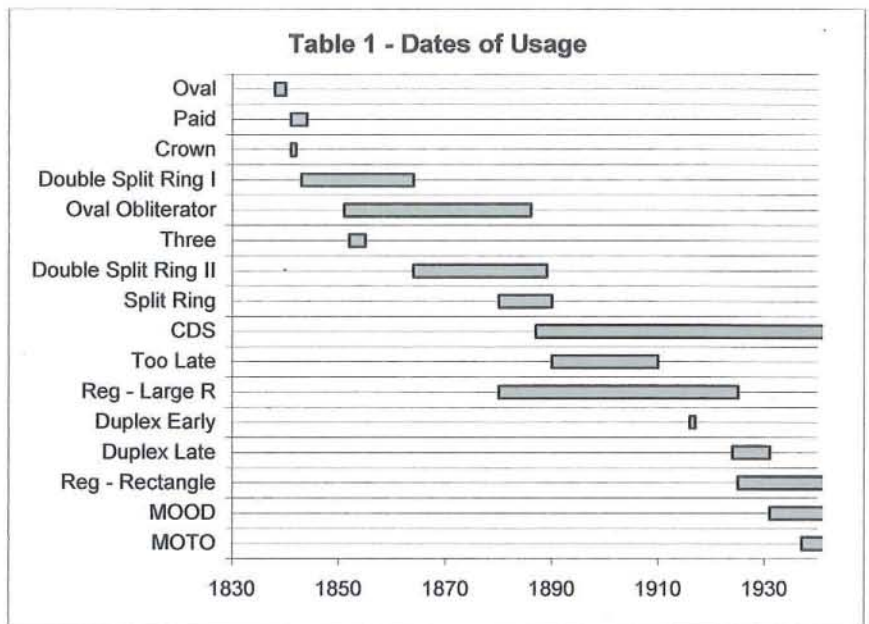


## THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF GUYSBOROUGH, N.S. 1838-1937

This exhibit shows the postal markings used at the Guysborough Post Office from the way office marking introduced in 1837 to the introduction of the money order transfer office marking in 1937. The markings are arranged by type chronologically from the earliest oval postmark to the money order markings. Table 1 shows how long the postal markings shown in the exhibit were used.

Appointed way office keeper in 1825, Robert Cutler (1784-1883), was a member of the Legislative Assembly and later the Legislative Council.

The post office opened July 6, 1841. E. I. Cunningham, appointed in 1861, established the first packet service. After 1887, three Hadleys served as postmaster: merchant William G. until 1911, widow, Elizabeth, until 1918 and daughter, Daisy Cunningham, until 1922 when Laurier Grant was appointed. The post office served as a sorting office for 33 rural post offices in eastern Guysborough County.



### WAY OFFICE POSTMARK (March 1837 - August 1840)

Postal historians believe Cutler was permitted to create the first oval marking using the words 'post office' as a result of his political connections.



12 Feb 1838 to London

Fewer than 5 copies in private collections

25 Apr 1838 London arrival marking

9d prepaid rate corrected to 2sh 2d due

### PAID POSTMARK (1842 - 1844)

Eighteen cancelling devices, including Guysborough, were sent from London to Halifax on 12 Nov 1841. Individual post offices did not receive the hammers before January 1842.

