

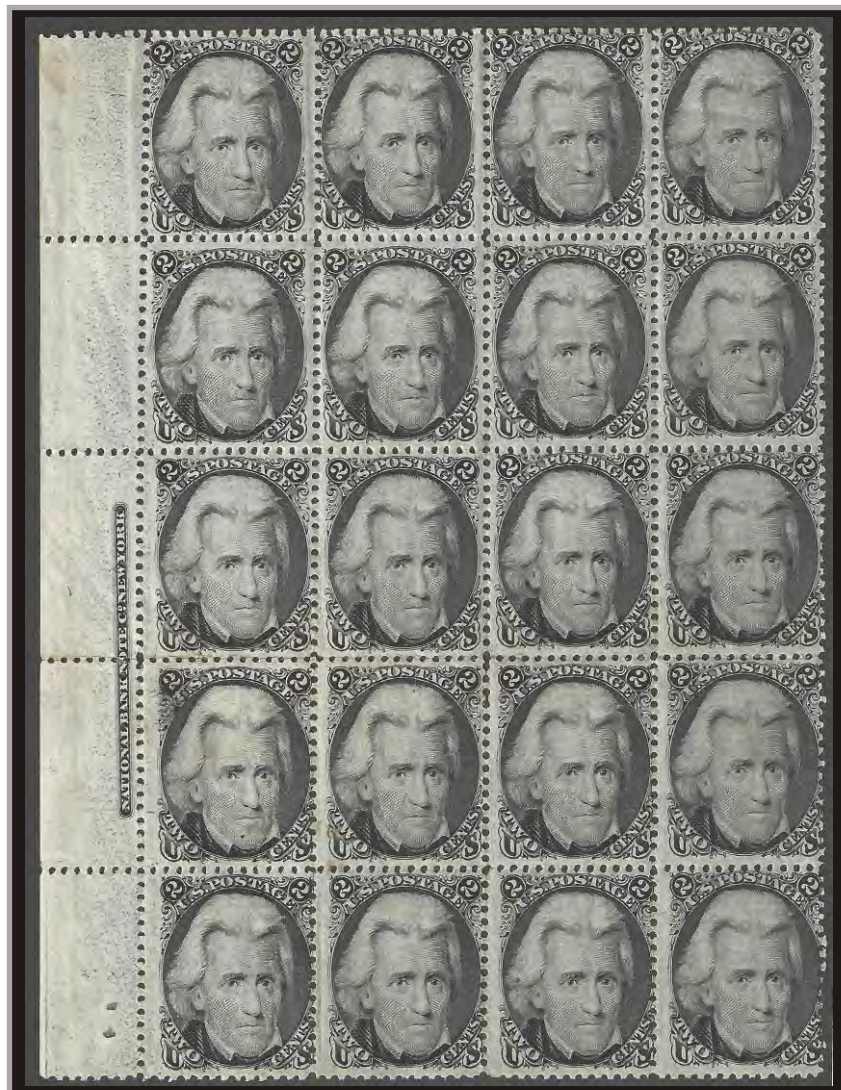
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Two Cents Andrew Jackson

Mint Blocks



original gum marginal block



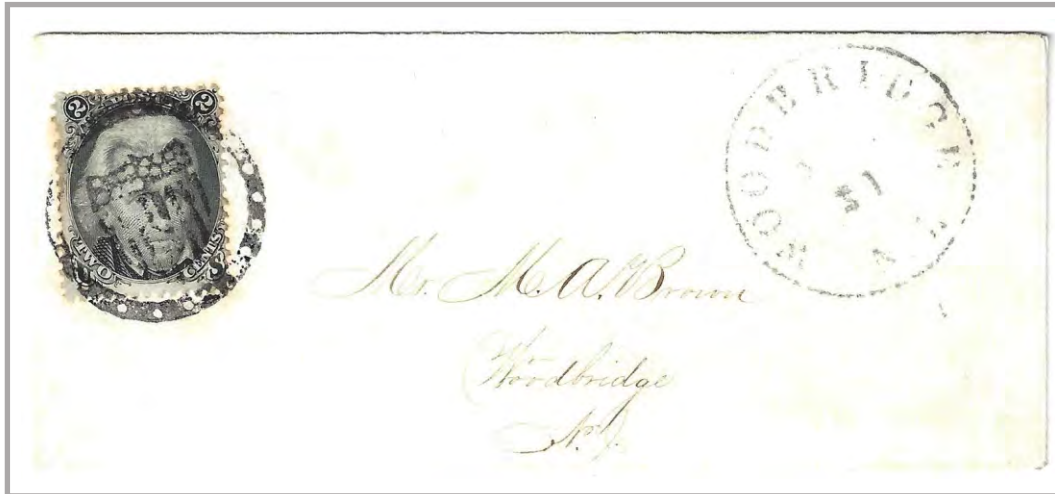
original gum block with complete "NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO. NEW YORK" imprint

