

## Five Cents Lincoln 1903 Issue: Foreign Registry Uses

The United States perforated five cents blue Lincoln stamp was first issued on January 20, 1903 as part of the definitive issue begun in 1902. The stamps bear the double lined "USPS" watermark. The stamp was primarily used to pay the U.P.U. foreign letter mail single rate postage.

This exhibit shows the various foreign postal rates for registered mail that were in effect during the normal currency of the issue (1903 to 1909) as well as unusual uses and destinations.

### The Postal Rates

Registry Fee for domestic and foreign mails: 8¢

Postal rates to U.P.U. nations: 5¢ for a first class letter weighing to one ounce

5¢ for each additional ounce until September 31, 1907

3¢ for each additional ounce after October 1, 1907

Domestic postal rates applicable to mail to / from U.S. possessions and offices:

2¢ for a first class letter weighing to one ounce

Treaty mail at domestic rates was available from the United States to Canada and Mexico

### Use from Shanghai, China



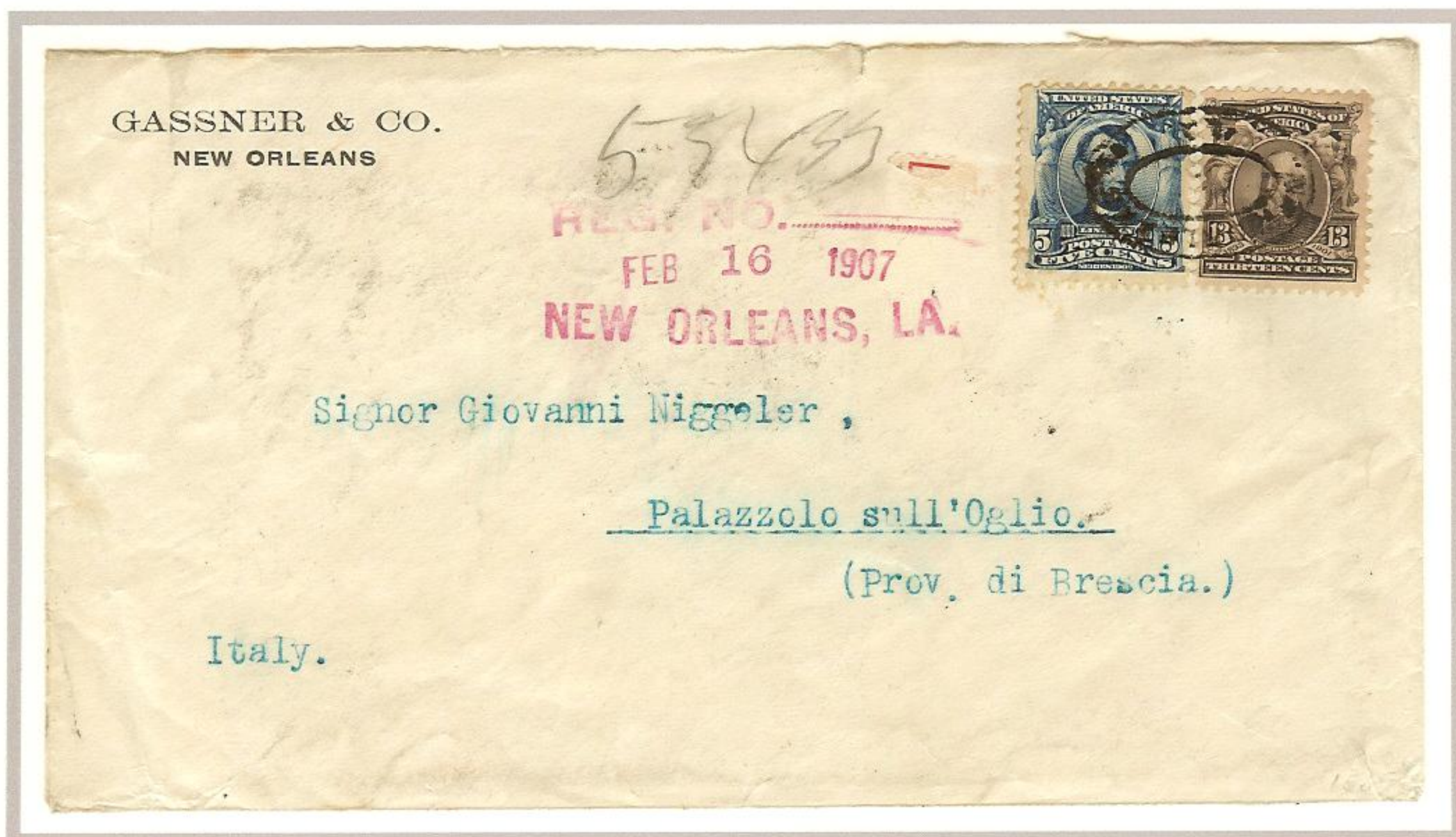
30 November 1908 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China to Mountain Grove, Maine  
8¢ registry fee plus 2¢ postage (domestic rate)

