

Postal Card and Letter Sheet Usage

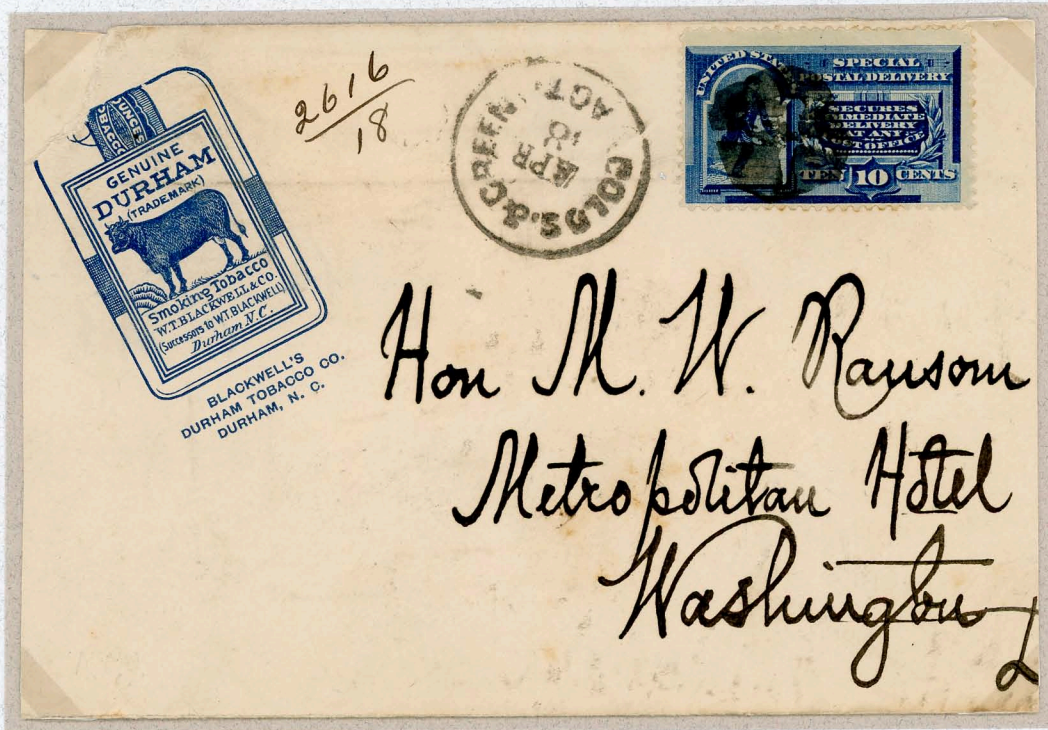


Boston to Cambridge, Ma., May 8, 1889
Cambridge Station 'Rec'd



Manchester, N.H. to Boston, Ma., Oct. 23, 1889
Boston delivery handstamp

First Class Postage Unpaid



Washington, D.C. local service via Golds and Green Agent, April 8, 1893
2¢ postage due not collected per regulation
Backstamped April 9, 1893

Postage Due Collected



Wilmington, Del. to Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 15, 1889
Marked "DUE 2", 2¢ postage due collected

Re-Issue of 1894

The orange Special Delivery issue of 1893 was available until May 19, 1894. Re-printing of the stamp in blue began January 5, 1894, but the printing was not distributed until May 19, 1894, when stock of the orange stamps was exhausted.

The stamp was printed from plates used for the 1888 issue. Re-issued stamps were available until October 10, 1894, when the first Bureau printings were released.



Cloverdale to San Francisco, Ca., Sep. 3, 1894
Used before issue of the October 10, 1894 printing



New York local service, Nov. 3, 1894
Used after issue of the October 10, 1894 printing

Domestic Service



Domestic single rate 1¢ overpaid



Double domestic rate

Domestic Service



New York city early edition non-delivery notice without edition number
Cause of non-delivery marked as 'Closed'

Domestic Service



Backstamp
Actual size 25x50 mm



Fanciest recorded Special Delivery receipt marking

Official Mail Service



Railway mail service, first class penalty use with Special Delivery fee paid by stamp

