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For the Proprietor: HERMANN J. MEYER.

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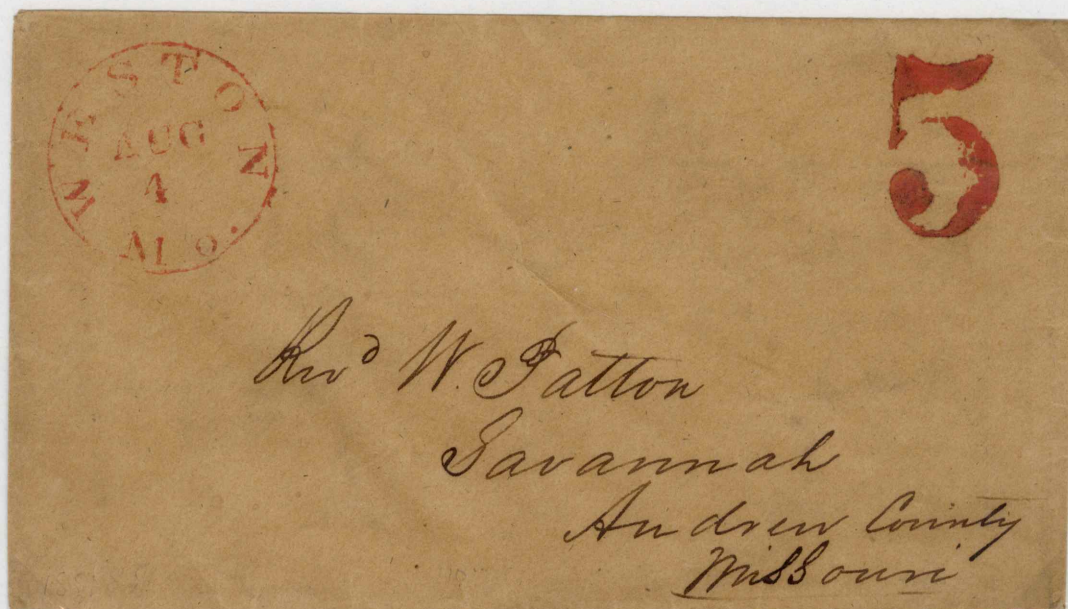
Weston is the oldest town in the Platte Purchase, an area bordering the Missouri River, which was purchased from the Sac & Fox Indians and ceded to Missouri in 1836.

The township was staked out in 1837. By 1839 it had a population of 300; it was incorporated in 1842. It became an important river and overland transportation hub. By 1850 the population was 5,000.

Early residents included Bela M. Hughes, William Cody, Ben Holladay and John Bidwell.

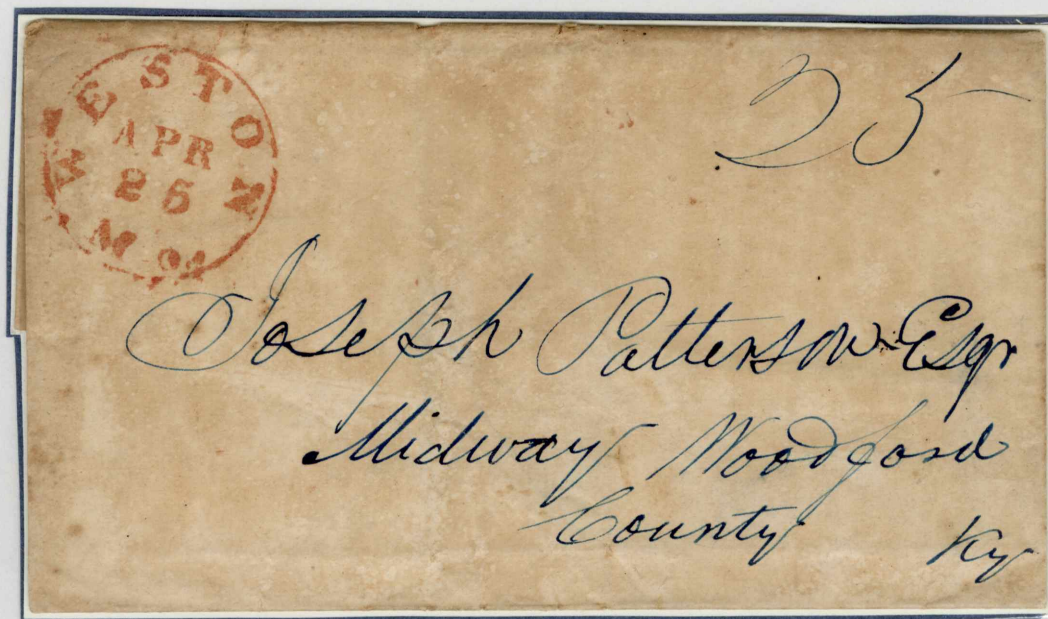
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RATING HANDSTAMPS



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Examples of the first handstamped townmark used at Weston, and the first handstamped rating mark. The top cover, dated 25 April 1842, is the earliest recorded use of the townmark.