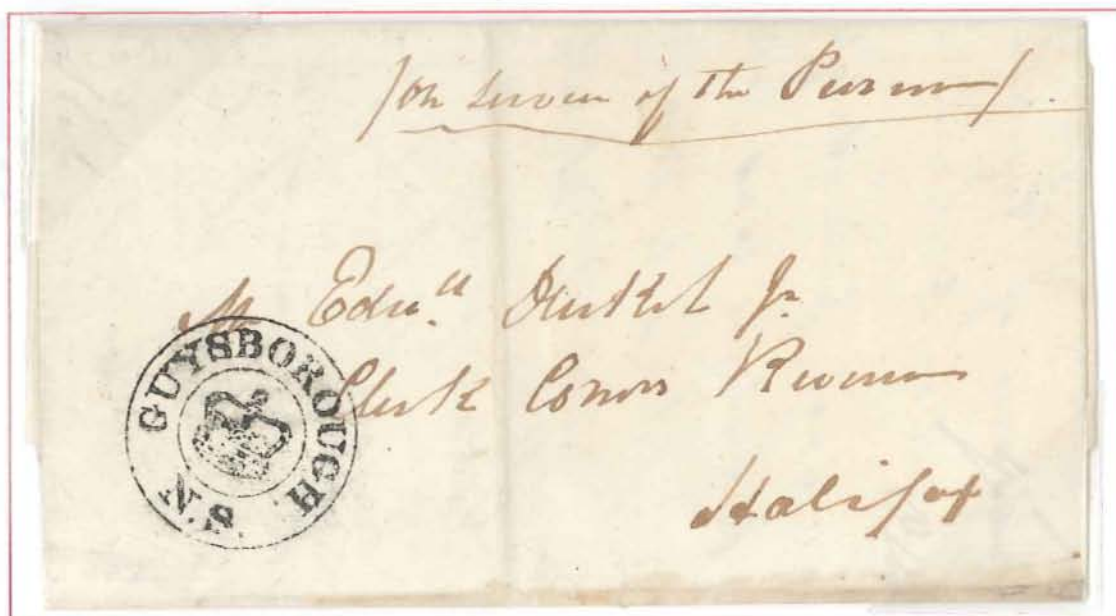


3 Feb 1844 to Halifax

Fewer than 25 copies in private collections  
9 Feb 1844 Halifax dbl split ring on reverse  
9d rate for 186 miles

### DOUBLE CROWN CIRCLE POSTMARK (19 Feb 1842 - 20 Oct 1842)

Five Nova Scotia post offices used the Double Crown Circle between August 1841 until September 1842.



19 Sep 1842 to Halifax

Fewer than 5 copies in private collections  
Free Frank Letter (abolished in 1844) "On Service of the Person".

**DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE I (1843-1864)**

The earliest possible date of use for the double split ring postmark was February 23, 1843 since it was among the first sent from London on December 3, 1842.



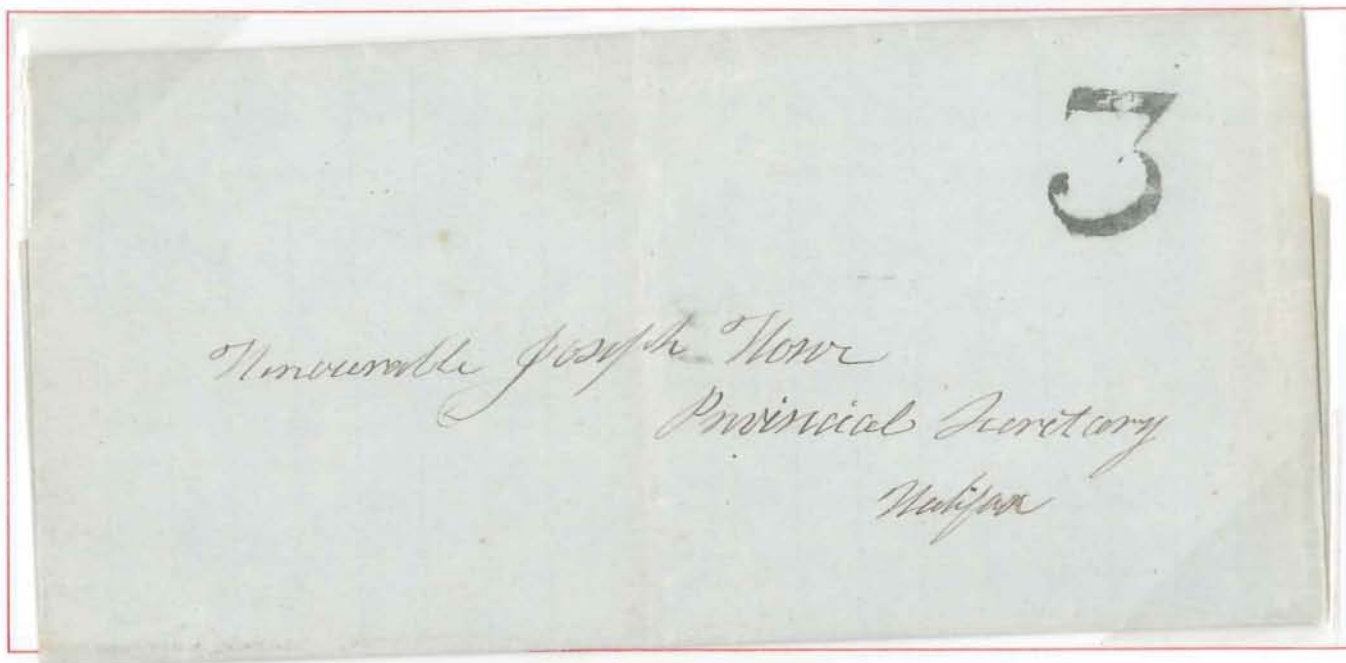
7 Jun 7, 1847 to Halifax  
Pre-paid 1sh 6d adjusted to 9d  
Diameter - 29.5mm



