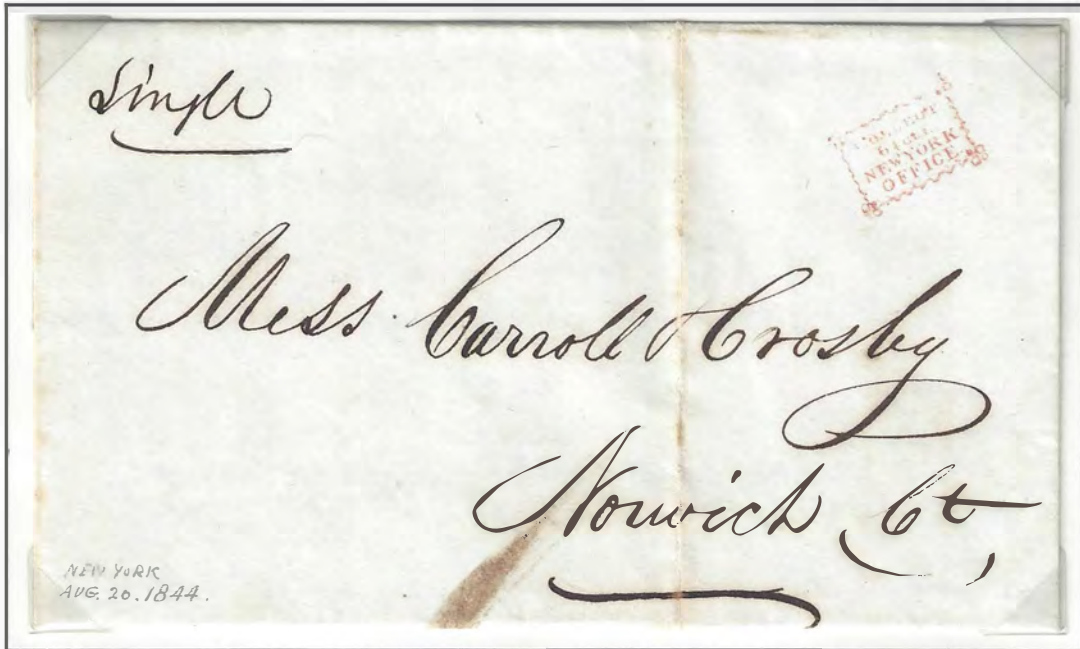


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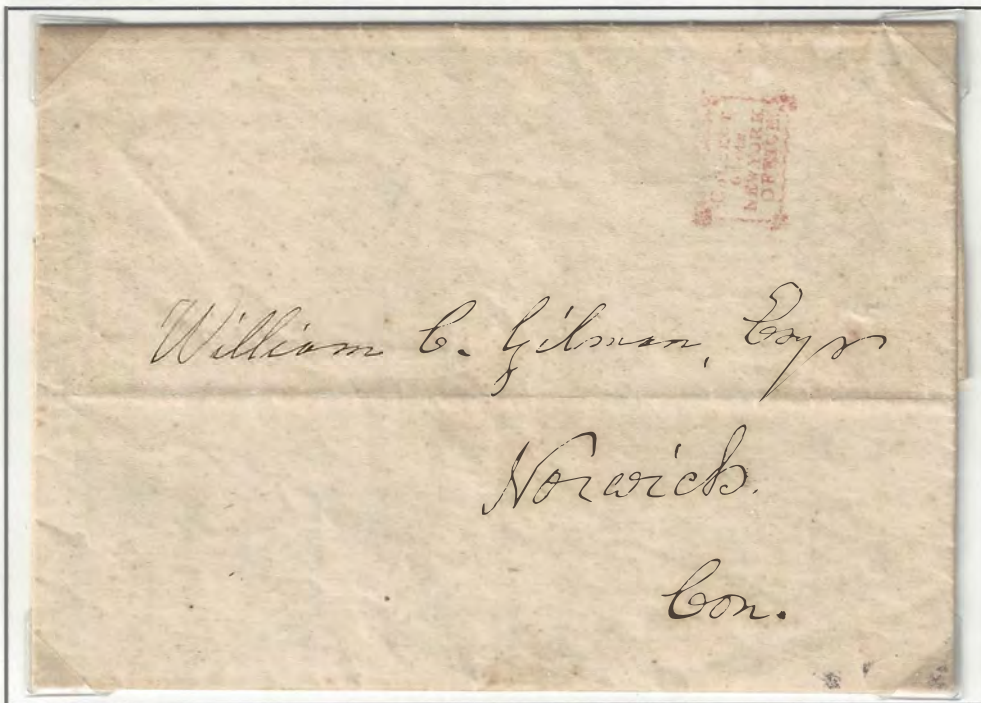
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AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY  
INCOMING TO NORWICH