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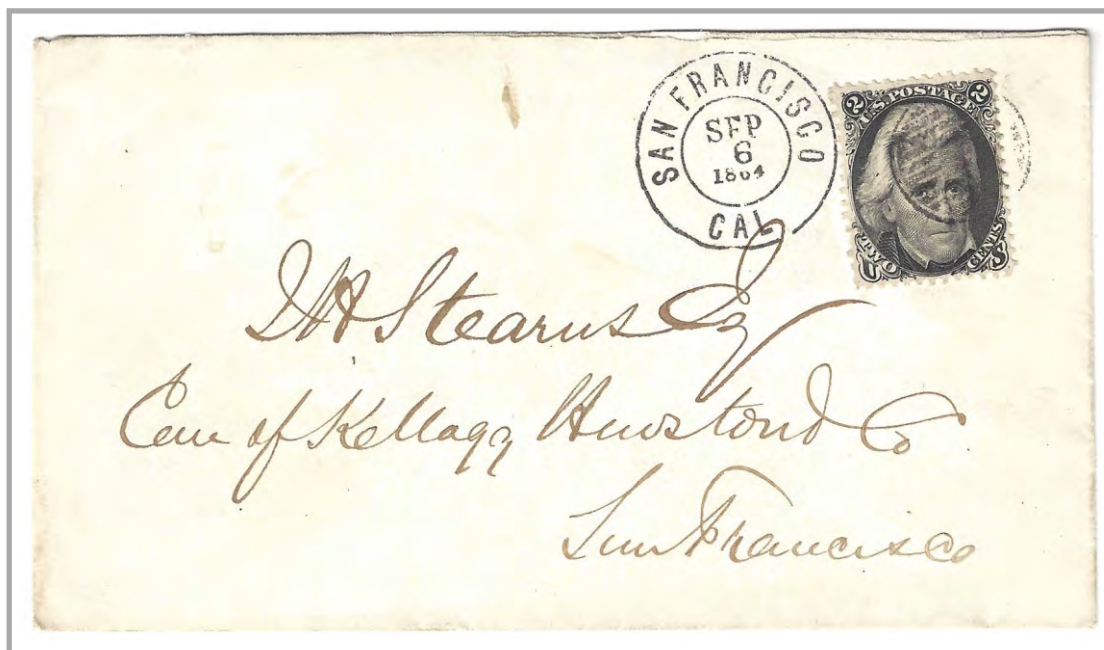
Drop Rate Uses

The two cents stamp was issued on 1 July 1863 primarily to be used to prepay the new two cent postal rate for a letter to one-half ounce mailed within a city. The rate includes carrier delivery service. The rate was in effect from July 1, 1863 until 1883 but was modified in 1865 to allow a lower one cent rate at cities without carrier delivery.

Offices Without Carrier Service



Woodbridge, NJ local drop rate, patriotic shield and stars cancel
this post office did not have carrier service and the rate was reduced to 1¢ in 1866

