

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-D.L.O. (Dead Letter Office)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bW - Return__ to Writer



Returned from Arica, Chile, with Chilean "Inconnu" label

Returned to New York City

Backstamps: Arica, Chile, 26 July, 1892

U.S. Dead Letter Office, February 6, 1893

(A long time in return!)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RE-DW-COLLECT(Town)

"RETURNED/TO/WRITER/COLLECT/
Dead Letter Office/Washington DC"



Neadercrembaugh, Germany -
Returned to Lockhaven, Pa. -
Numerous transit handstamps and machine cancels.
plus UPO international return label.



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No. 710-10
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Third Subtype - A list of six items

(Deceased is not on the list, and from the handstamp makeup, never was.)



Returned July 29, 1943 (seven months)

CAN'T SAY THAT THEY DIDN'T TRY!!!

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-bs-VERIFIED, etc.
RD - Right Hand, Palm Down
bs - Return__ to Sender



A U.S. Army POSTAL DIRECTORY COMPANY
VERIFIES A MISSING SOLDIER, and returns to sender.
Additional handstamp "MISSING ~~IN ACTION~~,"
with "~~IN ACTION~~" crossed off.

Note that the military hold the letter two weeks past
the initial Feb 23, 1944 verification, and do not
release until after a second verification on March 6.
The letter was not actually returned until May 9 (reverse).

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

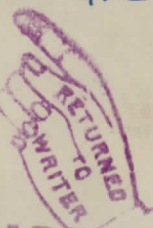
D - Returned

W - to Writer

*Sutton
Wilmington
Box 67. A.C.*



R.R. Desired



REGISTERED

8609

Second Notice

JAN 23 1928

1088



Mr R. L. Braswell

Durham

A.C.

Unclaimed

Durham, North Carolina, Jan. 29, 1928

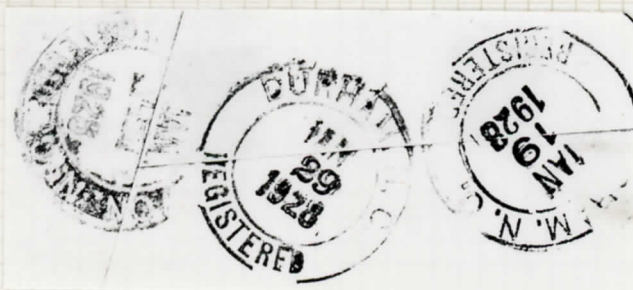
Returned to Wilmington, N.C.

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

"Second Notice/JAN 23 1928" (Durham)

Usual Registry handstamps on rear



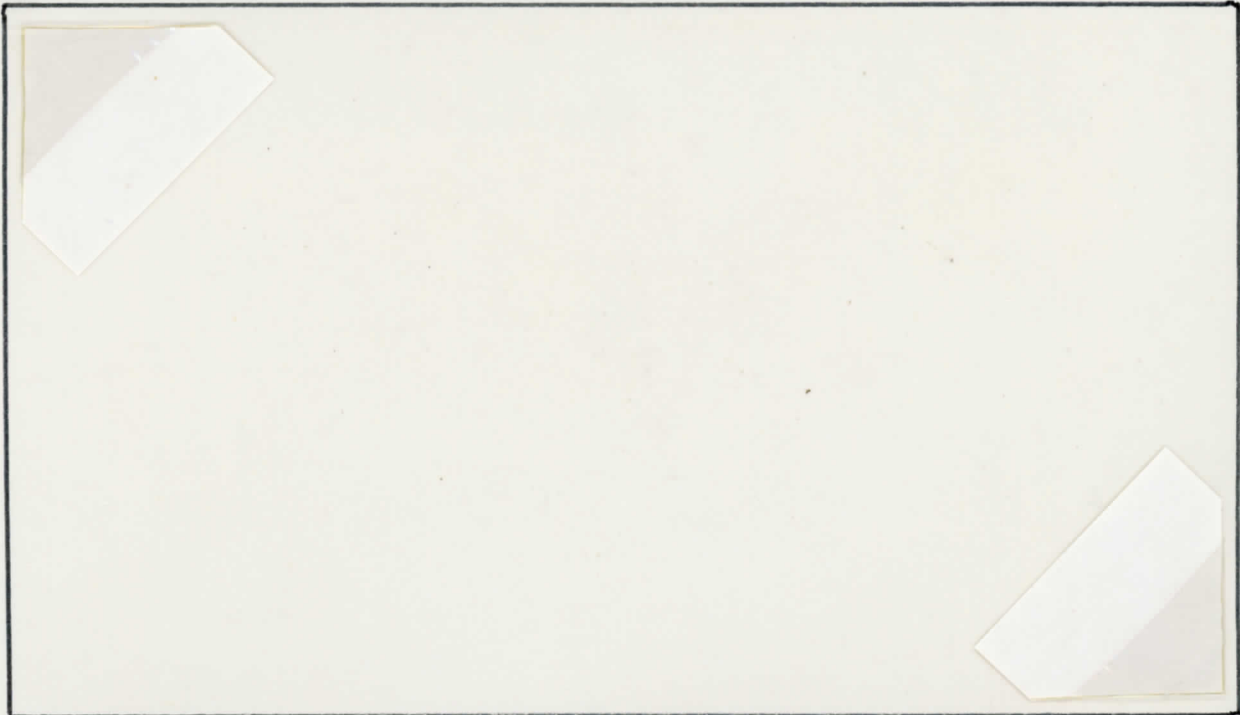
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Type RD-DW-(Town, Reg. Div.)

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down

DW - Returned to Writer

"N.Y.P.O. Reg. Div." in cuff

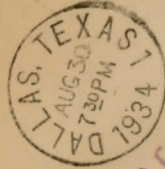


Two Different New York City examples, separated in use by many years - 1904 and 1931!

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-D~~5~~
"Notice Disregarded/
Account of/
Postage Due."

Fort Worth, Texas,
Sept. 4, 1934 -
Return to
Dallas, Texas



LAST NOTICE -
SEP 4 - 1934

Fort Worth City Water Wks.
Fort Worth
Texas

Due 6c

AUG 31 1934

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
AMERICAN PAPER STOCK CO.
910-18 SOUTH PEARL STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS

RETURNED TO SENDER
NOTICE DISREGARDED
ACCOUNT OF
POSTAGE DUE

Additional
Handstamps -
"AUG 31 1934"
"Sep 4-1934"
"LAST NOTICE"

Manuscript
"Due 6c"

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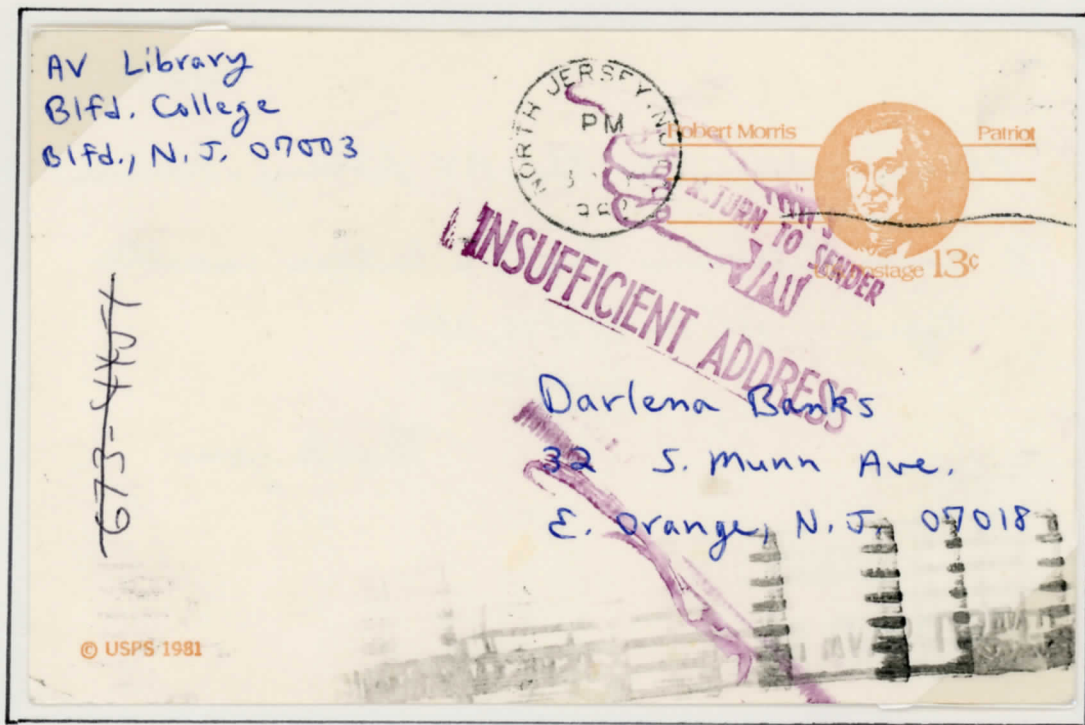
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bs-INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bs - Return__ to Sender



East Orange, New Jersey, April, 1982

((One needs a DORMITORY ROOM NUMBER to deliver here.))

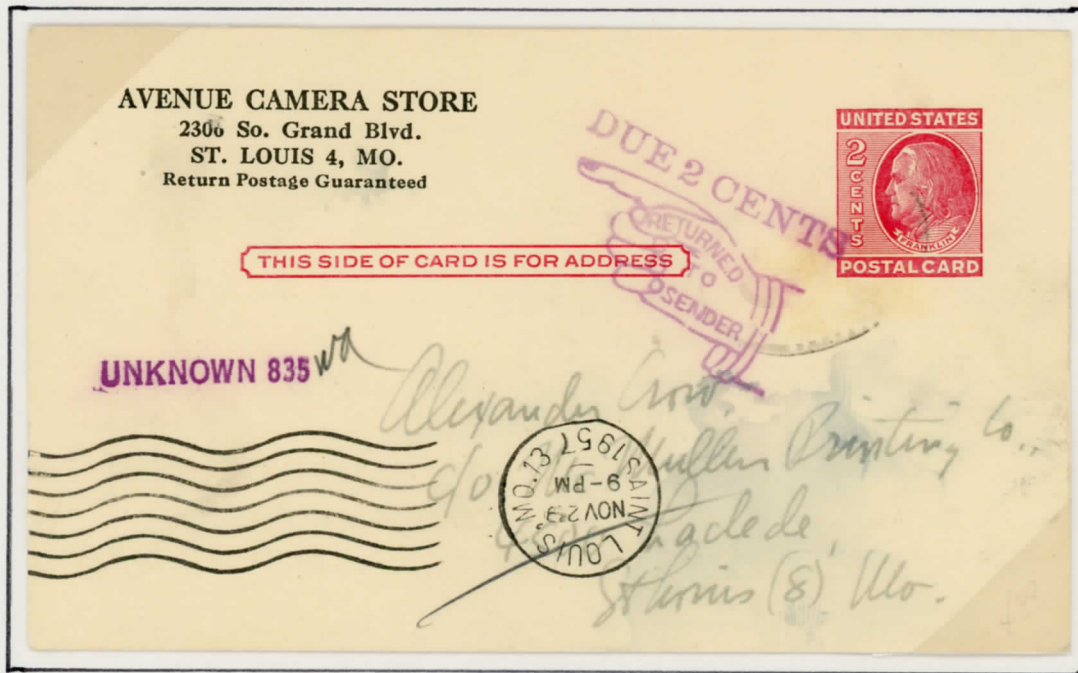
Returned to Bloomfield, New Jersey.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-DUE 2 CENTS

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

DS - Returned to Sender



POSTAL CARD RETURN IS NOT FREE

Domestic postal cards do not carry with them a free return privilege. If the card states "Return Postage Guaranteed" (as this card does), the P. O. will return the card, charging as postage due the normal postal card rate.

November 29, 1957 -

Local St Louis, Mo.

Additional handstamp - "UNKNOWN 835"

The Pointing Hand Return

A Mexican Pointing Hand



The Pointing Hand Return
Latin American "Wrong-Way" Hands

Mexico



Panama



The Pointing Hand Return

"Wrong way" Hand

Type LD-bW

LD - Left Hand, Palm Down

b - Return__

W - to Writer

"Wrong Way" hand

cannot point to

return address unless

struck upupside down

If not called for in _____ days, return to

E. C. Voorheis,
Sutter Creek,
CAL.



J. Eredia
San Andreas
Cal

San Andreas, California, October, 1894.

Returned to Sutter Creek, California

The Pointing Hand Return

"Wrong-Way" Hand

Type RD-bW-(D.L.O.)
RD - Right Hand, Palm Down
bW - Return__ to Writer
D.L.O. - Dead Letter Office
(International
letter return)

"Wrong-Way" hand
cannot point to
return address unless
struck upside down.



French language "inconnu" (unknown)
From Washington, D.C., to Zurich, Switzerland,
and return via New York City. Ample backstamps.



So even the "big city" post offices can make the mistake
of acquiring "wrong-way" hands!

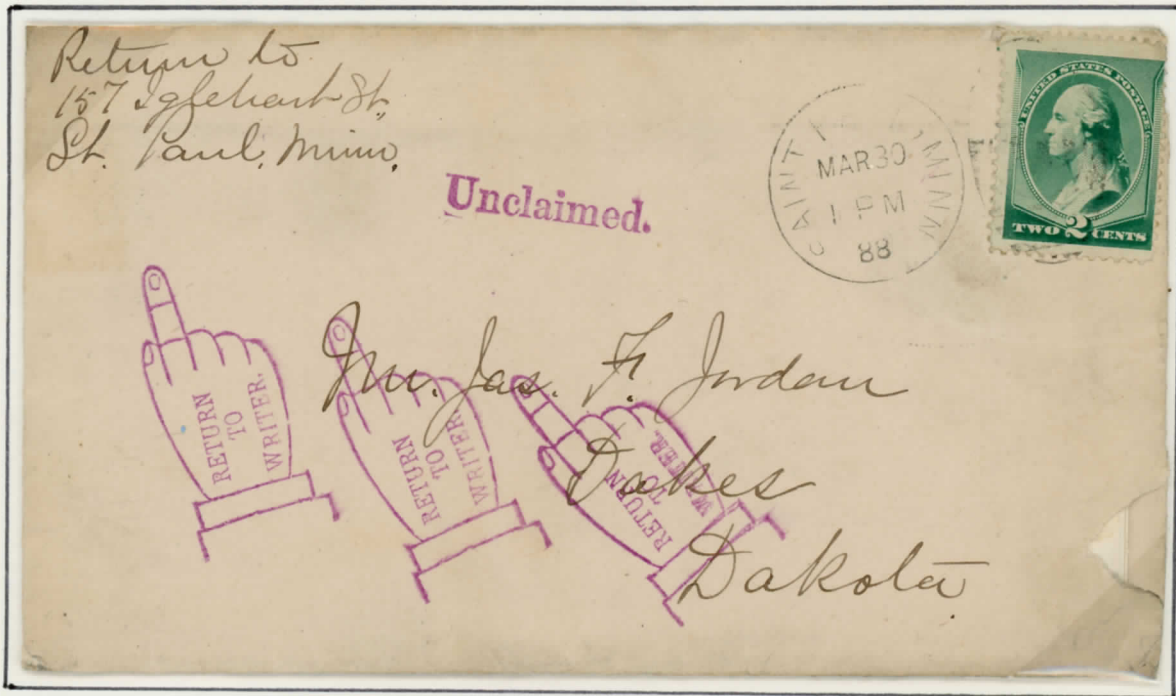
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"Wrong-Way" Hand

Type RB-bW

RB - Right Hand, Palm Back

bW - Return__ to Writer



Return April 29, 1988 (backstamp)

OAKES, DAKOTA TERRITORY, returned to St Paul, Minn
Additional Handstamp - "Unclaimed."

The Pointing Hand Return

"WRONG WAY" HANDS

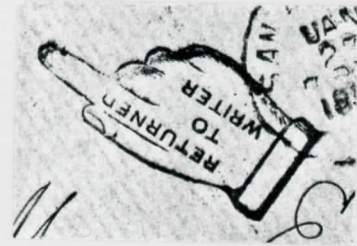
These are genuine errors. The hand is reversed.
They cannot point to the normal return address at
upper right of the cover without being struck upside down!

"Wrong Way" Hands are classified by the hand position:

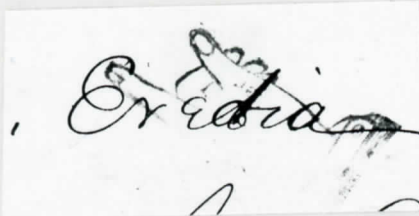
RD
Right Hand
Palm Down



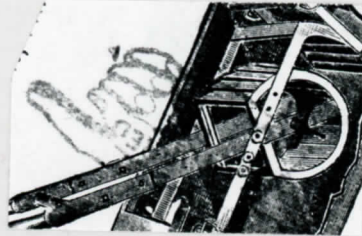
RB
Right Hand
Palm Back



LD
Left Hand
Palm Down



LF
Left Hand
Palm Forward



"Wrong Way" Hands are over a hundred times scarcer
than their normal counterparts.

The Pointing Hand Return

International
"Universal" Machine Cancels

RETURN/TO SENDER/
SERVICE SUSPENDED

EXAMINER 6183



New York, N.Y., July 26, 1942

Returned to Cleveland, Ohio, but only after censoring!

Originally mailed Dec 2, 1941.

"British
Censorship
Tape"

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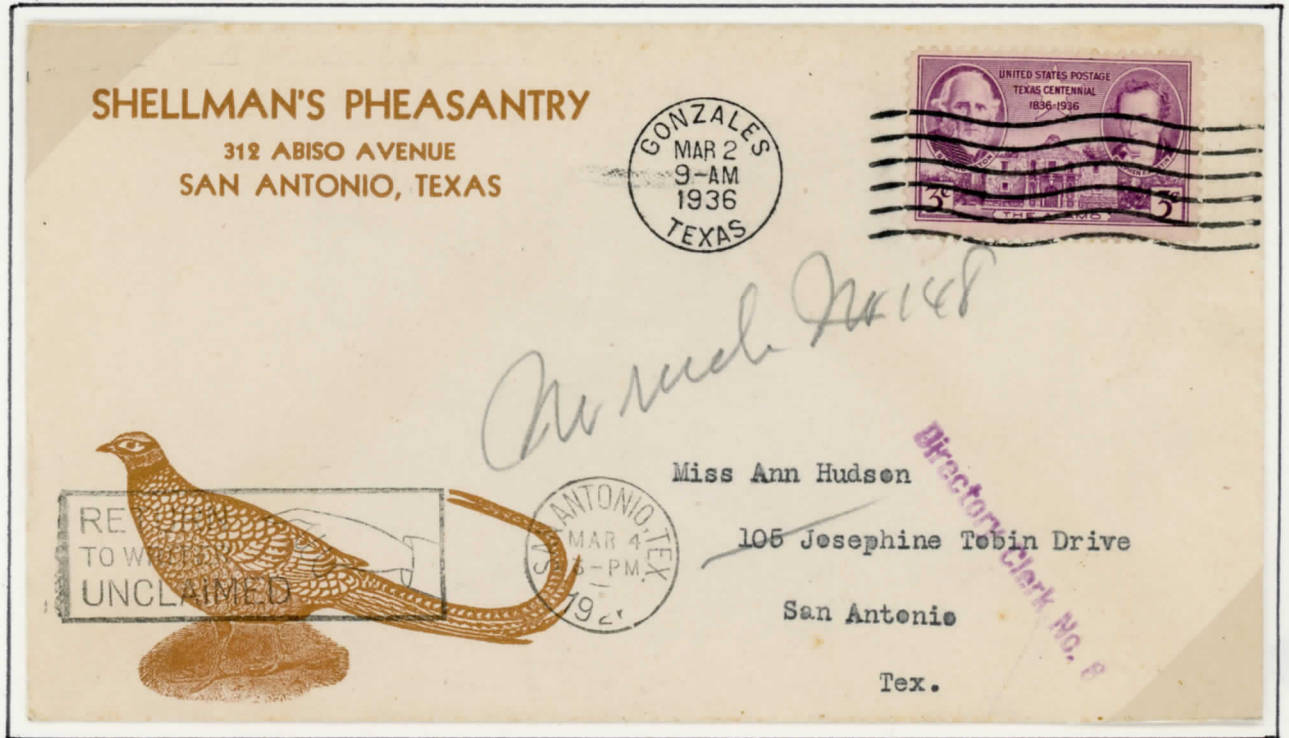
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The Pointing Hand Return

"International" Machine Cancels

All Type LB

RETURN/ TO WRITER/ UNCLAIMED



San Antonio, Texas, March 4, 1936

Returned to San Antonio sender.

Additional handstamp "Directory Clerk No. 8"

Note that San Antonio appears to be using an old, "spare" international machine for this return marking. The YEAR DATE IS STILL IN THE 1920's!! The digit "2" has been partially gouged out, but not beyond recognition!