Local Service



Local letter

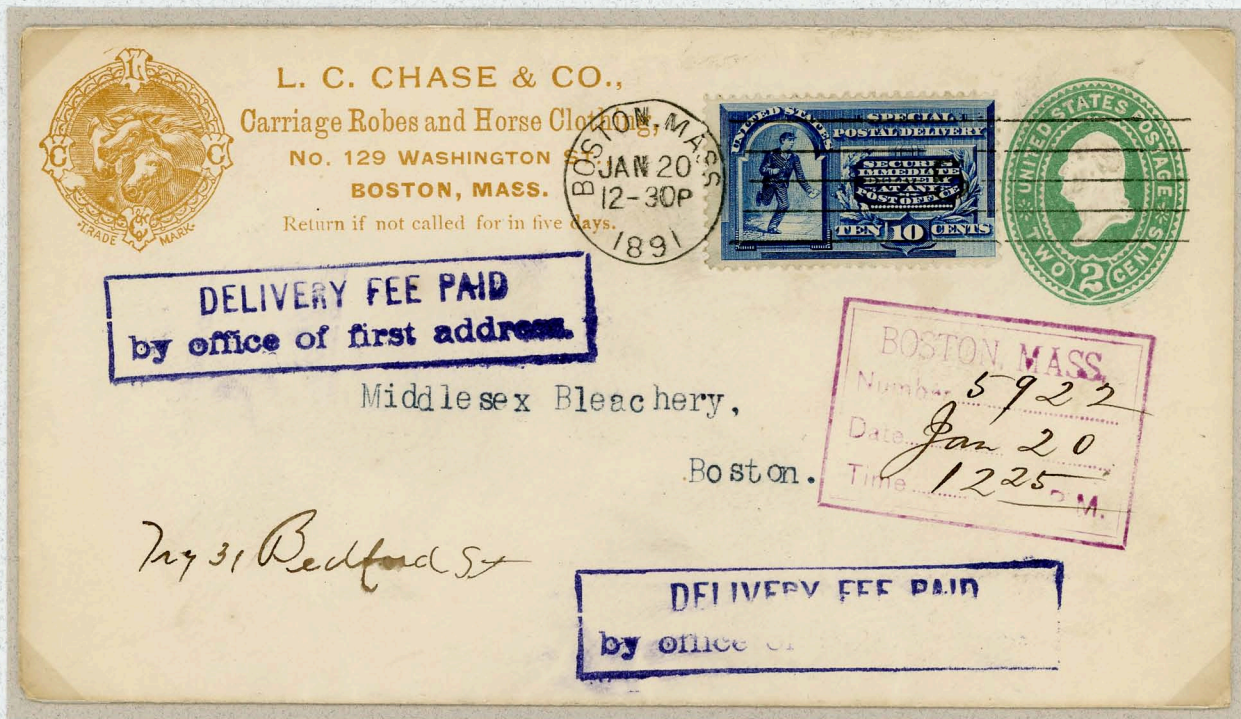


Lynn, Ma., fancy delivery marking. 'X' notes delivery



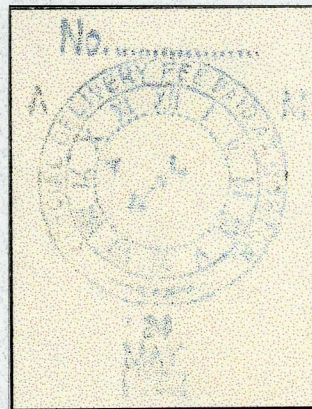
Boston box cancel (prior to clock usage) indicating hour of receipt

Local Service



Carrier marking and P.O. receipt marking

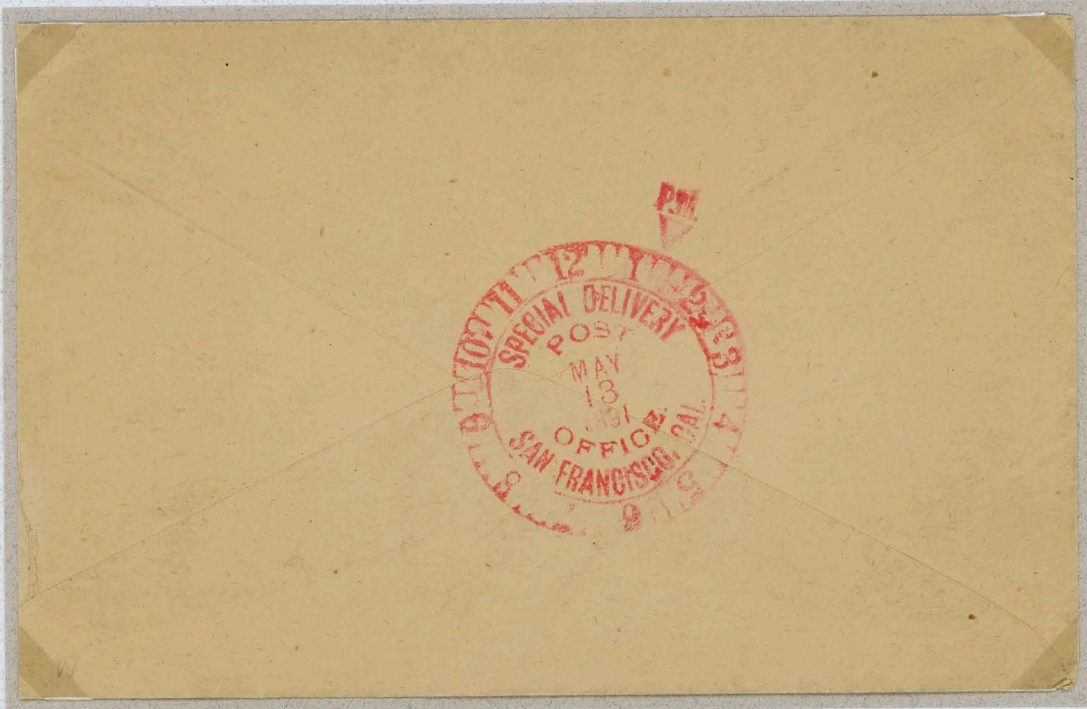
Clock Marking



Type 'A'

Boston Clock type 'A', in use after boxed marking
Earliest recorded use of Boston clock receiving marking

Clock Marking



San Francisco local service, May 13, 1891
Special Delivery clock device indicates 1:15 P.M.