28 Nov 1855 to Halifax  
3d provincial rate

**THREE PENCE RATE MARKING (1852 – 1855)**

On July 6, 1851, the letter rate within Nova Scotia and overland to other Provinces was reduced to 3 pence per ½ oz.



22 Oct 1851 to Halifax  
Fewer than 5 copies in private collections  
Black ink indicating postage to be paid  
Double split ring postmark on reverse

**OVAL BARRED OBLITERATOR (1851 – 1886)**



22 Nov 1869 to Toronto  
3¢ domestic letter rate effective April 1, 1868

**DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE II (1864-1889)**

A second device was issued with a smaller diameter (28.5mm) and a shorter arc between N.S. and Guysborough.



5 Dec 1887 to Loch Harbour, North End Anti. Co, NS  
3¢ domestic letter rate + 2¢ registry fee

1 Jun 1872 to Tracadie, Anti. Co. NS  
3¢ domestic letter rate



13 Jul 1885 to Zurich, Switzerland  
29 Jul 1885 Swiss ambulant(TPO) #43 - Belfort-Basel line  
2¢ UPU postcard



**DOUBLE SPLIT RING POSTMARK TYPE II (1864-1889)**

**Late Usages**



6 Nov 1886 to Halifax  
1¢ postcard rate effective 1 Jul 1875 – 15 Apr 1915)



West River Sheet Harbour,  
Hfx. Co., NS 19 Sept 1889 to  
Guysborough  
21 Sept 1889 receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate



**SPLIT RING POSTMARK (1880 – 1890)**

**Proofed March 25, 1880**



**No Obliterator**

20 Jul 1882 to Halifax

1¢ domestic postcard w/ election results

**Oval Obliterator**

3 Apr 1883 to Halifax

4 Apr 1883 receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate



**Cork Obliterator**

Mourning cover 24 Nov 1885 to Halifax

25 Nov 1885 receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate

**SPLIT RING POSTMARK (1880 – 1890)**



28 Sep 1887; Receipt for Payment of Registration  
Initialed by Postmaster William G. Hadley

**TOO LATE POSTMARK**

Transit delayed by 3 days by missing Friday steamer to Canso.










13 Aug 1897 to Canso, Guys. Co., NS  
16 Aug 1897 receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate



## CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Between 1890 and 1934, no fewer than 7 different circular date stamps (CDS) were issued to Guysborough. Below is a comparison of the individual proof book impressions at approximately 75% size.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
						
Diameter: 24mm March 2, 1890 No AM/PM Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 25mm April 27, 1892 No AM/PM Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm June 6, 1892 AM/PM Indicia Indistinct G tail Medium arc Wide N	Diameter: 22mm Sept. 29, 1907 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Medium arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm No Proof Date AM/PM Indicia Indistinct G tail Long arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm April 21, 1934 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Short arc Narrow N	Diameter: 23mm Aug. 4, 1934 AM/PM Indicia Distinct G tail Medium arc Narrow N