The Pointing Hand Return

"Universal" Machine Cancels

all Type LB

RETURN/TO WRITER/

UNCLAIMED - Dial Inverted



Dallas, Texas, July, 1924-

Returned to Leavenworth, Kansas -

Additional handstamp -

"Directory Searcher No. 3

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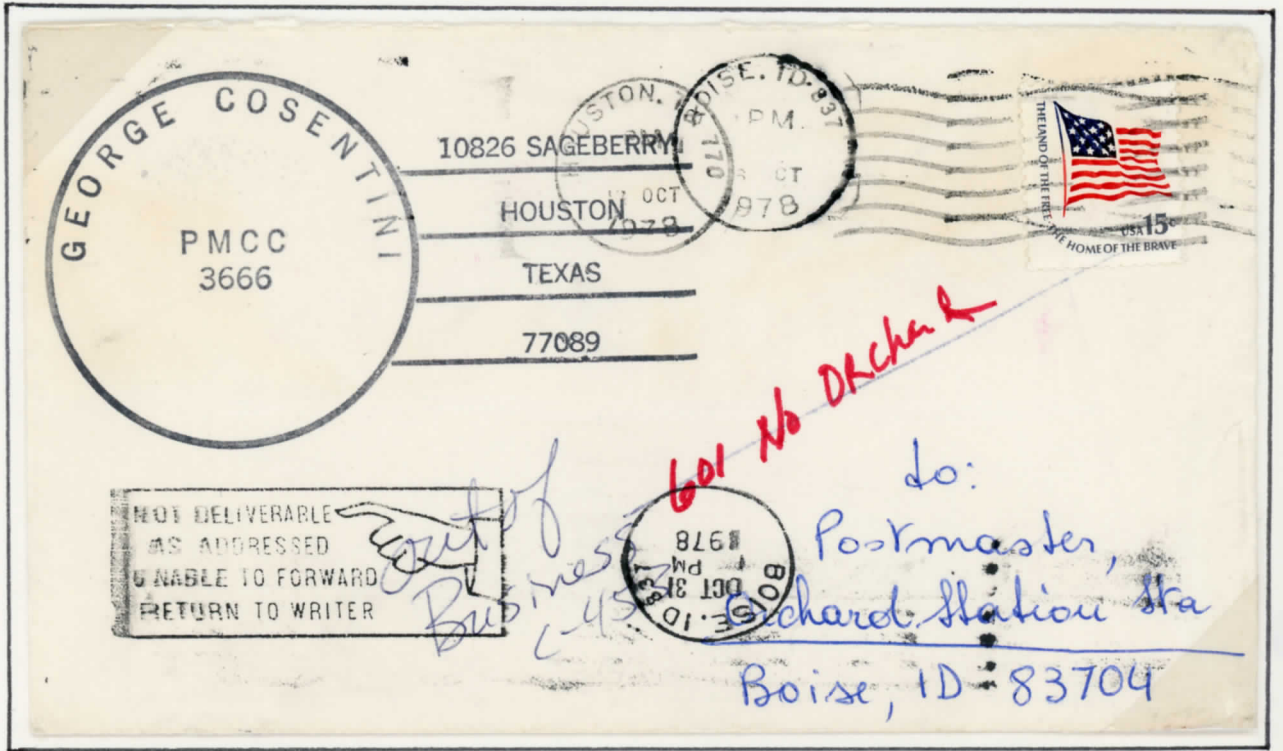
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The Pointing Hand Paid

"Universal" Machine Cancels

all Type LB

"NOT DELIVERABLE/ AS ADDRESSED/ UNABLE TO FORWARD/
RETURN TO WRITER"



Boise, Idaho, Oct 31, 1978
Returned to Houston, Texas



Later Examples -
Anchorage, Ak;
San Francisco, CA



The Point

Return

Type LB-bS-Not Deliverable

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

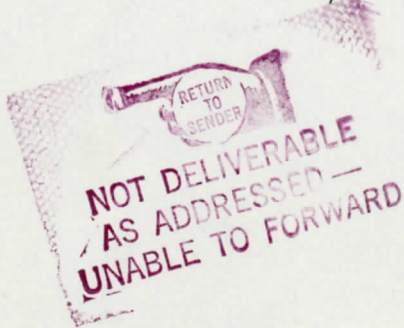
bS - Return _ to Sender


"NOT DELIVERABLE/ AS AD
AS ADDRESSED -
UNABLE TO FORWARD"

Los Angeles, Ca



NOT DELIVERABLE
AS ADDRESSED -
UNABLE TO FORWARD
Bureau of Environmental Sanitation
Los Angeles County Health Department
220 N. Broadway, Room 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012



SOUTHWEST

RESEARCH INSTITUTE - HOUSTON
3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

The Pointing Hand Return

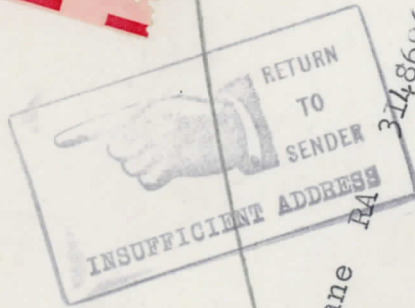
Type LB-bS-
INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS

San
Francisco
Cal.
(APO)



VIA AIR MAIL

NR/17



34486960

Hamilton
4 Putney Road
Brattleboro
Vermont

Sgt. Ainsworth B. Cochrane
YNC.
AFO
Calif.
Mac. Sup. Gp.
% Postmaster

San. Francisco

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Type RF-DS-
No Mail Delivery/
To This Dorn

Texas A & M



STATE OF TEXAS
SPECIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR POSTAGE 681

*P.O. BOX 1063
STAT 7841
COLL*



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
FISCAL DEPARTMENT
FEE SECTION
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843



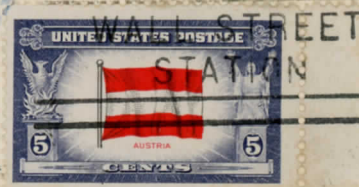
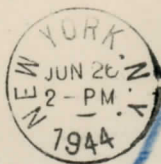
*This was cut out
(1944)*

The Pointing Hand Return

Type - Boxed RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Second subtype - "Deceased" has been cut out to make a list of six items. In cutting out "Deceased," the outer frame has also been cut.

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO
**MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE**
80 MAIDEN LANE
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.



**REASON FOR
NON-DELIVERY
CHECKED
UNCLAIMED**
MOVED FOR BETTER ADDRESS
NO SUCH POST OFFICE IN STATE NAMED

*Moved
1458
Mr. Hunter Thomas Jr
Richmond
Va
2914 Park Ave*

Richmond, Va., June, 1944 -
Returned to New York City -

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type - Boxed RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

First Subtype variety - "short list"

(Through breakage or removal, the last line has been removed, leaving a list of 6 items. Confirmation strikes have confirmed the consistency of this damage.)

C. Stratton
Wilmington
Box 67. N.C.



RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

R.C. Desired

REGISTERED

2938

Mr. Phillip Strickland
Lumberton
N.C.

1906



Lumberton, North Carolina, Sept. 20, 1928 -

Returned to Wilmington, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

"RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED." (Wilmington)

Lumberton Gen(eral) Del(ivery) D.C. on Face

Usual Registry handstamps on reverse

The Pointing Hand Return

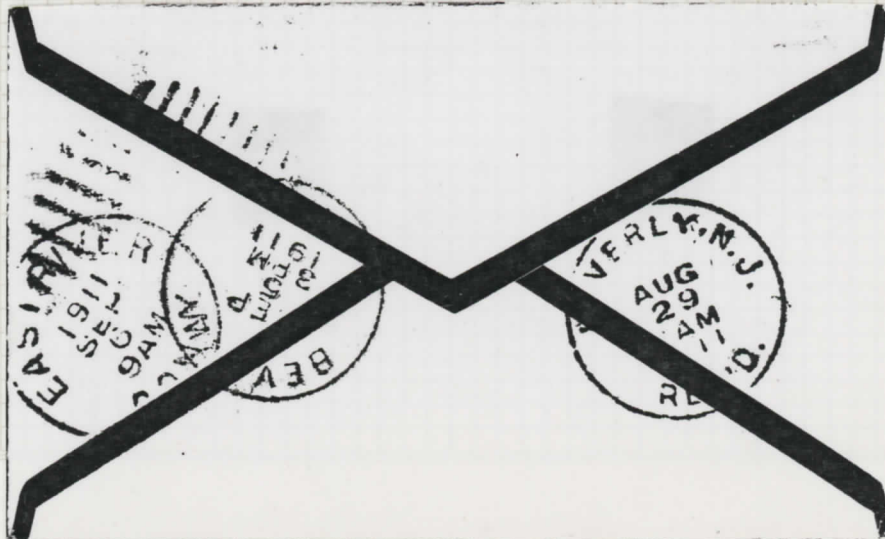
Type RF-DW-UNCLAIMED

(In this subtype the "UNCLAIMED" is located on the sleeve.)



Origin - East River, Conn., August 28, 1911
 First destination - Beverly, "Pa" (No such town)
 IN Philadelphia, clerk "C" applies his red circular
 handstamp and routes the letter to Beverly, N.J.
 On reverse - Received, Beverly, N.J., Aug. 29.
 On reverse - Beverly, N.J., (having failed, it is
 on its way home, with the "pointing hand paid on face),
 Sept. 5. Received in East River, Conn (back home) on
 Sept. 6, 1911.

*need to
re-write -
supply*



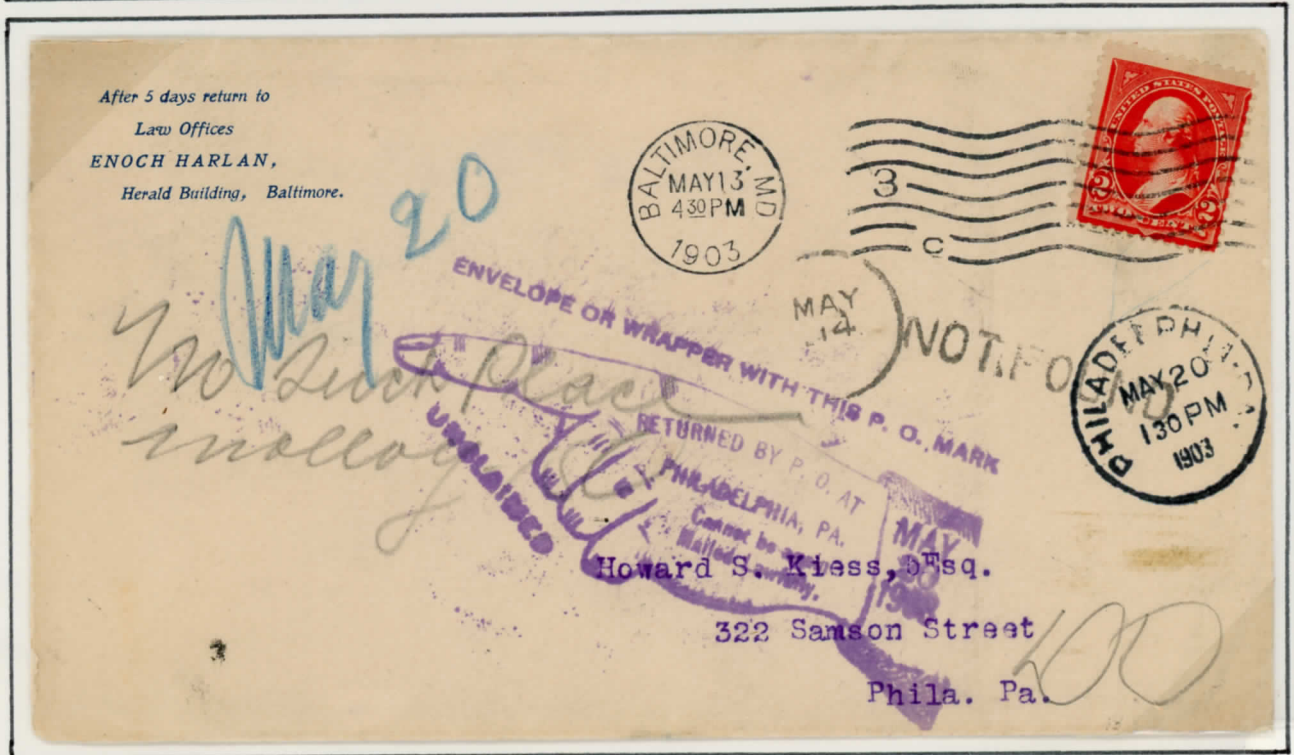
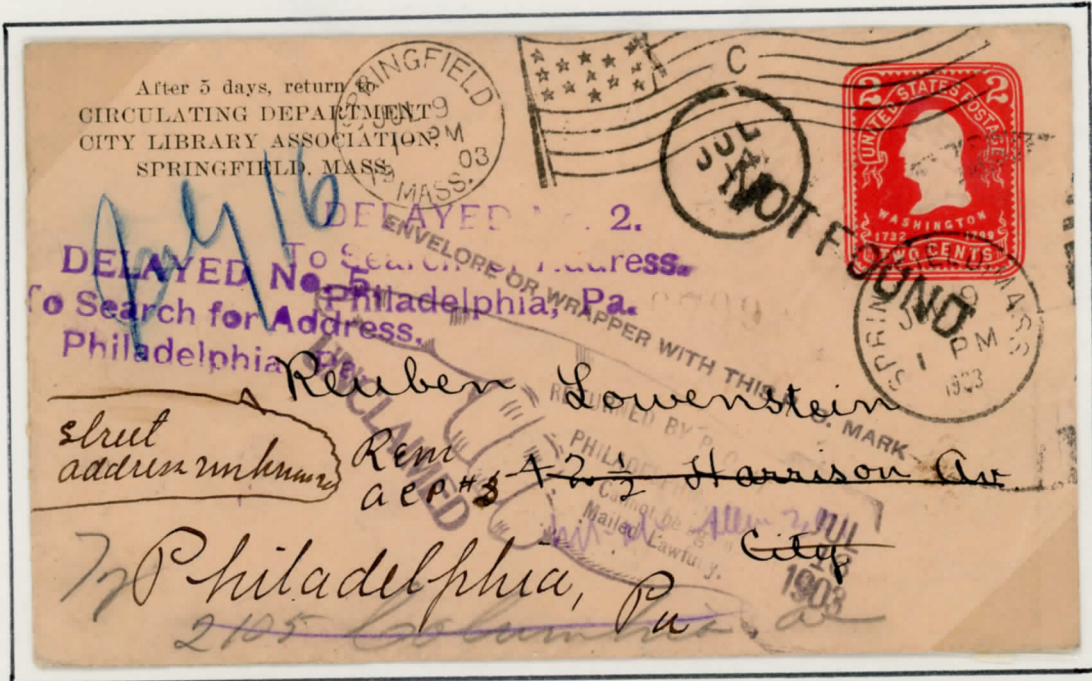
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-Db-UNCLAIMED-(Town, Date)-Envelope..Cannot be Mailed..

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

Db - Returned by... (Sender, Writer omitted)

"UNCLAIMED. Envelope or Wrapper with this P.O. Mark
Cannot be again Mailed Lawfully."



Two Philadelphia, Pa. examples -
July 16, 1903, and May 20, 1908.

The Pointing Hand Return

THE BASIC CLASSIFICATION

I

THREE ORIENTATIONS OF THE HAND

LB

LEF T H A N D,
P A L M B A C K



RD

RIG H T H A N D,
P A L M D O W N



RF

RIG H T H A N D,
P A L M F O R W A R D



II

TWO TENSES OF THE VERB "RETURN"

b

RETURN
(Imperative)



D

RETURNED
(Past)



III

TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE RETURN

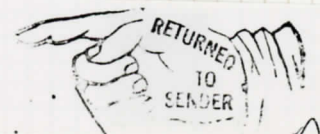
W

WRITER



S

SENDER



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THE SECONDARY CLASSIFIERS

THE "REASONS" FOR RETURN

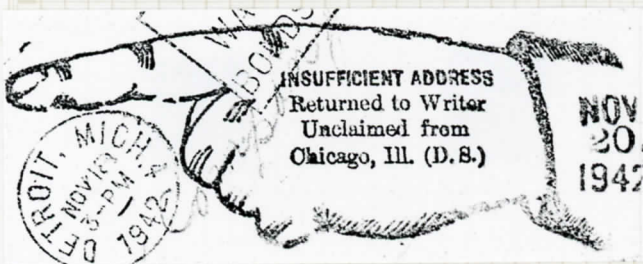
EXAMPLES



THE CITY (ONLY WHEN IN THE HANDSTAMP)



THE DATER (ONLY WHEN IN THE HANDSTAMP)



ALL OF THE SECONDARY CLASSIFIERS ARE USED ONLY WHEN THEY APPEAR AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE POINTING HAND HANDSTAMP. AS SEPARATE HANDSTAMPS THEY ARE INTERESTING, BUT DO NOT FORM PART OF THE POINTING HAND CLASSIFICATION.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-DW

normal

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down (The rarest of the "Hands")

D - Returned

W - to Writer



Wisconsin Dells, Wis., July, 1930 - returned to Baraboo.

Additional Handstamp -

"UNKNOWN"



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-Db-No such P.O.
(Town, Date)

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down

D - Returned

b - (phrase "to writer (Sender) omitted)

"No. 3/RETURNED FROM/CHICAGO, ILL./
No such P.O. in State/named. M.D.N.S."
Date in cuff.

ELMER E. DEVOL

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
GENEVA, ILL.

Postmaster

Kaskaskia

Ill



Chicago, Ill., Decenber, 1932 - returned to Geneva, Ill.
The letter addressed to "Kaskaskia, Ill., after that
post office had been discontinued.

RPO Cancel on Reverse - needs photo

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-(Town, Date)-Do Not Use...

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

DW - Returned to Writer

Galveston, Texas

"Do not use this envelope or wrapper again"



Galveston, Texas, December 19, 1962

Local Return

Additional Handstamped list - "unknown" is checked

THE
POINTING-HAND
RETURN

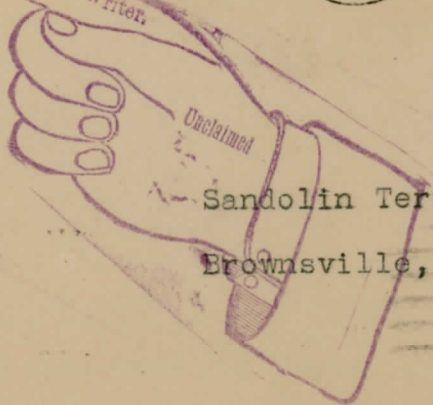
A Study of Types.

Throughout much of the 19th and 20th centuries the pointing hand has been a bold indicator of the directive to return mail to the sender. This exhibit explores the types of handstamp and machine cancels of the pointing hand that have been in use over these many years.

CARNEIRO, CHUMNEY & CO.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
STATE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS



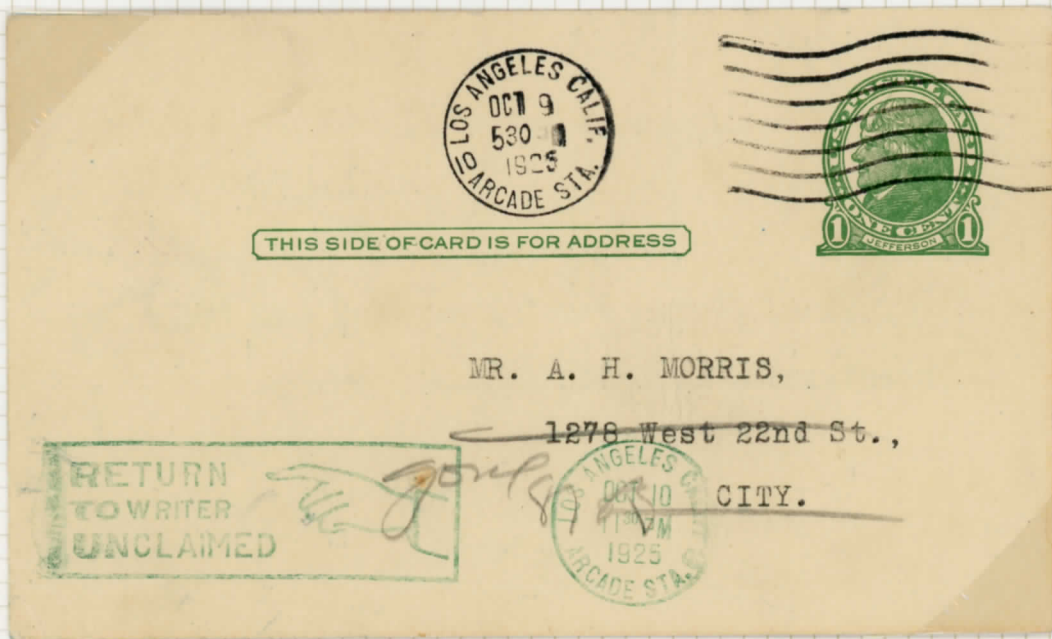
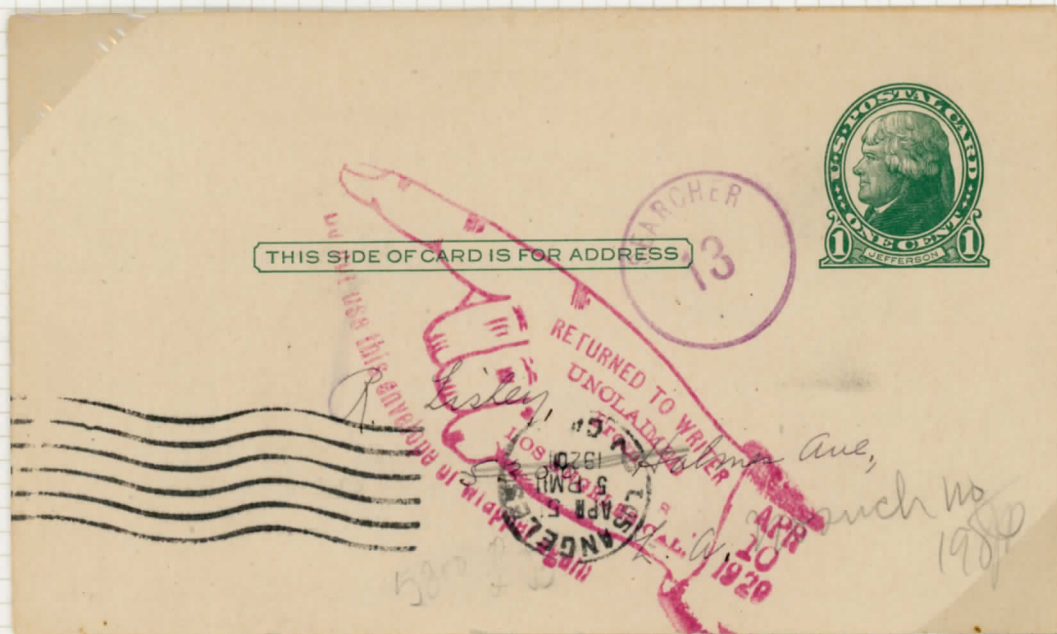
Returned to Writer.



Sandolin Terinay,
Brownsville, Texas.



Return To Writer Unclaimed



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-D.L.O. (Dead Letter Office)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bW - Return__ to Writer



A complicated history -

Left Elgin, Illinois, September 16, 1892

Underpaid - due 3 pence (twice the 3c underpayment)

British postmarks record the diligent attempt to find the addressee.

Triangular American "Dead Letter Office" marking on reverse, and pointing hand return on face.



The POINTING HAND RETURN

A Taiwanese "Fickle Finger" ("Naughty-Naughty!!")

TO: DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS
TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY C
COLLEGE STATION, TX 77843
U. S. A.



FROM: HUNG PI YUEH
P. O. BOX 12053,
TAIPEI, TAIWAN,
R. O. C.



The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DS-Cannot be found (Town)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Down

DS - Returned to Sender



Stamford, Conn., March, 1894

Returned to Bridgeport, Conn.

Manuscript "Opened by error/John McGuinness/Orchard St"

On reverse - Receiving cancels,

Stamford, Feb. 13

Bridgeport, March 13

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DS-(List)

Carmel, N.Y.

Auto Racing



*Ms. Sonya Anderson
Lindy Street
Carmel*

10512



- Moved, left no address
- No such street
- Moved, not forwardable
- Addressee unknown

JAMES H. BAKER
21 PINE DALE APT. 8
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-Chicago Post Office D.S.

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

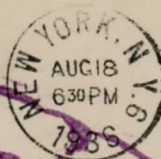
D - Returned

W - to Writer

The reason for return is omitted from the pointing hand handstamp per se.

Town (Chicago) and Date are in contrast given as integral parts of the pointing hand

FOURTEENTH FLOOR
22 WEST 48TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY



MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS 213

RETURNED TO WRITER
CHICAGO
POST OFFICE
Sterling Advertising Agency
Room 302
180 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Ill.

AUG 20 1936

Chicago, Illinois, Aug. 20, 1936 - return to New York City.
Additional handstamp - "MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS 213"

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-CANNOT BE FOUND (Town)
Des Moines, Iowa



Des Moines, Iowa, Oct 27, 1898
Returned to Galesburg, Illinois

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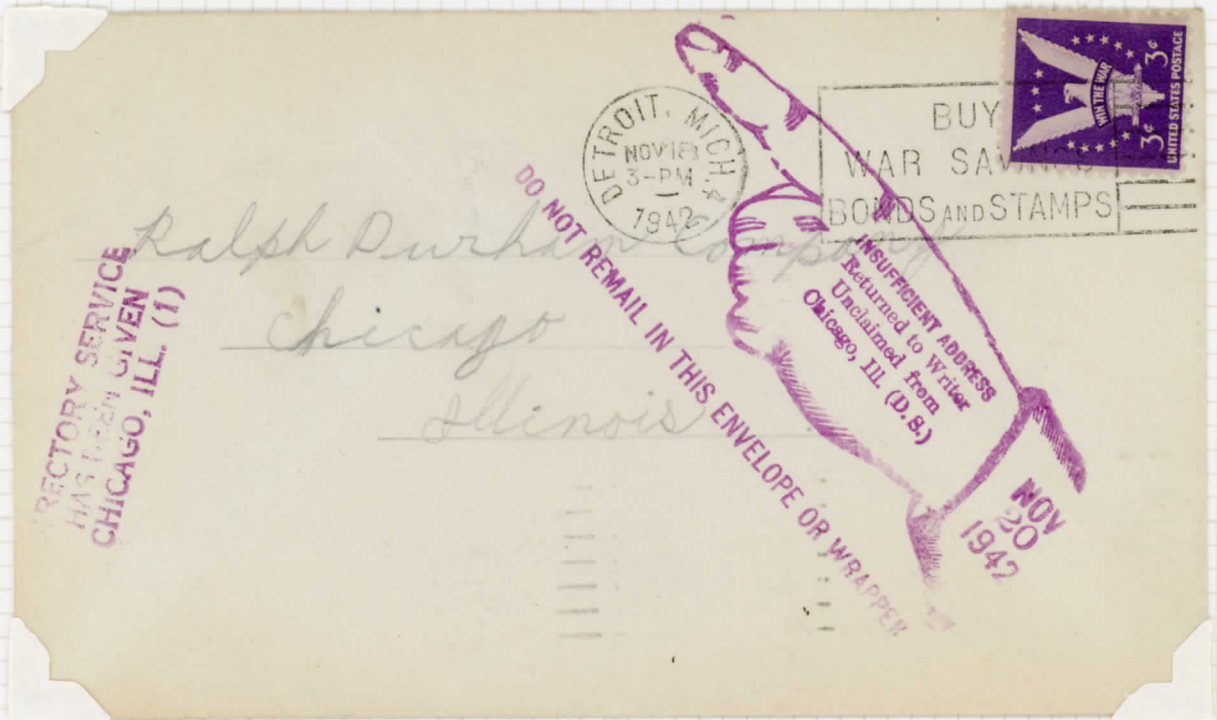
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS(Chicago, Date)

"INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS/Returned to Writer/
Unclaimed from/Chicago, Ill. (D.S.)"

and Date in cuff.