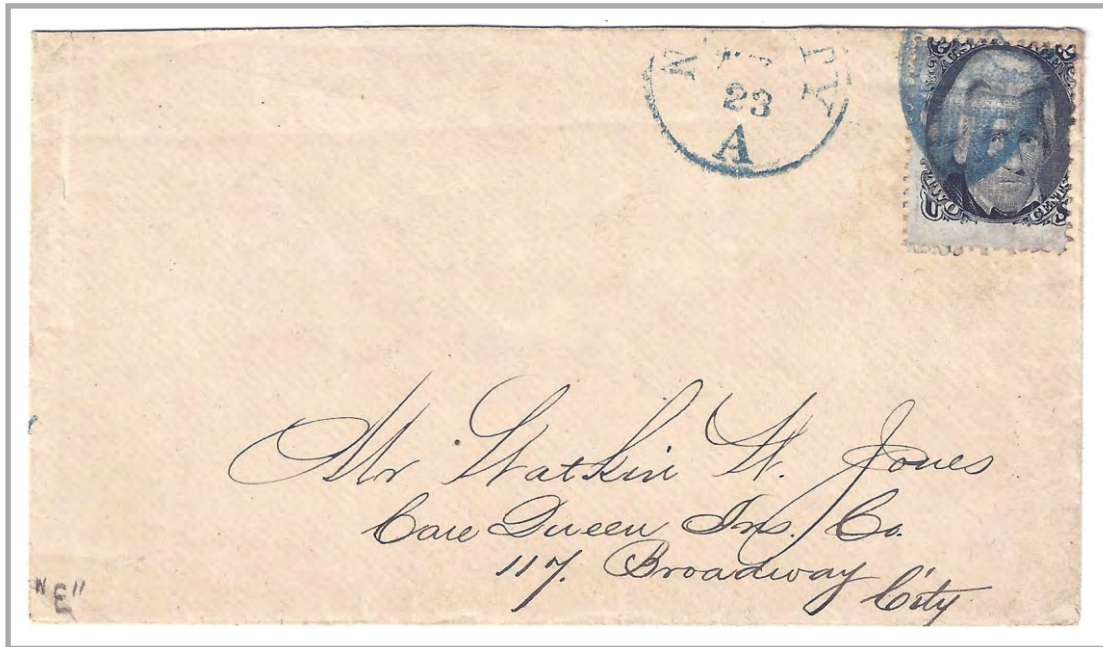


6 September 1864 San Francisco drop rate use, carrier service was not begun until 1868
many larger post office did not have carrier service in 1863

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New York City Stations

Some of the several post office stations that operated in New York City struck their markings in red or blue ink during the period between 1866 and 1869. Some datestamps included the station letter within the postmark.



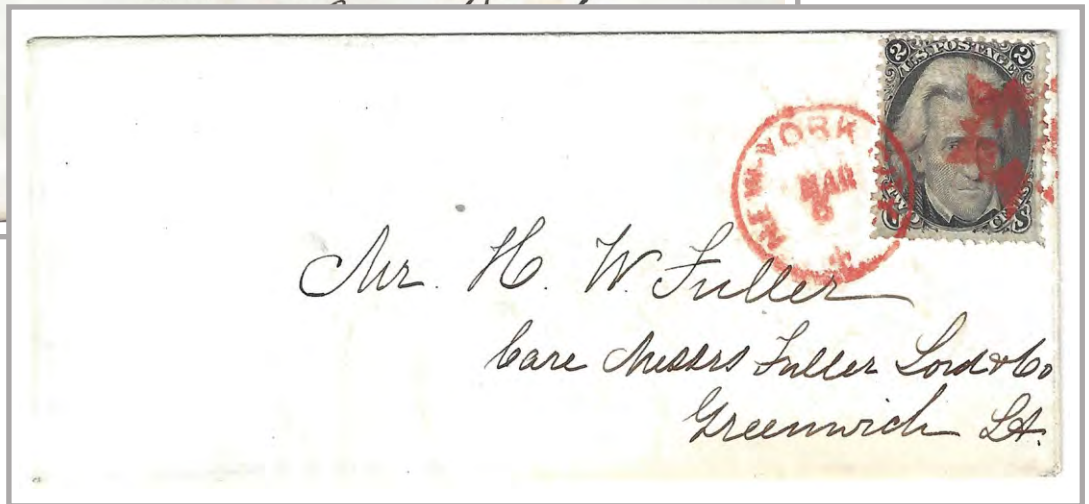
23 November 1868 New York City Station "A" postmark, shield cancel, 2¢ "E" Grill



top cover Station "D" New York City postmark with internal initial, lower cover mute

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1 and 5 March 1867 New York City local uses with matching negative star cancels