# Registered Mail Rates (pre October 1907)

Single / Double



8 November 1907 Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania single rate to Aquila, Italy  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate (to one ounce)



16 February 1907 New Orleans to Palazzolo, Italy  
8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate (to two ounces)

Registered Mail Rates  
(pre October 1907)  
Triple



REGISTERED NO. 186



*Monsieur A. Basset*  
*98 Rue d'Albany*

*Vernon*  
*( Eure )*  
*France*

29 December 1904 Proctorsville,  
Vermont to Vernon, France  
8¢ registry fee plus 15¢ postage for  
triple rate (to three ounces)

Registered Mail Rates (post October 1907)

Double

The Sunday School Times  
1031 WALNUT STREET  
PHILADELPHIA  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES CO., PUBLISHERS



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Mrs. Howard Hovey,  
J. Hovey,  
Mt. Lebanon,  
Syria.

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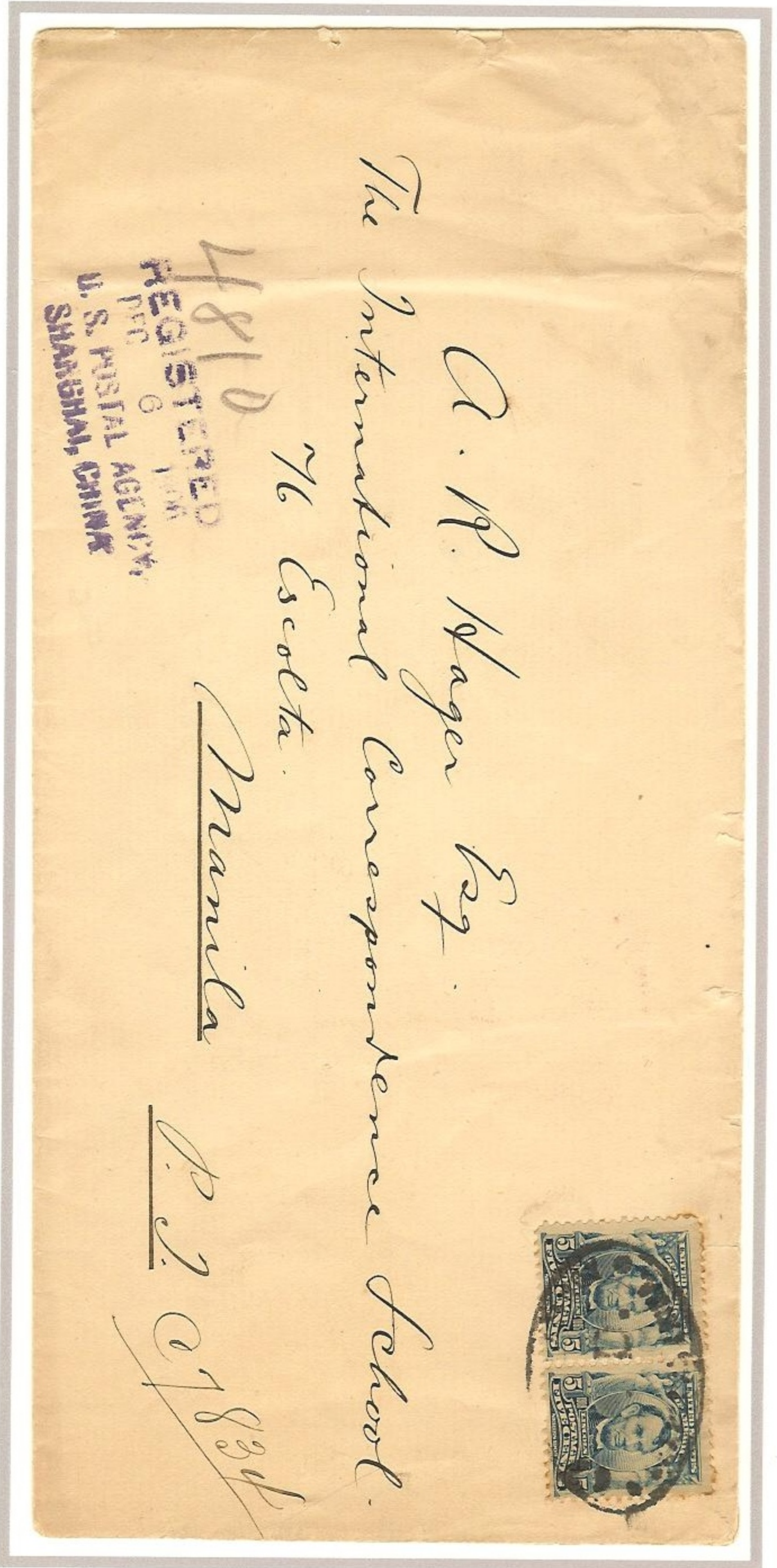


