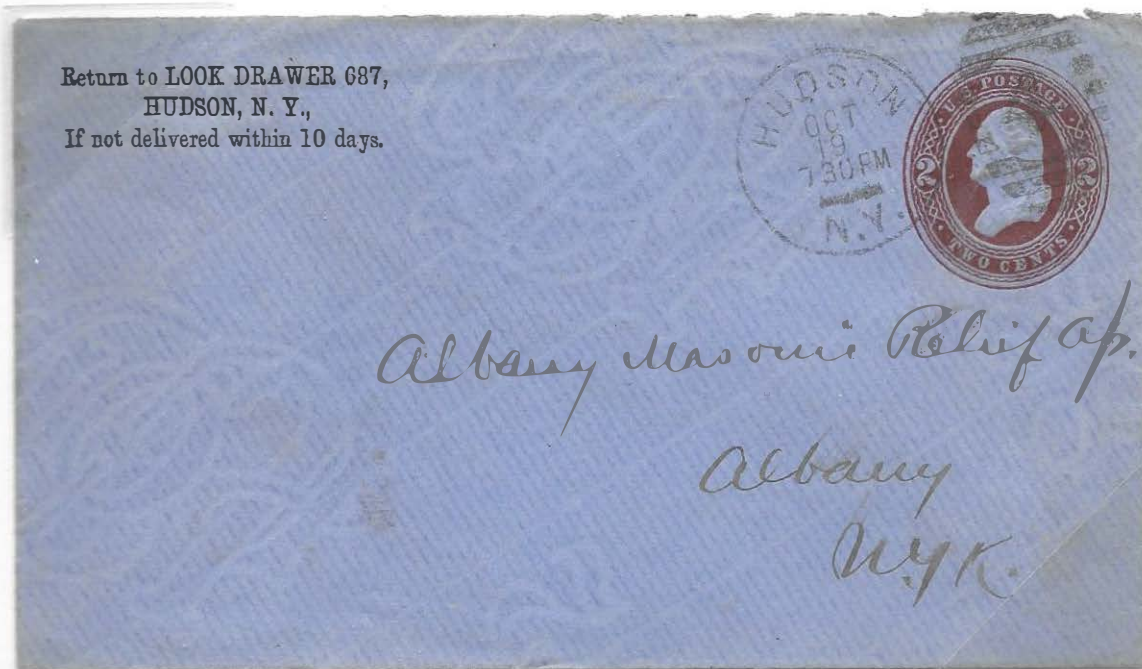
TYPE II

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1886-1895

28mm

Type I



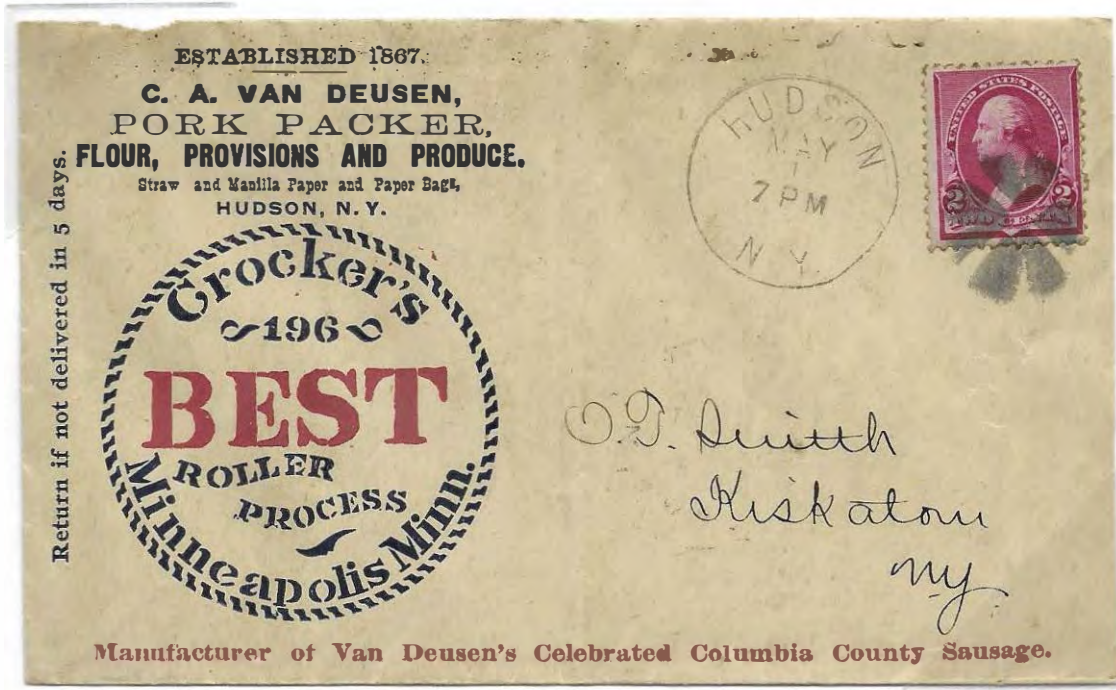
**2-cent Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1884 to Albany, New York in 1886
8.5mm long mute bar
Barred Elliptical Station-4 killer**



1889 Mourning Cover to Saratoga Springs, New York
 franked by a 2-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1887
 7.5mm long mute bar ~ Elliptical Target killer



1890 envelope to Stottville, New York
 franked with a one-cent Benjamin Franklin and a 2-cent George Washington large Bank Note issue
 8.5mm long mute bars ~ 17mm circular grid killers



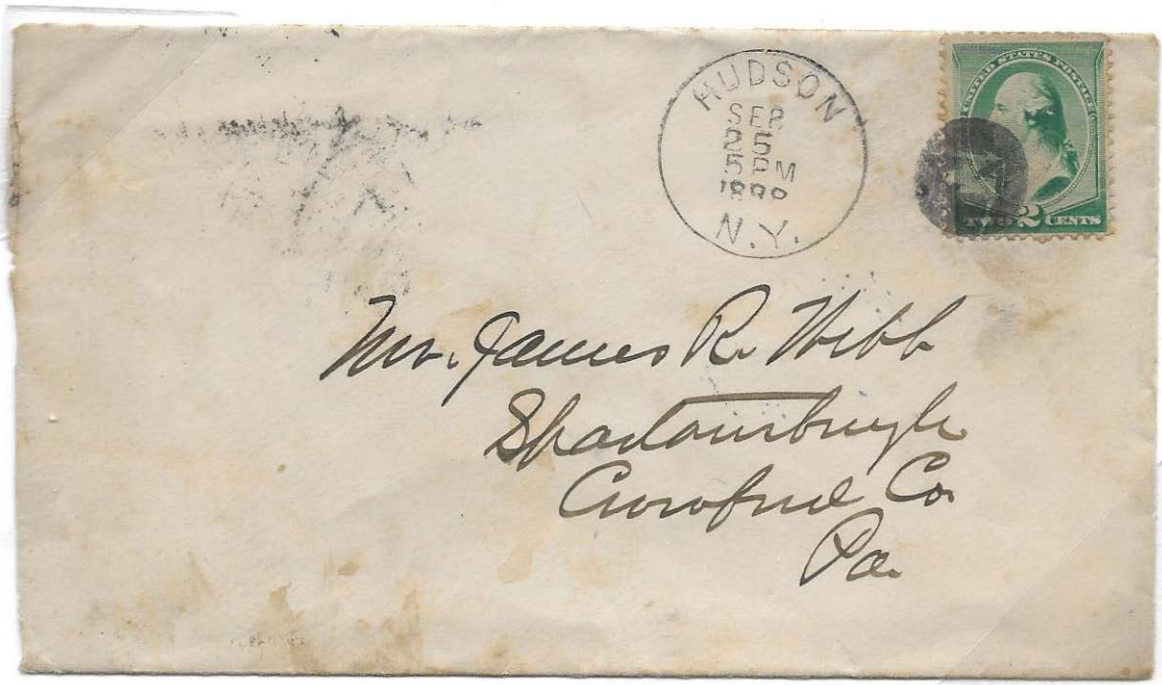
1892 Advertising Cover to Kiskatom, New York
 franked with a 2-cent carmine George Washington Bank Note issue of 1890
 no mute bar ~ Circle of V's killer



1886 Registered Cover to Philmont, New York
 no mute bar ~ Station - 4 Barred Elliptical killer

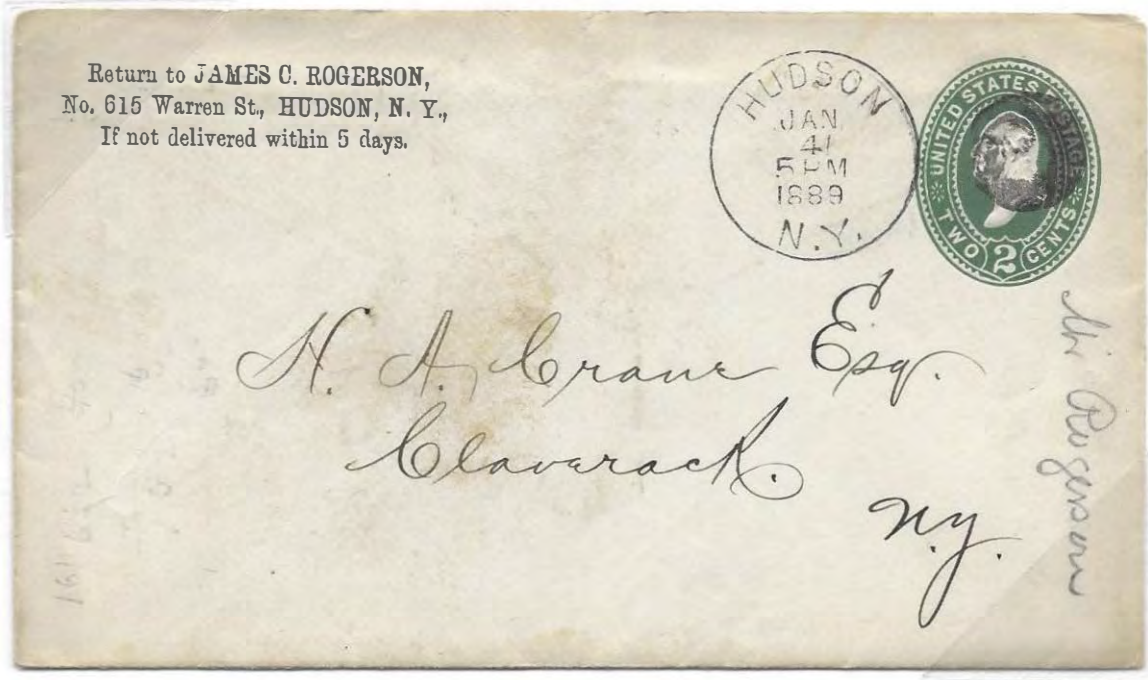


*Envelope to Lakeville, Connecticut
franked with a two-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1887
Signet Ring killer vs. improvised killer using an ink pen top, the appendage being the pen's clip*

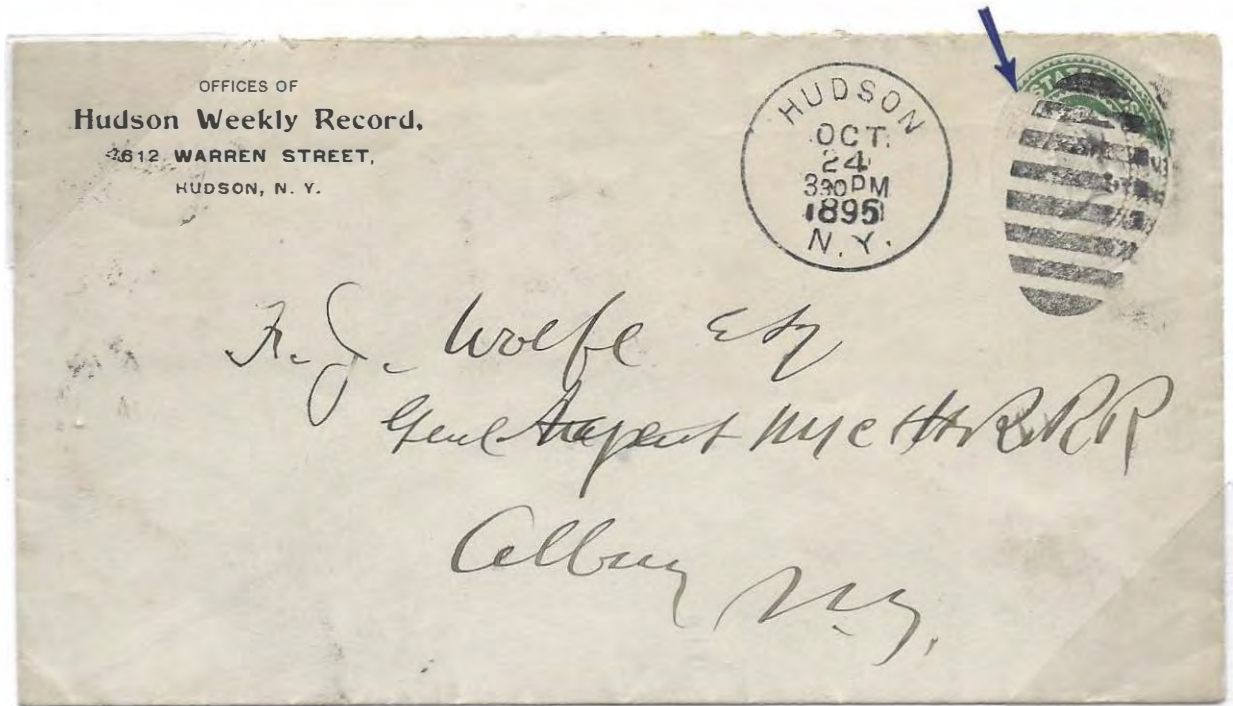


*1888 cover to Spartansburgh, Pennsylvania
franked with a two-cent George Washington Bank Note issue of 1887
15mm heavy-walled circular obliterator*

Variations in the font size, most notably in the year dates and state abbreviations, indicates the use of multiple 28mm devices. Heights are either 2.5mm or 3.0mm.