### Type A

29 Dec 1890 local use  
1¢ domestic postcard rate



### Type B

8 Jan 1897 to Arichat, Rich. Co., NS  
11 Jan receiver and 9 Jan Cleveland  
transit CDS on reverse  
3¢ domestic letter rate

**CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)**



*Mr. A. H. H. der Parns  
 C/o Rev. F. W. W. der Parns B.A.  
 28 Allen Street  
 Halifax N.S.*

**Type C**

27 Sept 1899 to  
 Halifax

27 Sept Halifax  
 receiver

2¢ domestic letter rate  
 effective 1 Jan 1899

**Type D**



19 Jul 1917 to Dort's Cove,  
 Guys. Co., NS  
 20 Jul 1917 receiver  
 2¢.postcard rate effective 15  
 Apr 1915

*Dear friend just a  
 card for a  
 remembrance  
 hope you got  
 home safe Sunday  
 night with the  
 wife here very good  
 so far hope you are  
 all well give my  
 love to all*

*Mr. Delbert Dort,  
 Dort's Cove,  
 Guys. Co., N.S.*

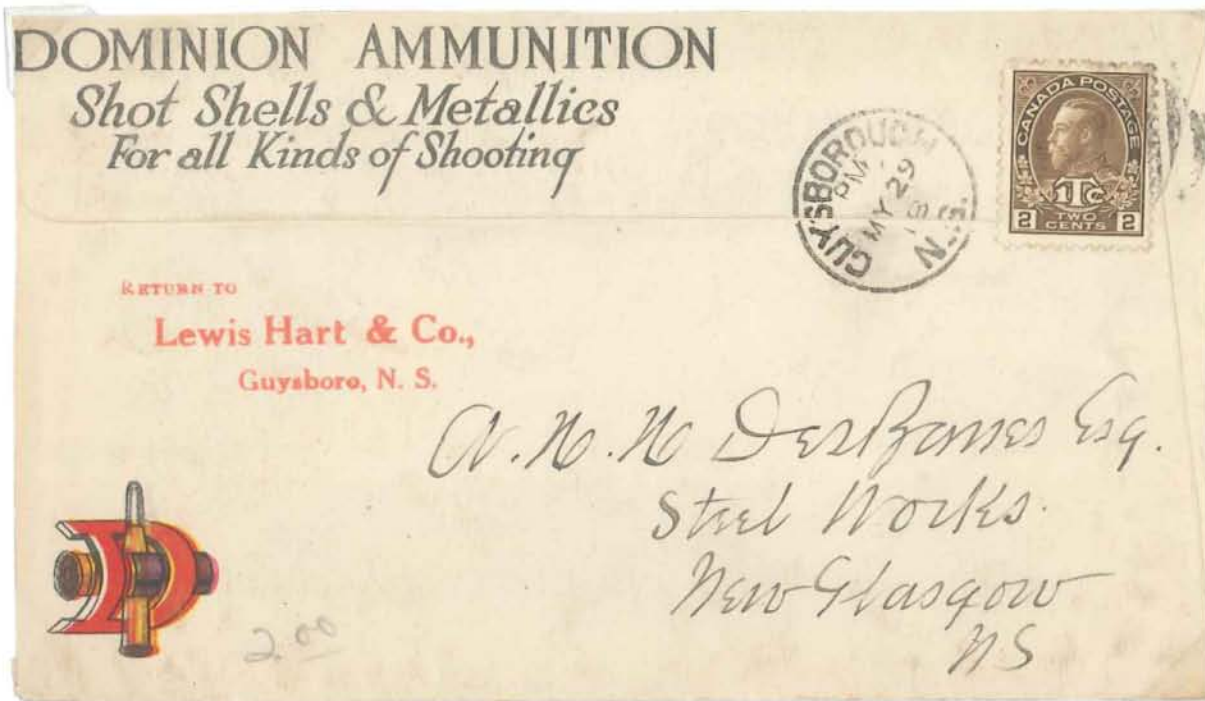


Post Office, Guysboro, N. S.