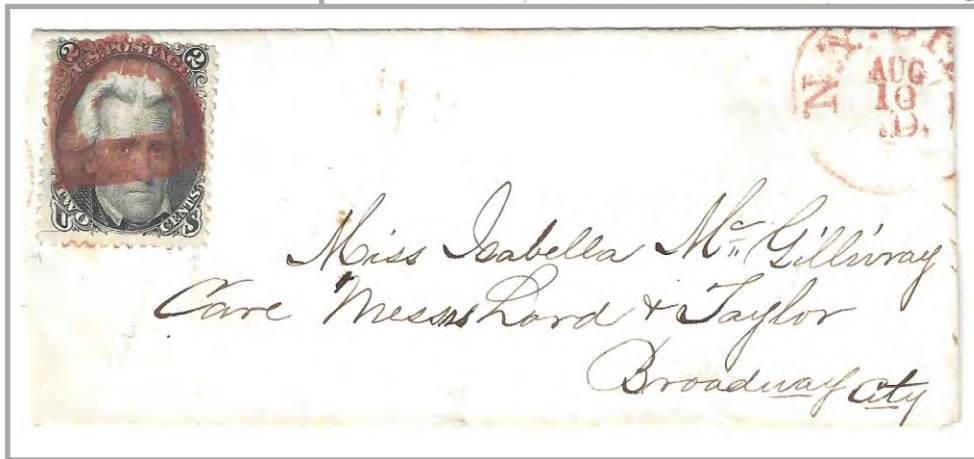
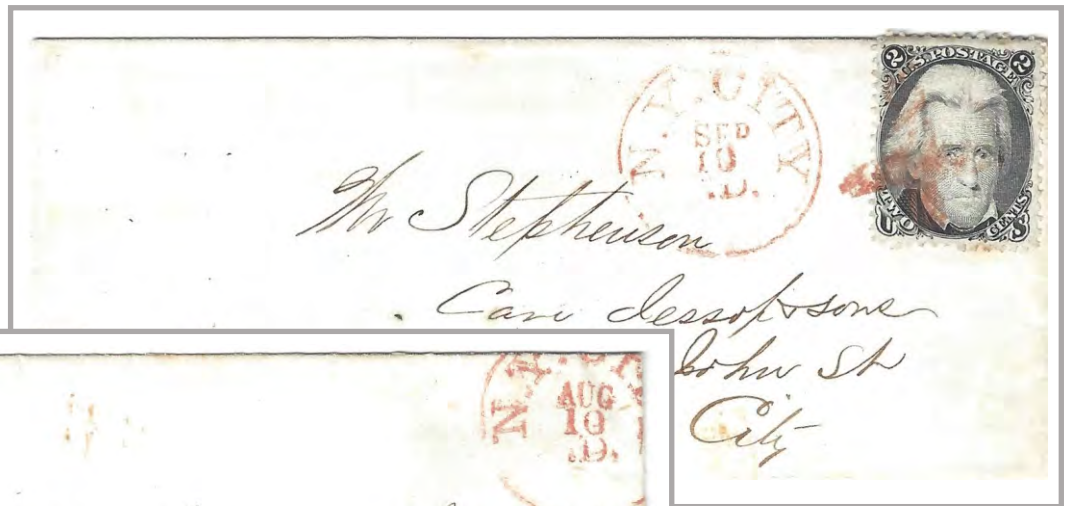


26 December 1867, New York City local use, "PO" in circle cancel, Returned To Writer handstamp
23 January 1868 returned to a New Hampshire address without additional charge
two examples known, sender exploited a loophole 1866 Act that allowed free forwarding