Two-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 to Claverack, New York in 1889
16mm heavy walled circular killer with a larger lumen than the 15mm variety



Two-cent Partial Albino Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 to Albany, New York in 1895
Barred Elliptical killer

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1886-1895

28mm

Type II



2-Cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 to Franklin Park, New Jersey in 1893
Elliptical Target with hollow bull killer

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1886-1895

28mm

Registered Mail

Type II



1895 Cover to New York, New York
franked with a 2-cent carmine Washington (type III) & an 8-cent lilac Sherman Bureau issues of 1885
Barred Elliptical killer ~ Hudson Registry handstamp



**1895 Registered Cover to Spring Valley, New York.
Eight one-cent Columbian issues of 1893 uprate the
2-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887.
Barred Elliptical killers**



verso

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Additional Markings used during this era



**One-cent Benjamin Franklin Bank Note issue
Mute Hudson Oval handstamp**

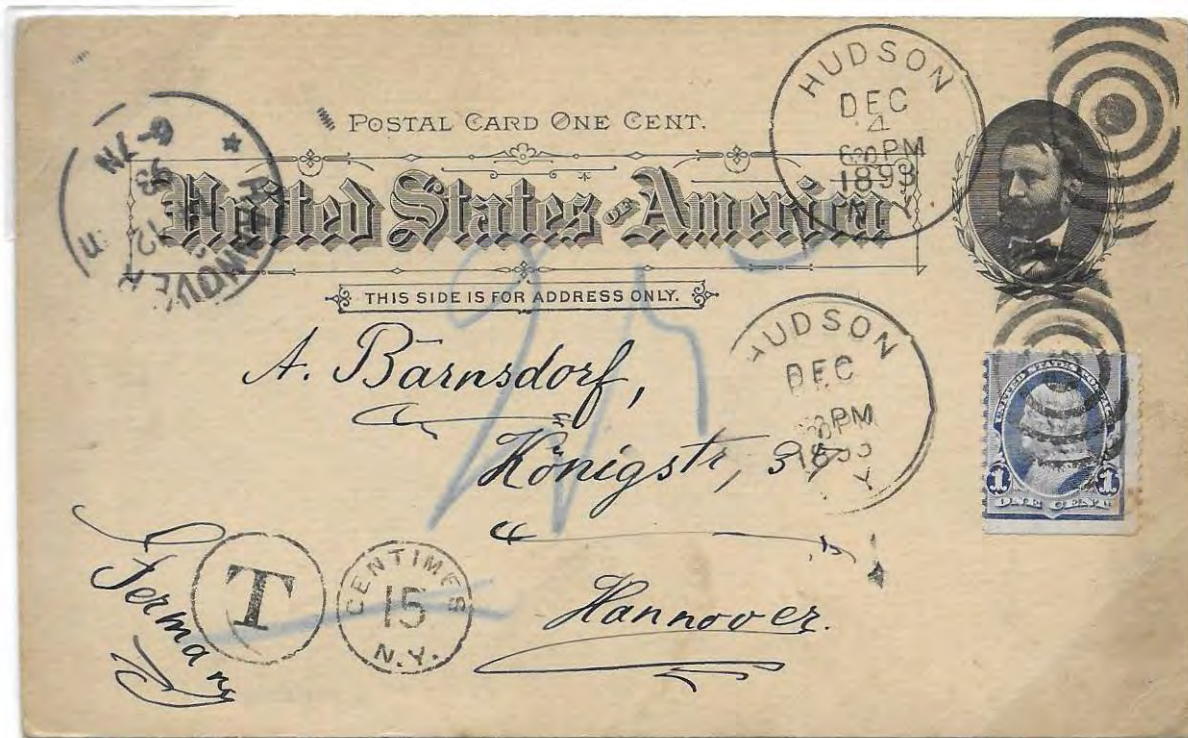


used on 3rd & 4th class mail



**Two-cent carmine Bank Note issue of 1890
19mm Star in Double Circle killer**





*One-cent black Ulysses S. Grant Postal Card issue of 1891
up-rated with a one-cent dull blue Benjamin Franklin issue of 1890
to Hannover, Germany in 1893*

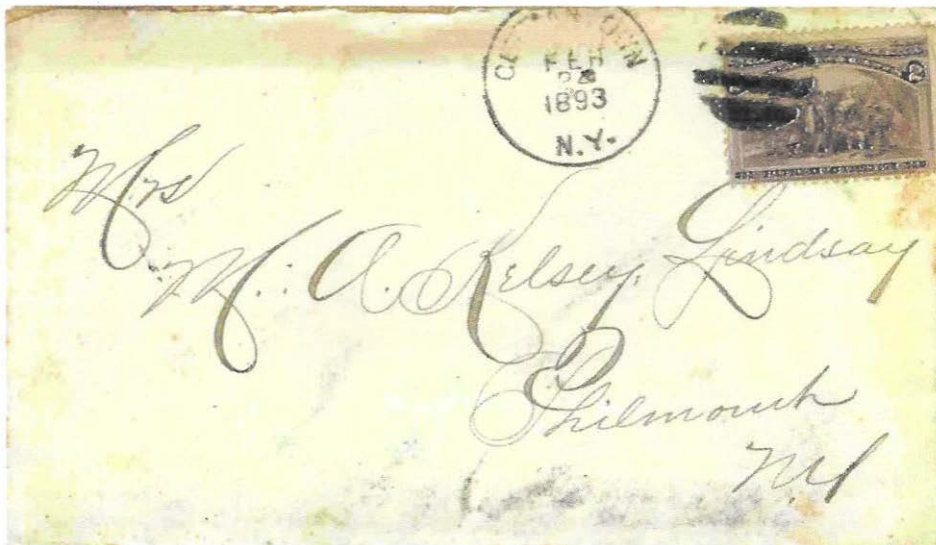
*Elliptical Target with solid bull killers
Hannover receiving circular date stamp*

*Measuring 155 x 95mm, this postal card was treated as deficient in postage its size exceeding the
Universal Postal Union's postal card size restriction. Although this regulation was applied somewhat
inconsistently, when it was, the regular UPU letter rate of 5-cents would apply*

*The T/15 indicates under-payment in Hudson by 15 centimes (3 cents) arrived at by taking the
required postage minus the postage prepaid, which by regulation would then be doubled.
Specifically: The due charge = 5-cents minus 2-cents = 3-cents deficiency (15 centimes)
x 2 = 6-cents (30 centimes) postage due*

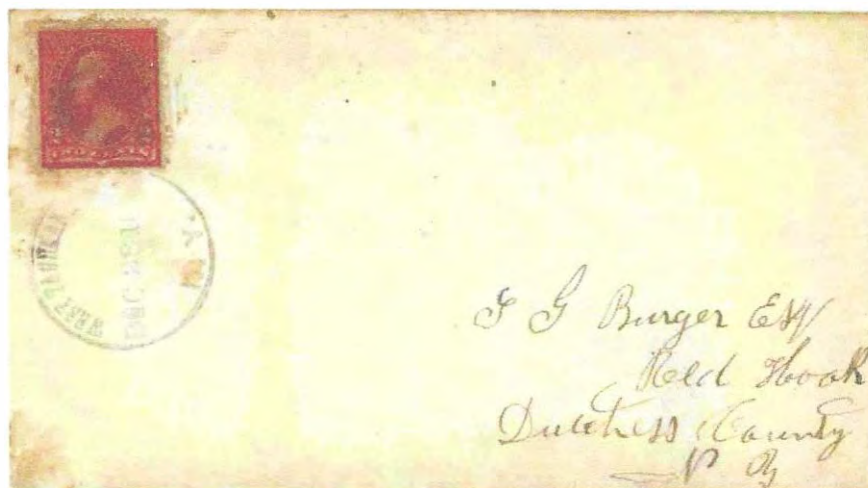


*1893 intra-county cover from Germantown to Philmont, New York
 franked with a 2-cent Columbian Exposition issue of 1893
 routed through Hudson
 Elliptical Target with solid bull killer in duplex
 8mm long mute bar*





*1893 cover from West Taghkanic to Red Hook, New York
franked with a 2-cent carmine George Washington issue of 1890
routed through Hudson
Elliptical Target with solid bull killer in duplex*

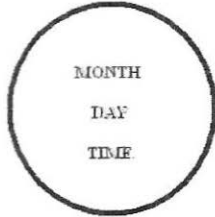


Circular Date Stamps

In use 1880-1894

28mm

Simplex Receiving Marking



TYPE I
1880 - 1892



TYPE II
1887 - 1894

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1880-1894

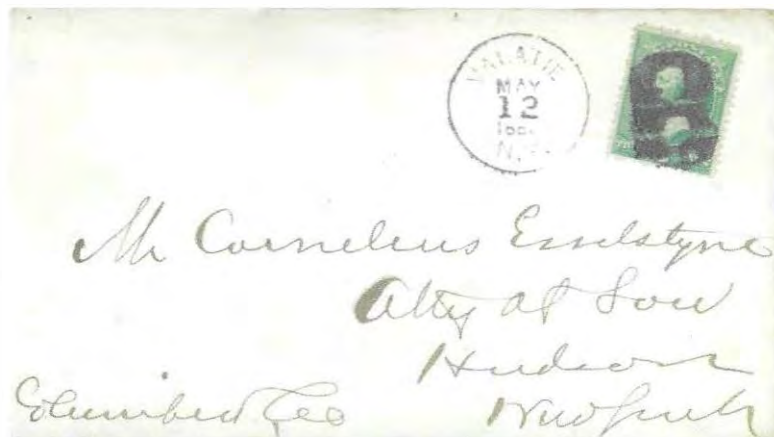
28mm

Simplex Receiving Marking

Type I



1880 cover from Valatie, New York franked with a 3-cent Washington large Bank Note issue



verso

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1880-1894

28mm

Simplex Receiving Marking

Type I



2-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1884
from Niverville, New York in 1888
Small Font size (3mm)

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1880-1894

28mm

Simplex Receiving Marking International Inbound Mail

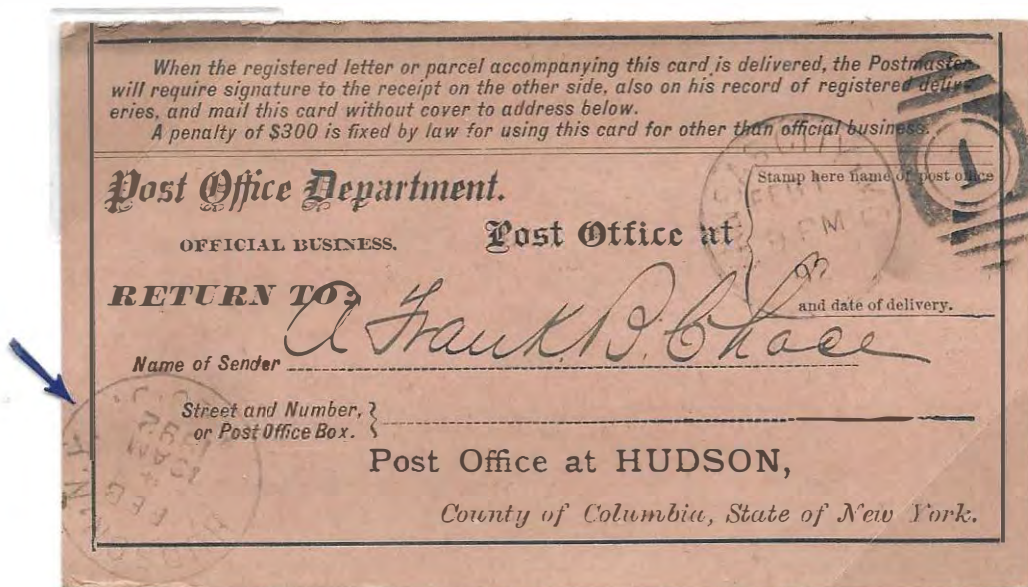
Type I



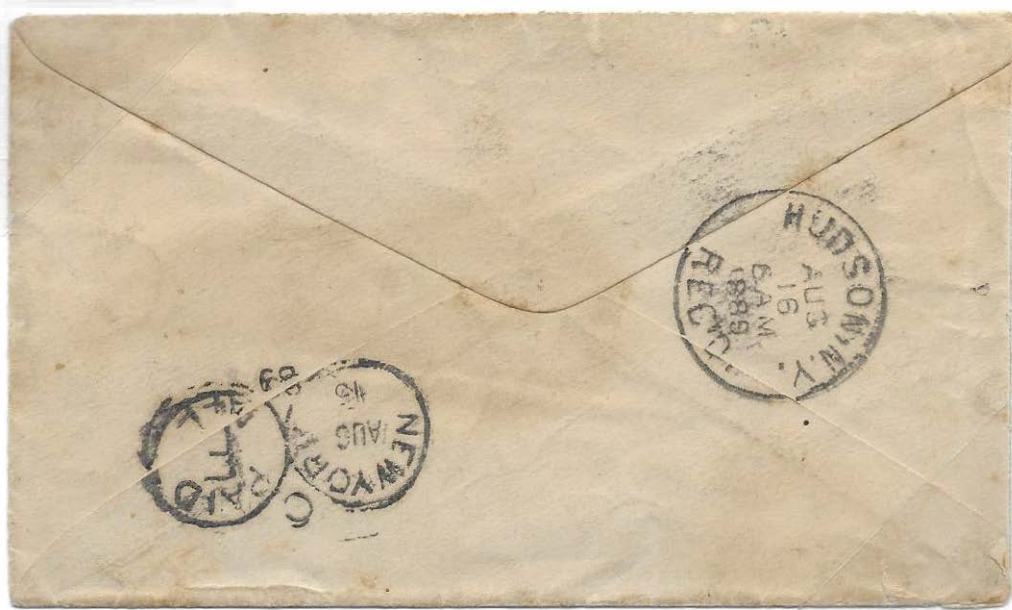
2- 1/2 troman Postal Card issue of 1879
from Urmia, Persia in 1892