"DO NOT REMAIL IN THIS ENVELOPE OR
WRAPPER" below and an integral part
of the pointing hand handstamp.



Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20, 1942 - return to Detroit, Mich.
(Return address over on flap, where handwispointing.)

Additional Handstamp -

"DIRECTORY SERVICE/HAS BEEN GIVEN/
CHICAGO, ILL. (1)"

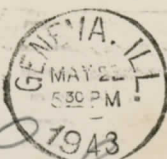
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-MISDIRECTED(Chicago, Date)

"MISDIRECTED/Returned to Writer/
Unclaimed from/Chicago, Ill.(D.S.)"
and Date in cuff.

"DO NOT REMAIN IN THIS ENVELOPE OR
WRAPPER" below appears to be an
additional integrat part of the
pointing hand handstamp.

ELMER E. DEVOL
LAWYER
GENEVA, ILL.



NOT THERE IN 1943
NOT THERE G-2626
DIRECTORY SERVICE
HAS BEEN GIVEN
CHICAGO, ILL. (13)

303 Columbia Ave
9-26-40
15 K

MISDIRECTED
Returned to Writer
Unclaimed from
Chicago, Ill. (D.S.)

NOT REMAIN IN THIS ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER
Mr. Lewis M. Levinson
198 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois.

Verify
15 K

Chicago, Ill., June 1, 1943 - return to Geneva, Ill.

Additional handstamps -

"15 K" (struck twice)

"DIRECTORY SERVICE/HAS BEEN GIVEN/CHICAGO, ILL.(13)"

"NOT THERE G-2626" (struck twice)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-UNCLAIMED
LB - Left Hand, Palm Back
DW - Returned to Writer



Boston, Mass., May 15, 1904.

Returned to Utica, N.Y.

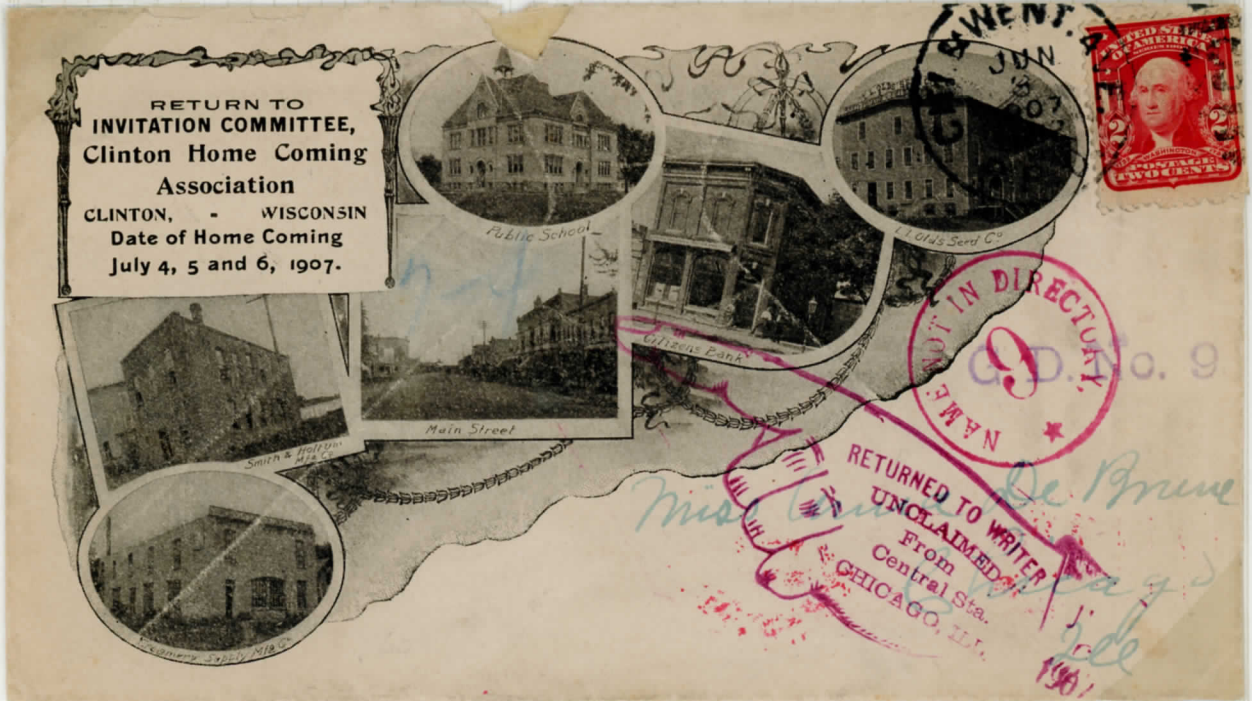
Additional Handstamp:

THIS LETTER WAS NOT CALLED
FOR BY THE ADVERTISER AND
ACCORDING TO U.S. POSTAL LAW
IS RETURNED TO SENDER

(The "Advertiser" referred to above is the person who had placed an ad in the Boston Globe under the number "271.")

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-Unclaimed(Town,Date)
Central Station, Chicago, Ill.



Chicago, Ill., Central Station, July 6, 1907 -
Return to Clinton, Wisconsin (July 7 Red'd on reverse).

Cancel is that of the
Chicago & Wentworth Ave. Street Car R.P.O.,
June 3, 1907.

Additional markings

Red Circular "Name Not In Directory 9"

On reverse - "Chicago General Delivery"
(Doremus Machine Cancel)

G.D. No. 9 in violet

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-Unclaimed(Town,Date)
Central Station, Chicago, Ill.



Chicago, Ill., Central Station, July 6, 1907 -
Return to Clinton, Wisconsin (July 7 Red'd on reverse).

Cancel is that of the
Chicago & Wentworth Ave. Street Car R.P.O.,
June 3, 1907.

Additional markings

Red Circular "Name Not In Directory 9"

On reverse - "Chicago General Delivery"
(Doremus Machine Cancel)

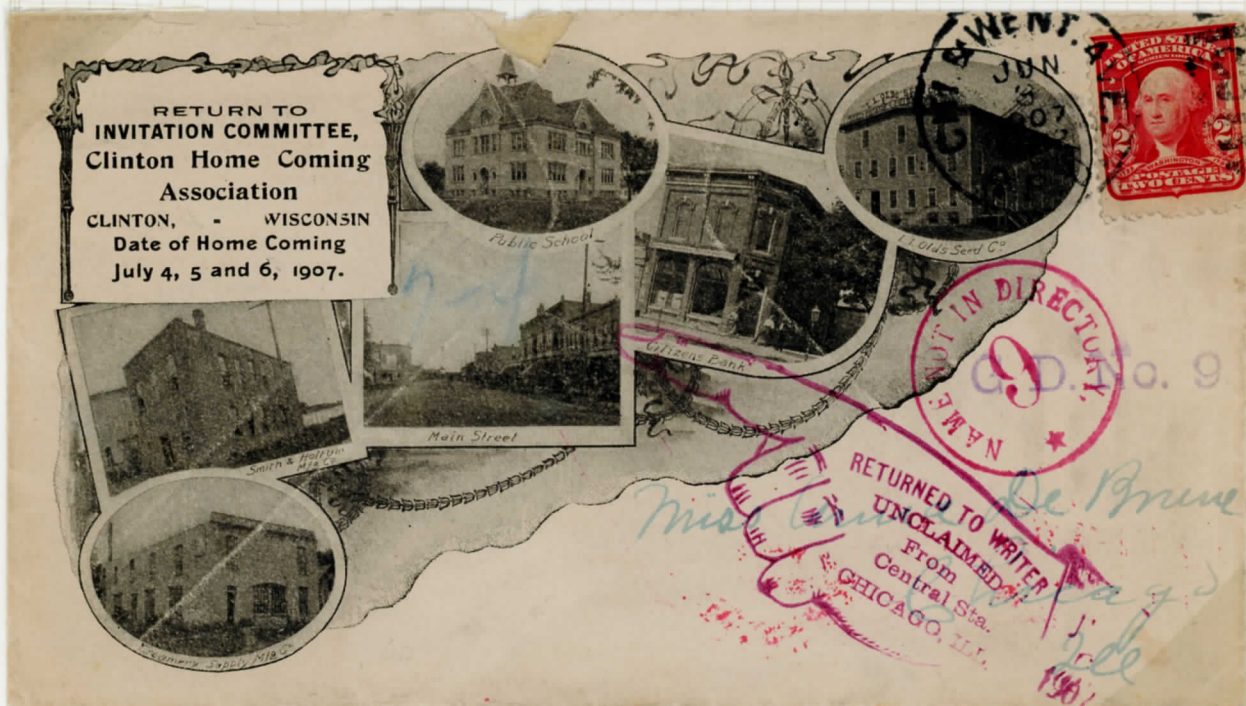
G.D. No. 9 in violet

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No. 710-10
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-Unclaimed(Town,Date)
Central Station, Chicago, Ill.



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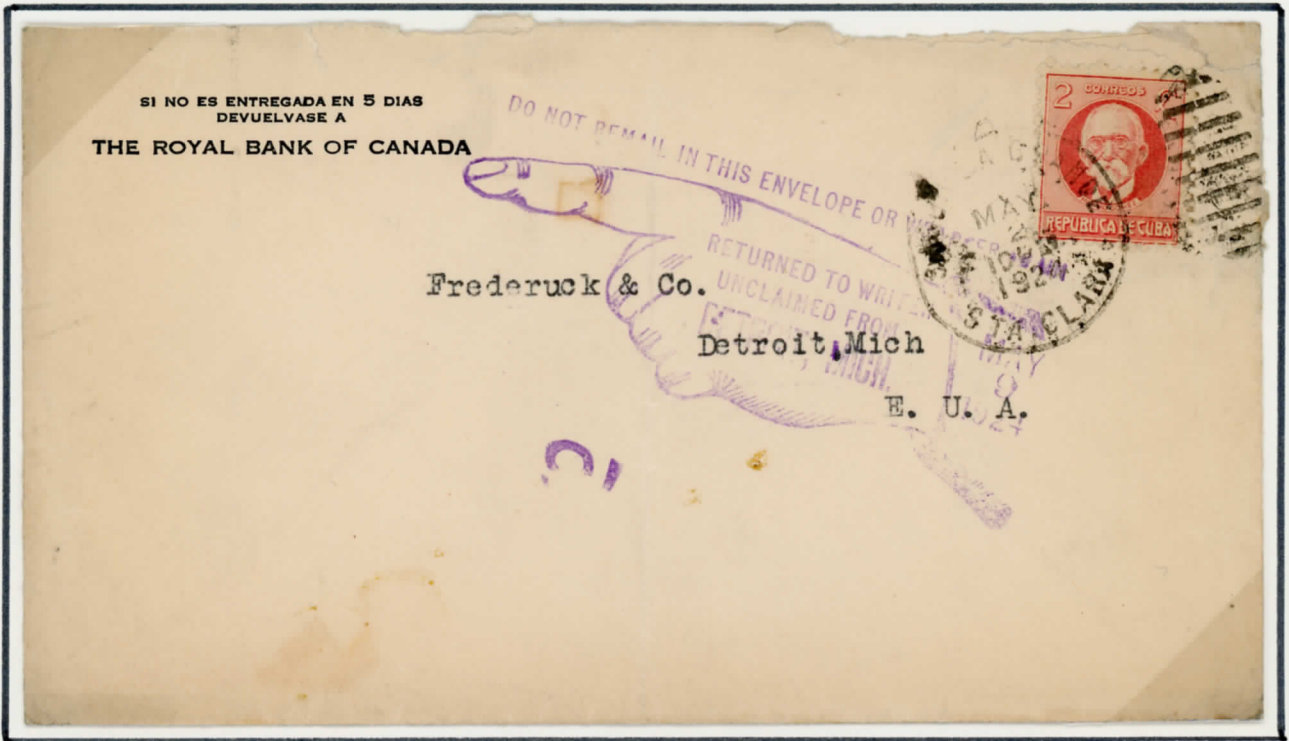
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town, Date)-DO NOT REMAIL

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

DW - Returned to writer



Detroit, Michigan, May 9, 1924

Returned to Sagua La Grande, Cuba



Similar,
but without
the
"do not remail.."
phrase.
1911 return
to Buffalo,
N.Y.

The Pointing Hand Return

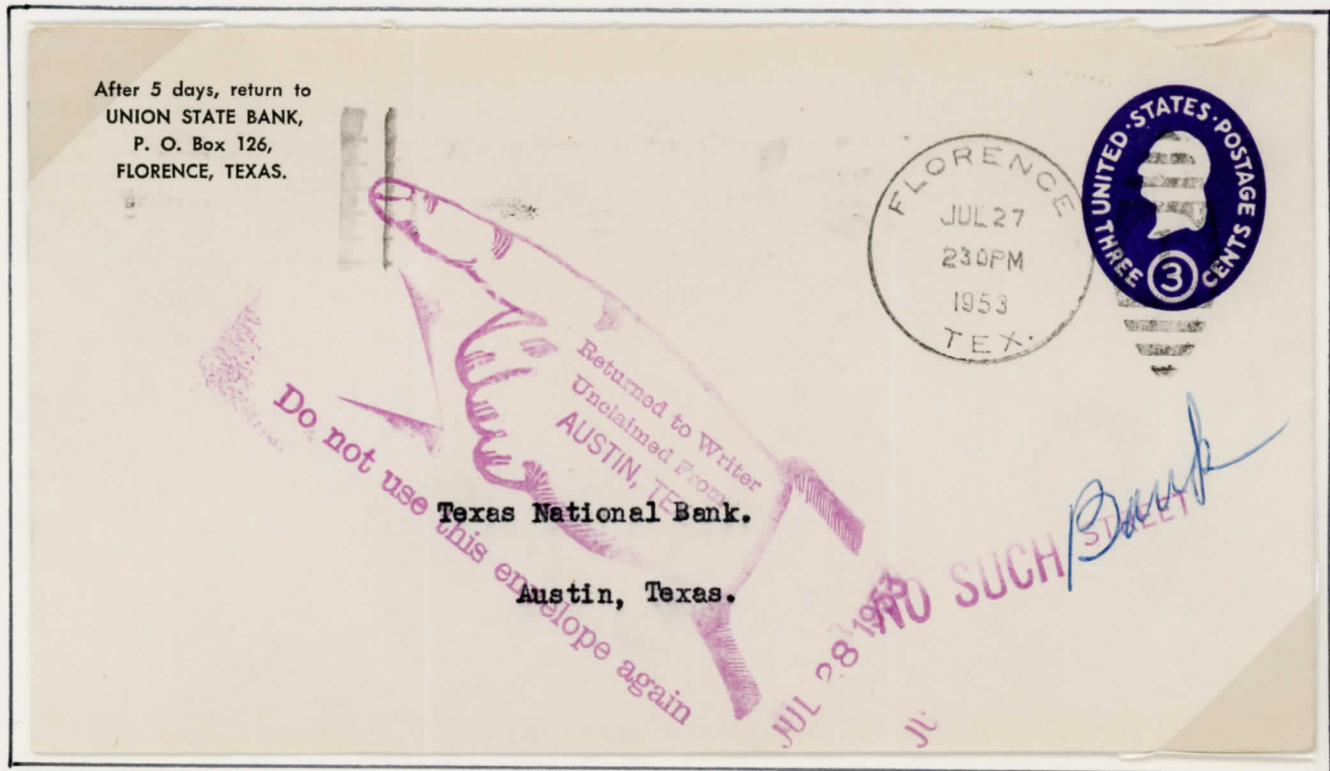
Type LB-DW-Unclaimed-(Town, Date)-Do not use...

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

DW - Returned to Writer

Austin, Texas

"Do not use this envelope again"



Austin, Texas, July 28, 1953

Returned to Florence, Texas

Additional handstamp "NO SUCH STREET"

(with "STREET" overstruck by a
handwritten "Bank")

The Pointing Hand Return

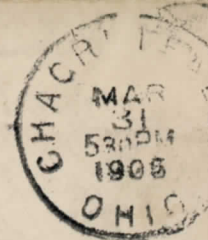
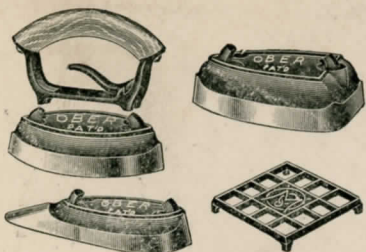
Type LB-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town, Date)

"RETURNED TO WRITER/UNCLAIMED/PUEBLO,
COLO./P.O."

Date in cuff; "B.D."below;

"Do not use this envelope or wrapper
again" above is also an integral
part of handstamp.

After 5 days, return to
THE OBER MFG. CO.,
CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO.



Do not use this envelope or wrapper again.

Name not in Directory.

THE STANDARD MILLING CO.

OUT
APR 7 1905

RETURNED TO WRITER
UNCLAIMED

PUEBLO, COLO.
P. O.

B. D.

APR 11 1905
COLORADO.

Pueblo, Colo., April 11, 1905 - return to Chagrin Falls,
Ohio.

Additional Handstamps -

"Name not in Directory"

"OUT/APR 7 1905"

The Pointing Hand Return

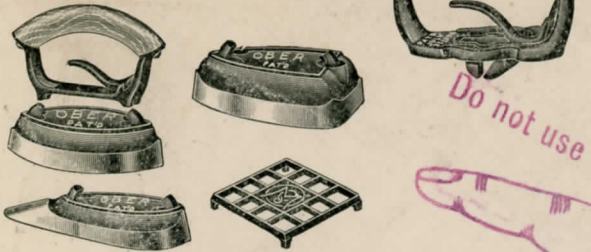
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Name not in Directory.

OUT
APR 7 1905

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RETURNED TO WRITER/UNCLAIMED/PUEBLO, COLO. P.O.
APR 11 1905 COLORADO.
B.D.

Pueblo, Colo., April 11, 1905 - return to Chagrin Falls,
Ohio.

Additional Handstamps -

"Name not in Directory"

"OUT/APR 7 1905"

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bS-DIRECTORY SERVICE GIVEN(Town)

"RETURN TO/SENDER FROM/EVANSVILLE
IND/DIRECTORY SERVICE GIVEN"



Evansville, Ind., December, 1950 -

Returned to Fayetteville, N.Y.

Additional handstamp -

"Insufficient address" (Hogwash! The Misses Schlundt had a perfectly good Evansville address at that time.)

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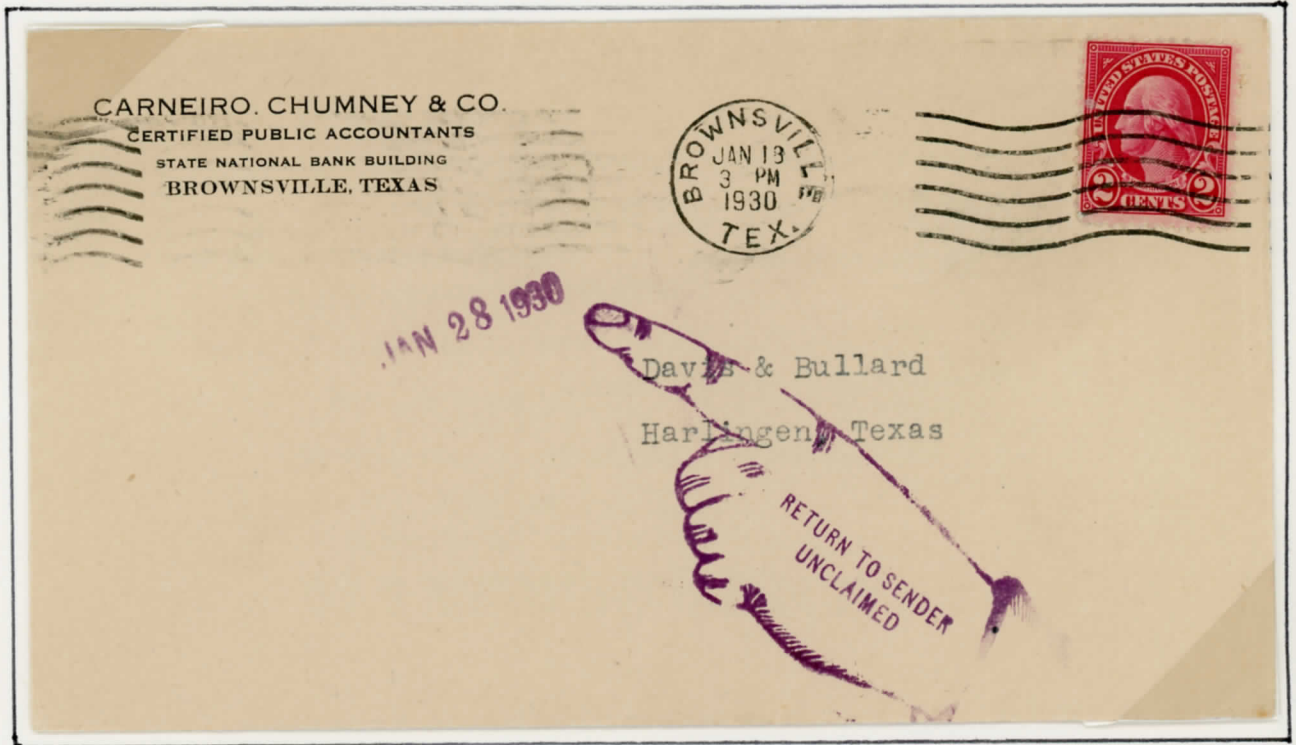
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bS-Unclaimed

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bS - Return__ to Sender



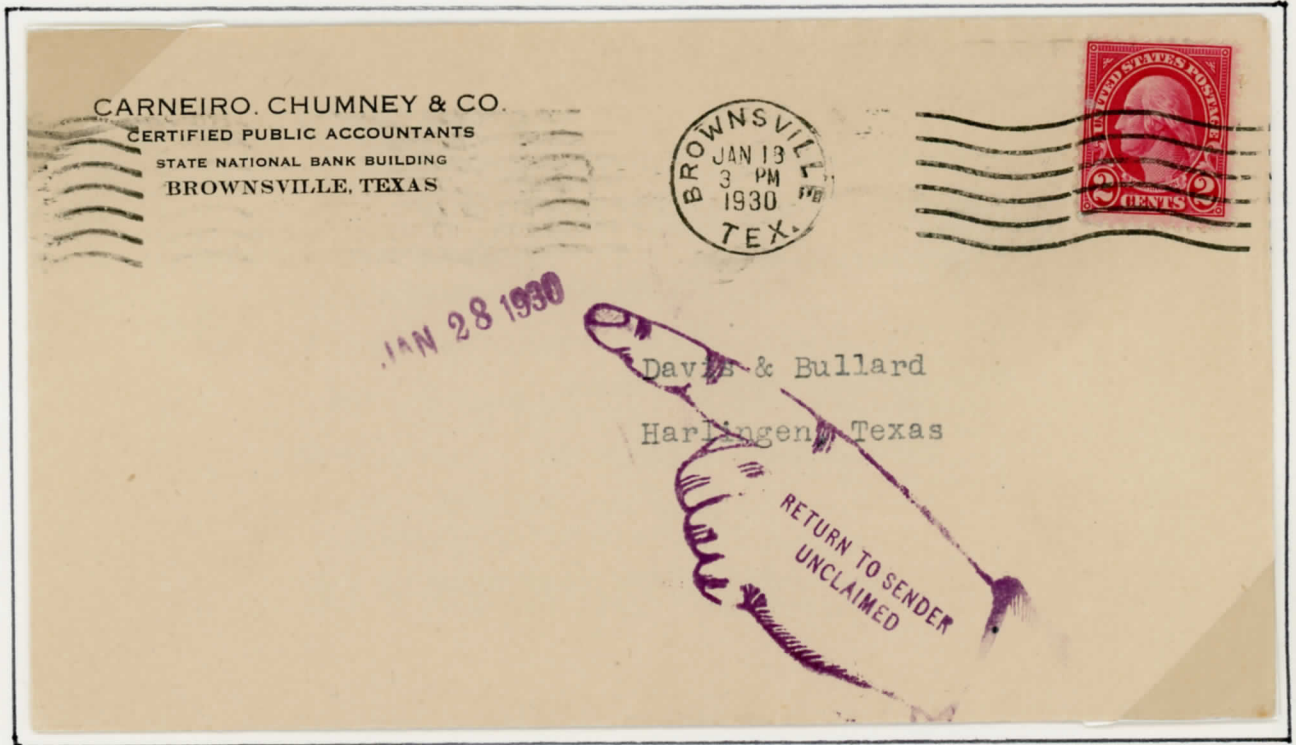
Harlingen, Texas, January 29, 1930 (Backstamp)
Returned to Brownsville, Texas

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bS-Unclaimed

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bS - Return__ to Sender



Harlingen, Texas, January 29, 1930 (Backstamp)
Returned to Brownsville, Texas

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 10 DAYS, RETURN TO

→ THE →

Jaccard Watch & Jewelry Co.