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New York City Stations

D



Station "D" New York City postmarks with internal initial, different cancels



9 September 1868, New York City geometric cancel, 2¢ "F" Grill

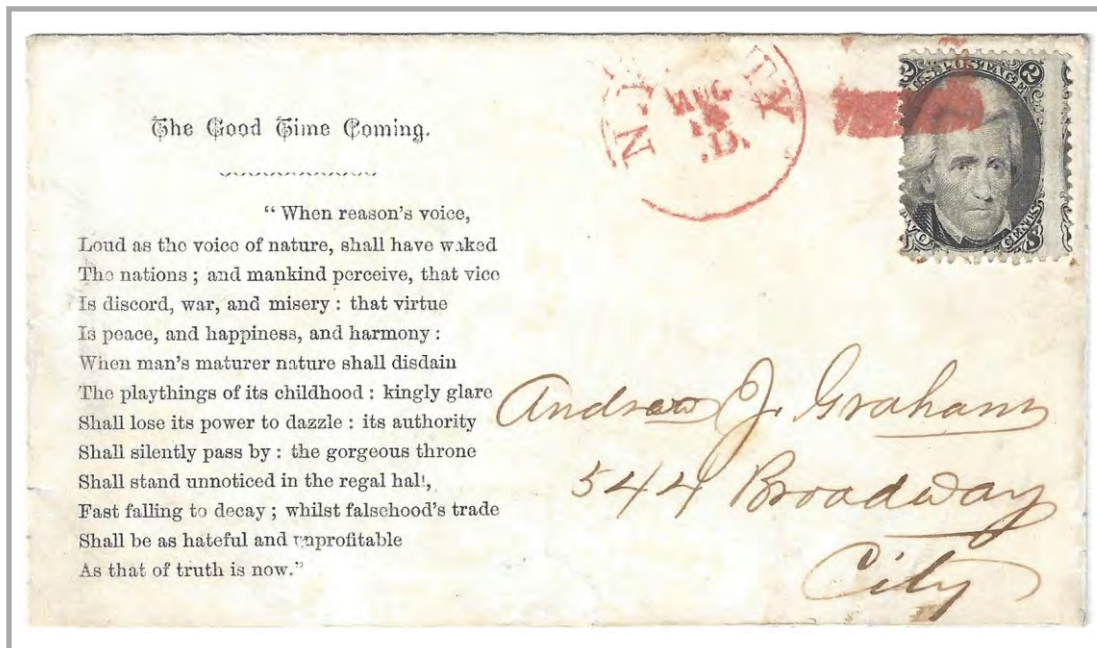
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Propaganda Designs

War & Peace



"Union & Constitution" patriotic cover, 9 August 1864 Middletown, CT local use



"The Good Time Coming" peace propaganda song lyrics imprinted cover, New York City local use
14 August (1867) "N. Y. City D" duplex postmark of Station D and "D" cancel
cover addressed to Andrew J. Graham, noted phonography teacher and author

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Rail Road Uses

Route Agent / Station Agent



6 July Cumberland Valley R.R. railway route agent postmark, overpaid 3¢ rate marking applied by the agent onboard the train enroute from Harrisburg to Chambersburg, PA



10 March Marseilles, C. & R.I. R.R. station agent postmark, overpaid 3¢ rate ticket-dater station agent marking used by postmaster Butterfield who also served as RR agent Marseilles, IL was a station and post office on the Chicago & Rock Island R.R. route

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Advertising Designs

Tea Importers



The Great American & China Tea Company design includes China related illustrations this envelope encloses the return address envelope (reduced image overlaid at right)



The Great American Tea Company design includes a calendar for the year 1865 at left

