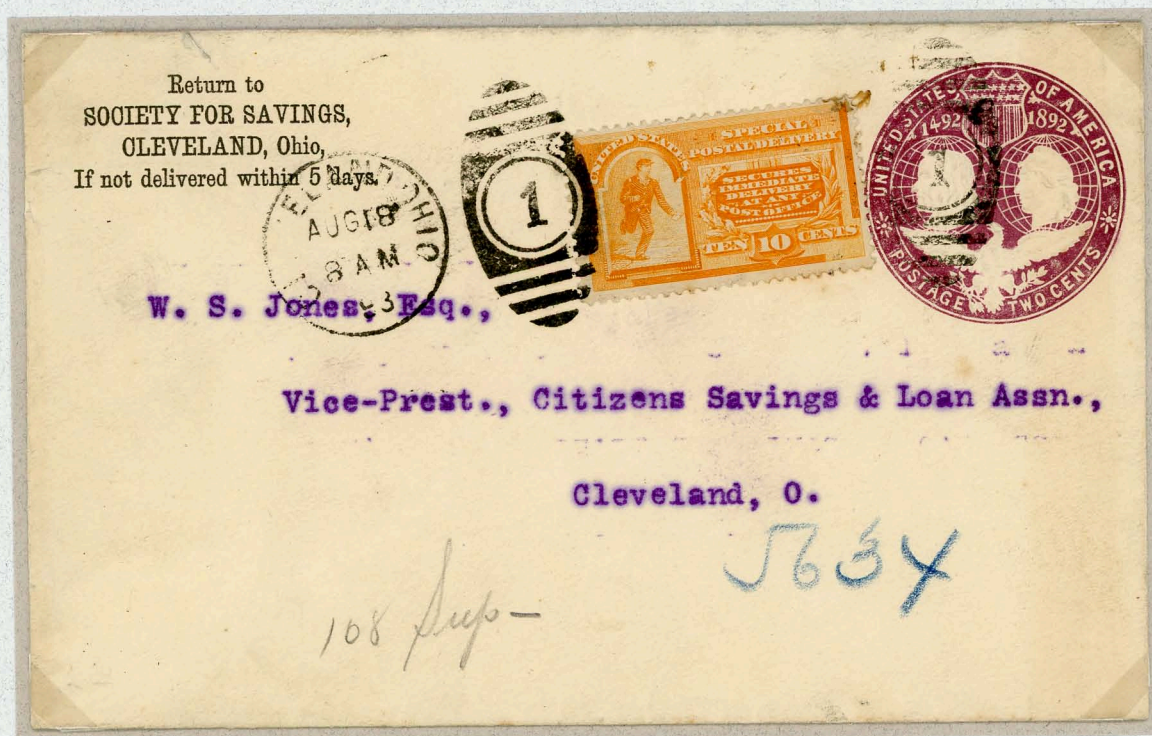


## The Columbian Exposition Issue

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, the post office introduced the first commemorative stamp issue, including a value for Special Delivery service. As the color of the new 1¢ value was blue, similar to previous special delivery stamps, the color of the new special delivery issue was changed to orange.



New York, N.Y. to Cleveland, Ohio, November 13, 1893  
One cent Columbian stamp and postal stationery issues



Cleveland, Ohio local service, August 18, 1893  
Two cent Columbian postal stationery issue

## Local Service



Washington, D.C. Station 'C' local service, September 20, 1893

Handstamp: "IMPORTANT Receiver should sign and enter time of delivery."

## Postal Card and Letter Sheet Usage



Lynn, Massachusetts

Local service

December 18, 1893

Fancy delivery handstamp

## Clock Marking



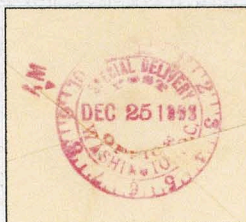
Boston, Ma. local service, July 21, 1893