NEW YORK



DATelINED: NEW YORK, AUGUST 20, 1844  
SMITH, STRATTON & Co.

NEW HAVEN



DATelINED: NEW HAVEN, SEPTEMBER 23, 1844  
J. L. KINGSLEY.

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PREPAID



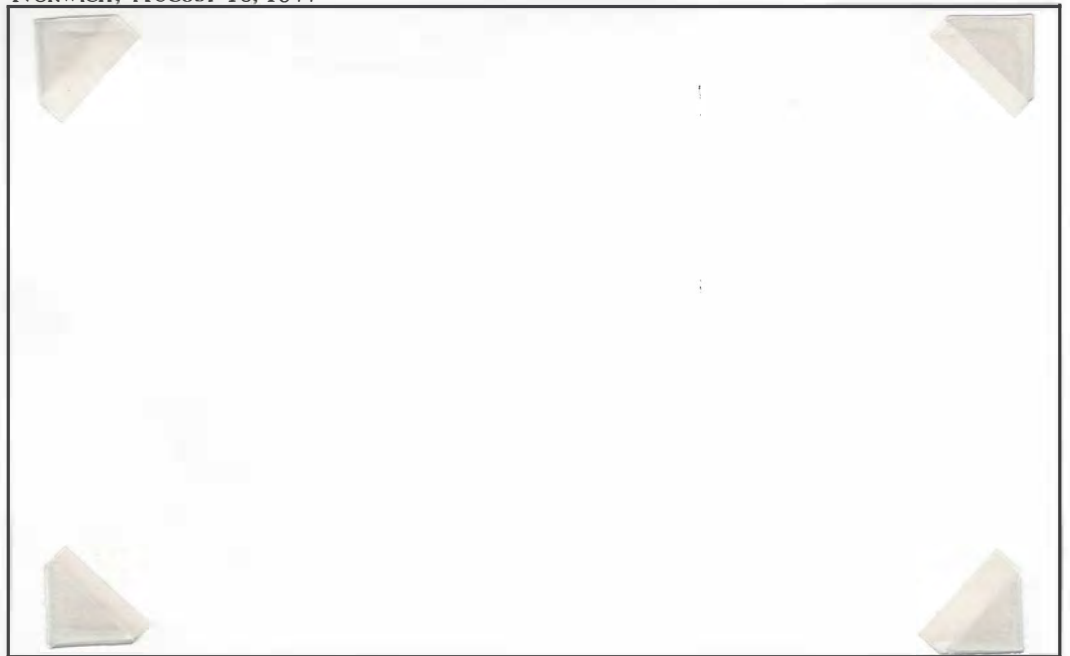
NORWICH, AUGUST 10, 1844



*Paid*

FROM EDW. WHITING, RECEIVED IN BOSTON, MONDAY FORENOON AUGUST 12.