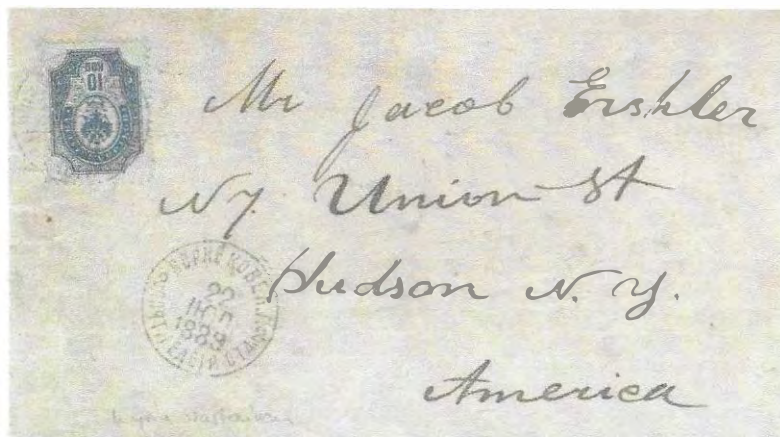
**1887 Guano Advertising Cover from Auburn, New York
2-cent brown George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1884**



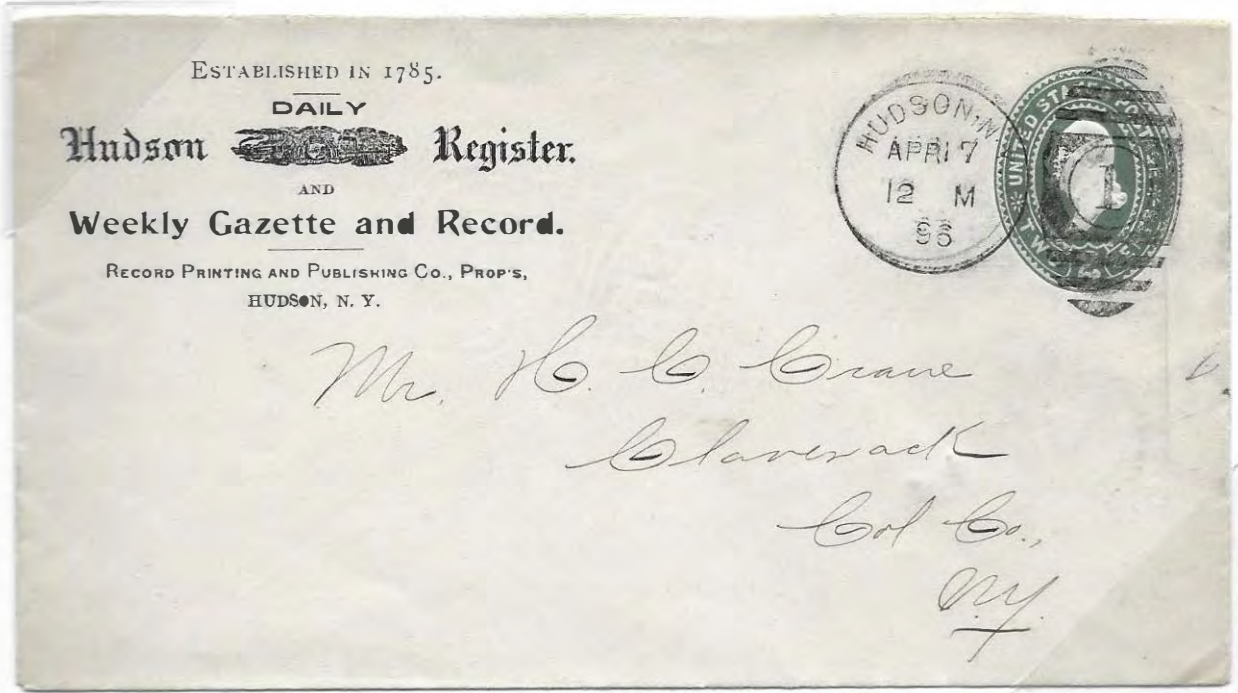
**Registry Return Receipt arriving at Hudson in 1892
confirming delivery in Kansas City, Missouri**



1889 Cover from Kuban, Russia franked with a 10-kopeck Imperial issue of 1889



26mm



Two-cent Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 to Claverack, New York in 1896 Station-1 barred elliptical killer in duplex



1898 Spanish-American War Patriotic Cover to Yonkers, New York franked with a 2-cent carmine Type III George Washington issue of 1895 Station-2 barred elliptical killer in duplex

26mm



1899 Advertising Cover to West Kill, New York
 franked with a 2-cent carmine Type II George Washington issue of 1894
 Station-4 Barred Elliptical killer in duplex



1899 Advertising Cover sent to West Kill, New York
 franked with a 2-cent carmine Type II George Washington issue of 1894
 Station-4 Barred Elliptical killer in duplex

Position of 'time' and 'month-day' slugs reversed

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1896-1899

26mm



1899 Cover to Bar Harbor, Maine missent to Hoosick Falls, New York
 franked with a 2-cent carmine George Washington issue of 1894
 Station-1 Barred Elliptical killer in duplex

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1896-1899

26mm

Transfer Marking in Duplex



1896 Cover from West Taghkanick, New York
 Station-1 barred elliptical killer in duplex; routed through Hudson, then Walton, and on to Downsville

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1896-1899

26mm

Arrival Marking in Duplex



1896 cover from Pine Plains, New York to Hudson

Station-1 barred elliptical killer in duplex

Circular Date Stamps

In use 1896-1899

26mm

Registered Mail

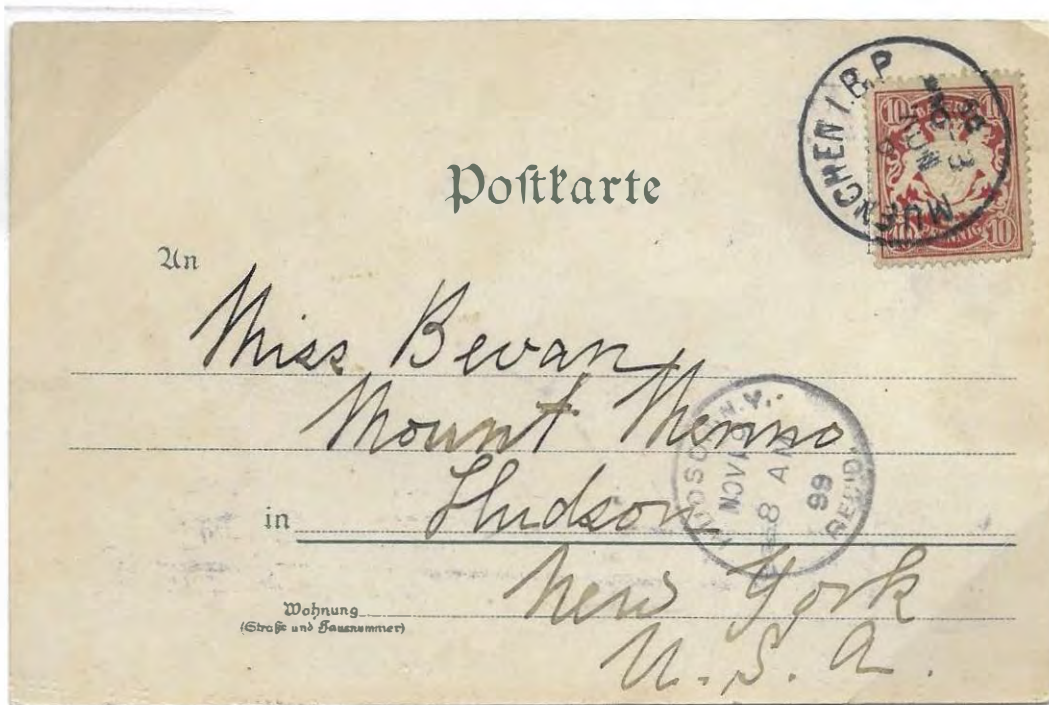


1896 Registered Letter to New York, New York

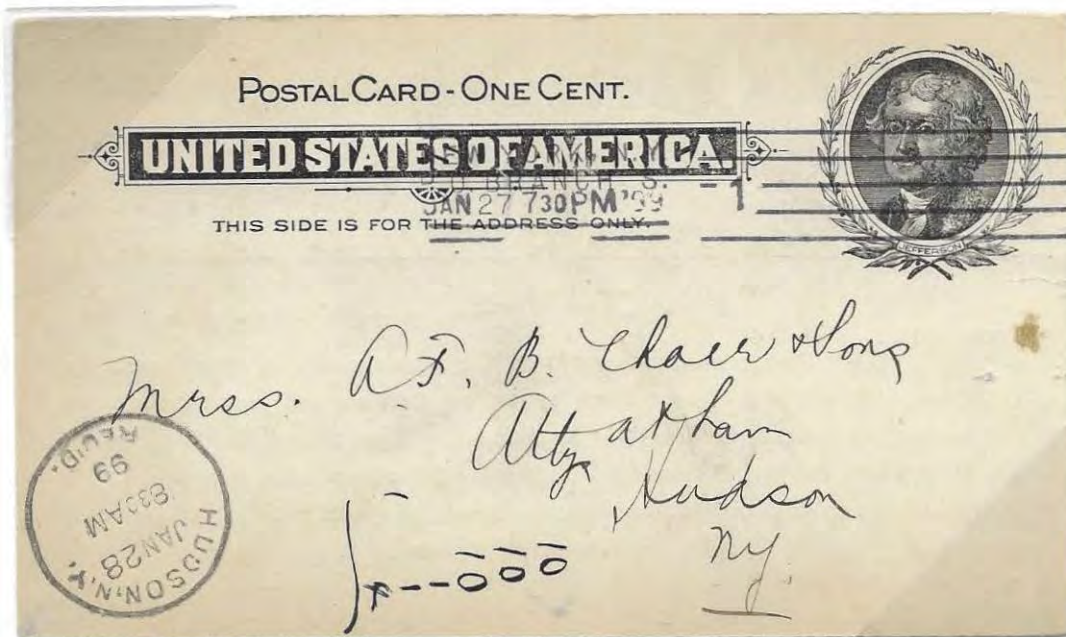
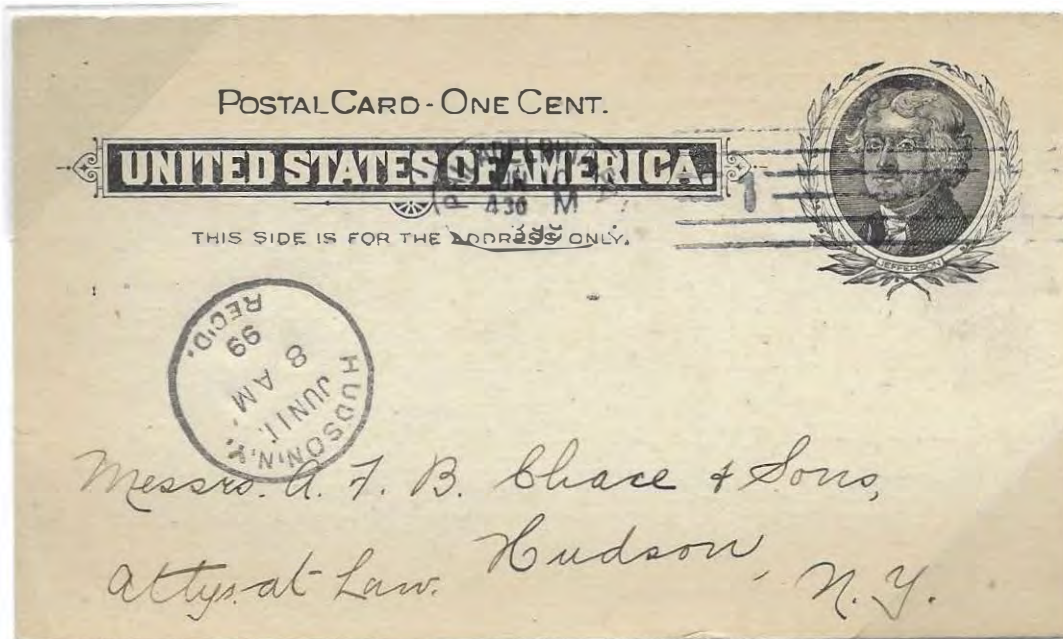
The 2-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 pays the first class rate; the 8-cent violet brown William Sherman issue of 1894 pays the registry service fee Station-1 Barred Elliptical killers in duplex ~ 41x17mm Registry Handstamp