No. 815 MAIN STREET,
Kansas City, Mo.



Mr James Martin
St. Louis
Mo

RET. TO WRITER.
MAY 10 1890

MAY 10

St Louis, Missouri, May 10, 1890

Returned to Kansas City, Mo.

Additional Handstamps -

Dates (May 2, May 10)

On Reverse -

St. L. & Kan. City TRAIN, May 1

Kansas City REC'D, May 14

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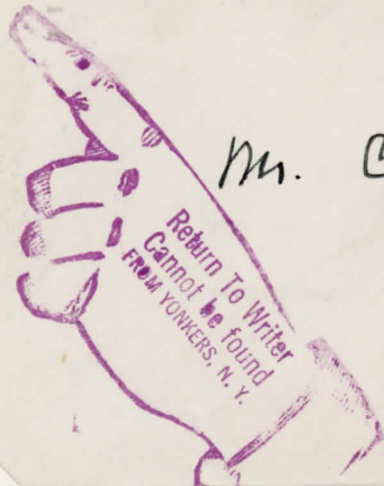
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-Cannot be found(Town)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back
b - Returns (imperative)
W - to Writer

"Return To Writer/Cannot be found/
FROM YONKERS, N.Y."

ROBERT E. DUNKLEE & SONS
72 FLAT STREET
BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT



Mr. Carl Hollander
Yonkers
N.Y.

Insufficient Address

Yonkers, N.Y., February, 1955 - return to Brattleboro, Vt.

Additional handstamp -

"Insufficient Address."

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-Not Deliverable...

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bW - Return to Writer

"NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED/ NO FORWARDING ORDER ON FILE"



Chicago, Illinois, November 27, 1974

Returned to Homewood, Illinois

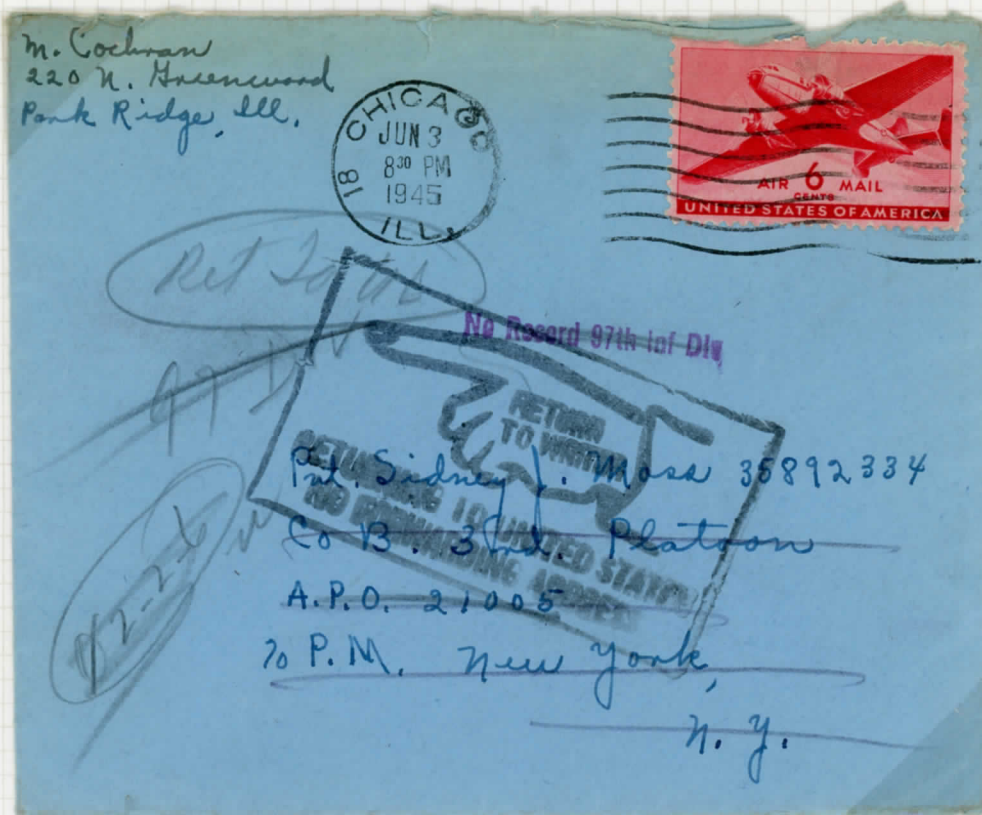
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-Returning, etc.

"RETURN TO WRITER" in hand

"RETURNING TO UNITED STATES/NO FORWARDING ADDRESS" below.

A military New York APO marking



New York, N.Y., June, 1945 - return to Park Ridge, Ill.

Additional handstamp -

"No Record 97th inf Div"

Several manuscript notations -

"12-2-6", "97 DIV", "Ret To US"

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bw-UNCLAIMED

*E. Stratton
Wilmington
Box 67. N.C.*

4691



P.R. Desired

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

REGISTERED

8300

*Mr. Wade Spivey
Lake
~~Bay View~~
S.C.*

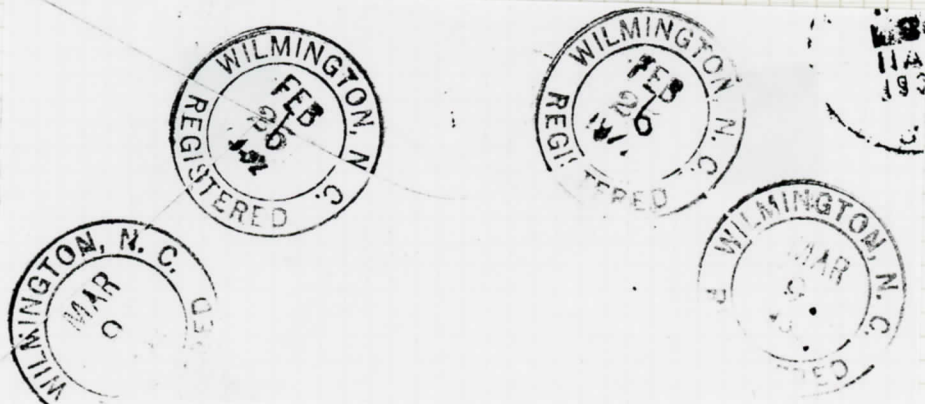
History uncertain:

Origin: Wilmington, N.C., Feb. 26, 1932 -

Return to Wilmington: March 9, 1932 -

Destination: "Bay View, S.C., changed to
Lake View, S.C. (by whom?)

Intermediate travels not recorded by legible
handstamps (rare for registered letters)



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-UNCLAIMED(Town)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bW - Return__ to Writer



Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nov. 23, 1945,

returned to Penang, British Malaya

Note also the "Forward" pointing hand in the red malayan handstamp "GROW MORE FOOD."

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-Unclaimed
-(Town, Date)

Galveston, Texas



Not to be returned
WRITER
UNCLAIMED
GALVESTON, TEXAS
APR 18 1957

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
PASADENA IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT
PASADENA, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS



The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-(List)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

b - Return

W - to Writer

a list of three reasons -

"Unclaimed....

Unknown.....

Moved....."

*E. Stratton
Wilmington
Box 67. N.C.*



R.R. Desired

REGISTERED

6504

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

*Mrs. D. J. Faulk
~~Myrtle Beach~~
S.C.*

4564

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, December, 1928 -

Returned to Wilmington, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

"RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED" (Wilmington)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bW-(List)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

b - Return

W - to Writer

a list of three reasons -

"Unclaimed....

Unknown.....

Moved....."

*E. Stratton
Wilmington
Box 67. N.C.*



R.R. Desired

REGISTERED

6504

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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~~Myrtle Beach~~
S.C.*

4564

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, December, 1928 -

Returned to Wilmington, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

"RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED" (Wilmington)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bb-(Town)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bb - (Customary "Return(ed) to Writer(Sender) omitted.
(The reason for return is also omitted)

"N.Y./3D Div."

Return to JEWELL BELTING CO.,
HARTFORD, Conn.,
If not delivered within 10 days.



Wm. Casperson, Jr.,

Paulson, N.

MISDIRECTED

Sept. 1893 -

Handstamp "MISDIRECTED" (New York City). The letter to Paulson, New Jersey, has been missent to New York City. For some reason it is returned to Hartford, Conn., rather than sent to Paulson.

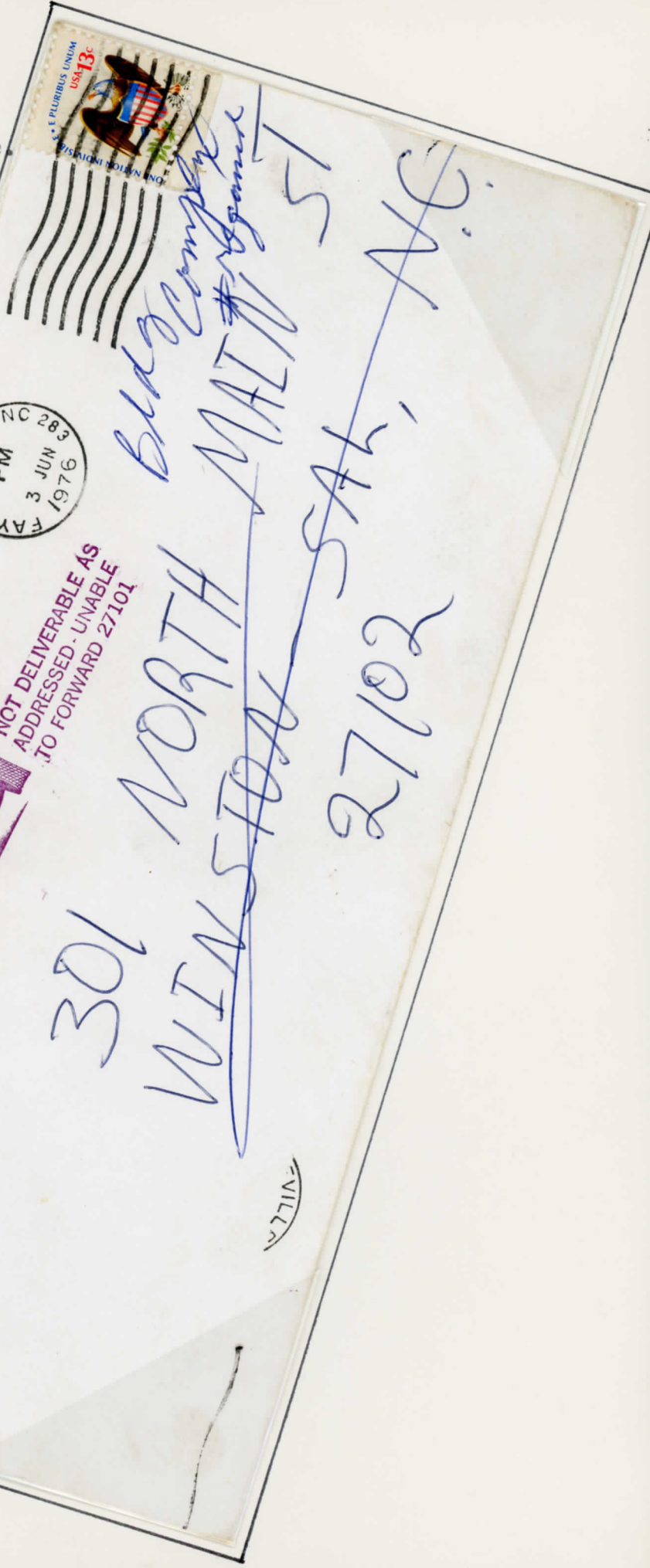
Additional Handstamp -

"7" in circle (Hartford? N.Y.City?)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bb-Not Deliverable

Winston-Salem, N.C.



BILL'S T.V. & RADIO
SERVICE
1912 EAST 5TH STREET
LUMBERTON, N. C. 28358

W771A

The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-bb-UNCLAIMED(Town)

LB - Left Hand, Palm Back

bb - (customary "Return(ed) to Writer(Sender) missing)

"UNCLAIMED/MT. OLIVER STA./
PITTSBURGH, PA."

P. H. MULLER
214 N. LANG AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.



UNCLAIMED
MT. OLIVER STA.
PITTSBURGH, PA.

Mearl Fair,

R. D. 6, Box 62 A.

Mt. Oliver Br.

*Pittsburgh,
Pa.*

R. D. 6 - GONE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Mt. Oliver Sta., Sept. 1934 -
Return to local address.

Additional handstamp -

"R.D. 6 - GONE"

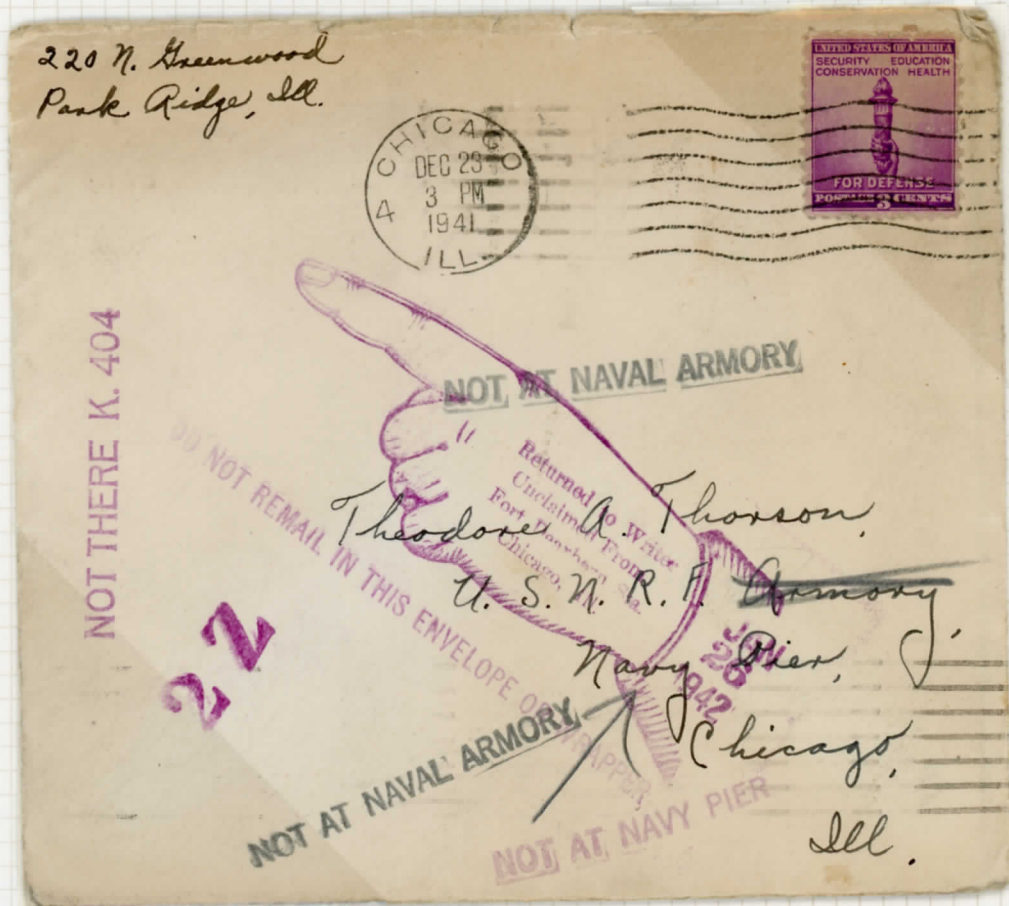
The Pointing Hand Return

Type LB-DW-Unclaimed(Town, Date)

"Returned to Writer/Unclaimed From/Fort Dearborn Sta./Chicago, Ill."

and date in cuff.

"DO NOT REMAIL IN THIS ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER" below, an integral part of pointing hand handstamp.



Chicago, Ill, Fort Dearborn Sta., Jan 26, 1942 -
Return to Park Ridge, Ill.

Additional handstamps -

"NOT AT NAVAL ARMORY" (struck twice)

"NOT AT NAVY PIER"

"NOT THERE K.404"

The Pointing Hand Paid

Type RD-DS-NO SUCH NUMBER

Winston-Salem, N.C.



POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VA-601



RETURNED TO SENDER
NO SUCH NUMBER - 17
VET

YOUR BEST BET - HIRE A VET

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
251 NORTH MAIN STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27102
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-DS-UNCLAIMED(Town)

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down

D - Returned

S to Sender

"UNCLAIMED/
From KINSTON, N.C."

*C. Stratton
Wilmington
N.C.
Box 67.*



1979
RETURNED
TO
SENDER
UNCLAIMED
From KINSTON

R.P. Desired

REGISTERED

*Mr. Lobe F. Jones
Kinston
N.C.*

Unknown 4093

5342

Kinston, North Carolina, October, 1927 -

Returned to Wilmington, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

Usual Registry handstamps on reverse



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-DW-UNCLAIMED

C. Swanton
Wilmington
Box 67. N.C.



RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

P.P. Desired

REGISTERED

4131

7162
Mary Louington
Rocky Mount
N.C.

Rocky Mount, North Carolina, October, 1929 -

Returned to Wilmington, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED" (Wilmington)

"RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED" (Wilmington)

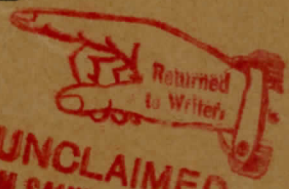
Registry handstamps on reverse



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The Pointing Hand Return
Type RD-DW-UNCLAIMED (Town)
Saint Paul, Minn.
1925



**UNCLAIMED
FROM SAINT PAUL, MINN.**

M. C. Martin,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Not Returnable

HEAD LETTER BRANCH
CHICAGO, ILL.
MISCELLANEOUS
No. *✓*

777 1/2 Jackson Street



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-DW-List

Louisville, Ky

BUILD YOUR FUTURE
WISELY '66
U.S. SAVINGS BOND



Milchred Montgomery
1111 Marshall Avenue,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

*No
Jy 10 66*



Unauthorized
Distribution
For better
service
Moved, left no address
No such office

NO POST-LET NO ADDRESS

FOR

1-14-57

After 5 days return to
TEXAS NATIONAL BANK
P. O. Box 2159
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-DW-List

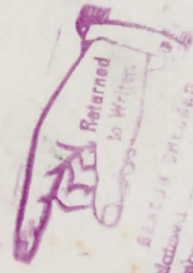
Louisville, Ky

BUILD YOUR FUTURE
WISELY '66
U.S. SAVINGS BUREAU



Milched Montgomery
1111 Marshall Avenue,
Louisville,
Kentucky.

*No
Jy 10 67*



Reasons for return:
Unaddressed
For better address
Moved, left no address
No such address

NO POST-LET NO ADDRESS

FOR

1-14-57

After 5 days return to
Mrs. Carl Brunner
TEXAS NATIONAL BANK
P. O. Box 2159
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-bS-UNCLAIMED

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down

b - Return

S - to Sender

~~RETURN TO SENDER~~
UNCLAIMED

IN SEVEN DAYS RETURN TO
BERT D. GALBRAITH
CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT
KANE COUNTY
GENEVA, ILLINOIS



Maudie E. Morse
State & River Drive

Jackson
Mich.

NOT IN DIRECTORY
Not for R. D. No 3
Jackson, Mich.

UNCLAIMED

Jackson, Mich., May, 1947 - returned to Geneva, Ill.

Additional Handstamps -

"NOT IN DIRECTORY"

"Not for R. D. No 3"

"Jackson, Mich."

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-bW

RD - Right Hand, Palm Down

b - Return

W - to Writer

Return to LAIRD, NORTON CO.,
WINONA, Minnesota,
If not delivered within 10 days.



DUE 1c.

Wm. Sparr Lumber Co.,

Creston,

Iowa.

UNCLAIMED

Creston, Iowa (1893 or later)

Returned to Winona, Minn.

Additional Handstamps -

"UNCLAIMED" (black)

"DUE 1c" (violet)

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-bW-Unclaimed

Madison, Wisc.,

March 10, 1935



NOT AT HOTEL LORRAINE
Has been claimed by Office
First Address

Mr. R. B. MacDonald
Hotel Lorraine
Madison, Wisconsin

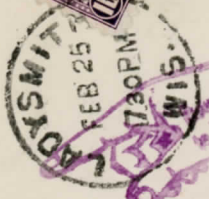
O. J. FALGE
LAWYER
LADYSMITH, WIS.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-bW-Unclaimed

Madison, Wisc.,

March 10, 1935



NOT AT HOTEL LORRAINE
Has not been claimed by Office
First Address

Mr. R. B. MacDonald
Hotel Lorraine
Madison, Wisconsin

O. J. FALGE
LAWYER
LADYSMITH, WIS.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RD-b(?)W-Unclaimed
(Town)

Hoboken, N.J.

Returned to
New York
City



RETURN TO WRITER
Unclaimed
HOBOKEN,
N. J.