*In 1902, construction started  
 on a large stone post office  
 on the banks of Guysborough  
 Harbour, which still houses  
 the post office.*

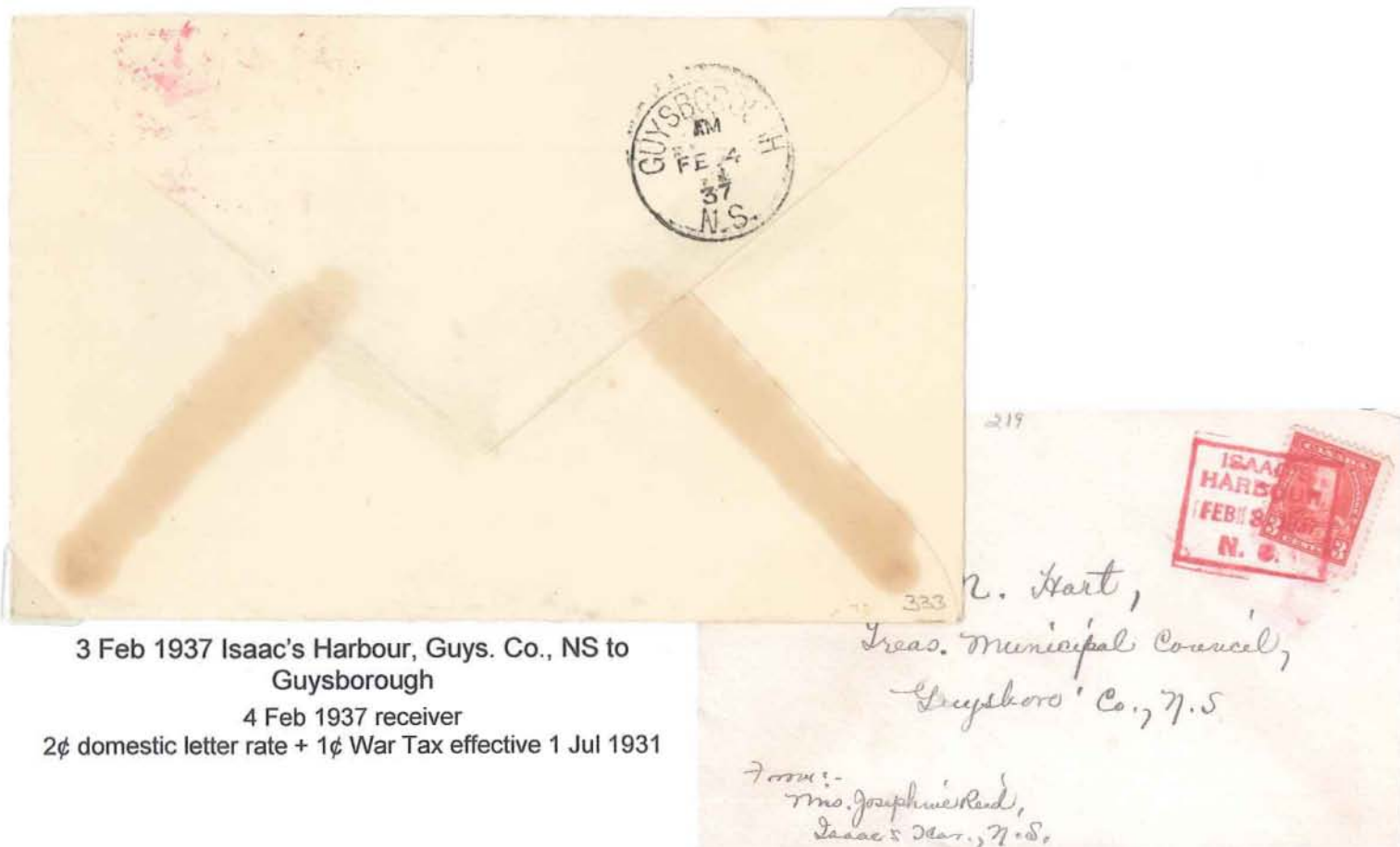
CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Type E



