

## SOLO USE OF THE 13c 1919 APPLE GREEN

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The 13c Apple Green was the last stamp issued in the 1917 perforated 11 series. The issue date was January 10, 1919. The earliest documented use of the 13c Apple Green is January 25, 1919 and it is not known if this was a solo use.

Many years have been spent searching for correct solo use of the 13c 1919 Apple Green. The **first period** was less than 6 months and therefore only a handful have been found. The **second period** was in the 1930's well after the issue date and even fewer have been found as is to be expected. Between these two periods there was ample incorrect solo use.

**First Period.** The War Rate for first class postage was 3c from November 2, 1917 to June 30, 1919. During that same period the Special Delivery and Registered rates were each 10c. Thus a letter sent from January 10, 1919 to June 30, 1919, either Special Delivery or Registered, was rated at 13c and could be paid with a single 13c Apple Green. Six first period solo use letters are shown in Figures 1 to 7. Five are Registered and only one is Special Delivery. Letters are shown used in each of the months of February through June 1919.

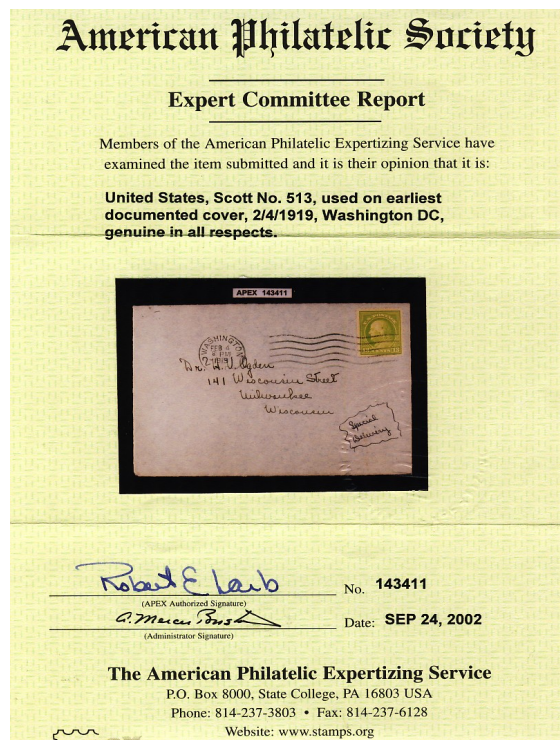
**Second Period.** The first class postage rate from July 6, 1932 to July 31, 1958 was 3c. The Special Delivery rate was 10c during this period until October 30, 1944. The Registered rate was 15c or higher during this period. Therefore a Special Delivery letter during the period from July 6, 1932 to October 30, 1944 was rated at 13c and could have been paid by a single 13c Apple Green. This period is well after the issue of the 13c Apple Green and therefore the supply was very limited. Three Special Delivery letters are shown in Figures 8 to 10.

With rates changing there was ample opportunity for incorrect use of the solo 13c Apple Green. This seems to have been prevalent in the 1920's. 3 letters are shown in Figures 11 to 13, one each airmail, special delivery and registered. Many Apple Greens were precanceled over the years but no solo or under or over paid letters have been found. It is possible that other postal rate combinations could have produced a 13c rate but no confirming postal history has been found.

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**Figure 1. First Period Dated February 4, 1919 Special Delivery, Washington DC to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Perhaps this is the earliest solo use of the 13c Apple Green. This is the only Special Delivery usage found so far in the first period. APS certificate is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2. APS certificate for February 4, 1919 Special Delivery Letter.**

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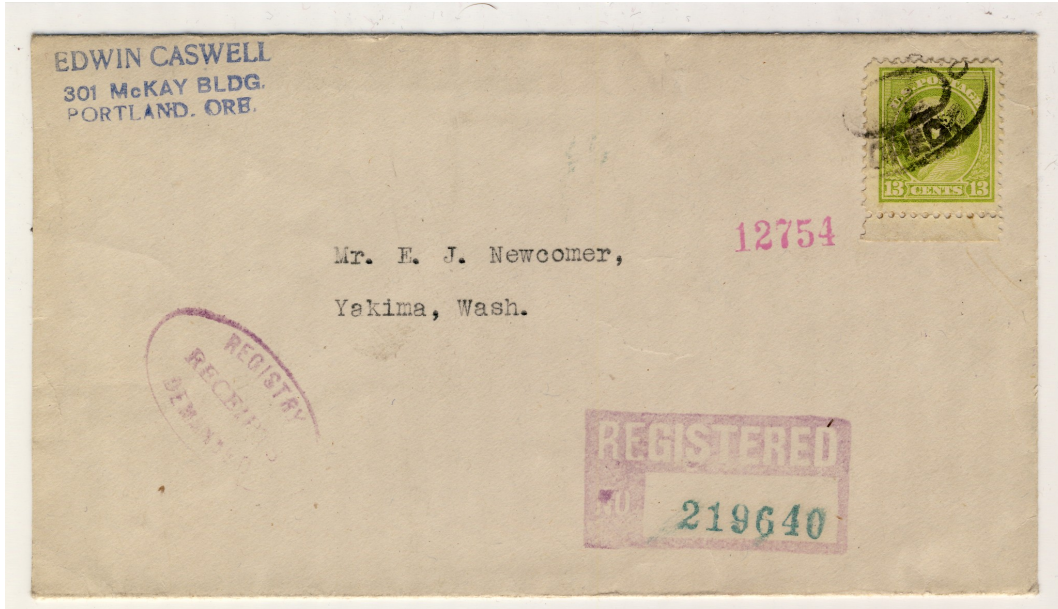