Boston clock type 'A' marking

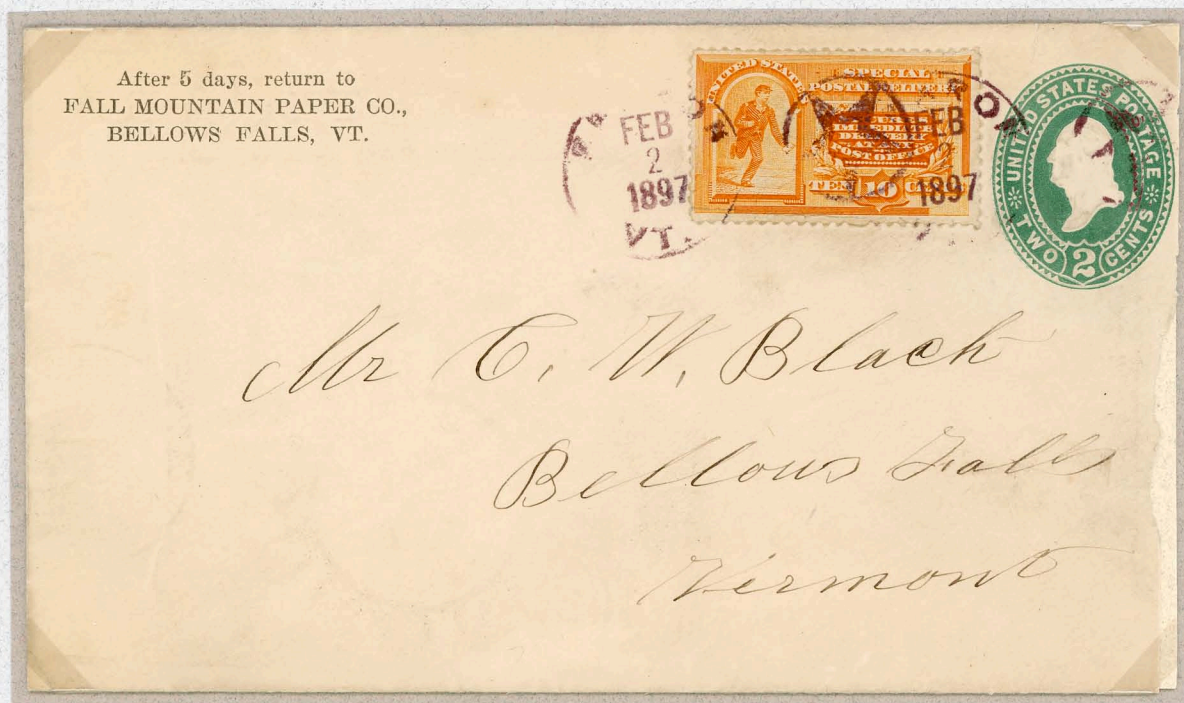


Greensborough, N.C. to Washington, D.C., Dec. 24, 1893

Very early use of Washington clock type 'I'; **Christmas Day**

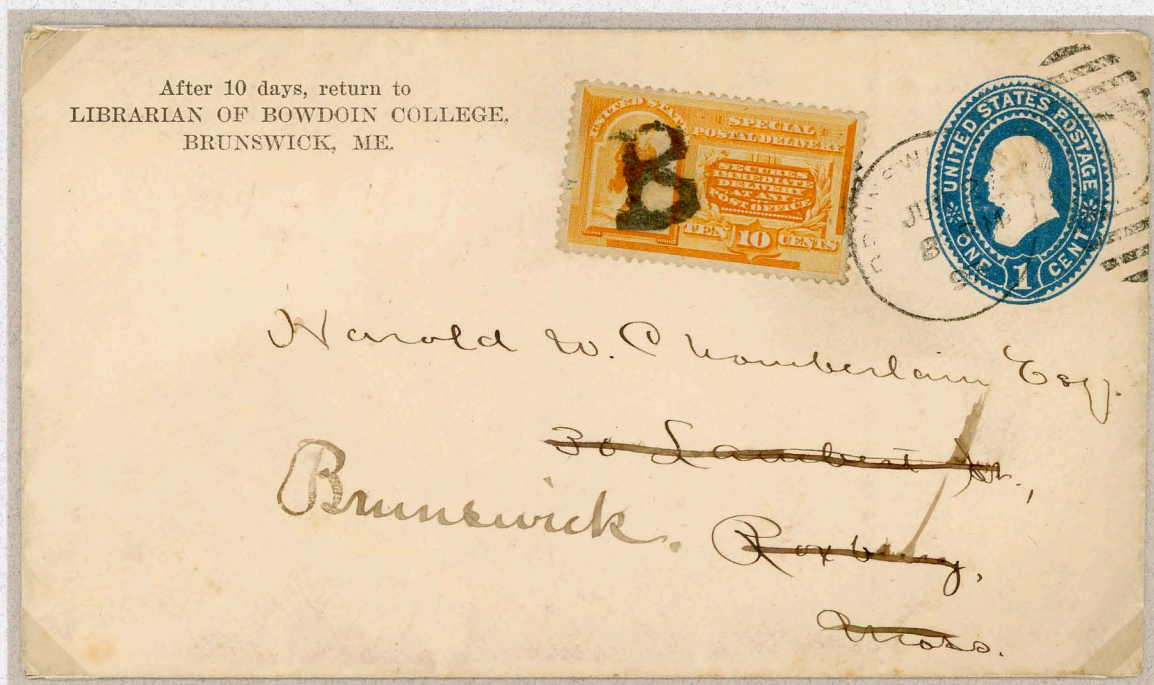


## Fancy Cancel



Herron to Bellows Falls, Vt., Feb. 2, 1897  
Hollow 5 point star duplex device