29 May 1918 to New Glasgow Pict. Co., NS  
 30 May 1918 Trenton receiver  
 2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢ War Tax effective 21 May 1915

Type F



3 Feb 1937 Isaac's Harbour, Guys. Co., NS to  
 Guysborough  
 4 Feb 1937 receiver  
 2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢ War Tax effective 1 Jul 1931

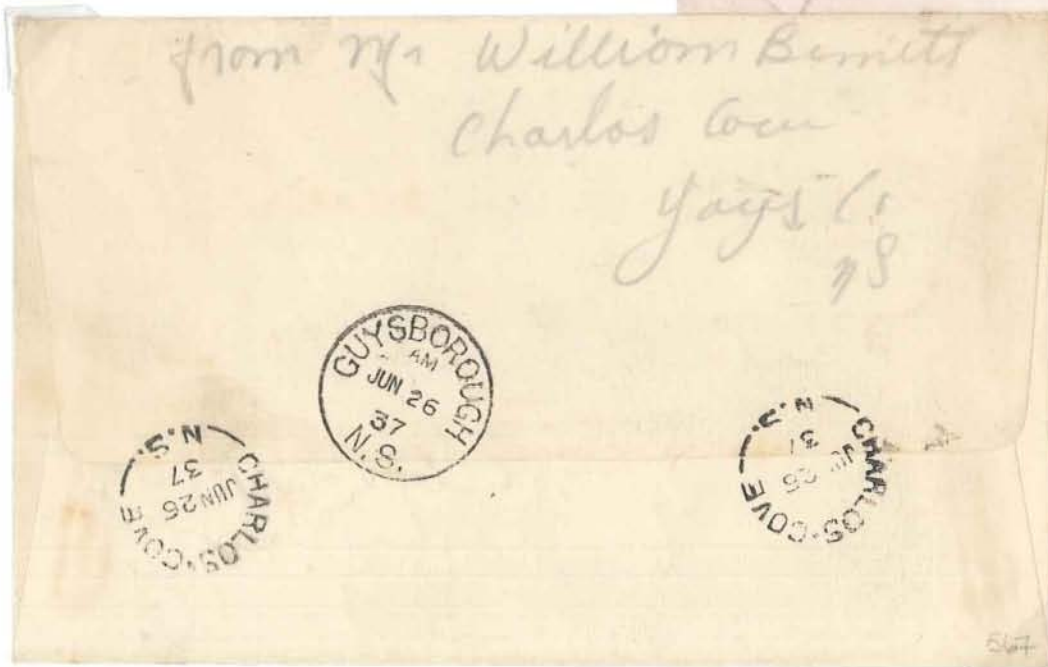
CIRCULAR DATE STAMP (1890 – 1937)