One-cent Thomas Jefferson Postal Card issue of 1897 from Buffalo, New York in 1899



1899 Postcard from Munich, Bavaria franked with a 10-pfennig carmine Coat of Arms issue of 1881



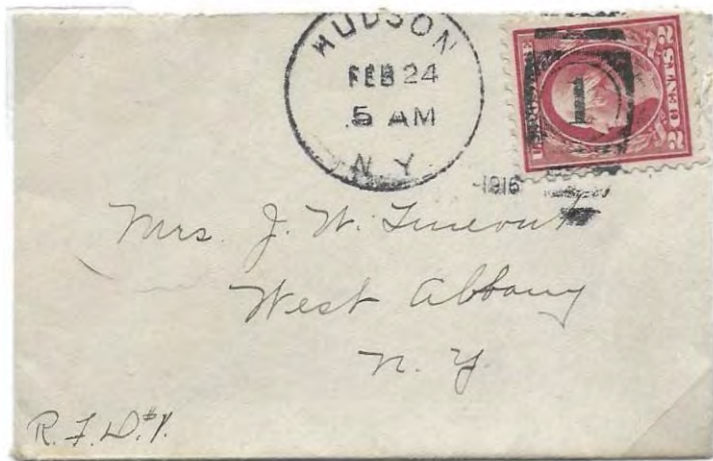
*Two 1899 uses of the 1-cent Postal Card issue of 1897 (one from Philadelphia; one from NY City)
Dented rim: possibly the canceling device was dropped resulting in light damage
Used over five months apart, the date stamps showing the same imperfection both eliminates the
possibility of an inking anomaly and confirms the simultaneous use of more than one device
of this type at the Hudson Post Office*

Circular Date Stamps

Attached Year Date Duplex

In use 1909-1916

26mm



1916 Lady's Cover to West Albany, New York franked with a 2-cent George Washington issue of 1916 Station-1 barred elliptical killer

Circular Date Stamps

Attached Year Date Duplex

In use 1909-1916

26mm

International Mail



One-cent Washington issue of 1912 added to a McKinley one-cent Government Postal Card issue of 1911 paying the 3-cent rate to Mückenberg, Germany Barred elliptical killer



*Envelope from Northport, New York to Hudson in 1910
Station-3 barred elliptical killer*



Verso

Circular Date Stamps

Attached Year Date Duplex

In use 1909-1916

26mm

International Inbound Mail

As Transfer Marking



1909 Registered Letter to Hudson mailed at the German Post Office in Constantinople forwarded to New Bedford, Massachusetts Station-3 barred elliptical killer

Front of cover (scan, bottom) exhibits a purple 32mm double-circle Hudson Registry date stamp

Type I format: 'HUDSON'

Types II - IV format: 'HUDSON, N.Y.'

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
I	21.0 x 5mm
II	35.0 x 3mm
III	49.5 x 5mm
IV	51.0 x 4mm

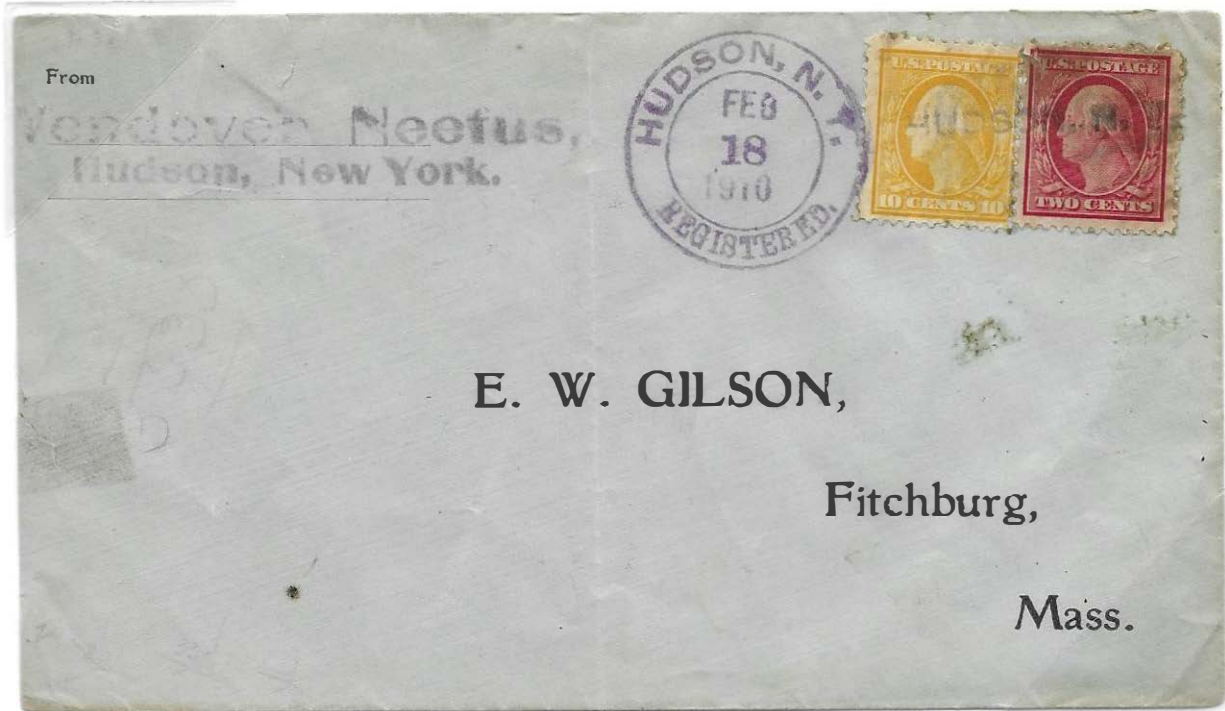
Type I



*1909 Registered Letter to Mount Carmel, Connecticut
 2-cents postage plus 8-cents registry fee
 (2-cent Washington issue of 1908; 3-cent Jackson and 5-cent Lincoln issues of 1903)*

32mm Double Circle Registry Handstamp

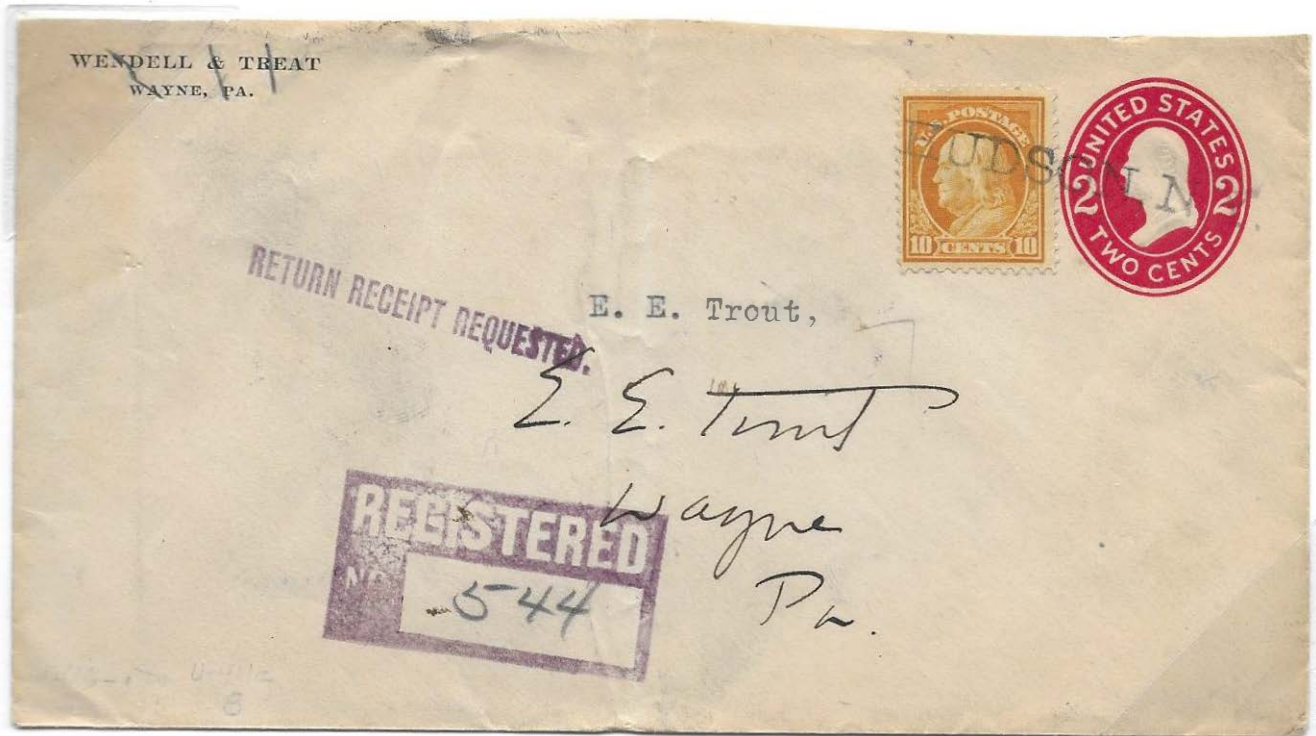
Type II



1910 Registered Letter to Fitchburg, Massachusetts

*2-cent carmine George Washington issue of 1908 pays First Class letter rate
10-cent yellow George Washington issue of 1908 pays the registry fee*

32mm Double Circle Registry Date Stamp



1913 Registered cover to Wayne, Pennsylvania, Return Receipt Requested

*2-cent Die-4 Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1907 pays the 1st Class letter rate
10-cent yellow Benjamin Franklin issue of 1912 pays the registry fee*

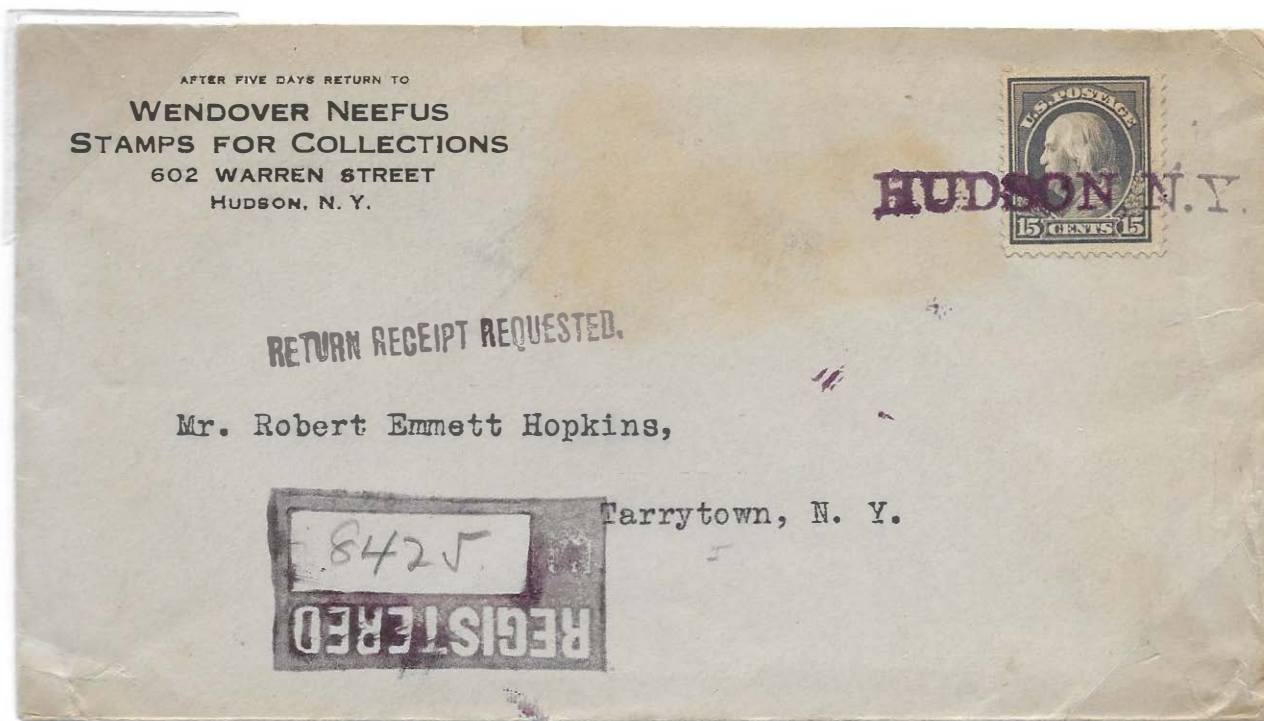
43 x 23mm 'REGISTERED' handstamp with manuscript item number

47 x 4mm 'RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.' handstamp

Effective November, 1910 no dated postmarks were permitted on the face of Registered Letters.