Figure 3. First Period dated February 19, 1919 (backstamped) from Washington DC to Somerville, Massachusetts. Registered use.

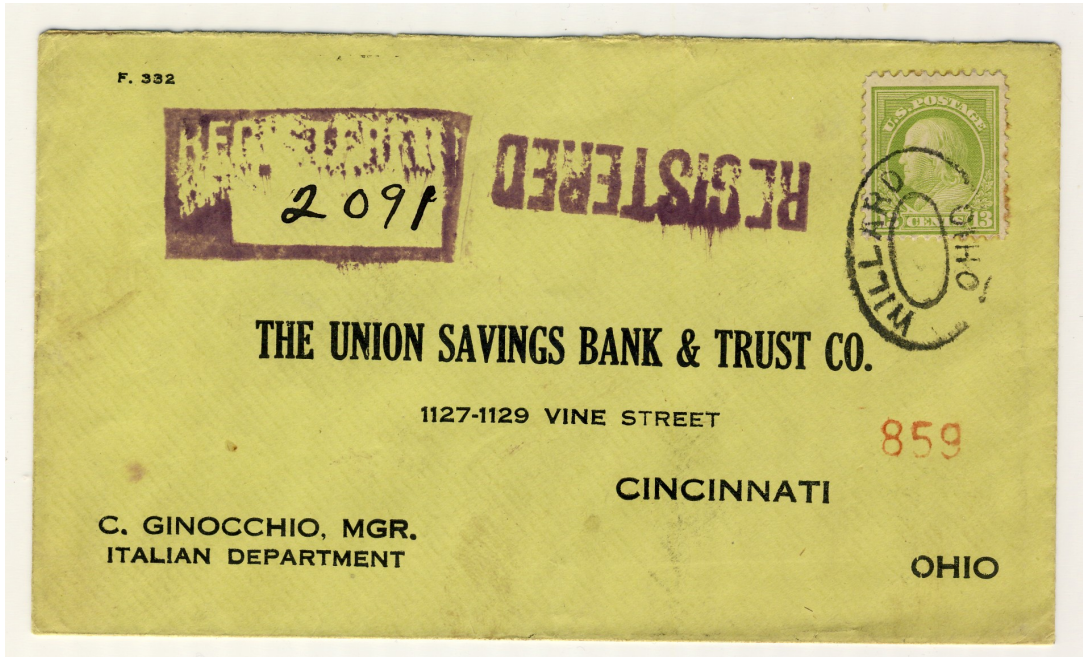


Figure 4. First period dated March 17, 1919 (backstamped) from Chicago, Illinois to San Francisco, California. Registered use.