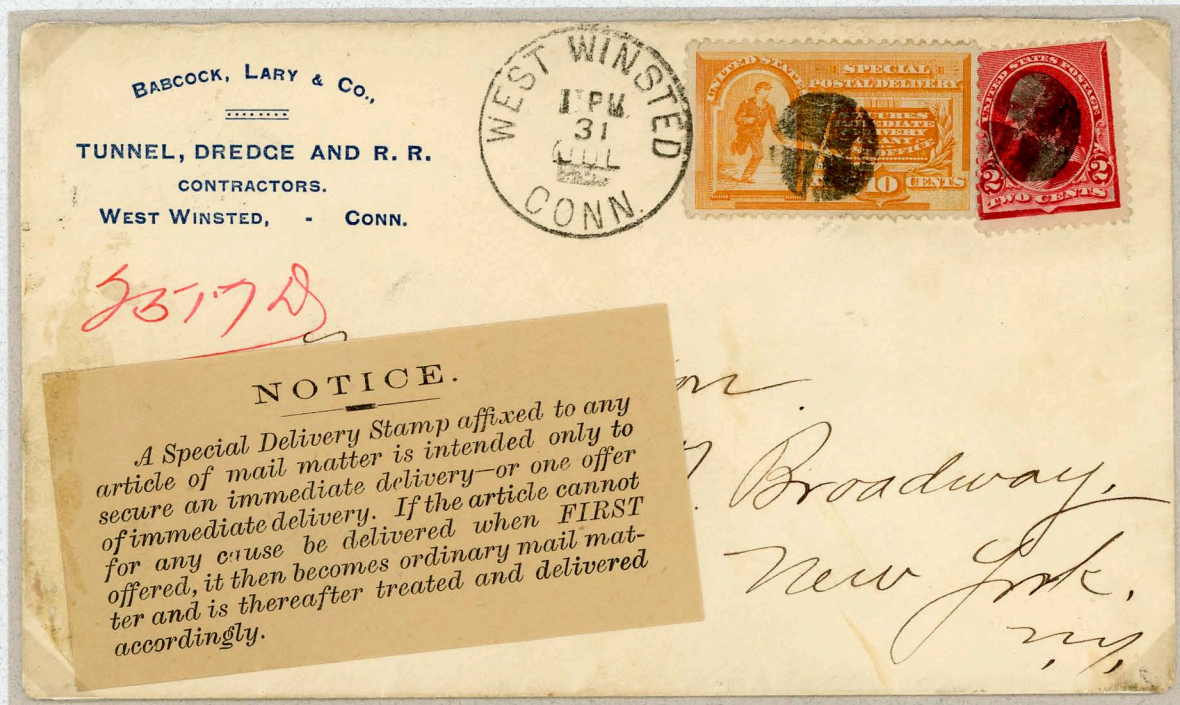
## Precancel



Brunswick, Me. local service, Jun 3, 1897  
Bowdoin College 'B' private precancel device

## Non-delivery Carrier Notices

Regulations dictated the service offered one attempt at immediate delivery. If the letter was not delivered at that time, it was entered into the normal mail stream.