*Verso:
30mm Double Circle
'REGISTERED' Handstamp*





1914 Registered Cover to Tarrytown, New York Return Receipt Requested

The 15-cent George Washington issue of 1912 pays both the 2-cent First Class letter rate and the 13-cent Registry fee

43 x 23mm 'REGISTERED' handstamp with manuscript item number

47 x 4mm 'RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.' handstamp

*Verso:
30mm Double Circle
'REGISTERED' Handstamp*





1915 Registered Cover to Wincanton, England, Return Receipt Requested

A green 3-cent George Washington large, and an indigo 15-cent Henry Clay small, Bank Note issue pay the 5-cent surface rate and the 13-cent registry fee

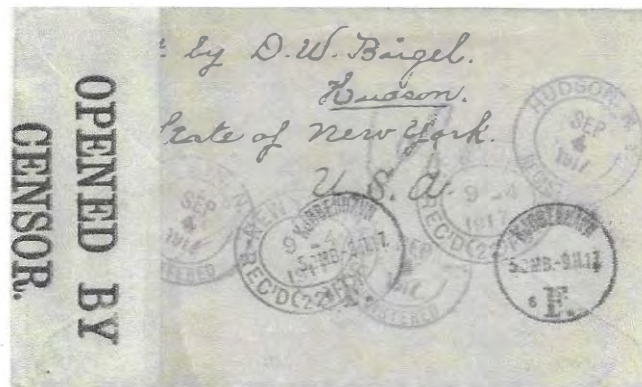
- 35x5mm 'FOREIGN.' rubber handstamp*
- 43 x 23mm 'REGISTERED' handstamp with manuscript registry number*
- 47 x 4mm 'RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED' handstamp*
- A.R. (Avis de Réception) handstamp*



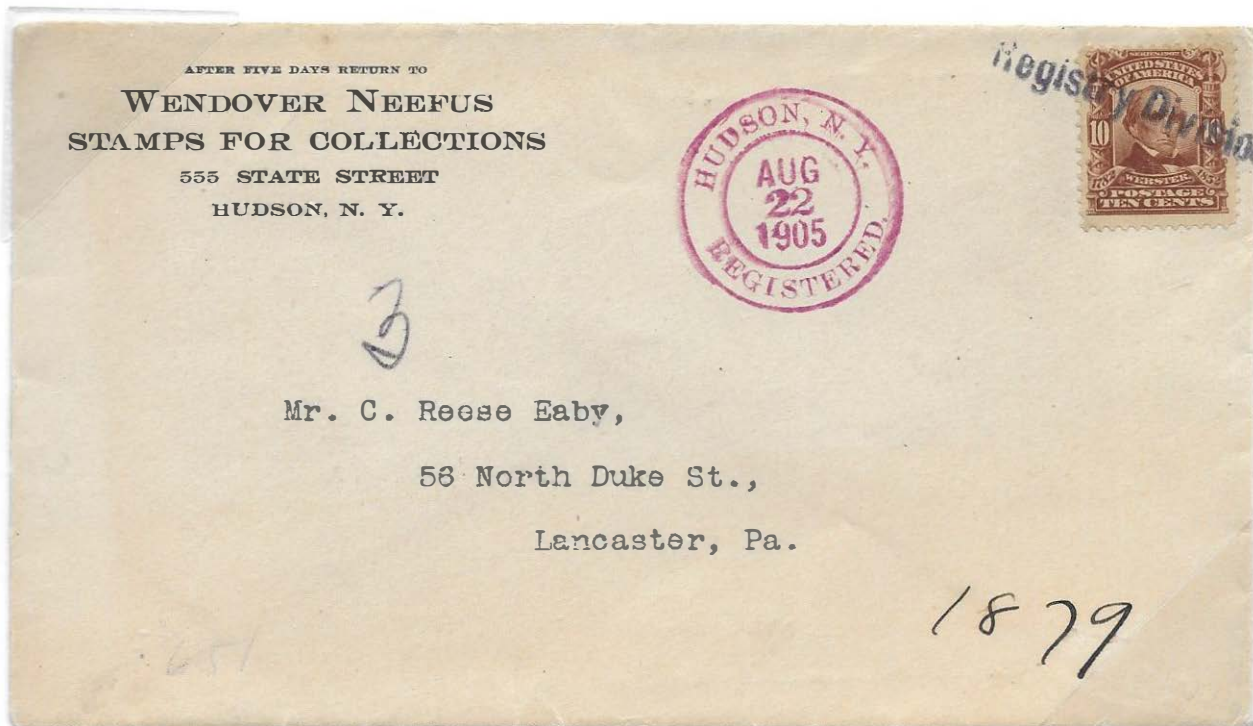
*1917 Censored Cover to Copenhagen, Denmark
franked by 1916 five-cent George Washington and ten-cent Benjamin Franklin issues
paying the 5-cent International First Class letter rate plus the 10-cent registry fee*

43 x 23mm 'REGISTERED' handstamp

Three 29mm double circle Registry date stamps (verso)



Registry Division



*1905 Registered Letter to Lancaster, Pennsylvania
franked by a 10-cent pale red brown Daniel Webster issue of 1902
(2-cents 1st class letter rate plus 8-cents registry fee)*

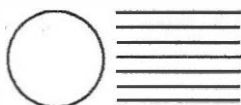
38 x 4mm 'Registry Division' Handstamp

30mm Registry Double Circle Date Stamp

Machine Cancellations

Doremus Cancelling Machine Company

Doremus Cancels Used in Hudson



TYPE - A

Used less than two weeks in 1900



TYPE - B

Used 1900 - 1902



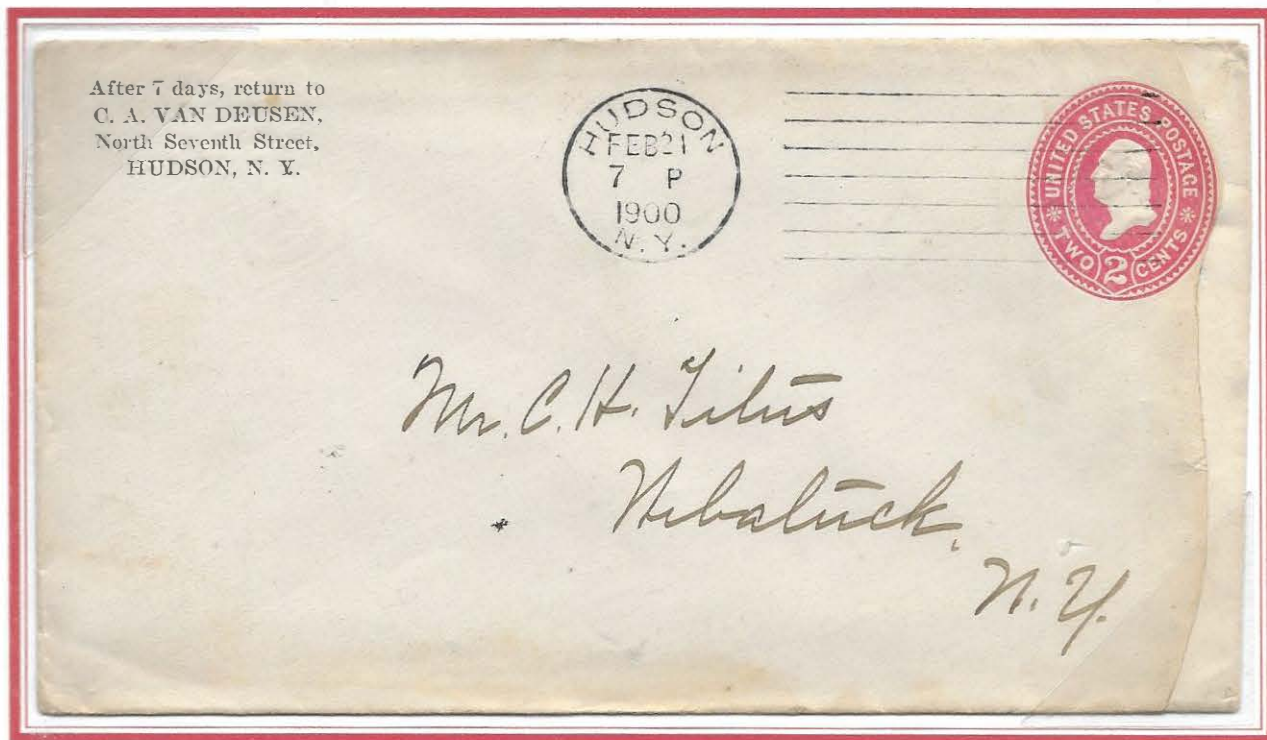
TYPE - D

Used 1902 - 1906

Machine Cancellations

Doremus Cancelling Machine Company

Type - A



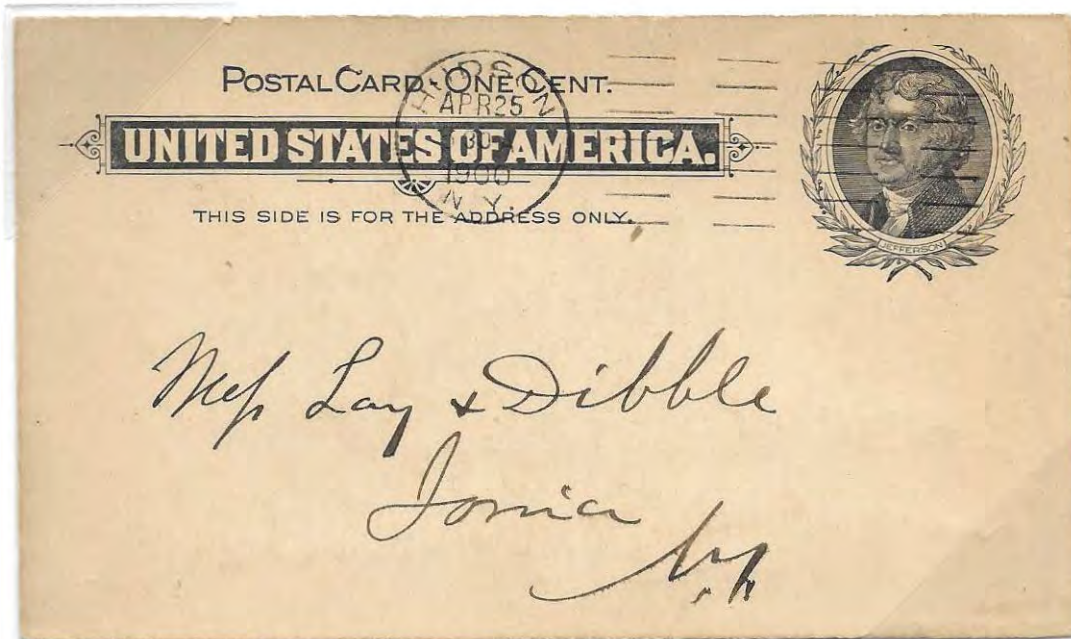
2-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1899 to Webatuck, New York

*Used only between February 9th and February 21st, 1900
the Type - A was replaced due to either an inking or a mechanical problem*

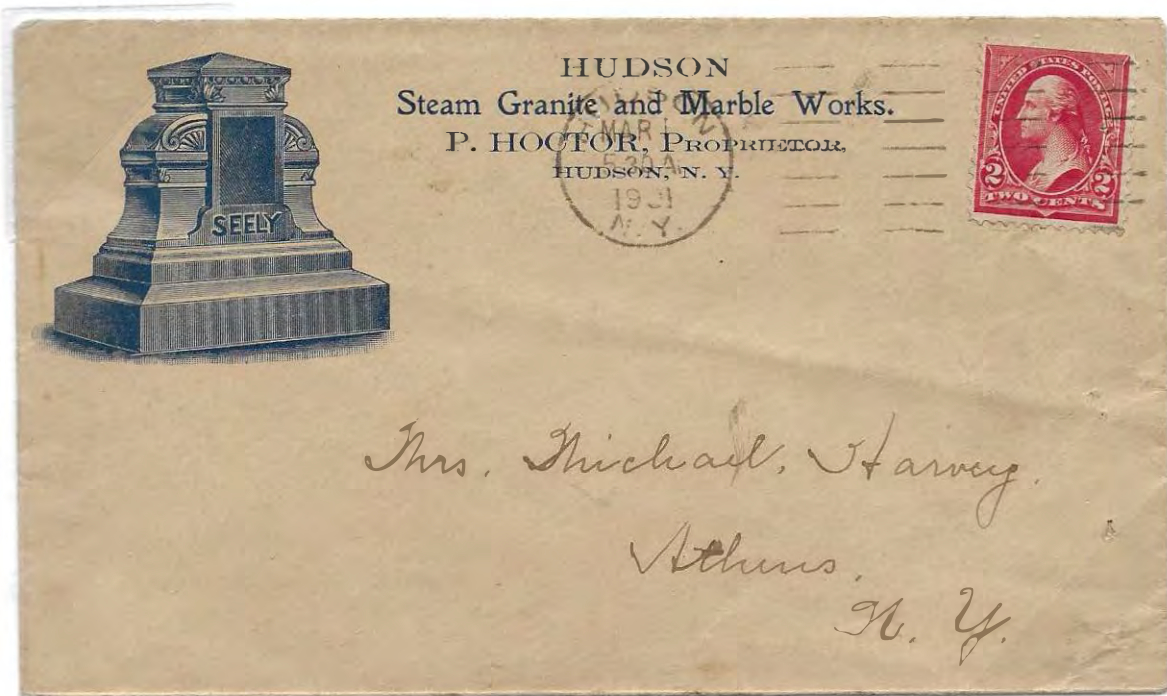
Machine Cancellations

Doremus Cancelling Machine Company

Type - B



Thomas Jefferson Government Postal Card Issue of 1897 to Jamaica, New York in 1900



1901 Advertising Cover to Athens, New York
2-cent carmine George Washington first Bureau issue



Two-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1899 sent from Stuyvesant Falls, New York to Springfield, Massachusetts in 1900. A Hudson Doremus Type - B machine cancel used as a transfer marking accompanies an Albany, NY transit marking and a Springfield receiving circular date stamp.