Type G



13 Feb 1943 to Halifax

13 Feb 1943 wartime mute receiver on reverse  
3¢ domestic letter rate + 10¢ special delivery rate



26 Jun 1937 Charlottetown,  
Guys. Co., NS to  
Guysborough

26 Jun 1937 receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate + 10¢  
registration fee

**DUPLEX POSTMARK (1916 – 1934)**

**Type I – Only Known Use 1 Sept 1916; 31x17.5mm killer**

1 Sept 1916 to New  
Glasgow, Pict. Co., NS  
2¢ domestic letter rate + 1¢  
war tax



**Type II – Proofed 2 Feb 1923; 26.5x15mm killer; all known examples have date/time marks reversed**

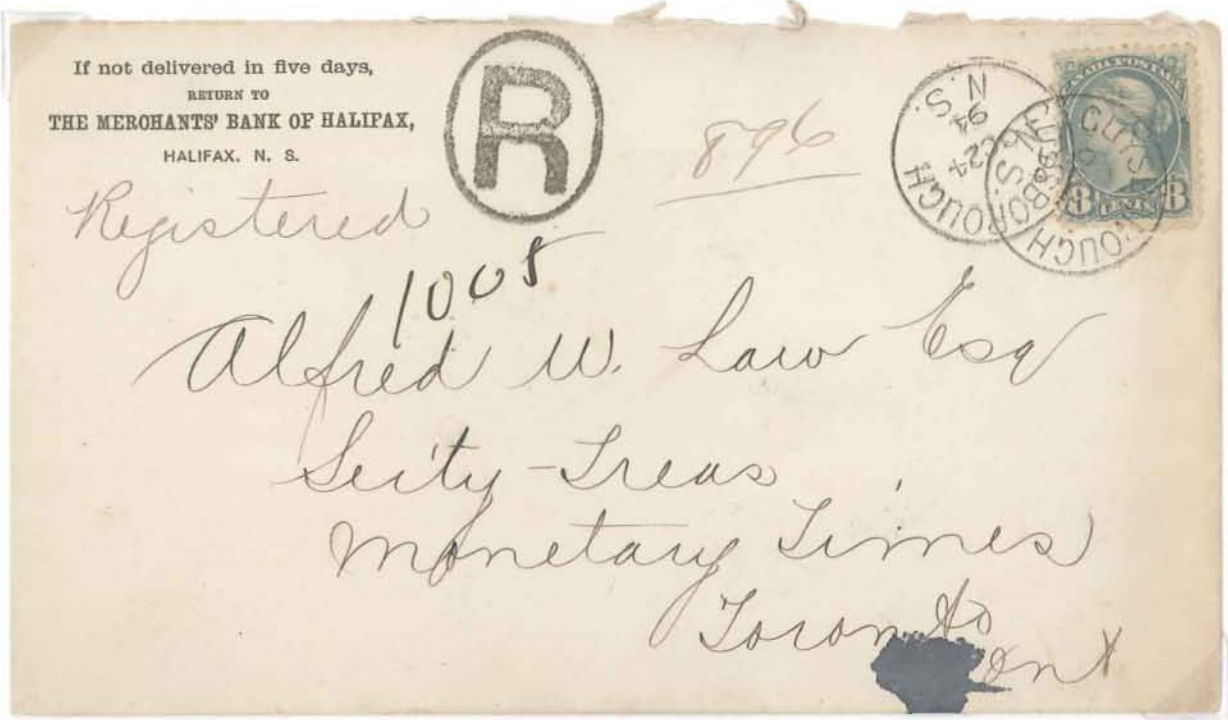


14 Aug 1928 to Reading,  
MA  
2¢ postcard rate to US

21 Oct 1931 to  
South River Lake,  
Guys. Co.  
Latest known use  
3¢ domestic letter  
rate



REGISTRATION MARKING (c. 1867 - 1925)



24 Oct 1894 to Toronto  
Guysborough CDS Type B  
New Glasgow & Point Tupper Railway; Halifax & Moncton mail car transit marks  
27 Oct 1894 Toronto receiver  
3¢ domestic letter rate + 5¢ registration fee effective 8 May 1889



17 Sept 1908 to South River Lake, Guys. Co., NS  
Guysborough CDS Type B  
Halifax & Sydney RPO; Antigonish transit marks  
2¢ domestic letter rate + 5¢ registration fee effective 1 Jan 1899