20 November 1907  
Philadelphia to  
Lebanon, Syria  
8¢ registry fee plus  
8¢ postage for  
double rate (to 2  
ounces)



**Registered Mail Rates (post October 1907)**

**Domestic Rate from U.S.P.O. Shanghai**

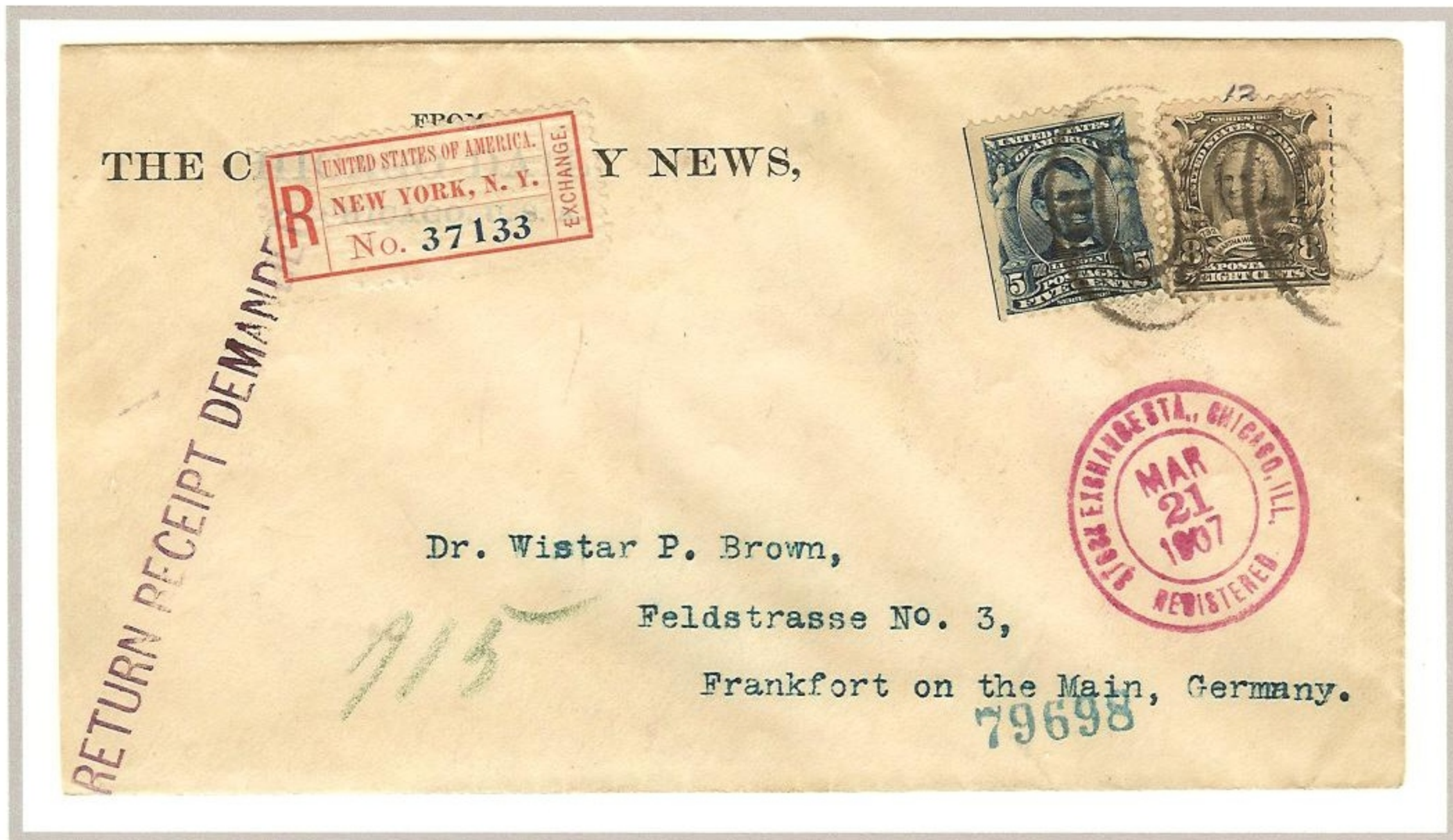


6 December 1906 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai** to Manila, Philippines  
8¢ registry fee plus 2¢ postage

*Mail between U.S. possessions was handled at domestic postal rates.*

# Registered Mail Rates

## Return Receipt



21 March 1907 Stock Exchange Station, Chicago to Frankfort, Germany  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate (to one ounce), 5¢ Return Receipt fee paid in cash



20 August 1908 Sacramento to Blankenhain, Germany  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate (to one ounce), 5¢ Return Receipt fee paid in cash

# Registered Mail

## Consular Mail from Haiti



1904 Port Au Prince, Haiti to Coffeyville, Kansas, Department of State, Consular Service  
4 April 1904 Washington, D.C. entered the mails as registered (contained coins as listed at left)  
8¢ registry fee plus 14¢ postage

# Registered Mail

to Dutch Indies / to Sarawak



27 March 1906 New York to Batavia, Dutch Indies

8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate



4 January 1904 Berkeley, California to Kuching, Sarawak

8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate

**Registered Mail**  
to Philippine Islands / to South Africa



10 March 1904 Buell, Virginia to Corregidor Island, Philippines  
8¢ registry fee plus 2¢ postage for single rate (possessions entitled to domestic postal rates)



29 November 1904 Pago Pago, Samoa to Johannesburg, South Africa  
phantalic overpayment of 8¢ registry fee plus presumably 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail**  
**to Haiti / to Dominican Republic**