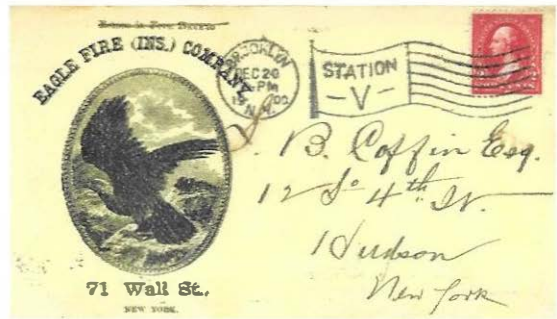
Two-cent Universal Postal Union Postal Card issue of 1897 incoming from San Francisco, California in 1900



One-cent Thomas Jefferson Government Postal Card issue of 1897 mailed at Hudson Square Station, New York City in 1901



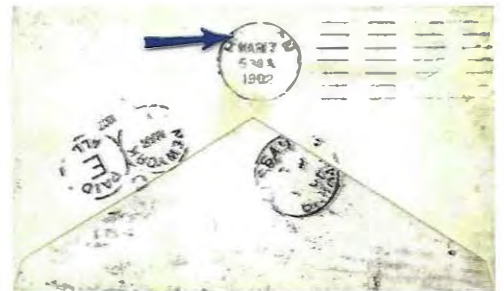
Insurance Advertising cover from Brooklyn, New York in 1900



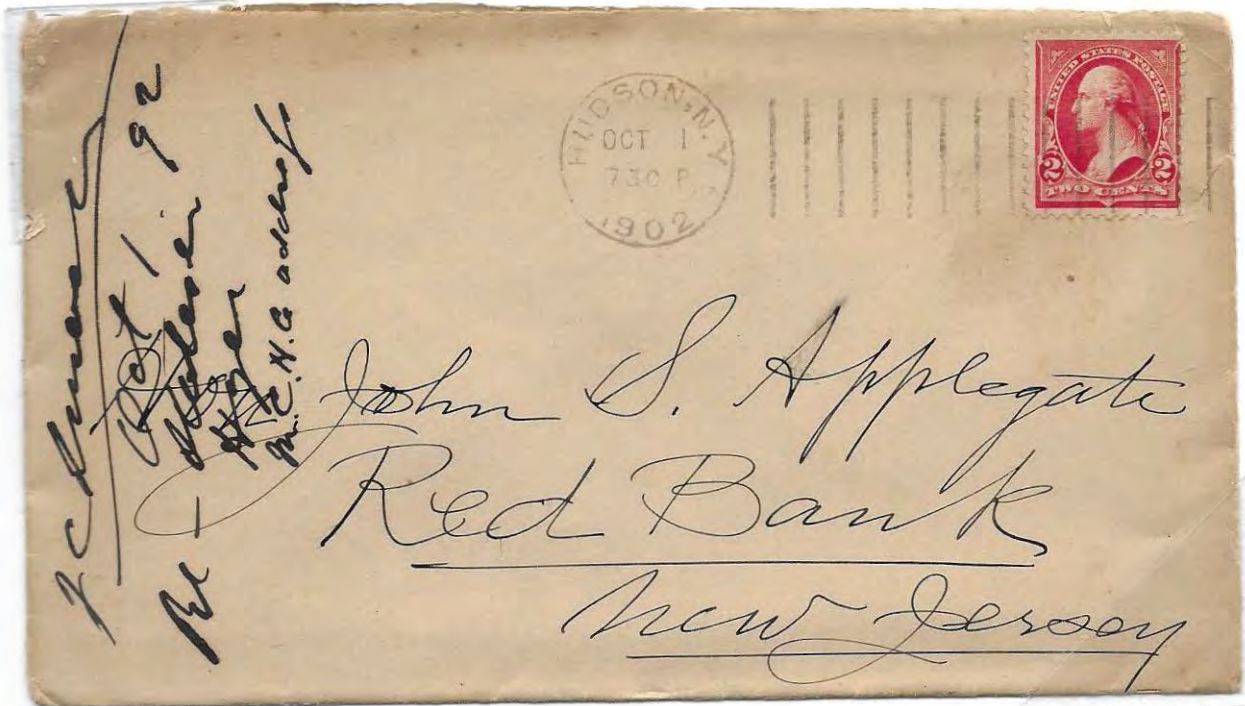
One-Cent Thomas Jefferson Government Postal Card issue of 1897 from New York City in 1900



*One- & 2-cent First Bureau issues of 1898 pay the single weight UPU rate on 1902 cover to Nassau, Bahamas
 Returned to Hudson and delivered to the original addressee, total round-trip time 48 days
 Doremus Type - B used to both cancel the stamps and as a receiving marking verso upon return to Hudson, both with 'NY' slug omitted from dial*



*Two, 2-cent First Bureau Issues added to a 2-cent Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1899 mailed to London, England in 1902 overpaying the rate by 1-cent
 Struck by a 26mm cds in duplex with a Station-1 barred elliptical killer effectively cancelling only the left stamp, the envelope was fed into a Doremus machine half an hour later for revenue protection*



1902 Envelope to Red Bank, New Jersey
franked by a 2-cent Type III carmine George Washington Bureau Issue of 1895
14 vertical bars of killer imprinted

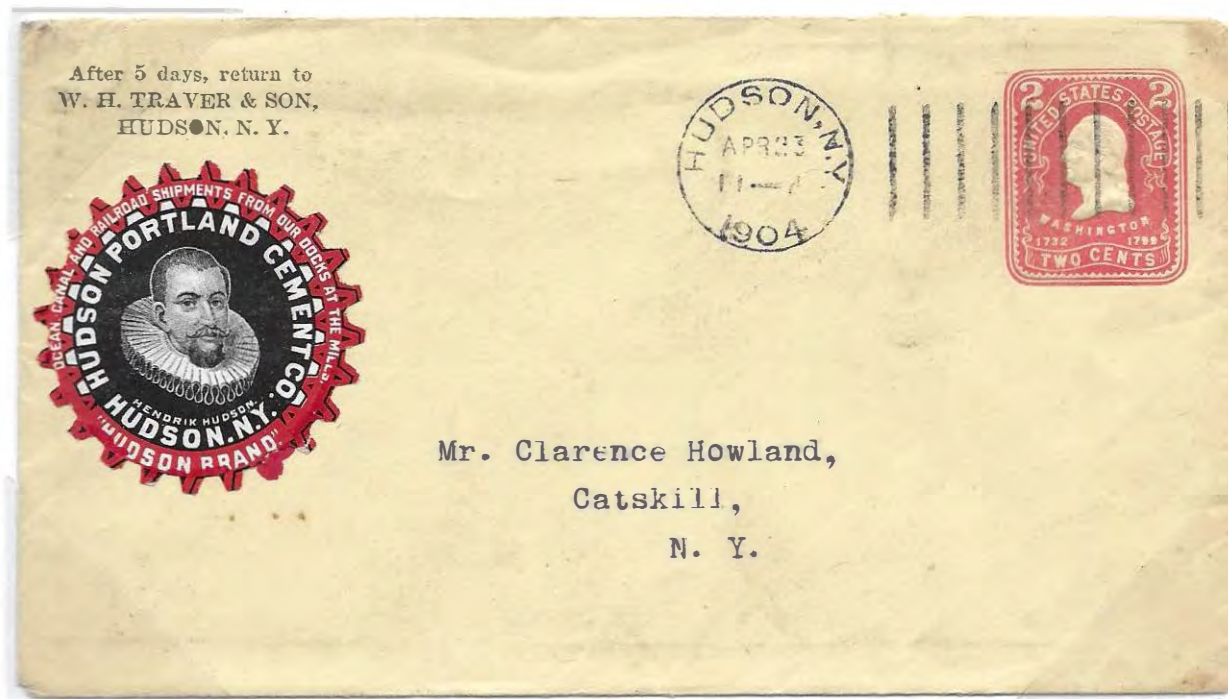


1905 Cover to Glens Falls, New York
franked with a 2-cent Type I George Washington issue of 1903
16 vertical bars of killer imprinted

Machine Cancellations

Doremus Cancelling Machine Company

Type - D



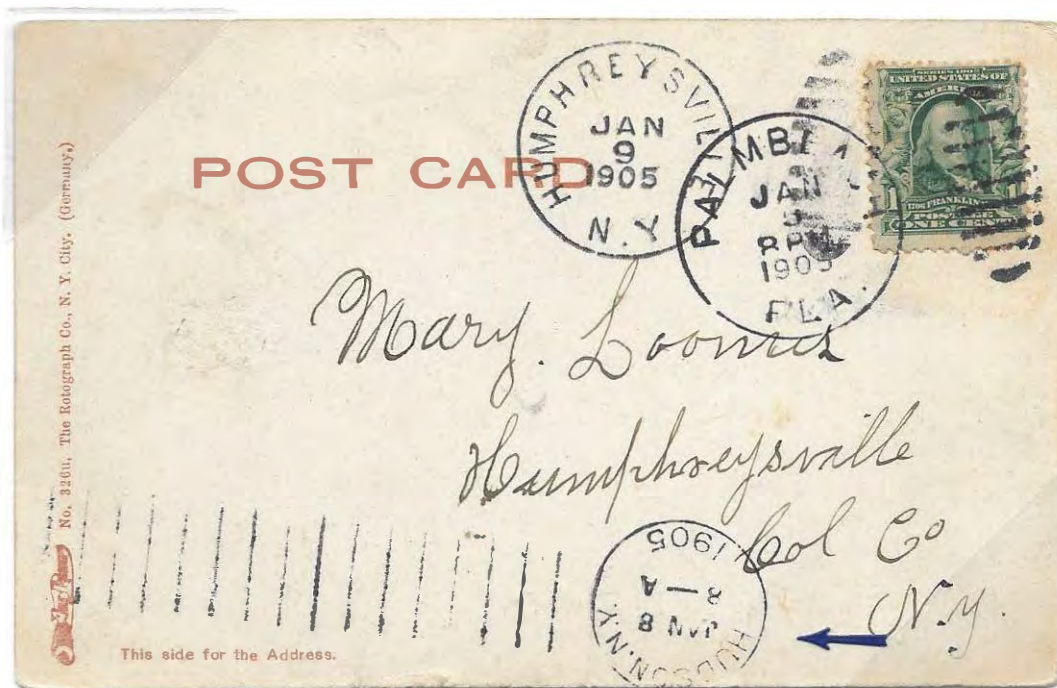
*Two-cent pink George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1903 to Catskill, New York in 1904
11 vertical bars of killer imprinted*

Machine Cancellations

As Transfer Marking

Doremus Cancelling Machine Company

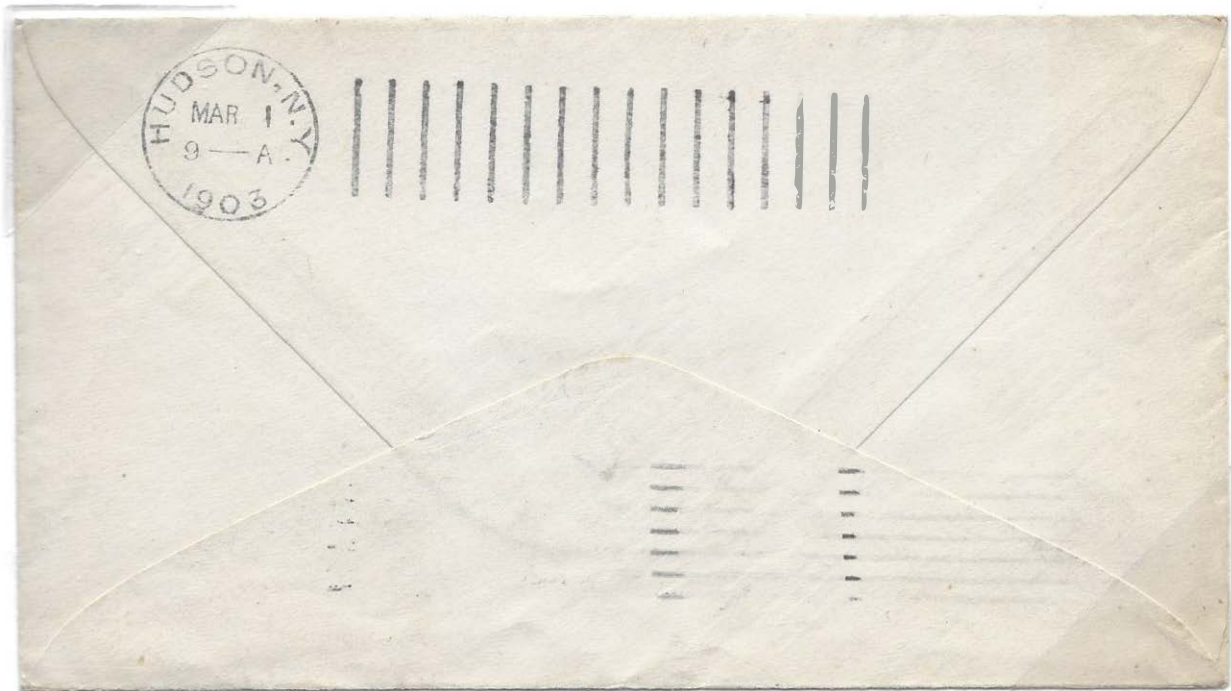
Type - D



*Picture Postcard from Palm Beach, Florida to Humphreysville, New York in 1905
franked with a one-cent blue green Benjamin Franklin issue of 1903*



*Cover from Ware, Massachusetts in 1902
14 vertical bars of killer imprinted
dashes in dial substituted for '00' minutes*