1207 Bloomfield St.,
Hoboken, New Jersey.

Stark
90

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO
MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE
130 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Returned to

DAISY SHEET
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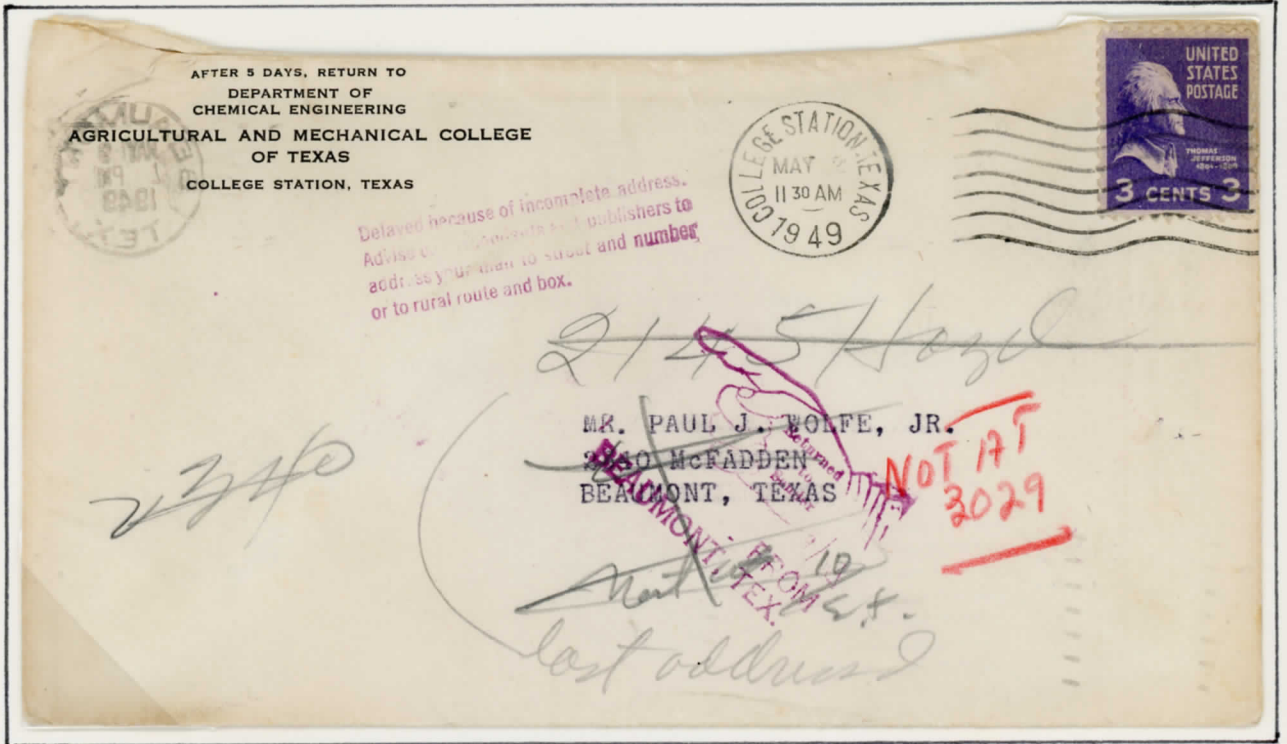
The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS (Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

DS - Returned to Sender

"FROM BEAUMONT, TEX."



Beaumont, Texas, May 10, 1949 (cancel on reverse)
Returned to Texas A & M by its earlier incarnation.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS(Town) - ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN
"CAPE CORAL BR 33904"

Mrs. Oscar C. Nussmann
351 N. FULLERTON AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J. 07043



Handwritten initials

RETURNED
TO
SENDER
ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN
CAPE CORAL BR 33904

Miss Dorothy Baker
1749 S.E. 46th Lane
Cape Coral, Florida
33904

Cape Coral, Fla., May, 1978
Returned to Upper Montclair, N.J.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
ATTEMPTED/ NOT KNOWN

Monroe, N.C.

Unusual frame
around handstamp.



Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601



ATTEMPTED
NOT KNOWN

Mr. Rennie R. Stafford

Mr. Rennie R. Stafford
Icemorlee St.
Monroe, NC 28110



Regional Office
261 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102
Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-Insufficient address



Wayne, Pa., Feb., 1979 -

Returned to Havertown, Pa. (address on reverse)

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

DS - Returned to Sender



Phoneton, Ohio, April 21, 1981

Returned to Montclair, N.J.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-Moved, not forwardable(Town)

New York, N.Y. 10021



Moved, not forwardable
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

Nicole Ransard
~~987 Lexington Avenue~~
New York, New York
10021

New York City, March, 1978 -

Returned to Haverford, Pa., (address on reverse)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-Moved, not forwardable(Town)

New York, N.Y. 10021



Moved, not forwardable
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

Nicole Ransard
987 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York
10021

New York City, March, 1978 -

Returned to Haverford, Pa., (address on reverse)

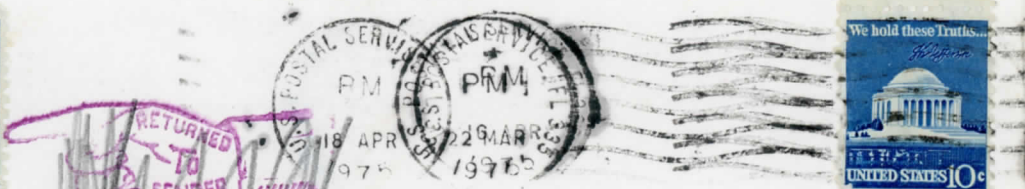
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-NO SUCH NUMBER(Town)

"NEW YORK, N.Y. 10023"



RETURNED TO SENDER
NO SUCH NUMBER
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10023

Registrar
Teachers College
~~120 Amsterdam Ave~~
New York
New York, N.Y. N.Y.

Corner
120th St
Broadway
New York, N.Y. N.Y.

New York City, April, 1975 -
Returned to Clearwater Beach, Fla. (address on reverse)
Remailed (with new postage and revised address).

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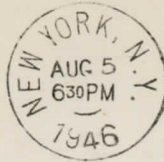
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-NOT AT ADDRESS GIVEN(Town)

"NEW YORK, NEW YORK"

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO
MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE
80 MAIDEN LANE
NEW YORK 7. N. Y.



CHURCH STREET
STATION



RETURNED TO
SENDER
NOT AT ADDRESS GIVEN
NEW YORK, NEW YORK
NOT IN DIRECTORY
CANAL STREET SEAL

Mr. William J. Broadhust
27 Grand Street
New York 13, New York

Do not use this envelope
or wrapper again.

NOT AT ADDRESS GIVEN
6/19/1

Two Different Examples

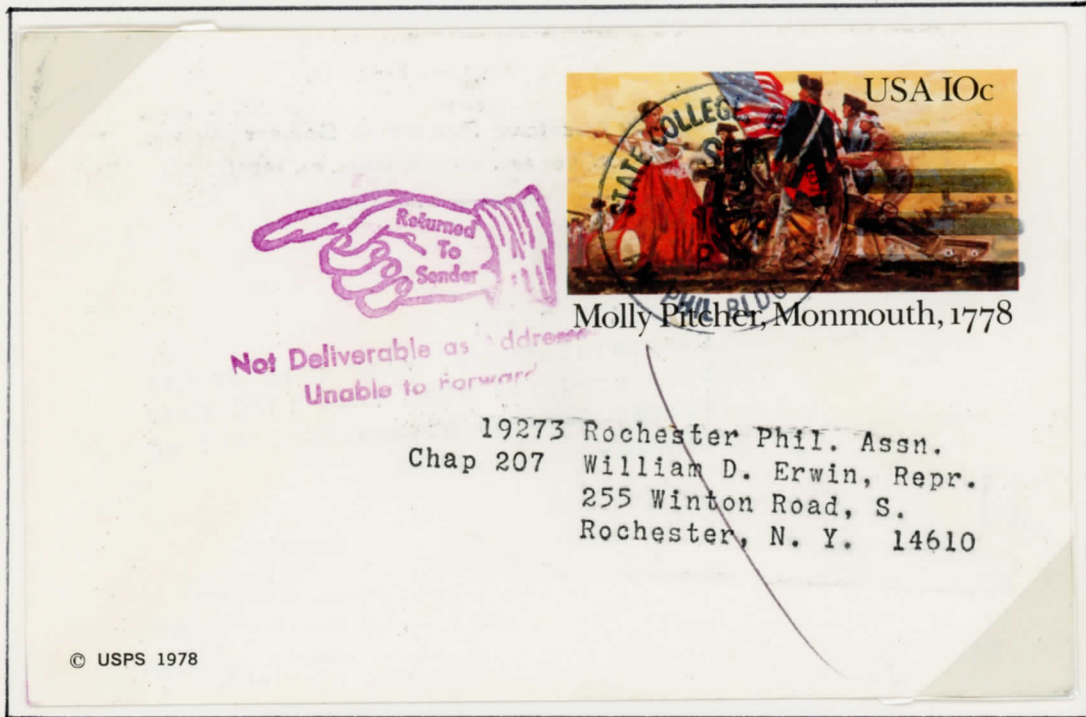


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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-Not Deliverable as Addressed/Unable to Forward
RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward
DS - Returned to Sender



Rochester, N.Y., September 14, 1979
Returned to State College, Pa.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-REMOVED/LEFT NO ADDRESS(Town)

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO
MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE
80 MAIDEN LANE
NEW YORK, N. Y.



REMOVED
LEFT NO ADDRESS
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Mrs Margaret M. Cameron

56-7th Avenue

New York City

Moved, Left no address

Moved

New York City, April, 1937 -

Returned to local address -

Additional Handstamp -

"Moved, Left no address"

DAISY SHEET
No. 710-10
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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-UNCLAIMED(Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

D - Returned

S - to Sender

"RETURNED/TO/SENDER/UNCLAIMED/
From Charleston, W.Va."



Charleston, W. Va., October, 1931 -

Returned to Bluefield, W. Va. -

Additional Handstamps -

"Special Delivery" (Bluefield)

"Delivery delayed on account/of incomplete address" (Charleston)

"Directory Service Given/Special Delivery Section" (Charleston)

(on reverse) "UNABLE TO LOCATE" (Charleston)



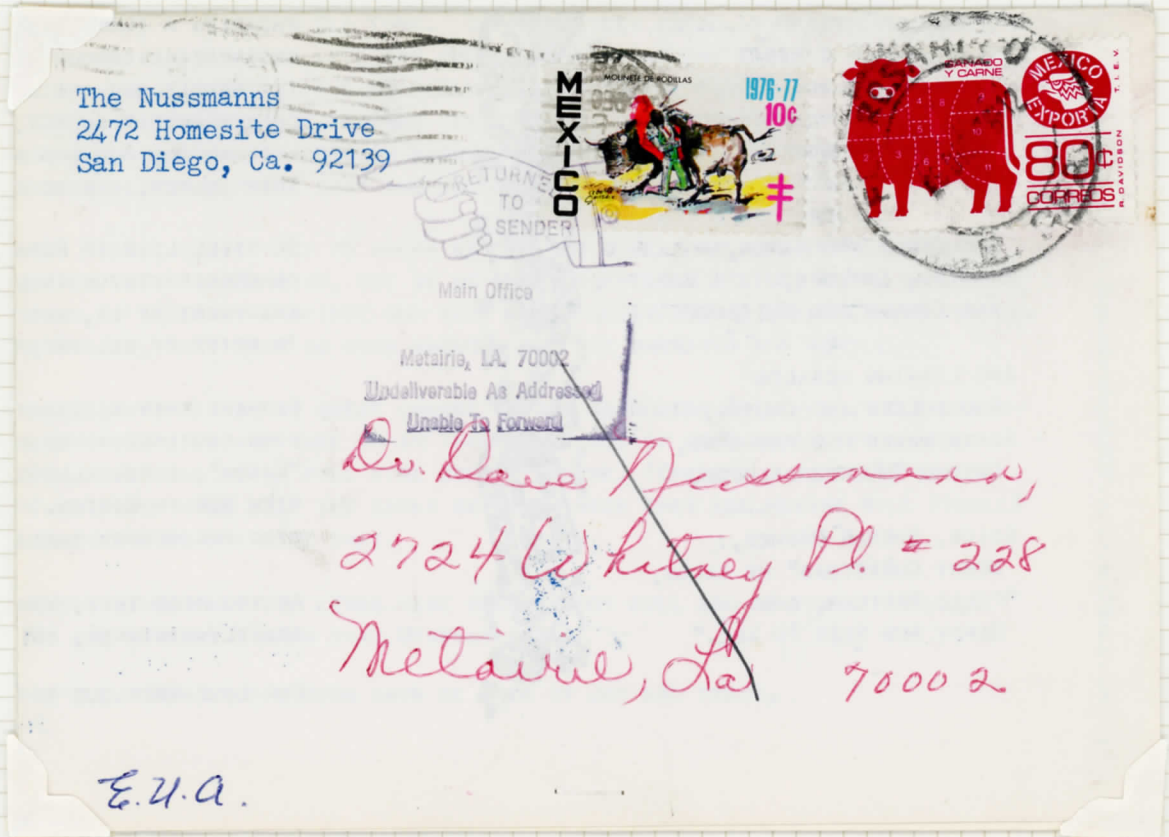
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Type RF-DS-Undeliverable, etc. (Town)

"RETURNED/TO/SENDER/Main Office/
Metairie, LA. 70002/Undeliverable
As Addressed/Unable To Forward"



Metairie, La., Decenber, 1976 -
Returned to San Diego, Cal. -

(The San Diegoans, who also have a Baja California residence, had mailed their Christmas letter from Mexico, but used the California return address.)

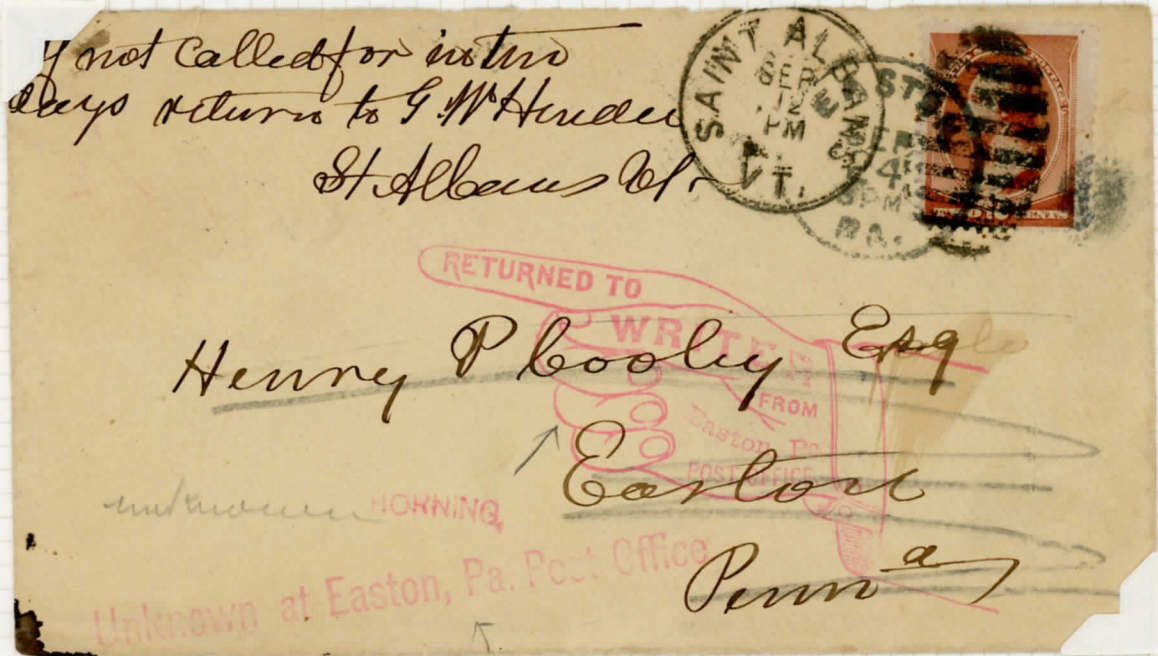
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Type RF-DW-(Town)

"Easton, Pa. Post Office"



Easton, Pa., Sept 24 (1880's)

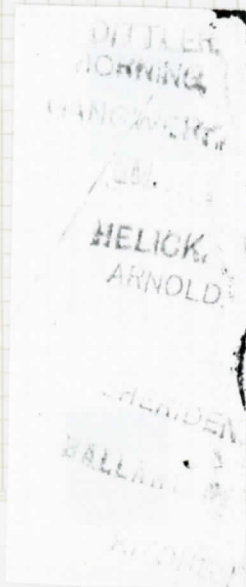
Return to Saint Albans, Vt.

Mss "not known"

Additional Handstamps:

"Unknown at Easton, Pa. Post Office"

Handstamps of nine postal clerks, showing the process of search for the addressee.



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Type RF-DW-(Town)

"Phillada.,/Penna." on cuff

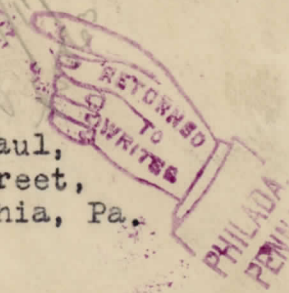
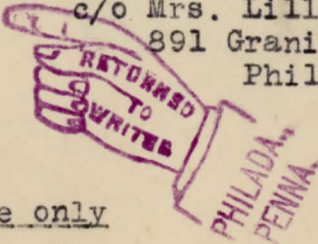
GREEN & QUINN
1722 ARCH STREET
PHILADELPHIA



REGISTERED
No 22347

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Day,
c/o Mrs. Lillian Gaul,
891 Granite Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Registered - Return
Receipt Requested
Deliver to addressee only



Philadelphia, Pa., Sept., 1927.

Returned to local address.

Additional Handstamp -

"REGISTERED/No. 22347" in box in green.

Manuscript notations -

"No Answer 9/11/ Called twice 1133R / Left notice / Second notice / left 9/17 "

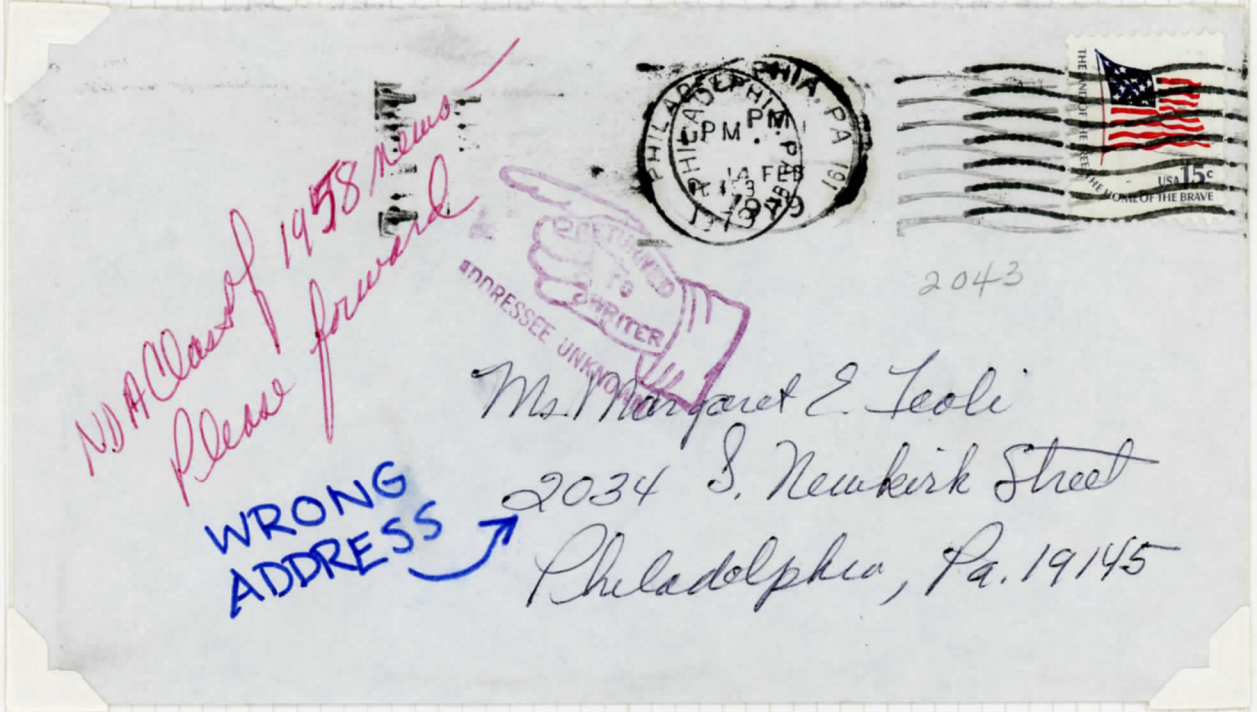


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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN



Philadelphia, Pa., February, 1979
Returned to local address (on reverse)

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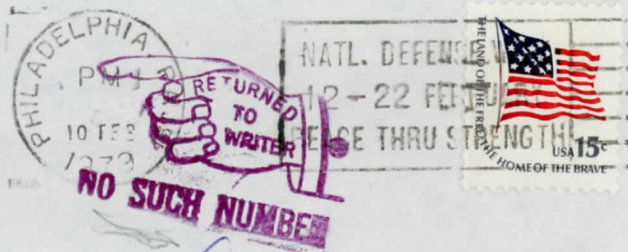
The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-NO SUCH NUMBER

*NDA class of 1958 news -
Please forward*

NO#

*Ms Mary Lou O'Malley
1919 Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103*



Philadelphia, Pa., February, 1979 -
Returned to local address (on reverse).

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-NO SUCH OFFICE, etc.

"NO SUCH OFFICE IN STATE NAMED"

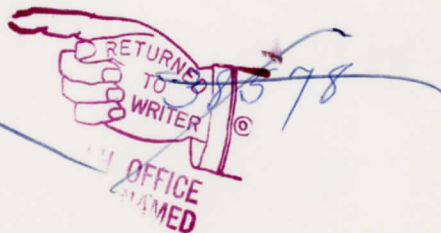
MRS ARTHUR E NOLLAU
714 EVANSVILLE AV
WATERLOO IL 62298

Seen D. & M. Maugh-



~~Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Gass
Pleasant Hill
Tennessee~~

~~P.O. Box 212~~



December, 1975 - to Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
Returned to Waterloo, Ill.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-UNCLAIMED

Mr J. A. Arthur
Box 997
Charlotte N.C.



MAY 17 1927
Second Notice No Reply
To First Notice

REGISTERED
NO. 26628

17107

Return Receipt Requested
Fee Paid

Left city
Left no
address

Mr T. Doe Street
Goldsboro
N.C.

Return Receipt Requested

Goldsboro, North Carolina, May, 1927 -

Returned to Charlotte, N.C. -

Additional Handstamps -

"REGISTERED/NO. 26628" (Charlotte)

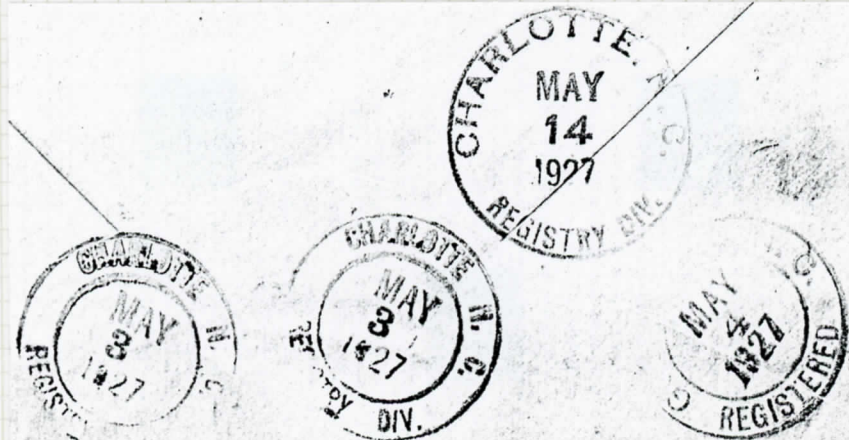
"Return Receipt Requested" "

"Return Receipt Requested/Fee Paid" (Charlotte)

"May 17 1927"

"Second Notice No Reply/To First Notice"

Manuscript - "Left city/Left no/address +"



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RE-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town)

"Returned to Writer" on finger

"From/CHAMPAIGN, ILL./P.O." on palm

"UNCLAIMED" on sleeve

Return to Blairie
516 N main St
Bloomington Ill

#1843



#556.

