

**1792 Postal Rates** ([Act of February 20, 1792](#) effective: June 1, 1792 until May 1, 1799)

Distance	Single Letter Rate
not over 30 miles	6 cents
31 to 60 miles	8 cents
61 to 100 miles	10 cents
101 to 150 miles	12½ cents
151 to 200 miles	15 cents
201 to 250 miles	17 cents
251 to 350 miles	20 cents
351 to 450 miles	22 cents
over 450 miles	25 cents
Drop letters added from June 1, 1794 at 1 cent	

Single letters were defined as a single sheet of paper. Double letters, or two sheets, were charged double postage; triple letters, of three sheets, were charged triple postage. A packet consisted of four or more sheets, weighing an ounce, was charged quadruple postage as were four or more sheets weighing under one ounce.

Drop letters not mentioned. From June 1, 1794 postage on a drop letter was fixed at 1 cent.

Packet letters were letters passing by sea to and from the United States, or from one port to another therein by packet boats or vessels, the property of, or provided by, the United States.

Ship and Packet Letters		
Ship Letters (inbound)	4 cents added	4 cents for port of entry
Ship Letters (outbound)	prepaid 1 cent each	
Packet Letters	8 cents per sheet	

Additional Services	
Way Mail	not mentioned (strict reading indicates fee prohibited)
Carriers	not mentioned (strict reading indicates fee prohibited) modified from June 1, 1794 with 2 cents allowed for delivery
Advertised Letters	cost of publication added (on letters from Dead Letter Office)

Newspapers		
not over 100 miles	1 cent each	Rates modified from June 1, 1794, newspapers within State were rated 1 cent each
over 100 miles	1½ cents	