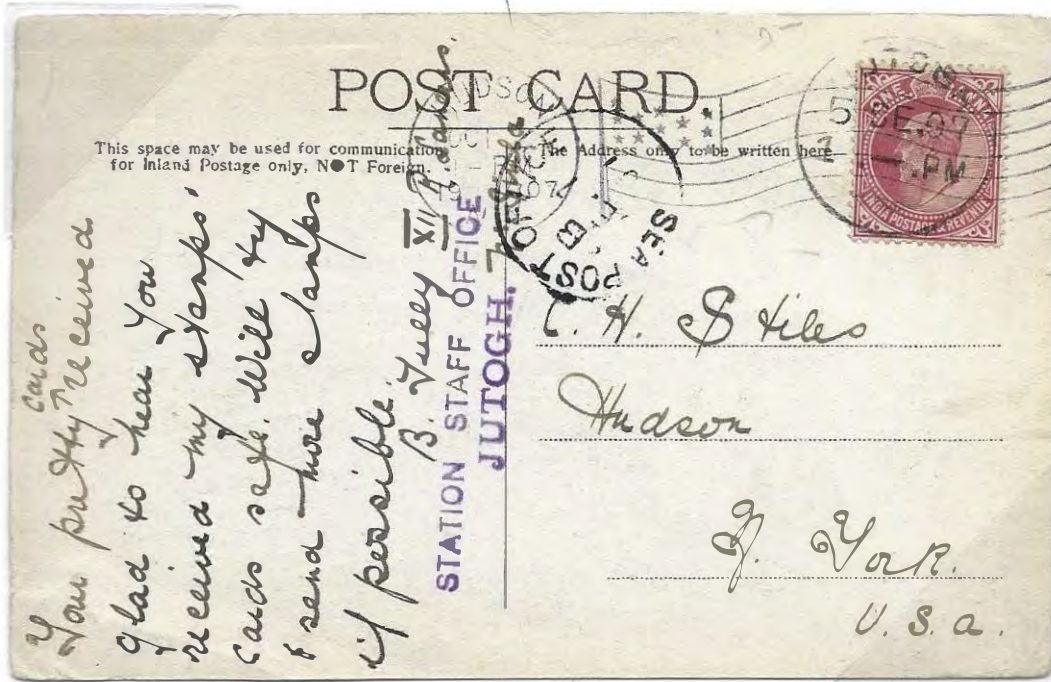
*5-cent Ulysses S. Grant Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1899
from New York City in 1903
16 vertical killer bars imprinted, the maximum this machine could print*



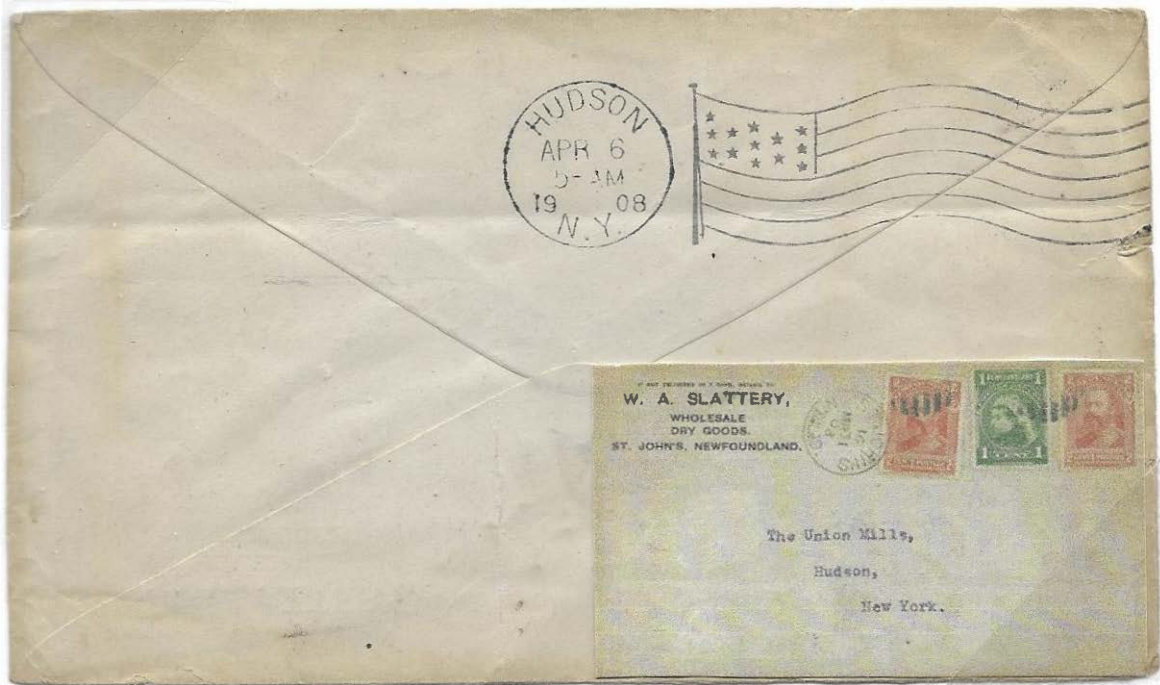
Two-cent Government Stamped Envelope Issue of 1907 sent to North Adams, Massachusetts in 1907



1909 Return-Portion of International Paid Reply Card outbound to Liege, Belgium postage paid by 5-centime Belgian Postal Card issue of 1894 mailed as printed matter (5-centimes = one-cent US)



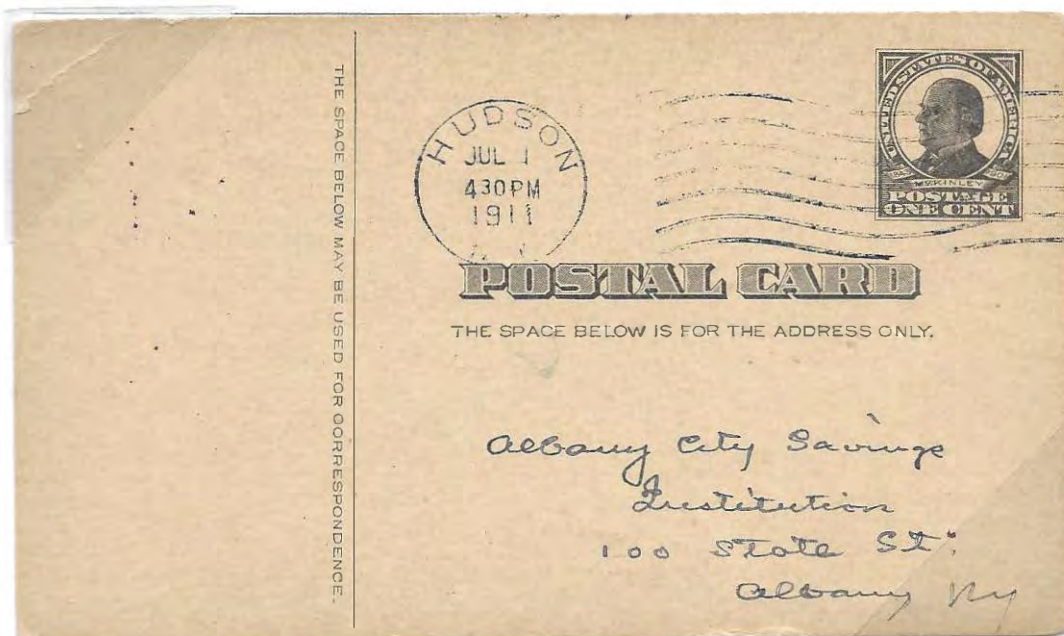
*Picture Post Card from Jutogh, India (via 'Sea Post Office') to Hudson in 1907
franked with a one-anna Edward VII issue of 1906*



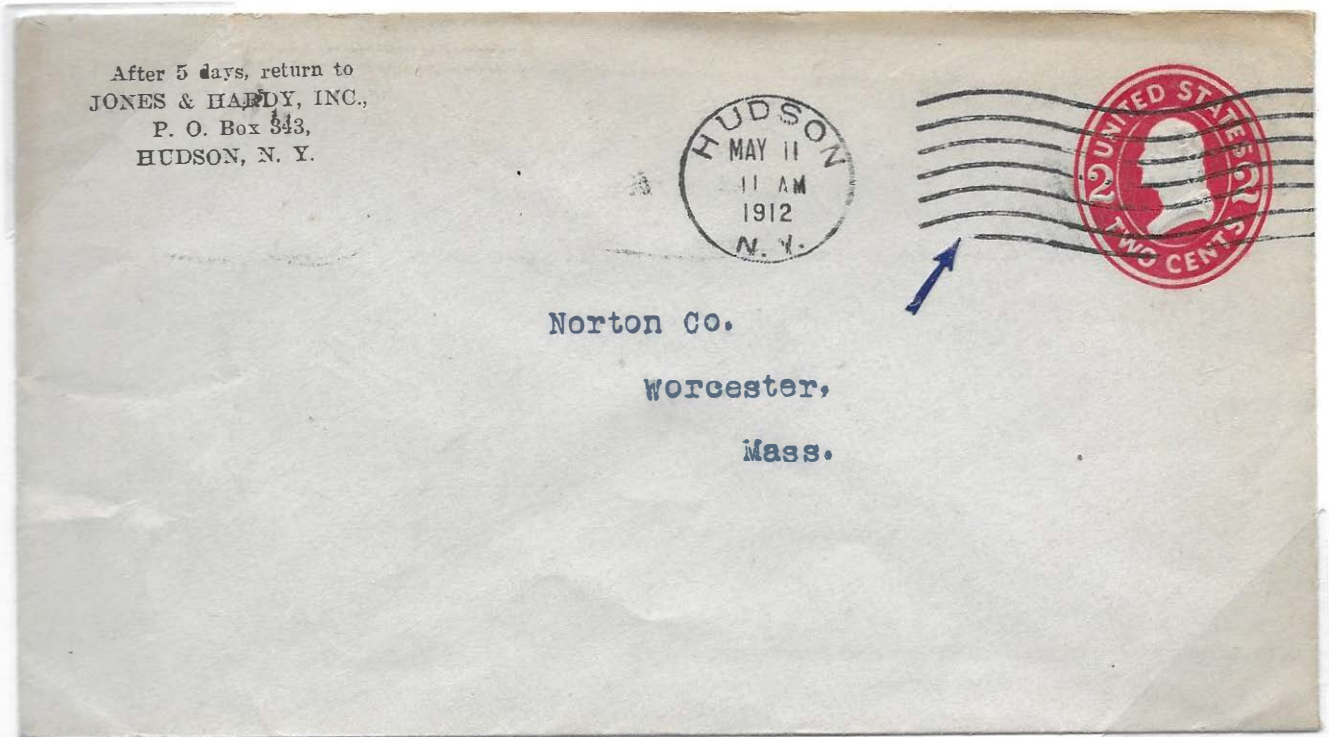
*Cover from St. John's, Newfoundland to Hudson in 1908
franked with a one-cent Queen Victoria and two, 2-cent Edward VII issues of 1898
paying the 5-cent letter rate*



*Picture Post Card to Cissna Park, Illinois
franked with a one-cent green George Washington issue of 1908
23mm dial, (7) parallel horizontal lines killer*



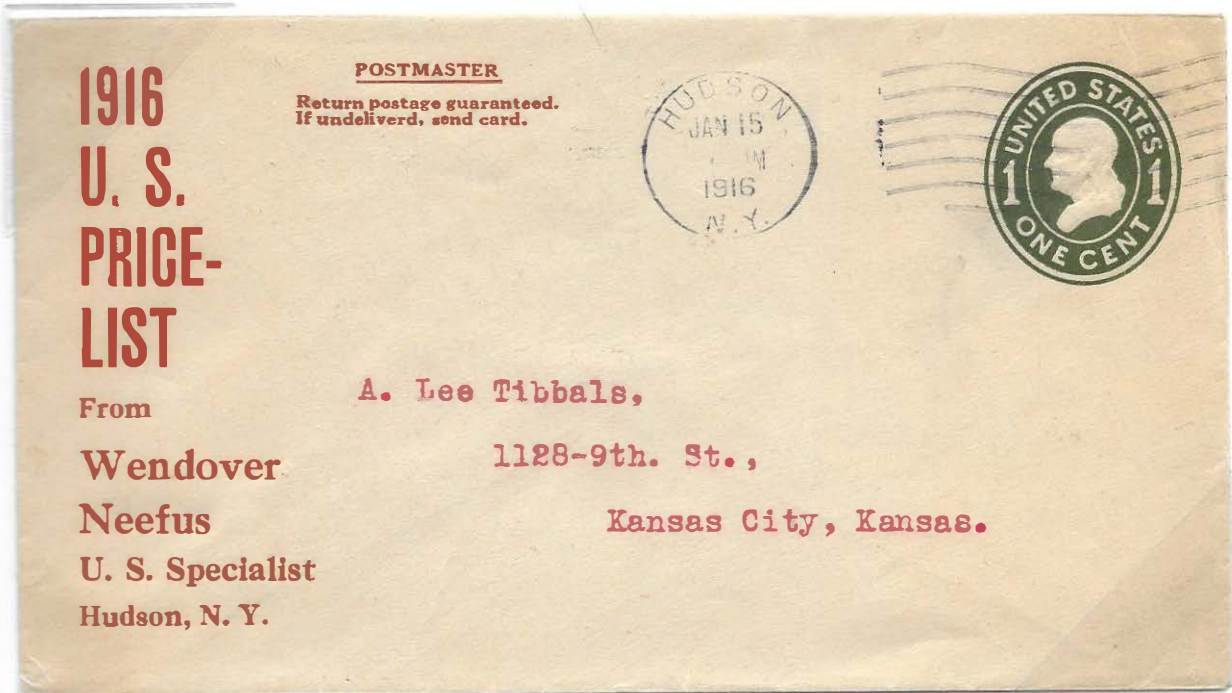
*One-cent McKinley Government Postal Card issue of 1908 to Albany, New York in 1911
23mm dial, (7) parallel wavy lines killer*



*Two-cent carmine die 2 Stamped Envelope issue of 1907 to Worcester, Massachusetts in 1912
23mm dial, (7) parallel wavy lines killer, bottom line shortened at left*



*Post Card to East Shodack, New York in 1913
franked with a one-cent green George Washington booklet issue of 1912
The 23mm dial slug was replaced during 1913 resulting in a reduction of font height
from 3.0 to 2.5mm and a different town name array*



*One-cent Government Stamped Envelope die I issue of 1907 to Kansas City, Kansas
23mm dial, (7) parallel wavy lines killer / January 15, 1916 ~ LATEST KNOWN USE*



*Post Card to Kingston, New York franked with a one-cent George Washington issue of 1917
20mm dial, (6) parallel wavy lines killer / December 23, 1919 ~ LATEST KNOWN USE*

By 1920 technology had brought to a close the era of the early markings with their inherent charm. Machine cancels, used for ever-increasing periods of time, now predominated the markings landscape.