West Winstead, Ct. to New York, N.Y., July 31, 1893

Label applied with information outlining the Special Delivery regulations



New York City red "X" applied by carrier indicates fee was collected on first delivery attempt  
Manuscript and handstamp indicate non-delivery was due to office being "Closed"

## Delayed Service

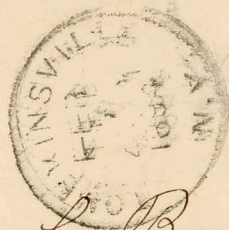


East Liverpool, Oh. to Chicago, Il., mail delayed one day due to 'train late'

## Multiple Delivery Attempts



Fee claimed and a second stamp applied over first for second delivery attempt



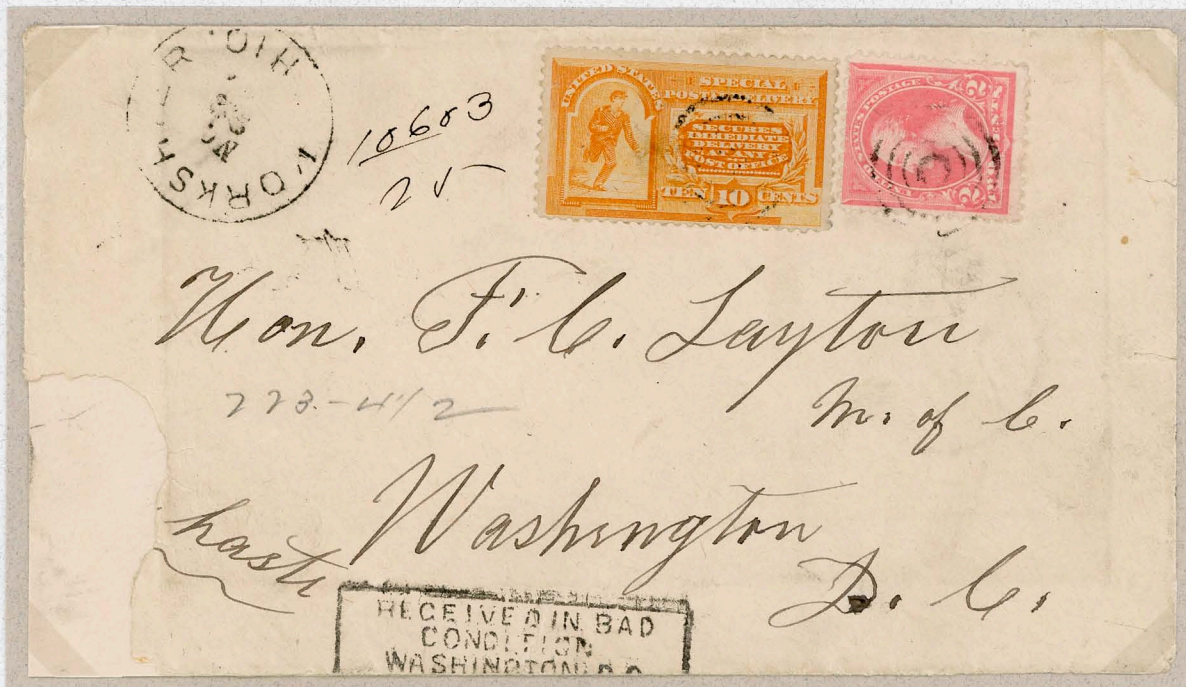
Mrs Cha<sup>s</sup>. L. Bassett.

No 14 Main St.

Reg  $\frac{114}{113}$  Derby.  
Conn.

Tomkinsville, N.Y. to Derby, Ct., February 7, 1894  
Registration fee (8¢), Special Delivery fee (10¢) and postage (38¢)  
Envelope was pasted on a package containing a scrap book  
No weight limitations applied to Special Delivery service until April 15, 1925