Geo Holder
Champaign
Ill

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 18, 1906

Returned to Bloomington, Ill.

Other Handstamps -

Bloomington, Ill. Sta No. 1 Registry, Nov. 12

Champaign, Ill. Registry, Dec. 18

(reverse has additional handstamps)



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town)

"Returned/to/Writer/UNCLAIMED/
FROM/DANVILLE, VA."



Danville, Virginia, January 10, 1928 -

Returned to Roanoke, Va. -

Additional handstamps -

"REGISTERED/NO. 14924" (Roanoke)

"RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST/FEE PAID" (Roanoke)

Usual registry handstamps on reverse

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town)

"FROM/ Hot Springs Natl. Park, Ark."



Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas -Sept. 20, 1934 -
Returned to Salgahachia, Arkansas
Additional Handstamp -
"NOT IN DIRECTORY"

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-UNCLAIMED(Town)

"RETURNED/TO/WRITER/UNCLAIMED/
From San Francisco, Calif. P.O./
RETURNED FROM HOTEL"

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San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 27, 1946 -
Returned to Detroit, Michigan (address on reverse)
Additional Handstamp -

"NOT AT/KSFO"

"UNKNOWN AT "ADDRESS 128P"

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bs

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bs - Return__ to Sender



Meant for a distant outpost of the Canadian Arctic,
but it didn't get near that far!
Returned to Detroit, Michigan.

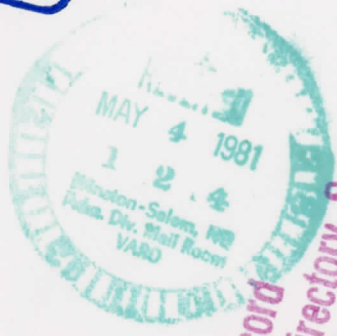
The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS

Fort Bragg,
North Carolina



Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601



No Record
Army Directory Service
Fort Bragg, N.C.



RETURN TO SENDER
USA
FT BRAGG NC
28307

Veterans Administration
Regional Office
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102
Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

b - Return__

S - to Sender

with added phrase

"ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN"



Montclair, New Jersey, June, 1977 -

Returned to Evansville, Ind. (address on reverse)

(The addressee is perfectly known - in Upper Montclair,
at the indicated zip code.)

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bs-
MOVED NOT FORWARDABLE

The postman has
added in manuscript
"Deceased."

Not forwardable!
Indeed!

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE - HOUSTON
3600 YOKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006



MOVED NOT FORWARDABLE



Explorers Book Service
16 Columbia Terrace
Weehawken, New Jersey 07087



Deceased
10/3/84

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-NO SUCH NUMBER

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bS - Return__ to Sender



Montclair, New Jersey, January 5, 1982

Local return to address on reverse.

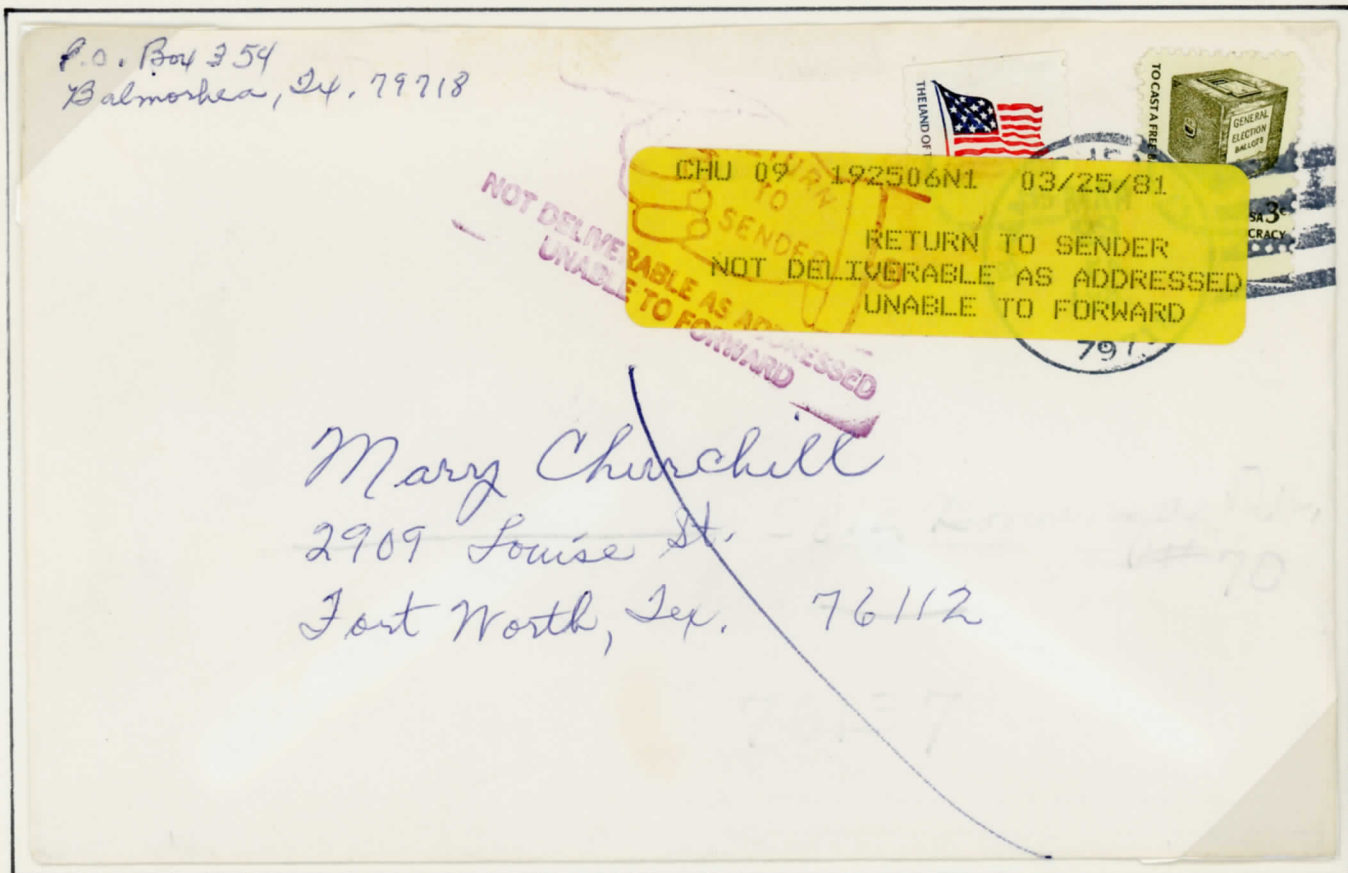
The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-NOT DELIVERABLE...

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bS - Return__ to Sender

"NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED/ UNABLE TO FORWARD



Fort Worth, Texas, March 26, 1981

Returned to Balmorhea, Texas.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-UNCLAIMED (Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bS - Return__ to Sender

Note ERROR IN HANDSTAMP

"SAN HOUSTON STATION, HOUSTON, TX, 77052



Houston, Texas, April 9, 1982

Returned to Los Angeles, California,

The Pointing Hand Return

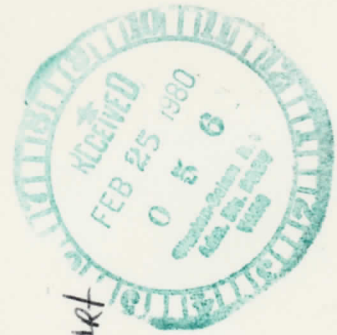
Type - RF-bS-UNKNOWN

Jacksonville, N.C.

This letter was
sent to the
UNKNOWN SOLDIERS



POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VA-601



YOUR BEST BET — HIRE A VET

Military Order of the Purple Heart
PO Box 642
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
251 NORTH MAIN STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA 27102
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-REASON (List)-
(Town, Date)

Winston-Salem, N.C.

List has-
4 lines
6 reasons



Regional Office
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300



ATTEMPTED NOT KNOWN
MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS
RETURNED FOR COMPLETE ADDRESS
NO SUCH NO. 515 NO SUCH STREET
ROUTE NO. 515 CARRIER SCA

Mr. Stephen Wilson
55 Alzough Ave
Winston-Salem, NC

NO SUCH NUMBER

27105

Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601

Return To Sender Reason ✓
UNCLAIMED — REFUSED
Apt. No Missing — No Such No. —
INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS
DELIVERY ATTEMPTED
WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27105

MAY 14 1981



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-REASON (LIST)-
(Town, Date)

Winston-Salem, N.C.

List has-
5 lines
9 reasons



Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601

RETURN TO SENDER

Unclaimed — Refused
Apt # Missing —
Del # Missing —
Fwd Attmpd — No such #
Moved, LNO — Insf AdJ
Bx cl no or

WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27102
OCT 20 1981



 **Veterans
Administration**

Regional Office
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102
Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-REASON (LIST)-
(Town, Date)

Winston-Salem, N.C.

List has-
5 lines
9 reasons



Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601

RETURN TO SENDER

— Unclaimed — Refused
— Apt # Missing —
— Del # Missing —
— Fwd Attmpd — No such #
— Moved, exp — Insf AdJ
— Moved, LNO — Bx cl no or

WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27102
OCT 20 1981



 **Veterans
Administration**

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Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102
Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bW

RF-- Right Hand, Palm Forward

b - Return

W - to Writer



War Eagle, West Virginia, Sept. 10, 1931 -

Returned to Bluefield, W. Va. -

Additional handstamps -

"REGISTERED/No." (Bluefield)

"RETURN Receipt Requested/Fee Paid" (Bluefield)



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bW

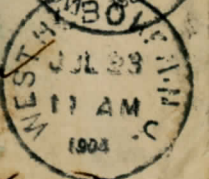
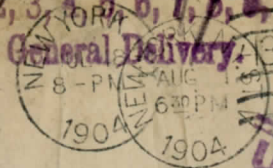
RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

b - Return__

W - to Writer

After 5 days, return to
A. L. AHLBRECHT,
336 Greenwich St.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Route No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11, 12. General Delivery.



UNKNOWN
Route No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10, 11, 12.

Paterson Ave. near Summit

*Mr. Paterson Jr. near
Spring -
West Hoboken,
N.J.
West Hoboken
N.J. Jersey City N.J.*

Second Hand Lumber etc.

UNKNOWN.

Wick 113

Origin - New York City - July 18, 1904 -

A search in West Hoboken, despite lengthy checks,
fails to find the addressee, and the letter is returned.



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Type RF-bW-(Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bW - Return__ to Writer

The National Bank of Commerce
P. O. Box 2558
Houston 1, Texas
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

HOUSTON, TEX. 5 30 PM
3 MAY 1962

U.S. POSTAGE
04
POSTNET 50701

RETURN TO WRITER
HIGHLAND VILLAGE STATION

Walter L. Kellen
~~5115 Westheimer~~
Houston, Texas

not at this address 13793

MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS
UNKNOWN
NO SUCH NUMBER
UNCLAIMED

FORM 3547 REQUESTED

MAIL RET'D.

Highland Village Station, Houston, Tx, May 3, 1962
Local Return

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bW-
Moved, etc
(Town)

"MOVED, LEFT
NO ADDRESS/
BRONX, N.Y./
10457"

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL
CARVILLE, LOUISIANA 70721
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300



POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF H. E. W.
HEW-396



AIRMAIL



BRONX, NY
10457

MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS

Daniel Burman, M.D.
1938 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10457

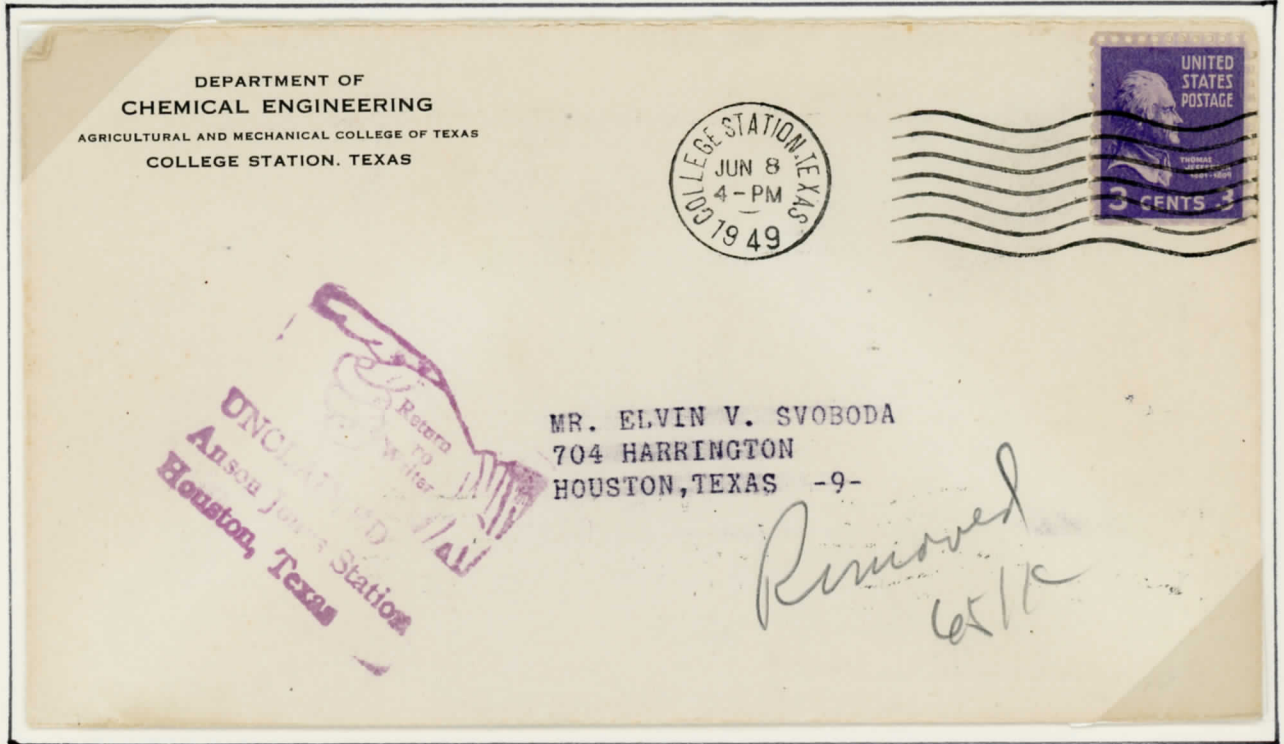
*New Address:
26356
Southfield, Michigan 48076*

apb

Bronx, N.Y.,
Dec., 1974 -
Returned to
Carville,
Louisiana

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bW-Unclaimed (Town)
RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward
bW - Return__ to Writer



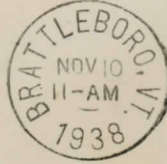
Anson Jones Station, Houston, Tx, June 8, 1949
Returned to College Station, Texas

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

First subtype - A list of seven possible items for checking, including the item "Deceased" on line 2.

ROBERT E. DUNKLEE
FLAT STREET
BRATTLEBORO. VERMONT



REASON CHECKED
Undelivered Refused
Moved Deceased
No such office in state
For better address
No such office in state



*J. F. Fredette,
Chesterfield
N. H.*

Westmoreland

Chesterfield, N. H., November, 1938 -
Returned to Brattleboro, Vt.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Second subtype - The item "Deceased" is cut out of the list to create a list of six possible items. The gouged-out space remains as evidence.

(one can suspect the reason - a check in the "unknown" place, immediately in front of the word "Deceased" could have led to mis-interpretations, and mountains of accompanying anguish.)

DE VOL ABSTRACT CORP.

THE BONDED ABSTRACTERS

TELEPHONE GENEVA 649

101 SOUTH THIRD STREET
GENEVA, ILLINOIS

Returned to
Geneva, Ill.
APR 10 6 46 PM
REASON CHECKED
Unclaimed..... Refused
Unknown.....
For better address.....
Moved, left no address.....
To other office in state.....



NOT KNOWN TO ROUTE No. 4

NOT KNOWN TO ROUTE No. 3

Mr. A. Stankus,
Elburn, Illinois.

Route #1

NOT ON R. R. 1

Elburn, Illinois, April, 1946 -
Returned to Geneva, Illinois -
Additional Handstamps -

- "NOT KNOWN TO ROUTE No. 4"
- "NOT KNOWN TO ROUTE No. 3"
- "NOT ON R. R. 1"

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Type RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Third subtype - A list of six items
(deceased is not on the list, and
from the continuous dots never was.)

ROBERT E. DUNKLEE & SONS
72 FLAT STREET
BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT



Letter to
R W Phillips
Clerk D Treas
3/31/54

Returned to
Writer
REASON CHECKED
Undelivered... Returned...
Unknown...
For better address...
Moved, Left no address...
No such office in state...

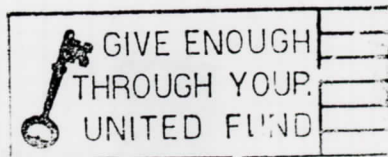
Robert Abel

474 Washington Ave., Townshend,
New Haven, Conn. VT.

Origin - Brattleboro, Vt., Oct. 22, 1953, to Townshend, Vt.

Forwarded - to New Haven

Returned to Brattleboro.



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Eight lines, Eight reasons, plus

"DO NOT RE!MAIL IN THIS ENV."

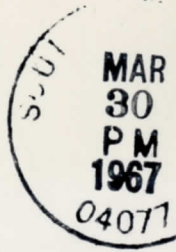
and "POSTAGE DUE ___CENTS"

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- REASON CHECKED**
- Unclaimed.... Refused....
 - Addressee unknown....
 - Insufficient Address....
 - Moved-Left no address....
 - No such street.... number....
 - No such office in state....
 - DO NOT RE-MAIL IN THIS ENV.**
 - POSTAGE DUE 7 CENTS

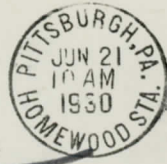


The Pointing Hand Return

Type - Boxed RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

First subtype - A list of seven possible items for checking. The item "Deceased" is first on line 2.

P. H. MULLER
214 N. LANG AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA.



REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED

UNCLAIMED	FOR BETTER ADDRESS	UNKNOWN ADDRESS	REFUSED
DECEASED			
MOVED LEFT NO ADDRESS			
NO SUCH POST OFFICE IN STATE NAMED			

RETURNED TO WRITER

Moved

W. H. Thompson
~~*14 Cherry St.*~~
~~*Whitaker*~~
~~*Pa.*~~

Whitaker, Pa., June, 1930
Returned to Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type - Boxed RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

First subtype examples - unusual INKS

(the vast majority of pointing hands are violets)

Black



Brown



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DW-Reason
Checked(List)-

Type 1a -

7 items in list;

"Deceased" is 2nd
item in line 2

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
L. L. URCH
COUNTY COLLECTOR
GENEVA, ILLINOIS

REASON FOR
CHECKED
UNCLAIMED
NO BETTER ADDRESS
NO SUCH NAME
RETURNED TO
WRITER
UNCLAIMED
NO BETTER ADDRESS
NO SUCH NAME

Mrs. Mary E. Gilmar
Plainfield, Ill.

Aurora Ill
c/o David Gilmore

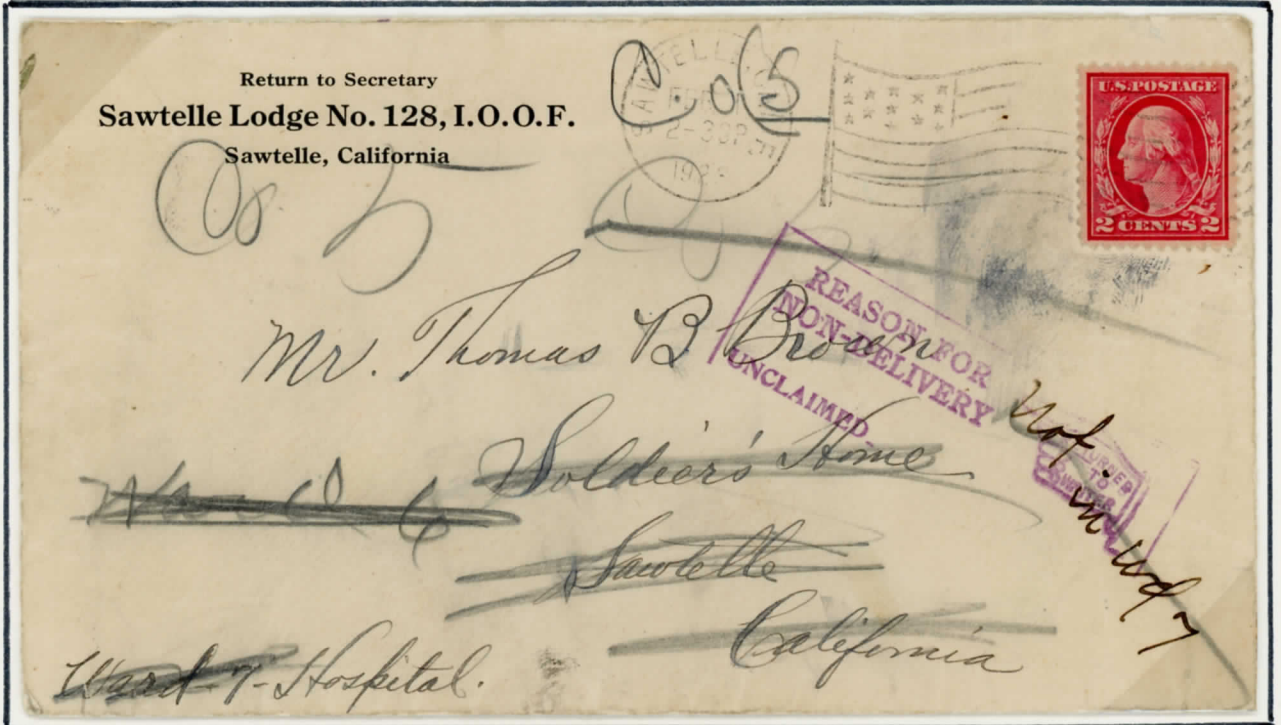


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The Pointing Hand Return

Boxed RF-DW-Reason Checked(List)

Subtype - List has been severely excised, and now consists of the single item "UNCLAIMED"



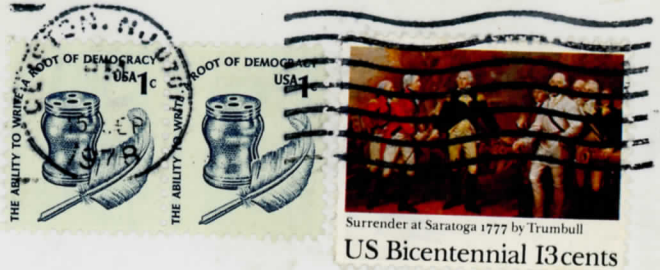
Sawtelle, California, Feb 15, 1923, for local return.
Backstamped "Soldiers Home, Calif."