**REGISTRATION MARKING (Proof Date – November 1925)**

2cm by 4.9cm

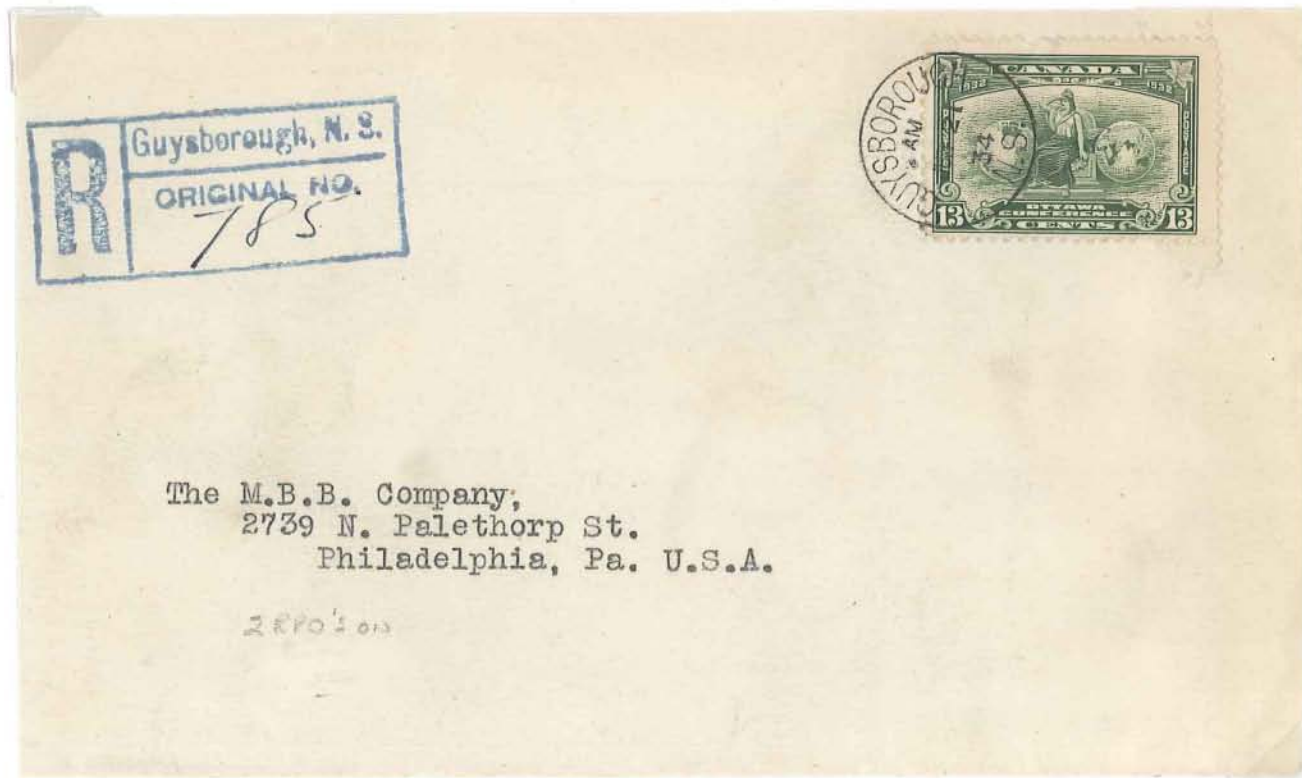


14 Dec 1929 to Antigonish, NS

Guysborough CDS Type C

Halifax & Sydney RPO transit marking; 16 Dec 1929 Antigonish receiver

2¢ domestic letter rate effective 1 Jul 1926 + 10¢ registration fee effective 15 Jul 1920



21 Jun 1934 to Philadelphia, PA

Guysborough CDS Type F

Sydney & Truro RPO; Halifax & Camp RPO; New York transit marks; 26 Jun 1934 Philadelphia receiver

3¢ domestic letter rate effective 1 Jul 1931 + 10¢ registration fee effective 15 Jul 1920

**MONEY ORDER OFFICE DATER (MOOD) (Proof Date - April 1931)**

Signature of Annuitant

NOTE.—If the Annuitant cannot write, his mark must be affixed in the presence of a witness, and be attested by the signature of that witness.

DATE OF PAYMENT		AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		Officer's Signature	The Dated Stamp of the office to be affixed against each entry
		\$	cts.		
1935 Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>		2876	=	H.L.G.	

30 Nov 1935

Proper usage in Government Annuities Passbook for Postal Savings account  
Blue ink typical of MOOD usage

**MONEY ORDER TRANSFER OFFICE (MOTO) (Proof Date - 24 Mar 1937)**

2.9cm x 2.2cm  
Purple Ink typical of  
MOTO usage

Signature of Annuitant

NOTE.—If the Annuitant cannot write, his mark must be affixed in the presence of a witness, and be attested by the signature of that witness.

DATE OF PAYMENT		AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		Officer's Signature	The Dated Stamp of the office to be affixed against each entry
		\$	cts.		
1937 Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>		6476	80	H.L.G.	



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