Volunteer Hospital / Sanitary Fair

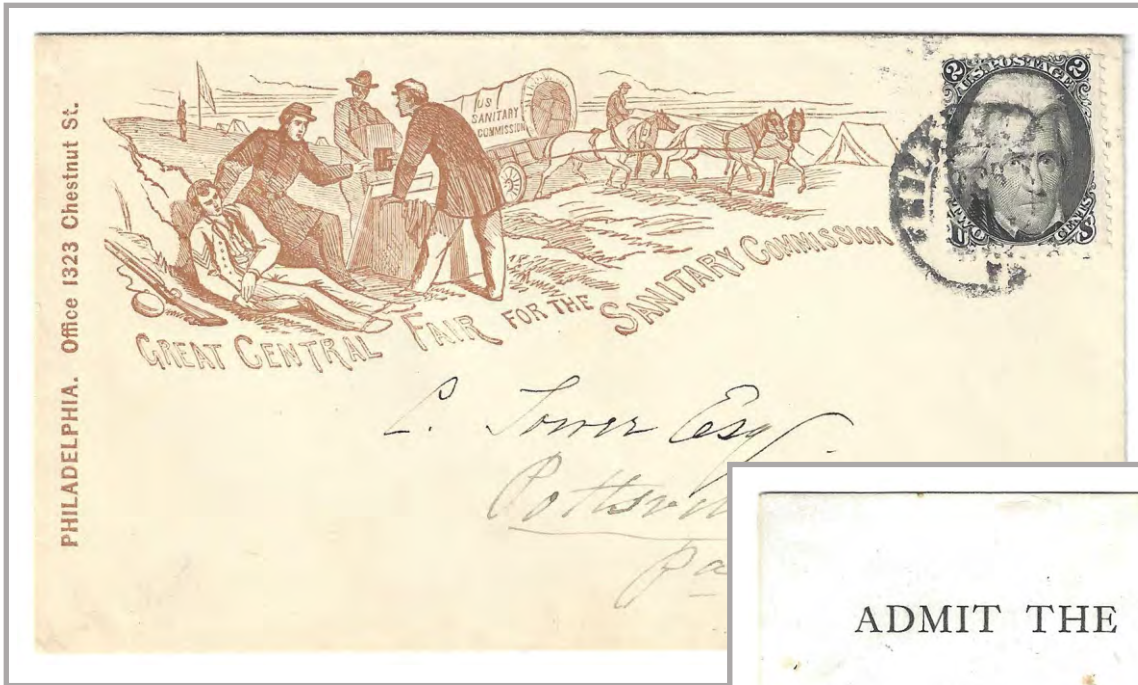


Citizens Volunteer Hospital, Philadelphia, cover with illustration of the hospital
1863 Philadelphia postmark, used locally

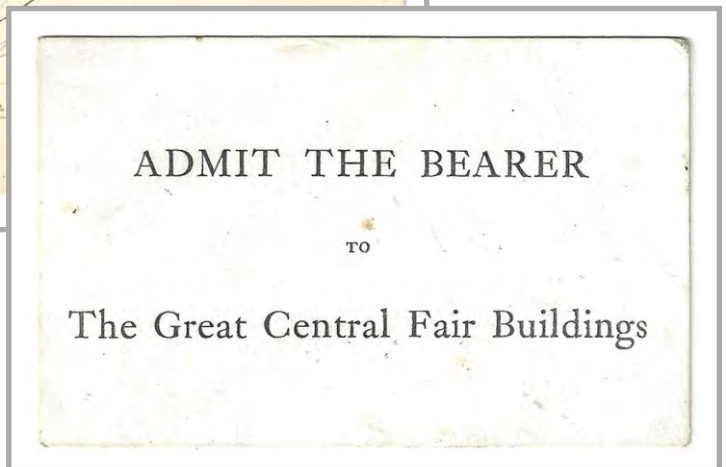


The Great Central Fair For The Sanitary Commission, Philadelphia (1864), unsealed envelope
illustrated design in purple showing the Sanitary Commission's field ambulance

Philadelphia Sanitary Fair



Sanitary Fair Philadelphia (1864)
unsealed envelope in brown
enclosed ticket to the fair at right

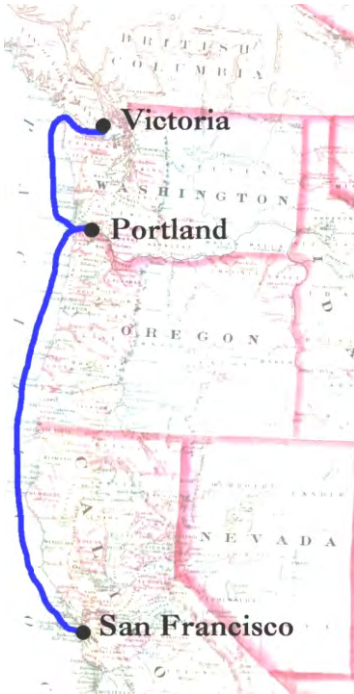


Sanitary Fair Philadelphia (1864), unsealed envelope in red

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Used From Abroad

Used from Victoria, Vancouver Island to England
by Wells, Fargo & Co. from Victoria to San Francisco



Paid frank indicating 2½ pence postage paid.
Colonial postage was required on all mail,
even if carried outside the post office mails.



Wells, Fargo & Co. Victoria datestamp.



8 February 1869 Victoria, V.I. by Wells, Fargo & Co. to San Francisco, prepaid fees in Victoria
from San Francisco, via Panama, to New York where it entered mails to England
prepaid 12¢ US postage in Victoria, postage canceled with NYFM cancels in New York
27 March 1869 London arrival

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Used To China

via Atlantic Ocean / via Pacific Ocean



15 December 1863 Norwalk, CT, via New York to London, prepaid 45¢ rate via Southampton
London Paid credit reflects Marseille route but carried via Southampton on 4 January 1864
by P&O steamer Pera, via Gibraltar and Malta to Alexandria, then overland to Suez
by P&O steamers Mooltan and Orissa to Hong Kong, then Ganges to Shanghai (arrival 3 March)