The Pointing Hand Return

Type - RF-BS-REASON CHECKED (List)

Six lines, Seven Reasons,
and "Do not remain in this envelope"

Mr. Oscar C. Nussmann
351 N. FULLERTON AVENUE
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J. 07043

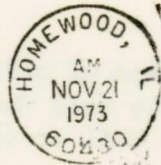


REASON CHECKED
 Unclaimed _____ Refused _____
 Addressee unknown _____
 Insufficient Address _____
 No such street _____ number _____
 No such office in state _____
 Do not remain in this envelope

*Rev. Wm. A. Ruhl, D.D.,
 Blue Springs, Mo.
 Blue Springs, Mo.
 64015*

Blue Springs, Mo., Sept. 18, 1978
 Returned to Upper Montclair, New Jersey

M. I. MESSINGER, Secretary
 UNITED CHAPTER #127, R.A.M.
 1528 BURR OAK
 HOMEWOOD, ILL. 60430



REASON CHECKED
 Unclaimed _____ Refused _____
 Addressee unknown _____
 Insufficient Address _____
 No such street _____ number _____
 No such office in state _____
 Do not remain in this envelope

~~GEORGE NEUKOM
 322 W. PALATINE RD.
 PALATINE, ILL. 60067~~

Deceased

*Ibid
 -
 Postal Clerk
 has
 hand-
 written
 "Deceased"*

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type - RF-DS-(List)-Town

Four line list,

Four Reasons

New York City



American Public Health Associates, Inc.
1790 Broadway
New York, New York 10019

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE-HOUSTON
3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006



- Moved, left no address
 - No such number
 - Moved, not forwardable
 - Address unknown
- NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

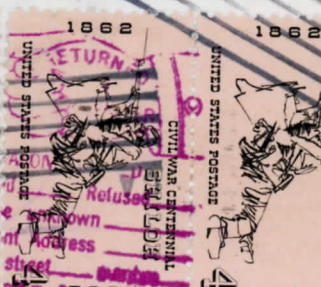
The Pointing Hand Return

Type - RF-DS-REASON CHECKED (LIST)

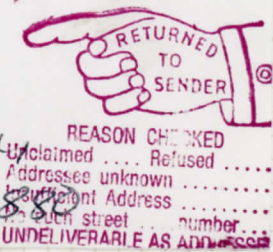
Two Different handstamps (different lists) on the same envelope!

- a) - Six Lines, Seven reasons plus "Do not remain in this envelope."
- b) - Five Lines, Seven reasons

J. G. Mussmann
Shell Development Co
PO 481
Houston, Tx, 77011



Mr Henry M Cobie *NOT 101*
Box 101
UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED
Winter Haven, Florida



Winter Haven, Fla., Feb. 25, 1981
 Returned to Houston, Texas
 Additional Handstamp -
 "UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED"

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type - RF-DS (List)

(Unusual in the omission of the words "Reason Checked")

Five lines, Six Reasons, plus "POSTAGE DUE ___"



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The Pointing Hand Return

"Wrong-Way" Hand

Type LF-DW

LF - Left Hand, Palm Forward
D - Returned
W - to Writer

"Wrong-Way" hand
cannot point to
return address unless
struck upside down.



Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 25, 1895
Returned to Lebanon, Pa.

Additional Handstamps:

"UNCLAIMED"

"Not in Lancaster Directory"

Circle with "HAVE YOUR MAIL DIRECTED TO
STREET AND NUMBER"

on reverse - Received markings of
Lancaster (Jan 9) and Lebanon (Jan 26)

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The Pointing Hand Return

"Wrong-Way" Hand

Type RD-bb-UNCLAIMED -(Town)
RD - Right Hand, Palm Down
bb - Normal Return phrase omitted.
UNCLAIMED/ FROM WASHINGTON, N.C.

"Wrong-Way" hand
cannot point to
return address unless
struck upside down.



Wilmington, N.C., March 17, 1928

From Wilmington to Lumberton, N.C., thence forwarded to Wilmington, where manuscript "Opened by Mistake" is added.

No-one wants to pay this sewing machine bill!

The Pointing Hand Return

"Universal" Machine Cancels

These constitute a family, all Type LB, with wording of the "killer" varying to fit the need.

"Return to Writer"



J.V.N.T
Montreat, N.C.

MONTREAT
JUL 9
5 PM
1946
N.C.



NOT IN DIRECTORY

Mr E.T. Munsen

Second St
Wilmington
N.C.

RETURN
TO
WRITER

WILMINGTON
JUL 24
4³⁰ PM
1946
N.C.

UNKNOWN BY B.Y.S.

not # 6
JESG

Wilmington, N. C., July, 1946 -

Returned to Montreat, N. C. -

Additional handstamps -

"NOT IN DIRECTORY"

"UNKNOWN BY B.Y.S. 3"

Other manuscript markings track the search.

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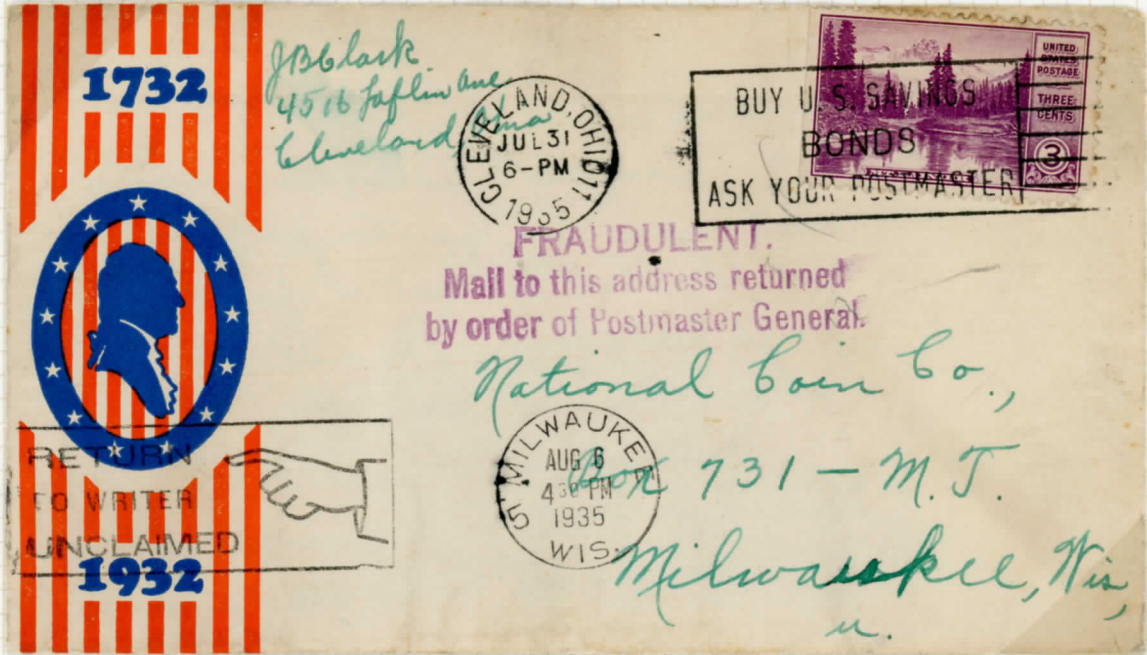
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The Pointing Hand Return

"Universal" Machine Cancels

all Type LB

RETURN/TO WRITER/
UNCLAIMED



Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 6, 1935 -

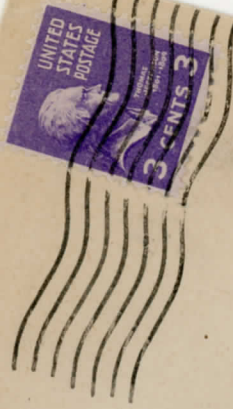
Returned to Cleveland, Ohio -

Additional handstamp -

"FRAUDULENT./Mail to this address returned/
by order of Postmaster General."

The Pointing Hand Paid

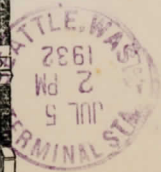
Return to
Writer
Unclaimed -
Universal
Machine
in Red and
Green and Violet



Saunders Mds. & Novelty Co.
IMPORTERS & WHOLESALEERS OF NOVELTIES
620 St. Clair Avenue, West
CLEVELAND, OHIO

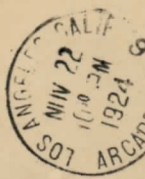


NOTIFY
YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS



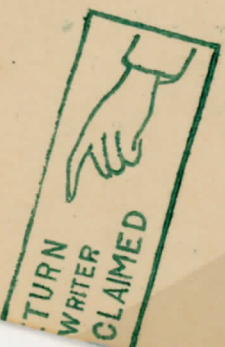
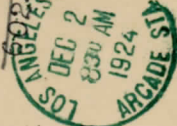
John H. C. Hilton
1403 W. 70 St
Seattle, Wash
gone 7/11 H

m



RED
ROLL
JO
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Felix Richter
224 Tenth Avenue
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
Los Angeles,
Calif



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No. 710-10
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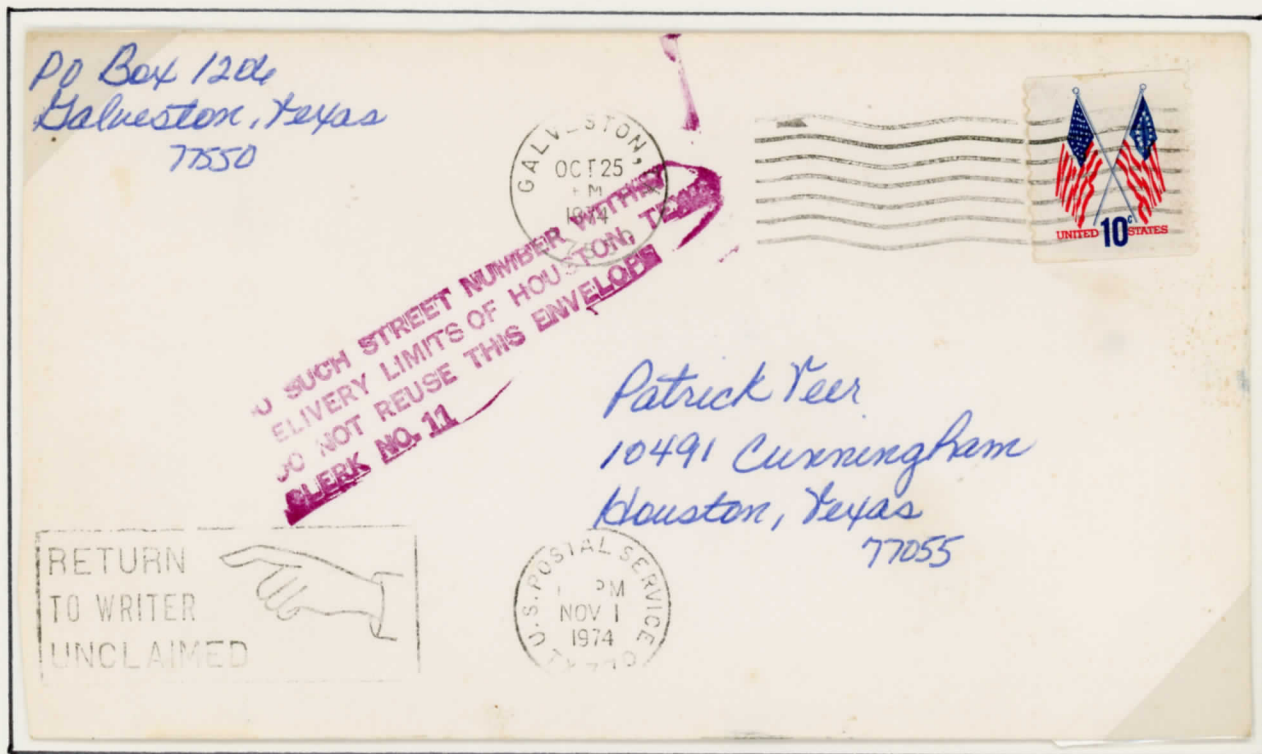
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The Pointing Hand Paid

"Universal" Machine Cancels

All Type LB

"RETURN/ TO WRITER/ UNCLAIMED" (A more recent type face)



Houston, Texas, Nov. 1, 1974

Returned to Galveston, Texas



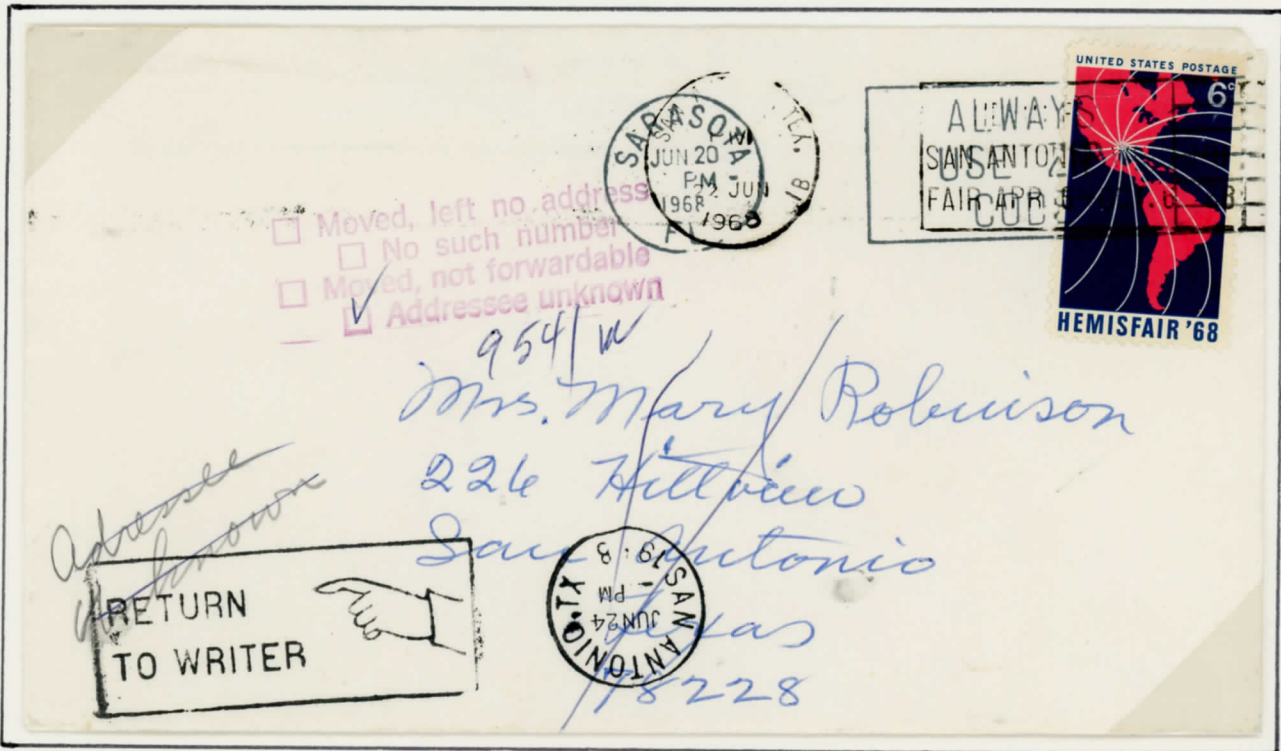
Ibid
Houston,
Texas,
Nov.,
1980

The Pointing Hand Return

"International" Machine Cancels

All Type LB

"RETURN/ TO WRITER"



San Antonio, Texas, June 24, 1968
Returned to Sarasota, Florida (addressee on reverse)
Additional 4-line handstamp, with
"Addressee unknown" checked.

The Pointing Hand Return

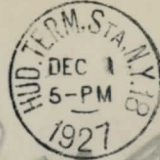
^{International}
"Universal" Machine Cancels

all Type LB

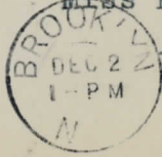
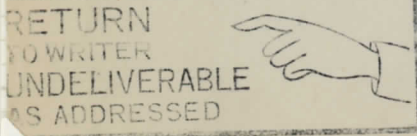
RETURN/TO WRITER/

UNDELIVERABLE/AS ADDRESSED

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO
MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE
130 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.



House Closed
16a



Miss Kathryn O'Tool,
123 Montague St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brooklyn, N.Y., December, 1927 -
Returned to New York City (Manhattan) -
Manuscript "House Closed"

DAISY SHEET
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Printed in U. S. A.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Manuscript Pointing Hands

St James, La. "Return to"

BIOGRAPHY
OF
JAMES G. BLAINE,



By GAIL HAMILTON,
(His Literary Executor,)

With the co-operation of his FAMILY.

AGENTS WANTED.

The Henry Bill Publishing Company,
(ESTABLISHED 1847.)
56 to 62 Shetucket St. - - NORWICH, CONN

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS.



John Nollan, Esq.

St. James,

La.

William

Washington Court House, Ohio (no addressee)

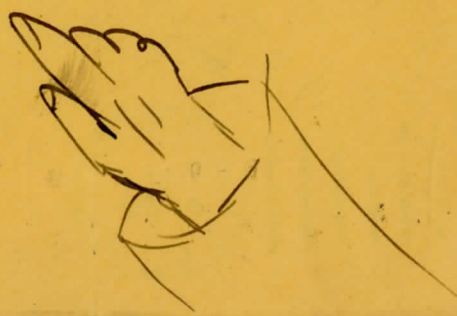
RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO

THE DAHL-MILLIKAN GROCERY COMPANY, BRANCH

THE MIDLAND GROCERY COMPANY
WHOLESALE GROCERS.



WASHINGTON C.H., OHIO.



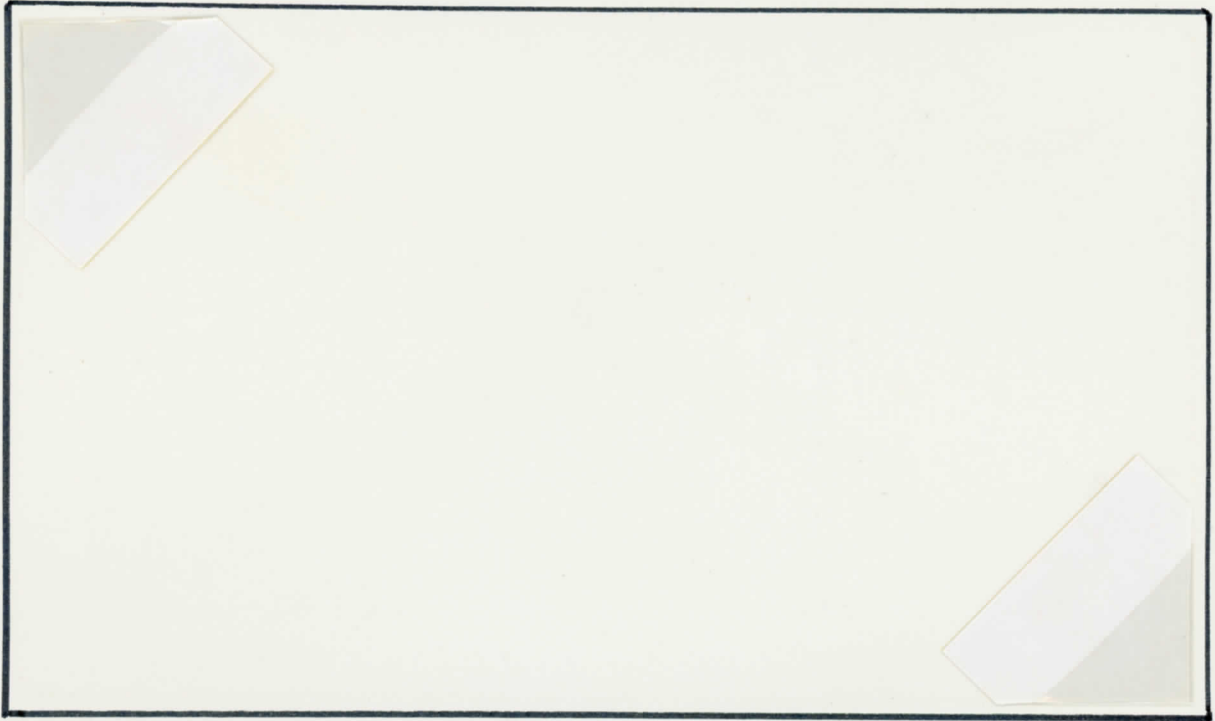
Has handsome back

DAISY SHEET
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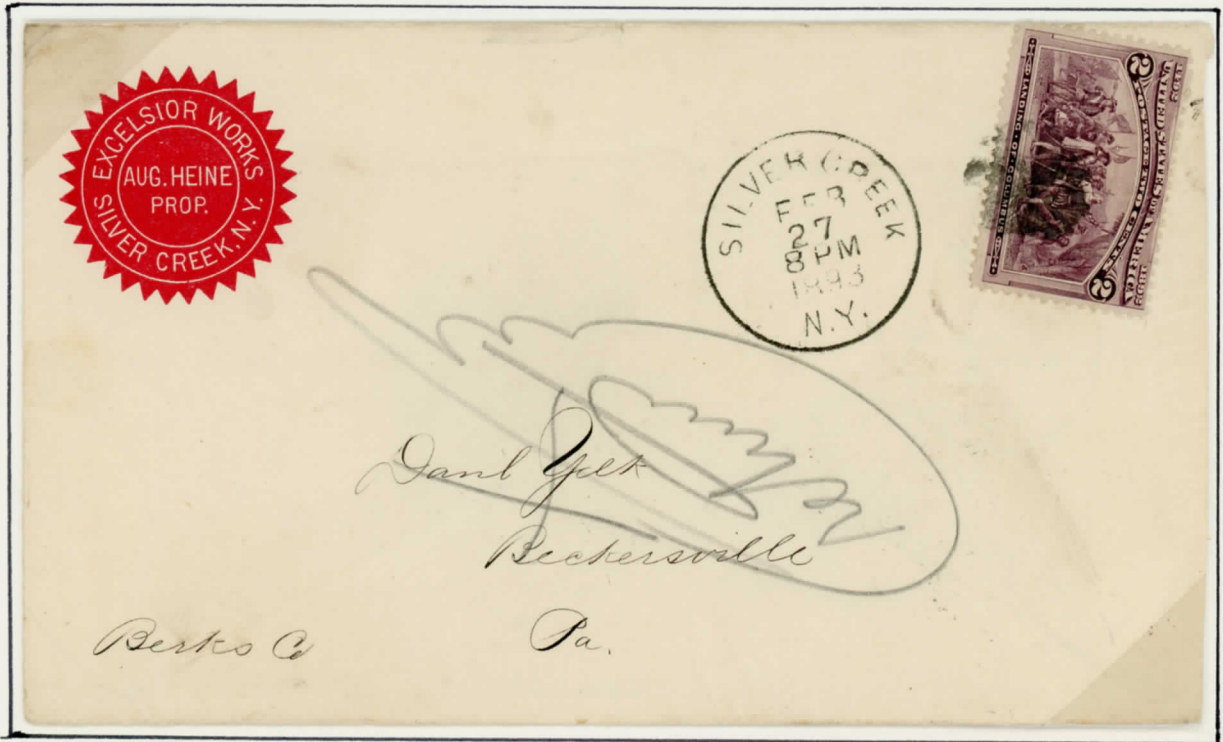
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The Pointing Hand Return

Manuscript Pointing Hands



Manila, Philippine Islands
under U.S. Military Occupation.



Bechtelsville, Pa.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type - RF-bS-
ATTEMPTED-NOT KNOWN

Returned to
Texas A & M



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
FISCAL DEPARTMENT
FEE SECTION
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-(Town)-
DO NOT REMAIL...

Loop Station,
Chicago, Ill.



Economy Book Store
40 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE-HOUSTON
3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006



RETURNED TO SENDER
FROM
SEC. 3, LOOP STA.
NO. 2, CHICAGO, ILL. 60604

DO NOT REMAIL IN THIS ENVELOPE OR WRAPPING

Moved to address
Moved, not forwardable
No such number
Address unknown

310

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS-
(Town)

Columbia, S.C.



POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VA-601



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
Moved, Not...
(Town)-
Do not use...

Alexandria, Va.



SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE - HOUSTON
3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006



Moved - NOT FORWARDABLE
FROM ALEXANDRIA, VA.
Do not use this envelope
or wrapper again.

McLean Paleontological Laboratory
P. O. Box 916
Alexandria, Va. 22313

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
NO SUCH ADDRESS

Salen, Oregon



John Armstrong
855 Bridge Dr,
U.E., Salen

97301

Jim F.
90154 Bakerd.
Elmira, Ore
97137



NO SUCH ADDRESS

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
NO SUCH ADDRESS

Salem, Oregon



John Armstrong
855 Braze du,
U.E. Salem

97301

Jim F.
90154 Bakerd.
Elmira, Ore
97437



NO SUCH ADDRESS

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-

"NO SUCH NUMBER"

Philadelphia, Pa.



No
such
number

~~Resident
2112 Rodman Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19146~~

D. G. Di Meo
712 Rodman Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19147



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-NO SUCH NUMBER(Town)

"New York, N.Y. 10027"

with added two lines

"DO NOT USE THIS ENVELOPE OR/
WRAPPER AGAIN."



NO SUCH NUMBER
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10027
DO NOT USE THIS ENVELOPE OR
WRAPPER AGAIN.

*Ms. Helen Baker
16 LaSalle St. 14A
New York, N.Y.
10027*

New York City, December, 1974 -
Returned to Upper Montclair, N.J. (on reverse)

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
NO SUCH OFFICE
IN STATE-
(Town)

Memphis, Tenn



AUG 24 1975
NO SUCH OFFICE IN STATE
Reedfoot Lake Biological Station
Wadnut Log
Tennessee

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3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
NO SUCH STREET...
(Town)

Silver Spring, MD



MORE
THE MORE
HEART



MR
Tim Shaffer
P.O. Box 3442
Silver Spring, MD ~~20878~~ 20878



GEORGE COSENTINI
10826 Sageberry
Houston, TX 77089
APS 70495 PMCC 3666

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
NOT DELIVERABLE
AS ADDRESSED

Austin, Texas



SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE - HOUSTON
3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

HOUSTON, TX 770
NOV 3 1975
PM
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

PLEASE MAIL
EARLY FOR
CHRISTMAS

UNITED STATES
10

10 AIRMAIL

Texas System of Natural Laboratories
Austin
Texas



RETURNED TO SENDER
NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED

The Pointing Hand Return

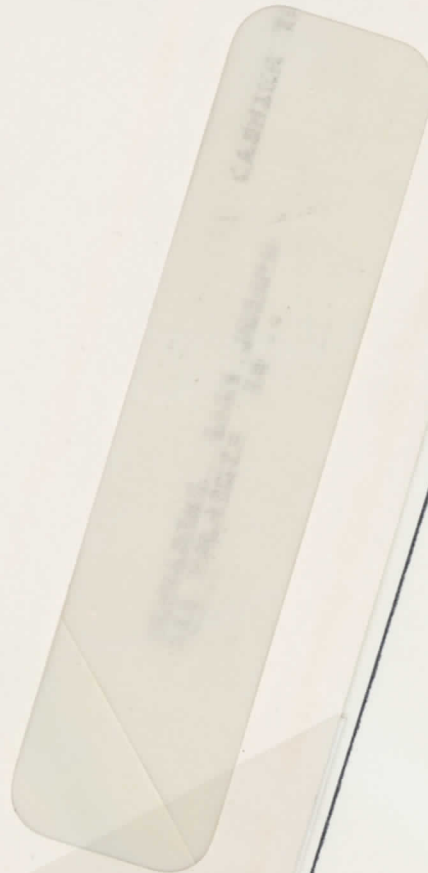
Type RF-DS-
Not Deliverable
as Addressed/
No Forwarding
Order on File



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
FISCAL DEPARTMENT
FEE SECTION
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-NOT DELIVERABLE..UNABLE.. (Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

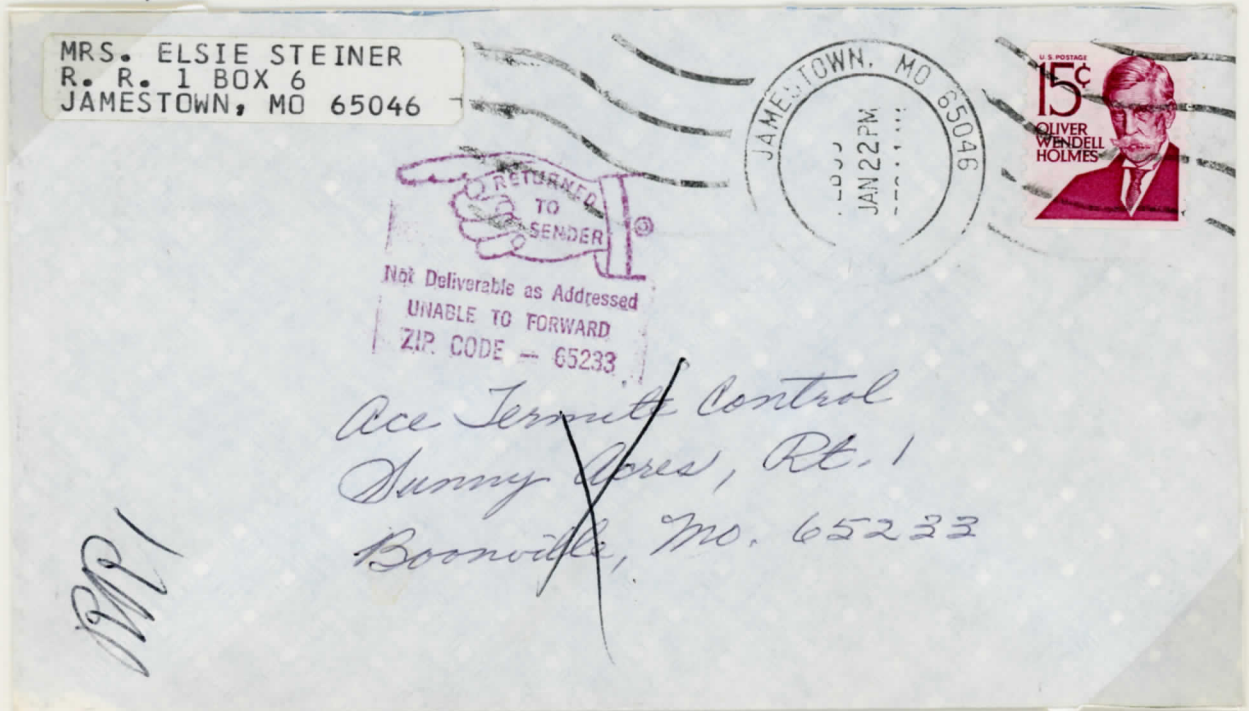
DS - Returned to Sender

"NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED/ UNABLE TO FORWARD"

"HOUSTON, TX"



Similar, to "ZIP CODE - 65233"



The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-REMOVED/LEFT NO ADDRESS(Town)

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(with additional two-line phrase -

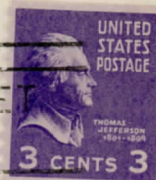
"Do not use this envelope/or wrapper again.")

RETURN IN ONE WEEK TO

MOFFAT & ATWOOD
INSURANCE
80 MAIDEN LANE
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.



CHURCH STREET
ANNEX



REMOVED
LEFT NO ADDRESS!
NEW YORK, NEW YORK!
Do not use this envelope
or wrapper again.

Mrs. Hazel Q. Rollings
221 East 76th St.
New York, N. Y.

Removal

New York City, November, 1944

Returned to local address.

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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
Undeliverable
As Addressed

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
FISCAL DEPARTMENT
FEE SECTION
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77843



Undeliverable As Addressed

STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE



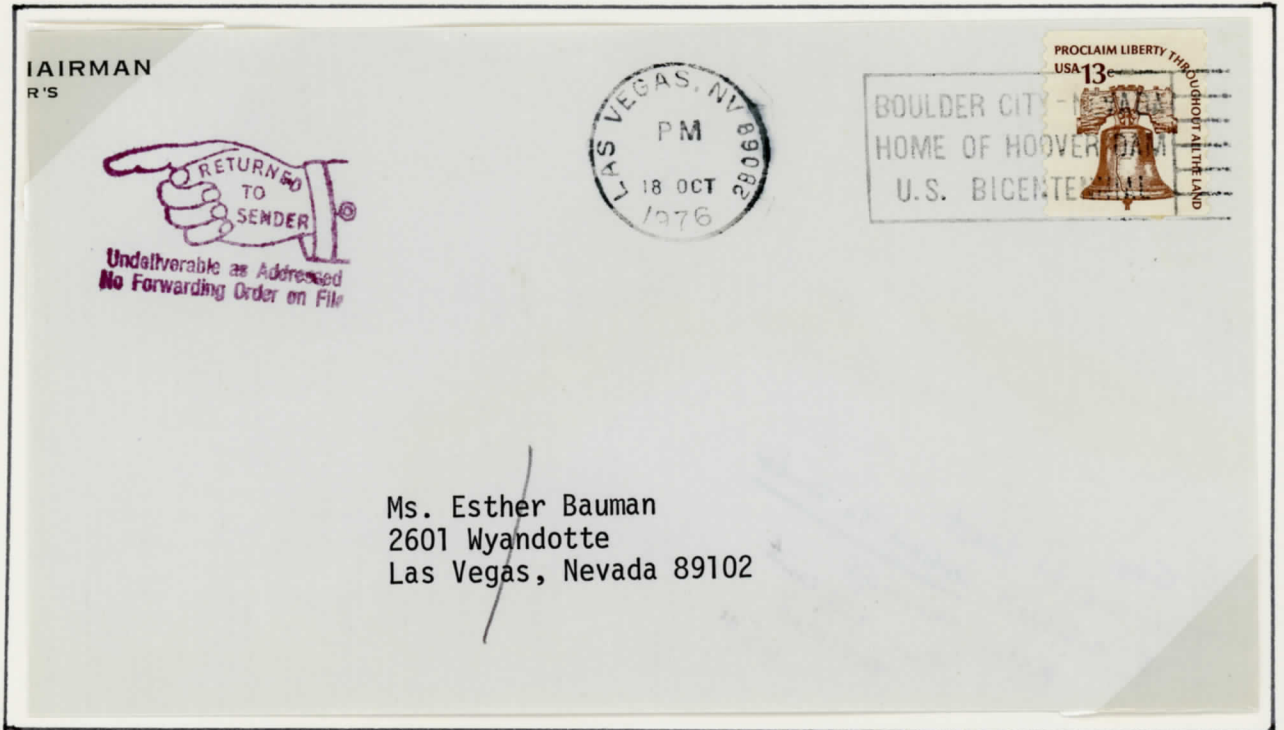
sent for this box

NO ANSWER

- Moved, left no address
- No such number
- Moved, not forwardable
- Addressee unknown

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-Undeliverable as Addressed/No Forwarding Order on File
RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward
DS - Returned to Sender



Las Vegas, Nevada, October, 1976

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-
UNDELIVERABLE
AS ADDRESSED/
UNABLE TO FORWARD

Backstamps of:

Fayetteville, N.C.

Wilmington, N.C.

Both 18 Jul. 1978



POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VA-601

RECEIVED
JUL 19 1978
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

YOUR BEST BET - HIRE A VET
RETURNED TO SENDER
UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED
UNABLE TO FORWARD

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
251 NORTH MAIN STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27102

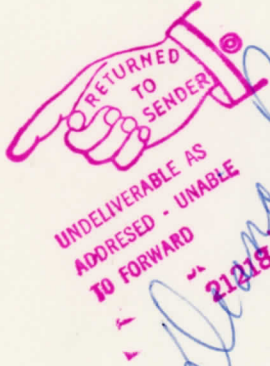
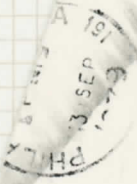
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

[Handwritten signature]

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-UNDELIVERABLE
AS/ ADDRESSED (sic).
UNABLE/ TO
FORWARD -
21218

(A handstamp for
one station within
Zip 21218 has
been sent to
another: The
first station
name is
grouted out.)



Alma Press Publications
12 W. 25th Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

D. G. Di Meo
712 Rodman Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19147



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The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-DS-UNKNOWN

Backstamped

Greensboro, N.C.,

Nov. 17, 1978



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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VA-601



YOUR BEST BET — HIRE A VET

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
251 NORTH MAIN STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27102

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The Pointing Hand Return

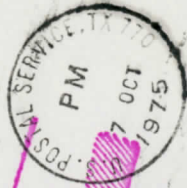
Type RF-DS-
UNKNOWN (Town)

New York, N.Y.

SOUTHWEST
RESEARCH INSTITUTE - HOUSTON



3600 YOAKUM BOULEVARD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006



RETURNED
TO
SENDER
UNKNOWN
NEW YORK, NY 10007

Kressilk Products, Inc.
73 Murray Street
New York, N. Y. 10007

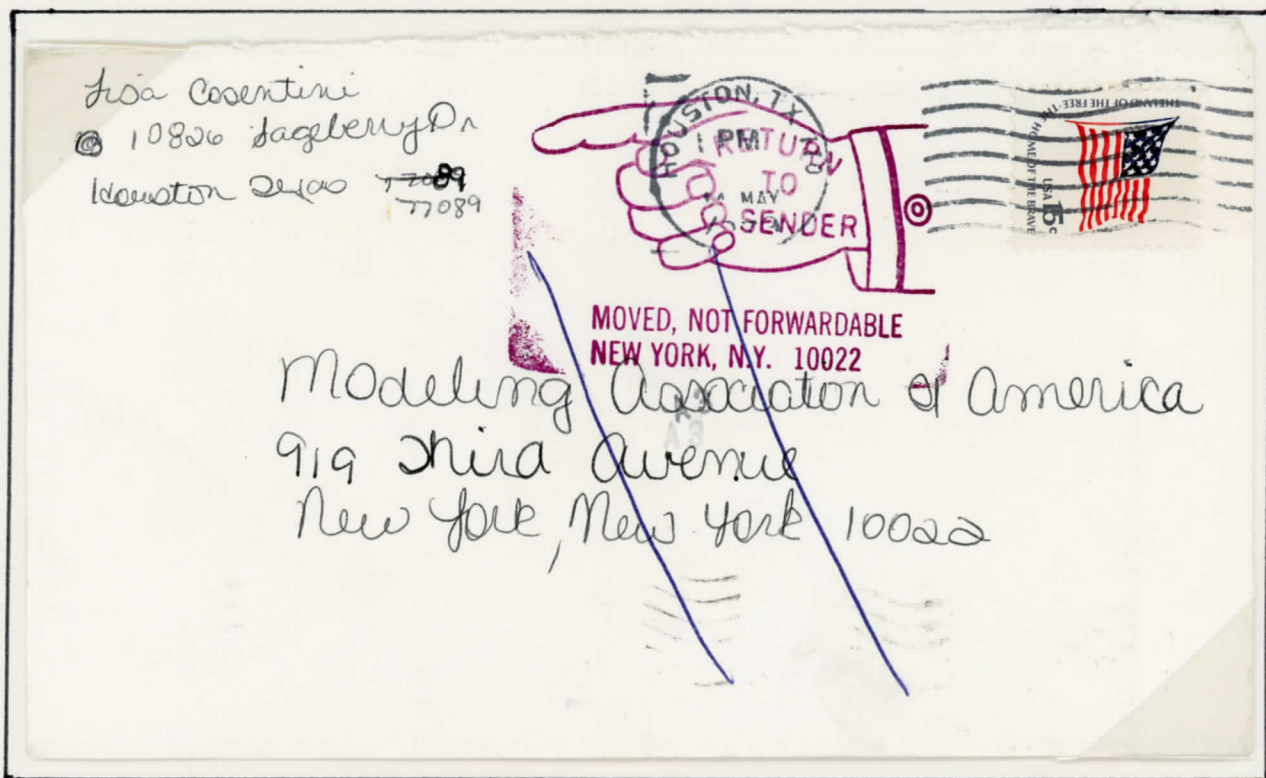
The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-MOVED, NOT FORWARDABLE (Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bS - Return__ to Sender

New York, N.Y.



New York, N.Y., May 1979

Returned to Houston, Texas

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-
NO SUCH NUMBER-
(Town)

Bronx, N.Y.



Postage and Fees paid
Veterans Administration
VA 601

RETURN TO
SENDER
BRUNX, N.Y.
10457
NO SUCH NUMBER



Regional Office
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

Official Business
Penalty for private use
\$300

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-NOT DELIVERABLE...(Town)

RF - Right Hand, Palm Forward

bS - Return__ to Sender

"NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED/ UNABLE TO FORWARD"

"ASTRODOME STATION/ HOUSTON, TX 77025



Houston, Texas, January 5, 1978

Local return to address on reverse.

The Pointing Hand Return

Type RF-bS-RETURN TO SENDER/
Undeliverable as Addressed/
Unable to Forward/
SHARPSTOWN STATION+UNIT B/
HOUSTON, TX 77057

Jan. 1977

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First Congregational Church
10840 Beinhorn
Houston, Texas 77024

Address Correction Requested

(Non-profit Organization)
U.S. POSTAGE
Houston, Texas
Permit No. 8251



RETURN TO SENDER
Undeliverable as Addressed
Unable to Forward
SHARPSTOWN STATION-UNIT B
HOUSTON, TX 77057

Dave Nussman
5844 Valley Forge
Houston, Texas 77057

MUSS844 77057
NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSE
-- UNABLE TO FORWARD
3RD CLASS POST. DUE

Type RF-DS-
RETURNED TO
SENDER/
Postage Due

_____ c.

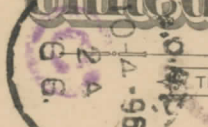


*Preferred. Accid eo
New York*

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States America

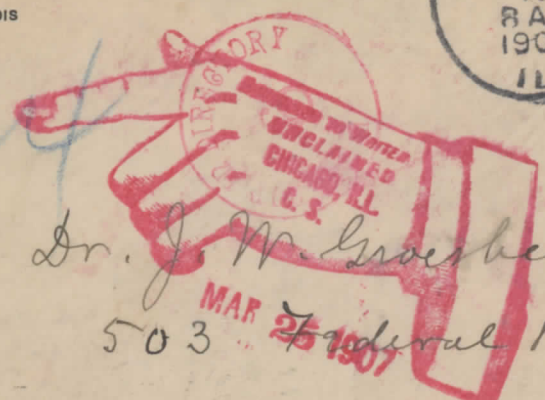
THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



*W. H. Curtis
Camden
N. J.*



WM. A. NASON, M. D.
ALGONQUIN, ILLINOIS



*Dr. J. W. Groesbeck,
503 Federal Building,
Chicago,
Ill.*

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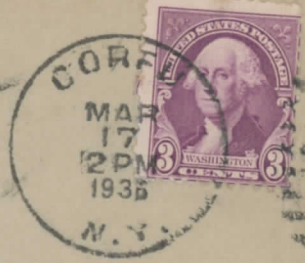
Brooklyn NY



—FROM—
 ENTERPRISE PRINTING HOUSE
 Corfu - N. Y.

P. M.—Notify if not called for and we will send return postage.

Handwritten: Fraudulent
 1/3 fat



Handwritten: Railway Service

331-14th Street

Brooklyn
 N.Y.

RETURNED TO SENDER
 By Brooklyn, N. Y. P. O.
 UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED
 MAR 20 1936
 DO NOT POST AGAIN IN THIS ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER

NEW YORK, NY

15-

nicht auf dem Schiff
 COXSACKIE
 11. 9
 AM
TURN TO SEND
 Mrs Nelson A. Nechtiger,
 Passenger
 S/S "Bremer"
 58th Street,
 New York
 not on board
 AUG 25 1929
 not on board



155 Vulcan
 New York Shipbuilding Co.,
 Camden, N. J.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS DUE
 TO OFFICIAL ORDERS.



~~155 Vulcan~~
 R.F. St. John
 U.S.S. Medusa
 San Pedro
 Calif.

BUY
AIR SAVINGS
CERTIFICATES

MELBOURNE
-2 V 417
RETURNED TO SENDER

POSTAGE
2
22
VIC-AUST

17/5

Mr. Edgar James
Phill Vic

UNCLAIMED AT
NHILL

IF NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 14 DAYS
PLEASE RETURN TO
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE, VIC.

UNCLAIMED AT
NHILL

719 AIR MAIL

777

PHILADELPHIA, PA. U.S.D.
DEC 10
1030PM
1945



Corporal Stuart Wells HAVENS
33792165

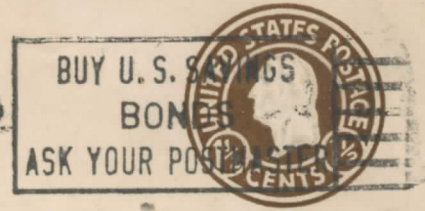
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Production HAM Co:
APO 403
C/O Postmaster
York
N.Y.

Wm. J. ...

DR. CARL D. BRUCKNER
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN
1701 FIDELITY-PHILADELPHIA TRUST BUILDING
123 SOUTH BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

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Handwritten: Bond
Good

Handwritten: Mr George M. Falkenstein
Equitable Life Assurance Co.
10th Floor Fidelity Philadelphia Bldg.

Handwritten: ~~123 South Broad~~ Phila.
Pa.



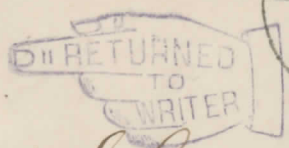
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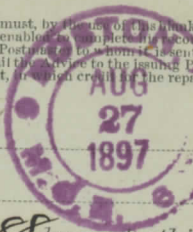
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Half Moon Bay
San Mateo County
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(No. 6036.)

SPECIAL NOTICE OF REPAYMENT OF DOMESTIC MONEY ORDER.

When repayment of an order is made, the Postmaster who issued the Order must, by means of the blank, notify the Postmaster upon whom the Order was drawn of the fact of repayment. The latter is thus enabled to cancel the order and to enter a debit upon the transaction as closed. Immediately upon receipt of this notice the Postmaster to whom it is sent must write across the face of the Advice the words "Order repaid" and mail the Advice to the issuing Postmaster, who in turn must transmit it and the repaid Order together to the Auditor with the Statement, from which credit for the repayment is claimed.



Post Office, _____

_____, 189

SIR: Domestic Money Order No. 214688 drawn by this office upon your office on Aug 25, 1897, in favor of Geor Weyworth for \$ 18 has this day been repaid to the Payee



Please endorse the corresponding Advice as "Repaid 189 ..." and return it to me by the next mail, in order that I may transmit it to the Auditor, with the repaid Money Order and Statement, as required by law (Act of Jan. 27, 1894).

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James Voorhies
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Brooklyn N.Y.
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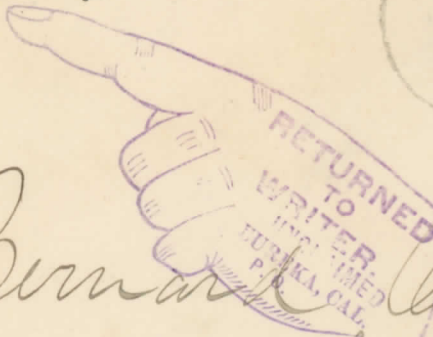
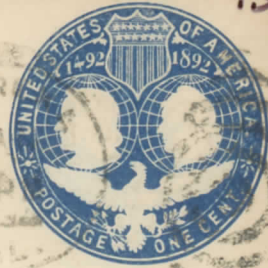
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NEW YORK, N.Y.
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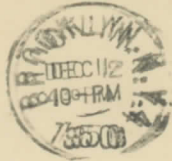
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