NORWICH, AUGUST 16, 1844





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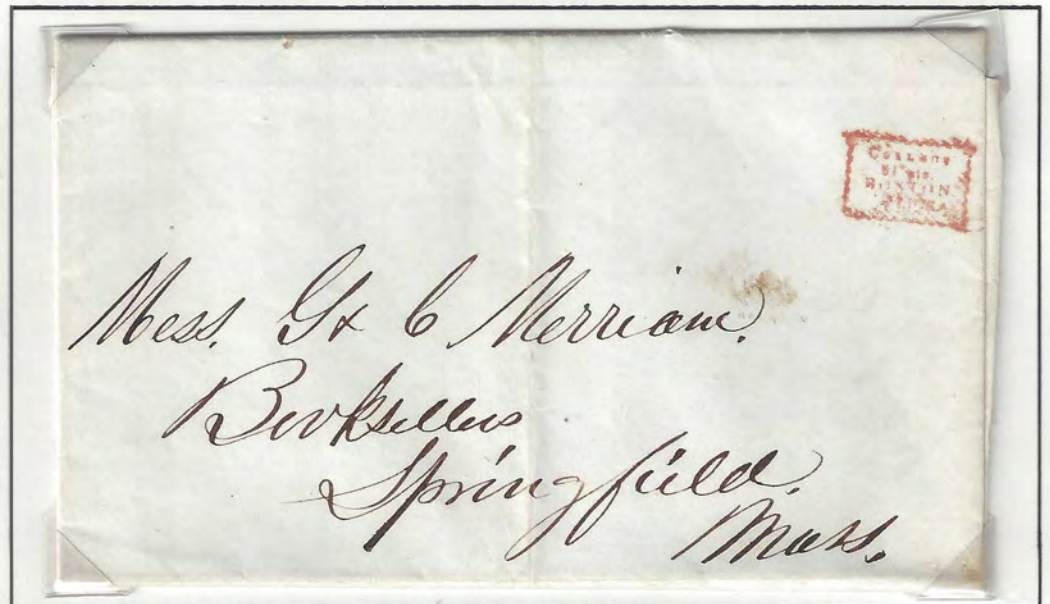


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DATIELINED: Norwich, September 4, 1844  
Note: 169 Tremont in pencil by carrier.



DATIELINED: Norwich, October 19, 1844  
From L & E Edwards.



# NORWICH

INDEPENDENT LETTER CARRIERS  
AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY  
PREPAID BY STAMP

PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1844 THE NORWICH OFFICE  
USED A HANDSTAMP OF THE BOSTON OFFICE.

*Paid for AdMB*

SCOTT # 5L2



LETTER INCLUDED ONE DRAFT.