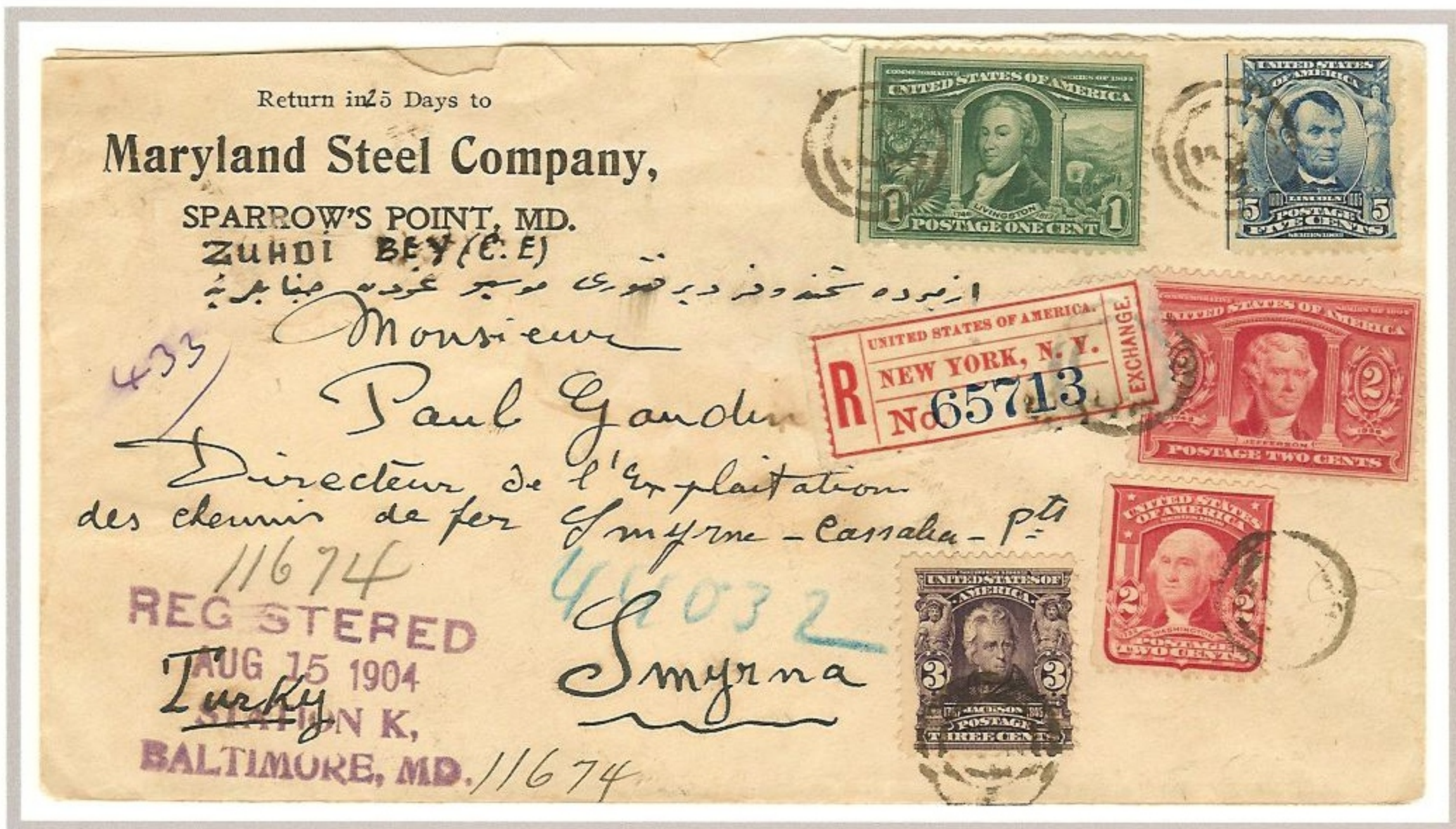


2 February 1905 New York City to Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate



2 March 1905 Boston to Monte Cristy, Dominican Republic  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail**  
to Smyrna / to Greece



15 August 1904 Baltimore to Smyrna  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate



23 November 1903 Holyoke, Massachusetts to Athens, Greece  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail  
to Norway / to Switzerland**



1 October 1906 Hudson, South Dakota to Bergen, Norway  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate, sent to Dead Letter Office



9 February 1909 Brooklyn, New York to Stans, Switzerland  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail  
to Jamaica / to England**



7 July 1905 Lynn, Massachusetts to Kingston, Jamaica  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate



9 January 1904 Fort Reno, **Oklahoma Territory** to New Hinksey, England  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail  
to Italy**



28 May 1904 New York City Station 78 to Palermo, Italy  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail  
to Norway / to Belgium**



23 July 1907 Prairie Farm, Wisconsin to Tynset, Norway  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate



21 November 1907 Honolulu, Hawaii (a US Territory at this time) to Bruges, Belgium  
8¢ registry fee plus 5¢ postage for single rate