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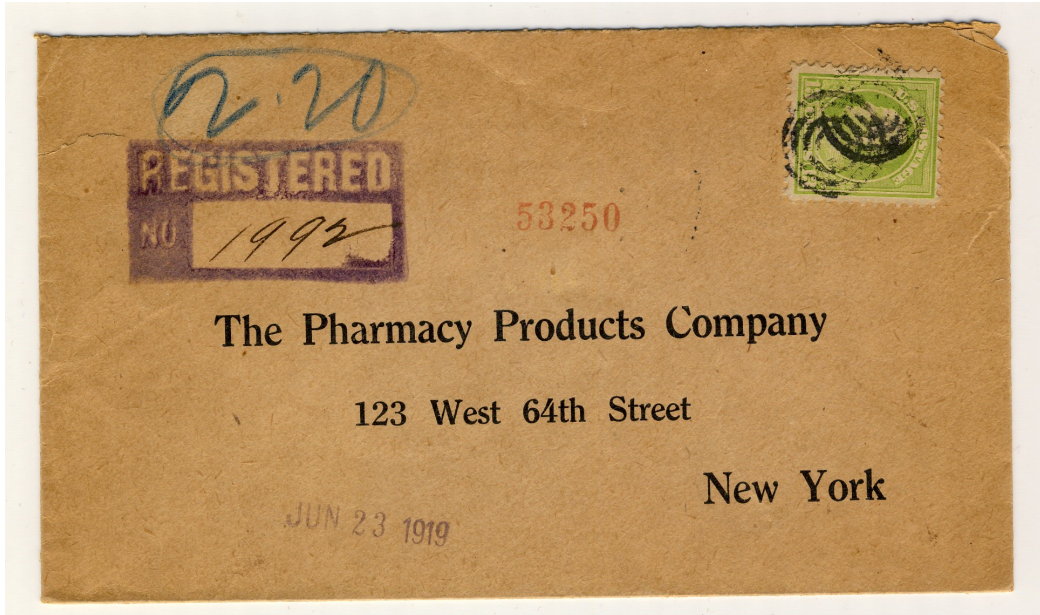


**Figure 5. First Period dated April 18, 1919 (backstamped) from Portland, Oregon to Yakima, Washington. Registered use.**



**Figure 6. First period dated May 22, 1919 (backstamped) from Willard, Ohio to Cincinnati, Ohio. Registered use.**

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**Figure 7. First period dated June 21, 1919 (backstamped) from Hightstown, New Jersey to New York City, New York. Perhaps the latest solo use in the first period. Registered use.**



**Figure 8. Second period dated March 18, 1933 from Provincetown, Massachusetts to Plymouth, Massachusetts. Special Delivery use.**

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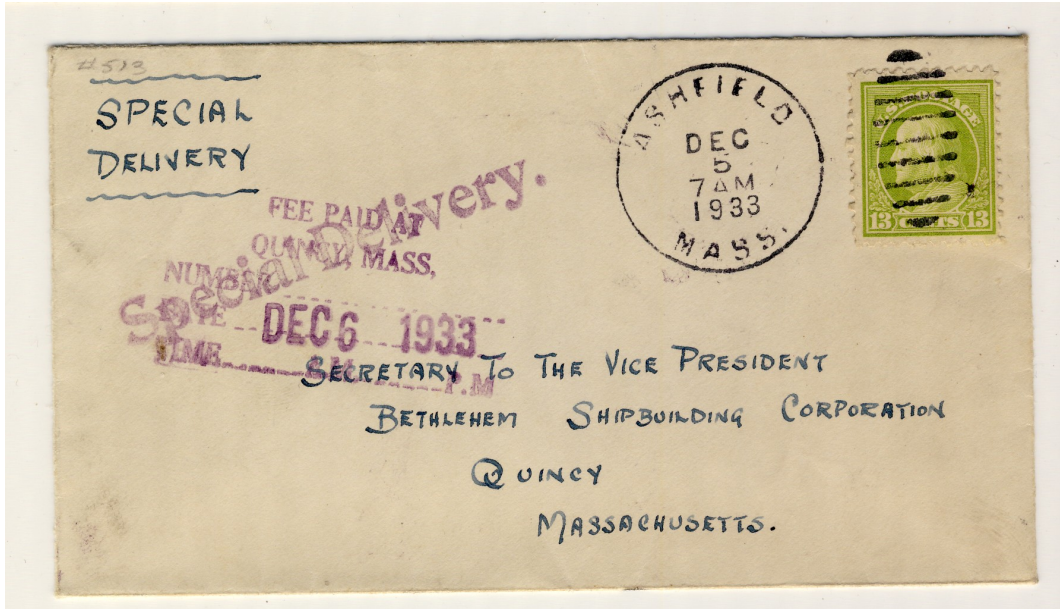


Figure 9. Second period dated December 5, 1933 from Ashfield, Massachusetts to Quincy, Massachusetts. Special Delivery use.



Figure 10. Second period use dated September 5, 1940 from Jamaica, New York to New Rochelle, New York. Jerome Lapin was a stamp dealer. Special Delivery use.

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**Figure 11. Overpaid use dated December 5, 1922** from Los Angeles, California to Auburn, California. First class rate 2c, **Registered** rate 10c, 1c overpaid.



**Figure 12. Overpaid use dated May 15, 1928** from North Platte, Nebraska to Fort Worth, Texas. **Airmail** rate 10c for half ounce, overpaid 3c.

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Figure 13. Overpaid use dated September 28, 1928 from Colorado to Omaha, Nebraska. First class rate 2c, Special Delivery rate 10c, overpaid 1c.