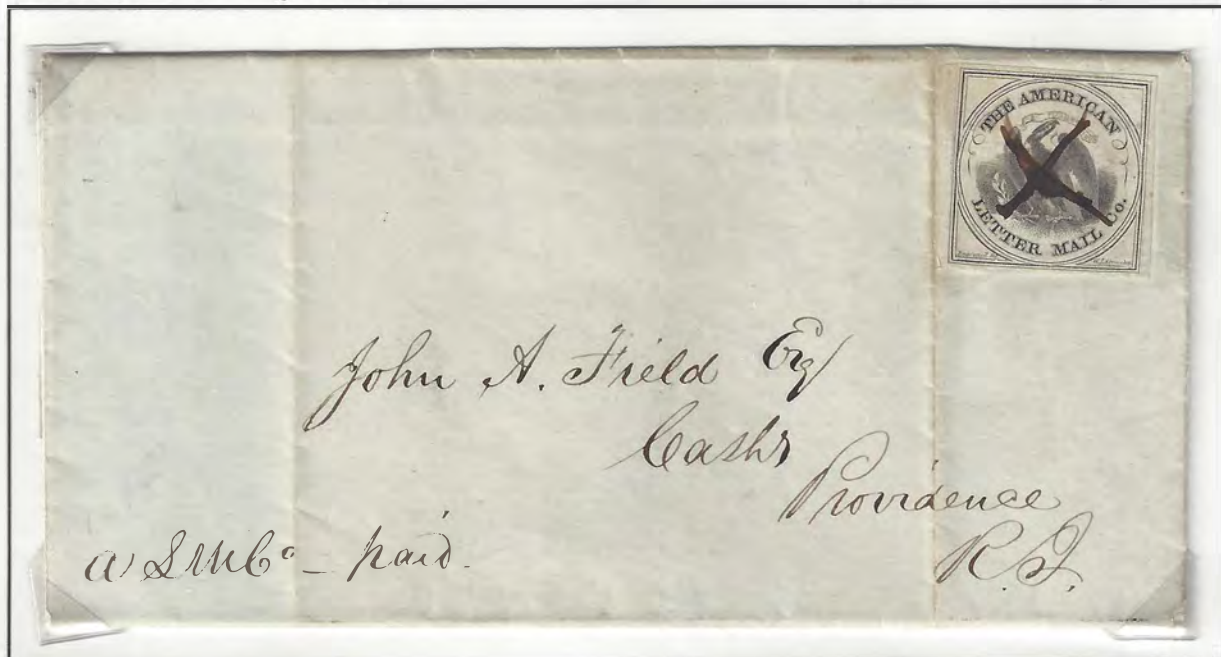
DATED: NORWICH, OCTOBER 24, 1844

C. JOHNSON

RECEIVED IN PROVIDENCE ON 26 OCTOBER.

*AdMB paid*

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LETTER INCLUDED TWO DRAFTS.

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DATED: NORWICH BANK, NOVEMBER 27, 1844

C. JOHNSON

\* 5L2 Norwich to NL - 1844 Nov 14 - Kelleher



# NORWICH

**INDEPENDENT LETTER CARRIERS  
AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY**

PREPAID BY STAMP

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DATELINED: NORWICH BANK, NOVEMBER 11, 1844  
LETTER PLUS THREE DRAFTS.

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SCOTT # 5L2 x 2



DATELINED: NORWICH BANK, DECEMBER 20, 1844  
LETTER PLUS TWO DRAFTS.

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# NORWICH

## INDEPENDENT LETTER CARRIERS AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY

PREPAID BY STAMP

SCOTT # 5L2



DATELINED: NORWICH, DECEMBER 5, 1844  
LETTER PLUS ONE DRAFT.

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THE AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY PROVIDED AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SENDING MAIL VIA THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE AT A CHEAPER RATE OF POSTAGE THAT WAS OFTEN FASTER OVER THE SAME ROUTES.

IN THE LATER PART OF JULY AND EARLY AUGUST OF 1844, THE AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY ESTABLISHED MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN NORWICH AND OTHER CITIES. THE NORWICH & WORCESTER RAILROAD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORWICH LINE OF STEAMERS THAT DOCKED AT ALLYN'S POINT PROVIDED CONVENIENT SERVICE BETWEEN BOSTON AND NEW YORK. ALTERNATING WITH THAT ROUTE WAS A DAY LINE SERVICE TO GREENPORT, LONG ISLAND THAT JOINED UP WITH THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD TO NEW YORK.

THE ABOVE LETTER INCLUDED A DRAFT FOR \$389.50 FROM THE NORWICH BANK, WHICH IF SENT VIA THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE WOULD HAVE BEEN RATED AT TWELVE CENTS. THIS LETTER WAS SENT FOR ONLY FIVE CENTS. SHEETS OF TWENTY STAMPS WERE SOLD FOR ONE DOLLAR.