**Registered Mail  
to Germany**

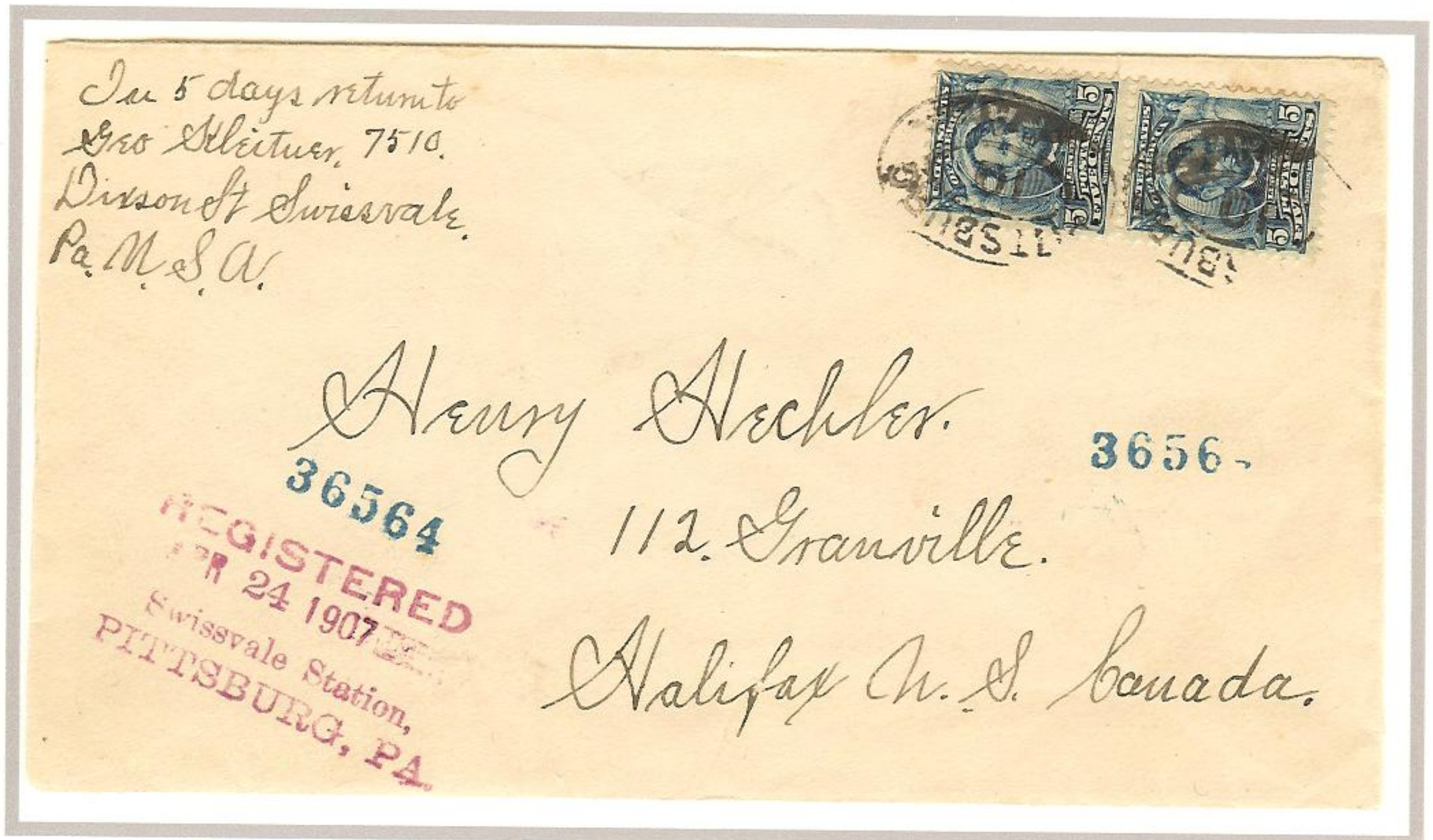


3 July 1905 New York City Station P to Berlin, Germany  
8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate



20 November 1907 Bottineau, North Dakota to Marknenkirchen, Germany  
8¢ registry fee plus 15¢ postage (overpayment of reduced triple rate)

**Registered Mail**  
to Canada / to Germany



24 April 1907 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Halifax, Nova Scotia  
8¢ registry fee plus 2¢ postage for single rate (treaty rate)



1 September 1908 McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania to Heppenheim, Germany  
8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate

**Registered Mail  
to Switzerland**



12 January 1904 New York City Station S to St. Gall, Switzeland  
8¢ registry fee plus 10¢ postage for double rate