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Missent”



*Envelope mailed from Stamford to Philmont, New York in 1857
franked with a 3-cent Type-II dull red George Washington issue of 1853
Errantly ending up in Hudson, the cover was struck with a
32mm Circular Date Stamp and a 34 x 6mm 'MISSENT' handstamp and sent on*



*1866 San Francisco cover addressed to Newburgh, New York
franked with a 3-cent George Washington issue of 1861 tied by a Cog Wheel killer
To Hudson in error, a 29mm Type II Double Circle Date Stamp in duplex with a target killer
and a 25x7 mm 'MISSENT' handstamp applied when redirected*



One-cent Thomas Jefferson Postal Card issue of 1886 from Durham, North Carolina to Irvington-on-Hudson, New York in 1892 28mm Hudson Type I Duplex handstamp and a 60 x 4mm ‘Missent to Hudson, N.Y’ handstamp



Cover to Washington, D.C. addressed at Karlsdorf franked by two 5-Heller Franz Joseph Austrian issues of 1908, entering the mails at Hotzenplotz (current day Osoblaha, Moravia) October 25, 1911 Arrived New York Hudson Terminal Station November 4th and assessed 6-cents Postage Due Short-paid by 15-Heller (equivalent to 15 gold centimes and doubled for penalty, 5 gold centimes = 1 cent x 3 x 2 = 6-cents) Errantly sent to Hudson and receiving a Hudson Universal BT-201 machine cancel and a 47 x 4mm ‘Missent to Hudson, N.Y.’ handstamp, the cover was redirected to Washington

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Advertised”



1862 cover from Penn Yan, New York franked with a 3-cent rose George Washington issue of 1861
27 x 6mm oval 'ADVERTISED' handstamp



1880's cover from New York City franked with a large green George Washington Bank Note issue
25mm circular 'ADVERTISED' Date Stamp

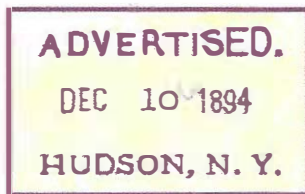


1894 cover franked with a 2-cent Type-I George Washington issue of 1894 paying the Drop Rate, cancelled by a elliptical target killer in duplex with a 28mm circular date stamp

30x50mm 'ADVERTISED' handstamp

The addition of the one-cent Franklin issue indicates the letter having been picked up by the addressee the stamp being cancelled by a 30mm 'Money Order Business' handstamp showing advertised fee paid

This is a relatively late use of an 'advertised' handstamp on a Drop Letter



POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

Money Order Business (M.O.B.)

TYPE	DIAMETER (MM)	STYLE	SLUG CONFIGURATION
Type I	26	CDS	MONTH-DAY
Type II	28	DCDS	MONTH-DAY-YEAR
Type III	30	DCDS	MONTH-DAY-PAID

POSTSCRIPT

Instructional Markings

Money Order Business (M.O.B.) Type I



*Envelope to Saratoga Springs, New York in 1873
Double-rate paid by two 3-cent large green George Washington Bank Note issues
Only the left stamp was cancelled by a fancy killer in duplex with a 25mm cds
For revenue protection an alert clerk, also at Hudson, cancelled both stamps with
a 15mm circular grid killer in duplex with an M.O.B. circular date stamp*

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

Money Order Business (M.O.B.) Type II



Two-cent Postage Due issue of 1884 cancelled by a blue Type II M.O.B. Double Circle Date Stamp showing the fee paid

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

Money Order Business (M.O.B.) Type III

To facilitate delivery, please have box number put on mail matter addressed to you.

HUDSON, N. Y. Post Office,

No. 886, 189 .

A. F. B. Chace

To Willard Peck, P. M., Dr.

For 3 Months' Rent of Box, from APR 1 to HUDSON, N. Y., \$.75

Received Payment, HUDSON, N. Y. APR 1 1899, Postmaster.

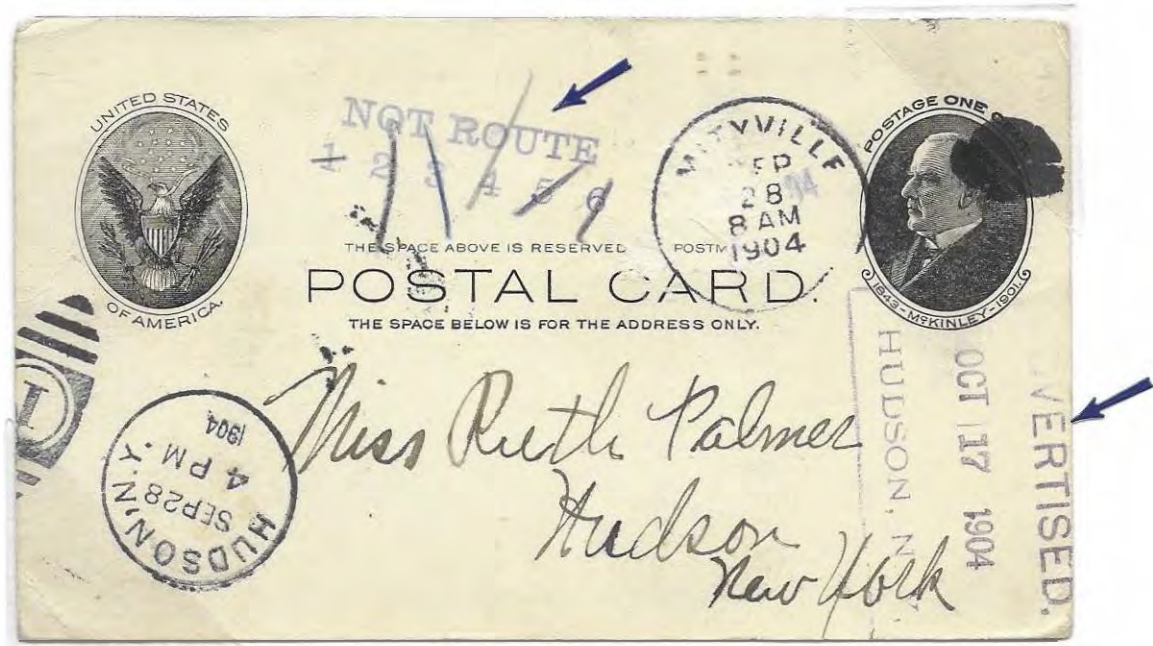
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*1897 Hudson Post Office receipt for three-months rental of a Post Office Box
A red Type III M.O.B. handstamp shows the \$0.75 fee as being paid*

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Not Route...”



William McKinley Postal Card issue of 1902 from Amityville, New York in 1904

Struck by a 26mm cds in duplex with a Station-1 barred elliptical killer as an arrival marking, the search for the addressee began:

‘NOT ROUTE’

handstamp showing six carriers searched for the addressee, each crossing their route number off as the postal card was transferred on to the next carrier

‘ADVERTISED’

*30 x 50mm handstamp applied nearly three weeks later
Addressee presumably not found since no indication of advertised fee paid*

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Not On Routes...”



*Picture Post Card from Hannibal, New York in 1910
franked by a one-cent green Benjamin Franklin issue of 1910 cancelled by a 4-bar killer handstamp*

‘NOT ON ROUTES’
handstamp indicates carriers searching for the addressee

**Rural Free Delivery was first offered as an official USPOD service in 1896
but only became established at Hudson on May 16, 1904.**

This updated handstamp includes the addition of two Carrier routes as well as two RFD Routes

Since not all of the routes have been crossed out, addressee presumably found

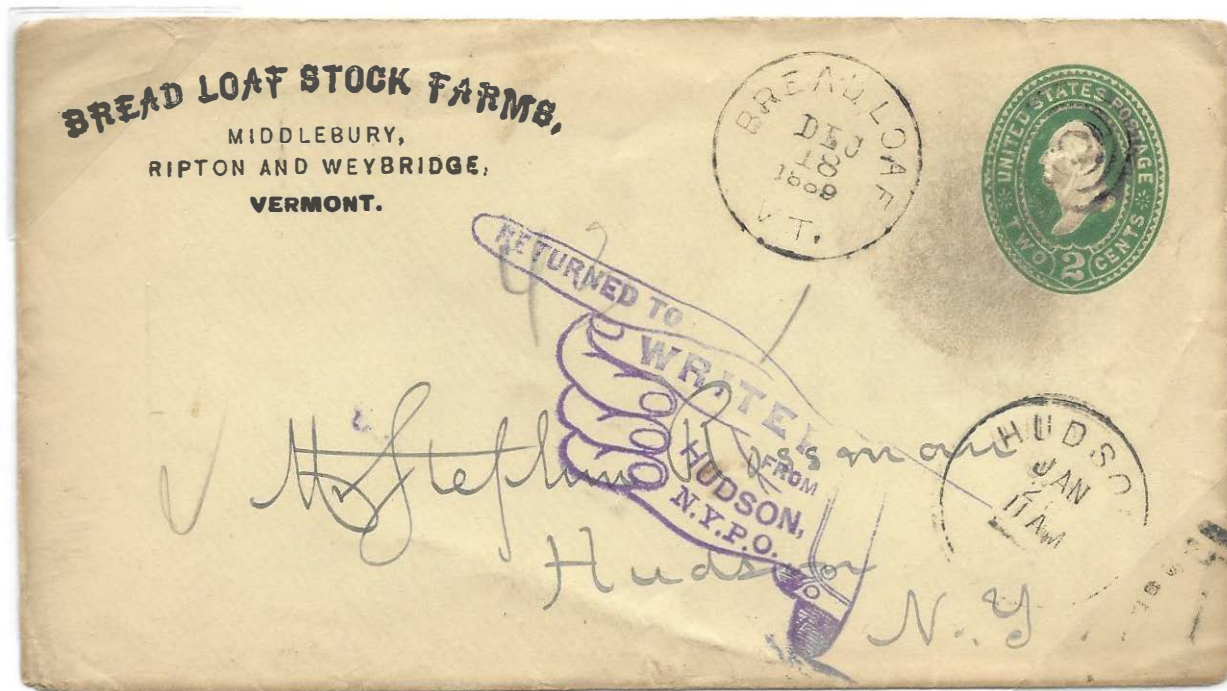
POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Returned to Writer”



**3-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1874 from Syracuse, New York undeliverable nor forward-able although requested
25mm Hudson circular date stamp in duplex with Circle-of-Squares killer
Manuscript Pointing Hand indicating returned to sender as requested on Corner Card**



**2-cent Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887 from Bread Loaf, Vermont in 1889
27mm Hudson circular date stamp in duplex with a barred elliptical killer
Pointing Finger handstamp**

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

Postage Due



1905 Postcard from Poughkeepsie, New York short paid one-cent writing on address side of the card triggered the 2-cent letter rate required by USPOD regulation
 26mm circular date stamp with duplex killer as arrival marking
 5x47mm 'POSTAGE DUE 1 C' handstamp
 One-cent Postage Due issue of 1895 cancelled by a 30mm 'Money Order Business' handstamp shows the deficiency paid



1907 Postcard from Montreal, Canada franked with a one-cent King Edward VII issue of 1903 short paid one-cent
 Hudson Attached Year Date Duplex handstamp as arrival marking
 Circular 23mm 'Due 2' handstamp (double the underpayment)
 2-cent Postage Due Issue of 1895 manuscript cancelled shows fee paid

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“Forwarded from Hudson, N.Y.”



2-cent George Washington Government Stamped Envelope issue of 1887, Hudson 1894 local mail, forwarded Lincoln, Nebraska
 ‘Forwarded from Hudson, N.Y.’ 45x3mm handstamp



28mm Type II simplex Hudson receiving cds verso

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

“This is the Mail, Letter, Package...”



1912 cover to Fort Plain, New York short paid by one-cent
 Notified, the addressee forwarded the shortage to the Hudson Post Office which upon receipt one week later, added a stamp, cancelled it with a duplex, applied the ‘This is the Mail-Letter-Package for which you sent postage’ handstamp and sent the letter on its way

POSTSCRIPT

Auxiliary Markings

Special Delivery



*Cover mailed from Springfield, Massachusetts to Hudson via Albany, New York in 1901
franked with two one-cent Benjamin Franklin Bureau issues of 1897*

Additional fee paid with a ten-cent Special Delivery issue of 1895

*The 50 x 25mm Hudson Special Delivery Receiving Handstamp records Post Office receipt
by signature and by clerk I.D. number, with the cover having been delivered immediately thereafter*