UNITED STATES LOCALS

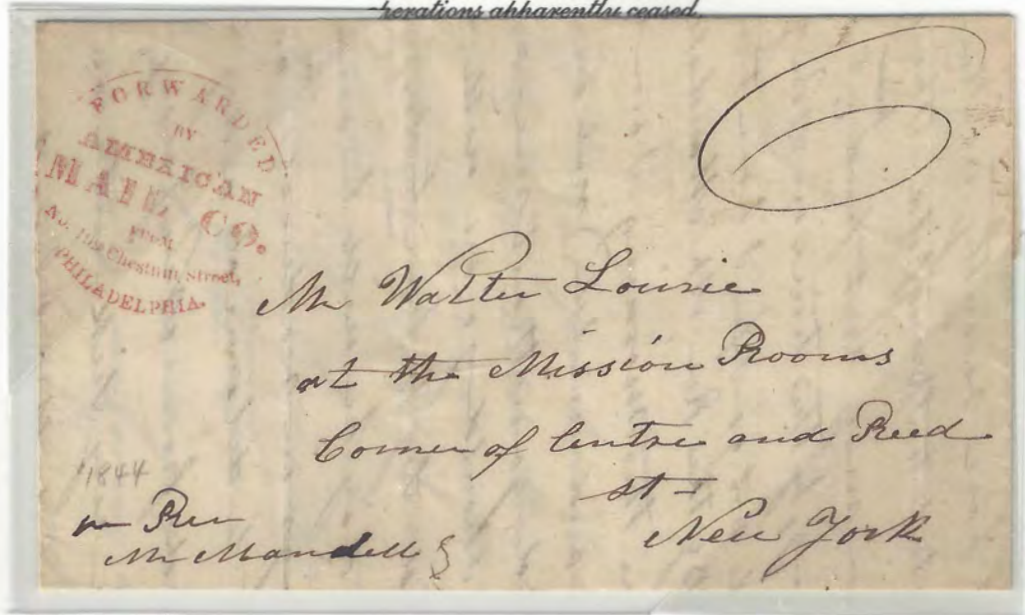
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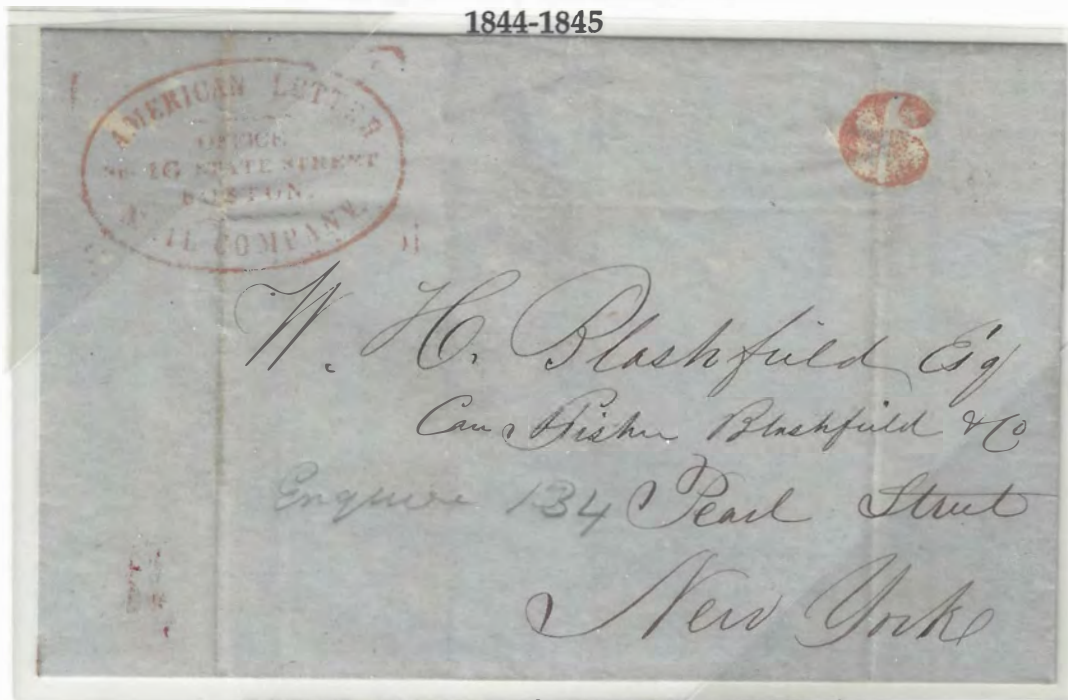
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