## Damaged Mail



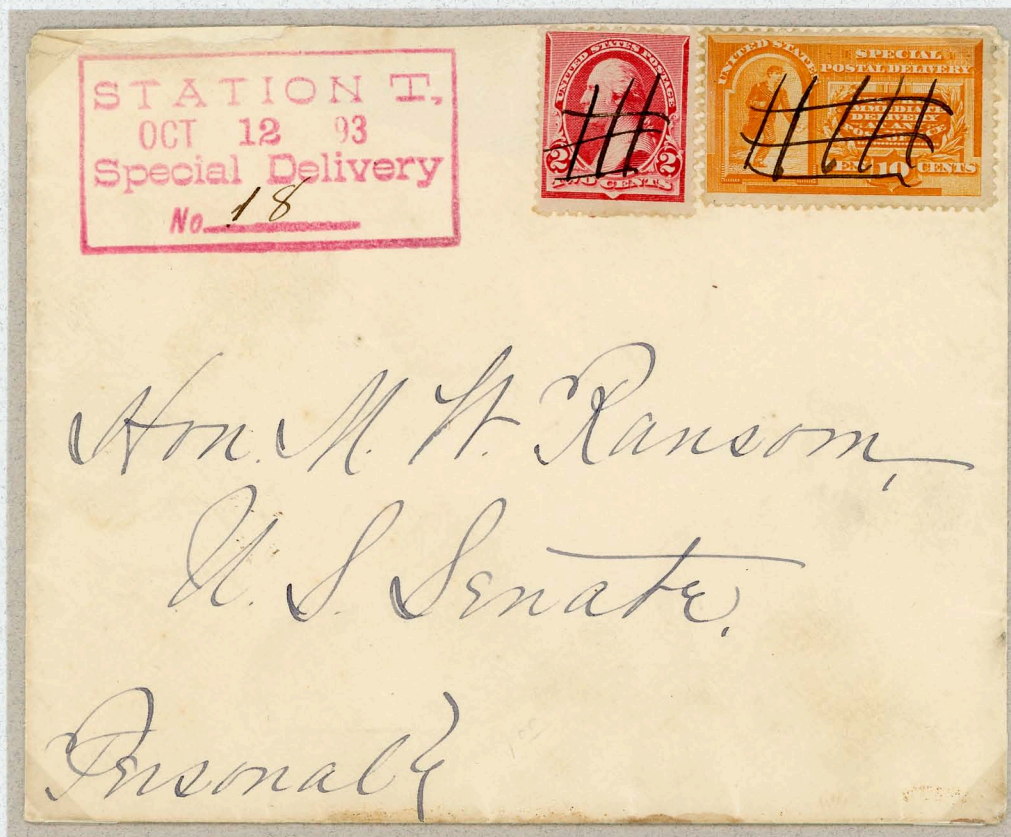
Yorkshire, Oh. to Washington, D.C., November 23, 1894  
Boxed "Received in Bad Condition, Washington, D.C." handstamp

Only recorded example on Special Delivery mail



Chicago, Ill. to Brooklyn, N.Y., Mar. 30, 1894  
"RECEIVED IN BAD CONDITION" handstamp with Post Office seal

## Domestic Service to U.S. Senate



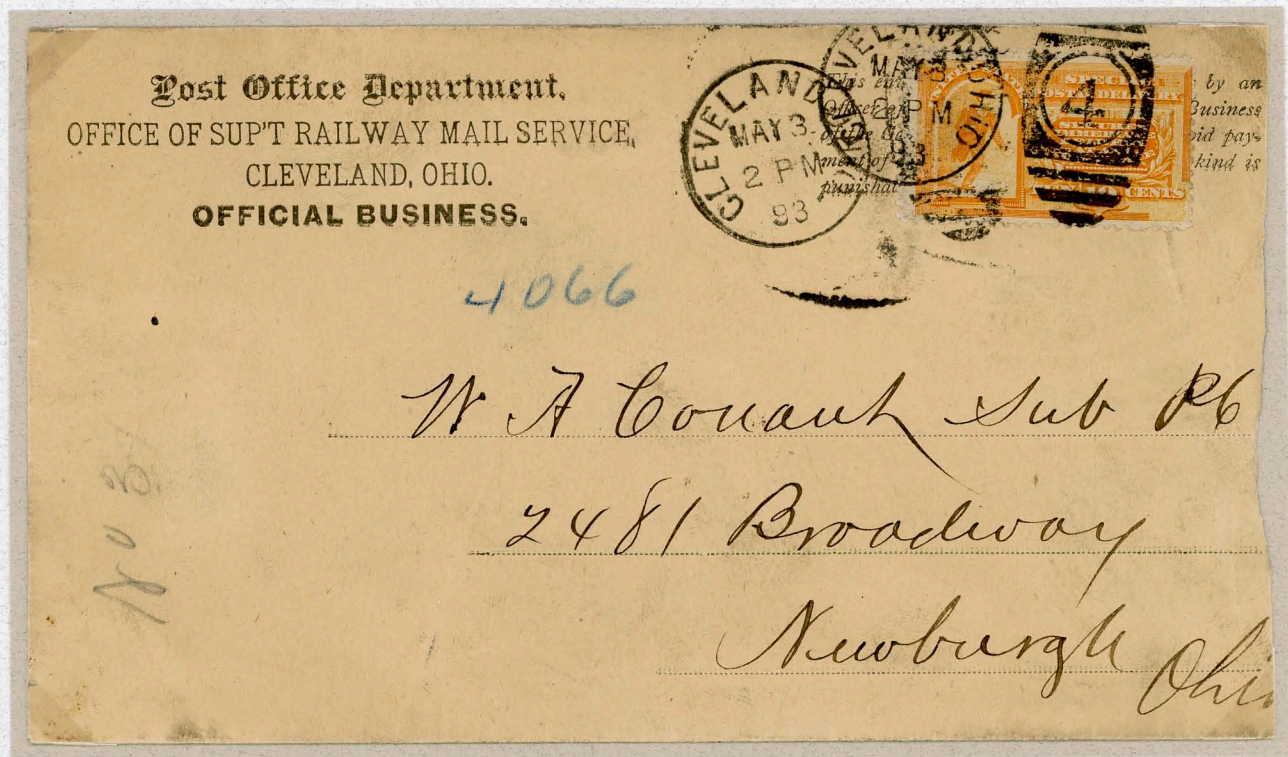
Addressed to the Honorable M. W. Ransom at the U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)  
Unusual rectangular Special Delivery marking with manuscript tracking number  
Only recorded example