Shelbyville, Ind. to Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18, 1892
via Chi.Dis.Chi.&Cinc. Railroad, Nov. 19, 1892
Received Chicago Nov. 19, 1892, 8AM

Earliest recorded use of Chicago clock marking

Manuscript Directions

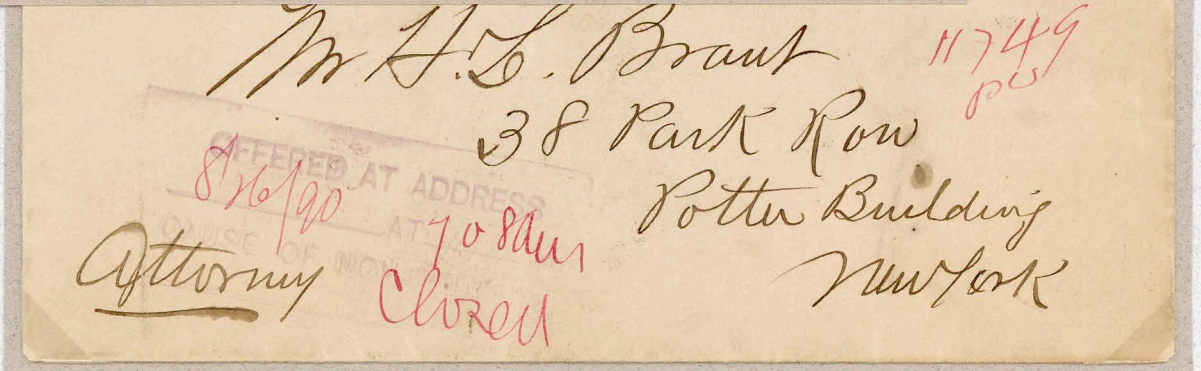


Domestic single rate with single line 'SPECIAL DELIVERY' handstamp
 Handwritten note: "To the Postmaster at Marietta —
 pleased deliver this at once to Miss Price at Mrs. Donison's"

Non-delivery Carrier Markings



Philadelphia handstamps
 'Returned by
 Messenger as
 undeliverable'
 and 'CLOSED'



New York city non-delivery marking, used before labels, indicated office 'Closed'

Domestic Service to Ship



Moline, Ill. to S.S. Havel, Hoboken, N.J., June 25, 1892

Sender sought to catch a passenger on North Germany Lloyd Line ship S.S. Havel at port Hoboken, N.J. by sending letter Special Delivery to the ship, adding manuscript instructions if the letter missed the ship. Double weight domestic letter = 4¢ (2x 2¢) while international rate = 10¢ (2x 5¢). Letter was 6¢ overpaid for domestic delivery but exactly paid should it miss the ship, protecting delivery in both cases. As no Special Delivery fee was claimed, letter was probably handled as one sent abroad, missing the boat but properly paid. No Special Delivery service was available in London so the stamp was wasted.

Domestic Service to U.S. Senate



Hendersonville, N.C. to Washington, D.C., May 13, 1893 via Asheville & Columbia R.P.O.
Earliest recorded use of Washington, D.C. clock receiving marking

Forwarding Fee Notice



Boston, Ma. local service, De. 8, 1890

Handstamp: "FORWARDED, DELIVERY FEE paid by office of first address"

Signature Refused



Loudonville, Oh. to Detroit, Mi., Dec. 4, 1896

Handstamp: "SIGNATURE REFUSED"

Only recorded example

Centennial Station Origin



Nashville, Tn., to Brightwood, D.C., October 22, 1897

Backstamped

Grafton & Cincinatti R.P.O. Train 3, October 22, 1897

Cincinatti & Nashville R.P.O. Train 2, October 22, 1897

New York & Grafton R.P.O. Train 4, October 23, 1897

Washington, D.C. Transit, October 24, 1897

Brightwood, D.C., October 25, 1897

Only recorded example

Telegram Service



Telegram with fancy killer

Rail Service



Train clerk marking, Pittsburgh and AN R.P.O., Boston Clock type 'A'

Official Mail Service



New York, N.Y. to Cleveland, Oh., April 9, 1892

Official Business Penalty Clause not recognized, first class postage added

Special Delivery service was not free to government agencies