28th Congress,
1st Session.

[SENATE.]

[112]

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 9, 1844.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JARNAGIN made the following

REPORT :

[To accompany bill S. 77.]

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of the citizens of the town of Weston, in the State of Missouri, praying the adoption of measures to secure to them titles to town lots in the town of Weston, report :

The committee thought it necessary to confer with the Commissioner of the General Land Office on the subject of the memorial of the citizens of the town of Weston, in Missouri, and have received from him a letter dated 13th January, 1844, hereto annexed.

The committee believe the application of the memorialists not unreasonable in its principle, but have doubted the propriety of granting the specific relief prayed, and therefore report a bill making general provision for all situated as petitioners.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *January 13, 1844.*

SIR : In reference to the subject of the accompanying petition from "citizens in the town of Weston, in the county of Platte, and State of Missouri," praying for legislation to enable them to secure their respective interests to lots of land in that town, in conformity to a mode therein proposed, and to which you have invited the attention of this office, I have the honor to report, that the township of land including the town of Weston has not yet been brought into market, but will, most likely, be offered for sale in the course of the ensuing spring.

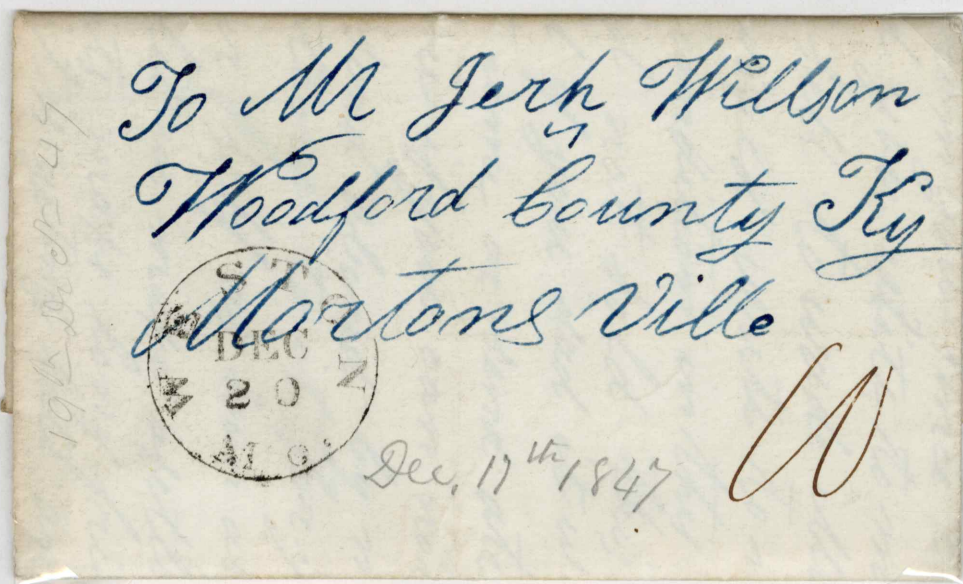
The existing provisions of the pre-emption laws expressly exclude from their operation such portions of the public lands as have been selected as sites for cities or towns; no substantial reason, however, is perceived for such exemption at the present time.

The experience of this office is decidedly against the expediency of any legislation that would be likely to connect it administratively with the complicated questions and details growing out of the laying off of such towns, and the adjustment of individual titles to lots therein. Were Congress to grant the prayer of the petitioners in the mode they request, multiplied applications of a similar character would be likely to ensue in regard

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An example of the first handstamped townmark struck in black rather than the customary red.

Wetson, Mo., Sept 22, 1848.

Dr. Latta:

Dear Brother,

You will please send the "Methodist Expositor & True Love" to the following subscribers, sending it from the commencement of the volume.

H. Shugart, Esq., Wetson, Platte City, Mo.
Benjamin Sims, Cox's Mill, Nodaway Cty., Mo.
Gillum Baley " " "
Hedgpeth & Glaze, Maryville, " "

I am pleased with the design & character of the Expositor. It is just such a paper as we need in this country; and I hope it may have an extensive patronage.

Very respectfully,

W. Patton.

Please publish in your paper the following notice ^{Sept. 21st.}
Married by Rev. W. Patton, Rev. James L. Shivers
and Miss Jane B. Myers, of Nodaway county, Mo.

W. Patton.