## Presidential Mail



Washington, D.C. to New York, N.Y., June 21, 1894  
Addressed to Ellis Island from the Executive Mansion

# Official Mail Service



Railway Mail Service, Special Delivery fee to be paid by additional stamp

## Illegal Revenue Usage

#  
No. 180.

DUPLICATE.

I, J. Francis Smith hereby certify  
that on the 6th. day of July one thousand eight hundred  
and ninety nine, at Oberlin, Pa. Eli Fetrov and  
Fanny Reynolds were by me united in marriage, in  
accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania,  
numbered 180

J. Francis Smith  
Minister of the Gospel, ~~Justice of the Peace, or Magistrate.~~

This Duplicate Certificate to be returned to the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Harrisburg, Pa., within thirty days after the solemnizing of said marriage.

Special Delivery stamp used to pay marriage license fee tax, hand canceled 'I.R.' (Internal Revenue)

## First Class Postage Unpaid



Brooklyn, N.Y. to Cambridgeport, Ma., November 12, 1893  
Special Delivery handstamp with manuscript control number and delivery time

## Postage Due



Boston to Brighton, Ma., November 9, 1893  
"DUE 2" with 2¢ postage due issue added in Boston

## Ship Destination



New York, N.Y. to Steamer "Aller" of North German Lloyd, March 26, 1894  
Backstamped Hoboken, N.J., March 27, 1894 - 6AM

## Ship Origin



U.S. Merchant Ship (USMS) "Paris" via New York, N.Y. to Chicago, Ill., Sep. 22, 1894  
Backstamped New York transit Sep. 22, 1894; Chicago, Ill. Station 'C', Sep 24, 1894

Foreign Destination

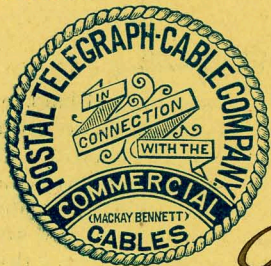


Double rate, Washington, D.C. to Paris and forwarded within Paris  
No special delivery indication shown as Special Delivery service not available in France

# Telegram

Form 1.

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Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31, 1894

# Foreign Destination



Underpaid 5¢, double rated (10d) in England, earliest recorded foreign postage due



Special Delivery service not recognized in Germany

## Territorial Origin

Cuba



7¢ first class rate, Havana, Cuba to New York, N.Y., June 1, 1901  
Domestic rates applied and United States postage could be used from Cuba

Guam



2¢ first class postage rate (1 oz.), 10¢ Special Delivery fee, 8¢ Registry fee (less than \$10 value)

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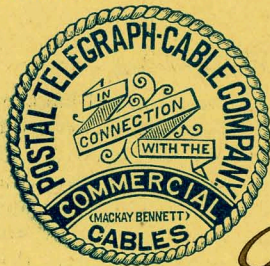
Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada to Boston, Ma., Nov. 7, 1893  
Received Brookline Station, Boston, Ma., Nov. 9, 1893

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