10 March 1869 Bristol, NH, via New York and Panama, to San Francisco, 10¢ paid with "F" grills
5 April 1869 San Francisco by PMSS steamer Great Republic, via Yokohama, to Hong Kong
15 May 1860 Hong Kong by P&O steamer Azof to Swatow, China (arrival backstamp 16 May)

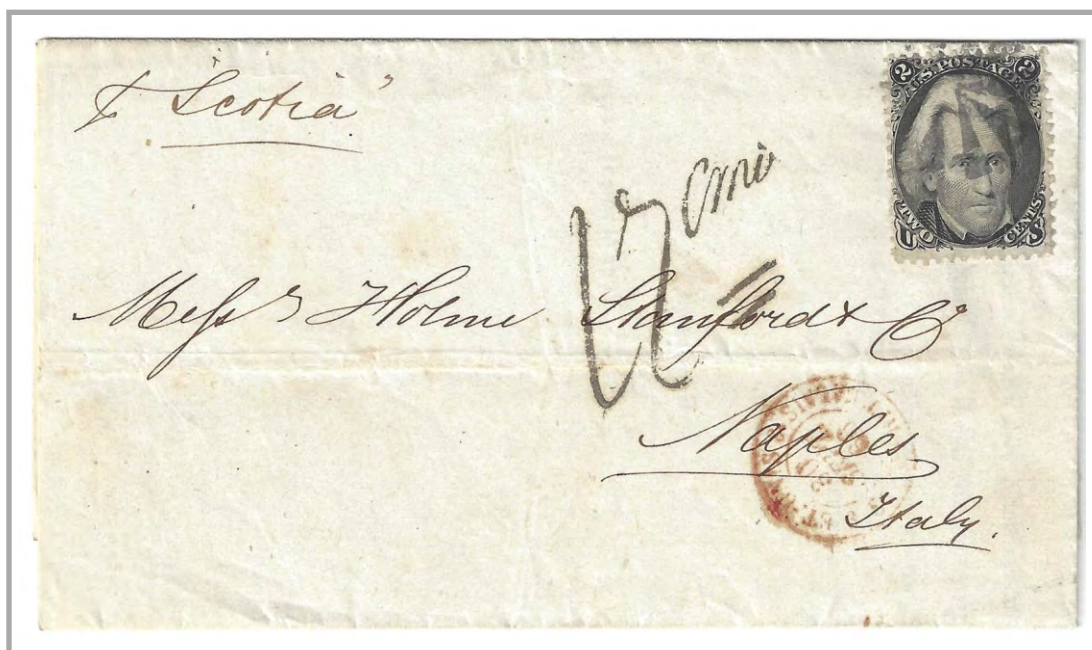
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Used Abroad

to Mexico / to Italy



14 June 1865 New York printed circular to Puebla, Mexico, $\frac{1}{2}$ real postage due



15 September 1866 New York printed circular to Naples, Italy 17 centesimi postage due

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Used Abroad

to Hawaii / to Canada



14 June 1864 San Francisco, CA circular rate use to Honolulu, Hawaii
prepaid 4¢ rate (2c drop rate plus Hawaii 2¢ ship fee)



28 August 1863 Chicago, IL mourning cover to Ingersoll, Canada
Chicago "U. STATES 10 PAID" exchange office handstamp, transit and arrival backstamps
1¢ overpayment of the 10¢ rate

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Used Abroad

to Russia / to Switzerland



8 September 1866 Portland, ME to St. Petersburg, Russia, prepaid 45¢ rate carried under Prussian Closed Mail Treaty, carried via New York, London, Aachen, and Berlin



10 July 1867 San Francisco, CA to Langanau, Switzerland, prepaid 22¢ rate French Mail Treaty Mail use, carried via Panama, New York, Havre and Berne

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Used Abroad

to France / to Germany



24 April 1866 Chicago, IL to Paris, France, prepaid 15¢ rate, Chicago exchange office credit French Treaty use, carried via Portland, ME, and Liverpool to Calais in closed mail bag carried by Allan Line steamer St. David that departed Portland on 28 April 1866



23 June 1866 New York to Darmstadt, Germany, short paid 15¢ rate and treated as due Bremen Mail Treaty Mail use, carried direct to Bremen by North German Line steamer Hansa red pinwheel fancy cancel applied at a New York station office is duplexed with a date stamp