

U.S. CITY DESPATCH

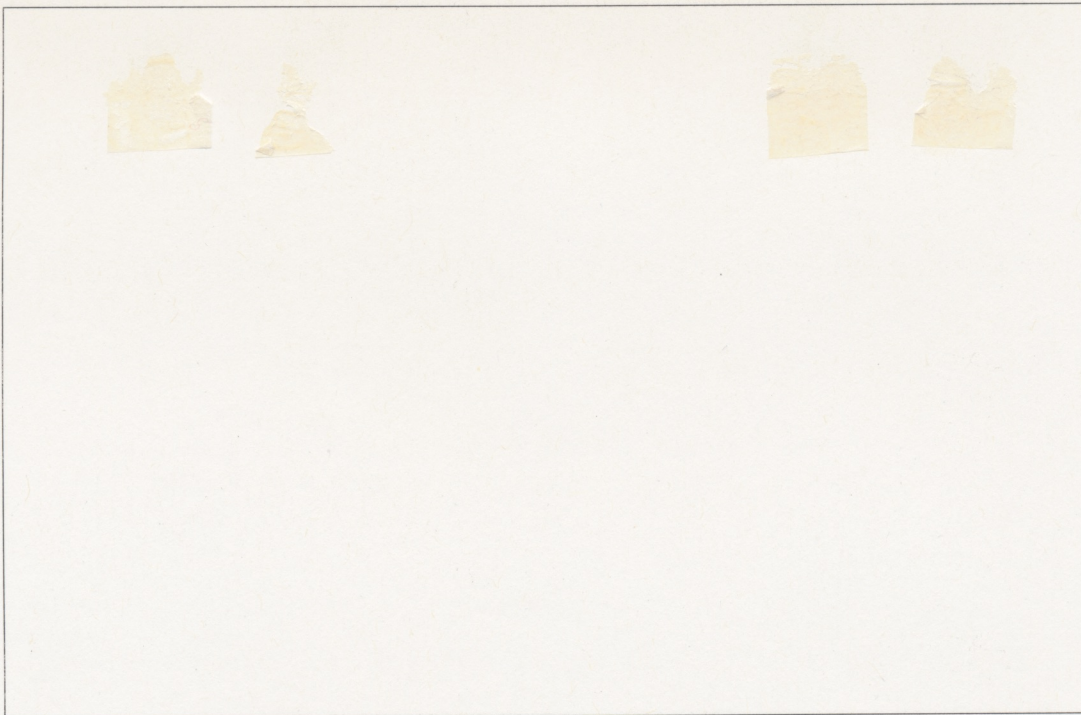
First Government Adhesive Stamp

6LB3



22 November 1842

1 o'clock



December 31, 1842

1 o'clock

U.S. CITY DESPATCH

Surfaced Paper, Green Shades

To the Mails Usages



64B5d
Ex-Half

23 February 1843 postal cancel

10 cents rate to Poughkeepsie

10 cents collect government postal rate for between 30 and 80 miles



Put in box at Howard's Hotel, 29 March 1843

cert

12½ cents collect postal rate for between 80 and 150 miles to Hartford Connecticut

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Surfaced Paper, Blue Shades

1845-1846

Used to Pay Inter-City Government Postage, June 1845



ex Middendorf

cert

10 cent rate to Ridgefield, Connecticut - extra penny paid in cash or ignored.
Eight covers recorded with City Despatch stamps paying government postage.



cert

28 October 1846 - one month later the U.S. City Despatch was discontinued.



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EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0293989
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6LB5b

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
6LB5b	1842	3¢	black on blue

Postmark's unless otherwise specified.

SINGLE, RED "U.S." IN OCTAGON CANCEL ON FOLDED LETTER, RED U.S. CITY DESPATCH POST DATE STAMP AT RIGHT.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A GENUINE USAGE, STAMP WITH TINY CORNER CREASES AT RIGHT. * * * * *



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Robert P. Schwab
For The Expert Committee
Chairman

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Submitted by

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Surfaced Paper

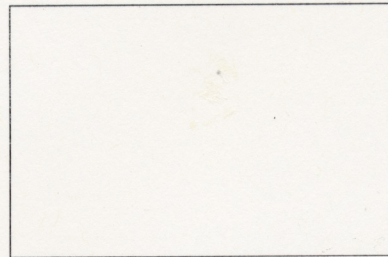
6LB5 Shades

The second printing from the United States City Despatch plate was on colored-through glazed paper ranging in color from green to blue.

Green



Unused cert



ex Caspary, 24L-25L

Greenish-blue



Unused



ex Kapiloff, 4L-5L

Blue



Unused



Double impression cert

Plating of 50 varieties on the plate of two 5x5 panes was first completed by Elliott Perry before 1950 and published posthumously in The Penny Post by Calvet Hahn in 1996. Used multiples are possible on letters over a half ounce, on registered letters, or on letters where adhesives were used to pay inter-city government postage. The first two possibilities are unrecorded.