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 Where breathes the foe but falls before us
 With freedom's soil beneath our feet,
 And freedom's banner streaming o'er us!

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Item No.: 101606



Negative Animal in Oval (?) (Skinner-Eno unlisted) unusual design cancels 3c dull red (26) on red, white and blue flag patriotic envelope with scarce "Darrow, Rochester N.Y." imprint to Delaware, OH, matching "Hammonsport N.Y. Jun 11" cds, reduced at right, Fine and unusual, Ex-Skinner. [Item: 020401] \$200

"Sandy Spring, Maryland, 5 Mo. 7" (Skinner-Eno PM-TF 24) Quaker style double-circle datestamp ties 3c dull red (26) on clean yellow cover to Philadelphia Pa., Very Fine and scarce use of Quaker cds killer. [Item: 002928] \$150

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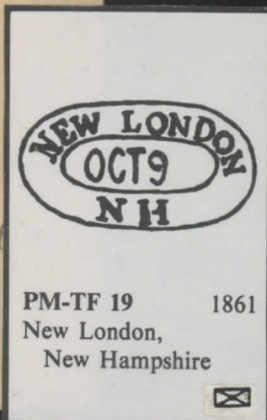
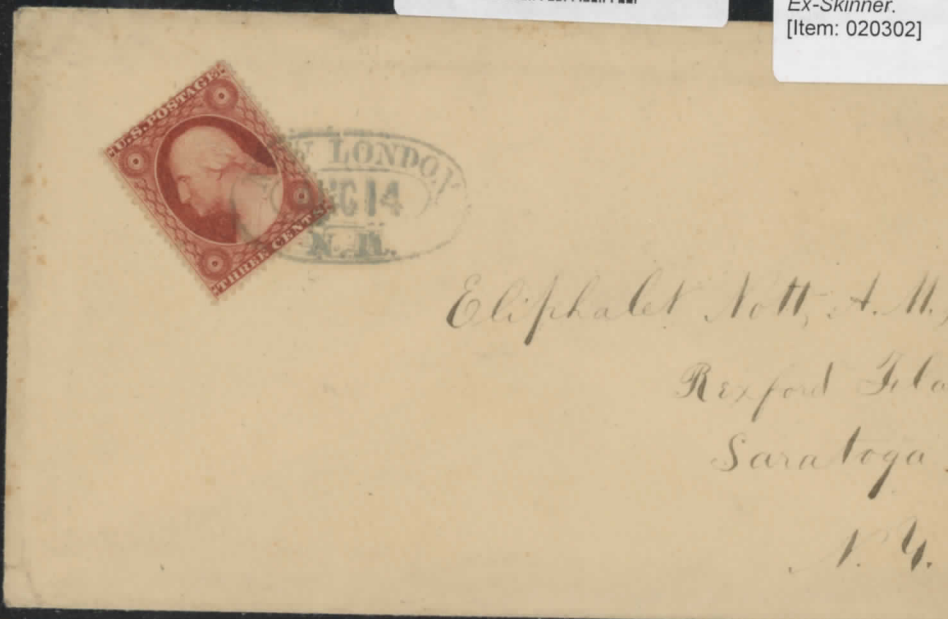


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"New London N.H. Aug 14" (Skinner-Eno PM-TF 19) clear strike in grayish black ties 3c dull red (26) on cover to Rexford Flatts N.Y., Very Fine, Ex-Skinner. [Item: 020302] \$200



Item No.: 101609



"North Amherst Mass. 18 Sept" large doubling cds ties 3c dull red (26) on buff cover to East Middlebury Vt.; reduced a bit at right and small edge tear, Fine-VF. [Item: 005328] \$75



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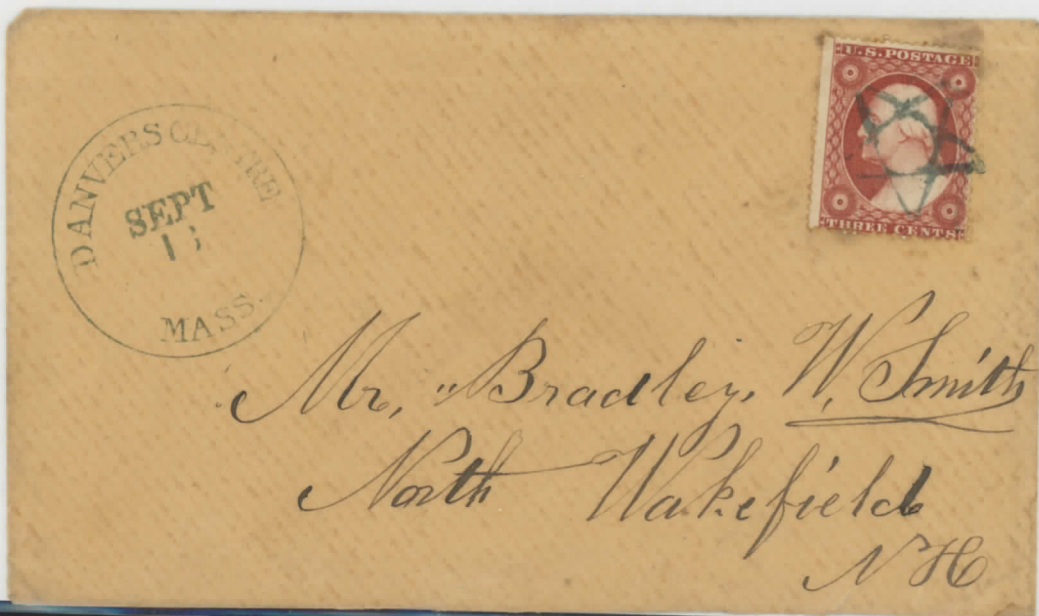
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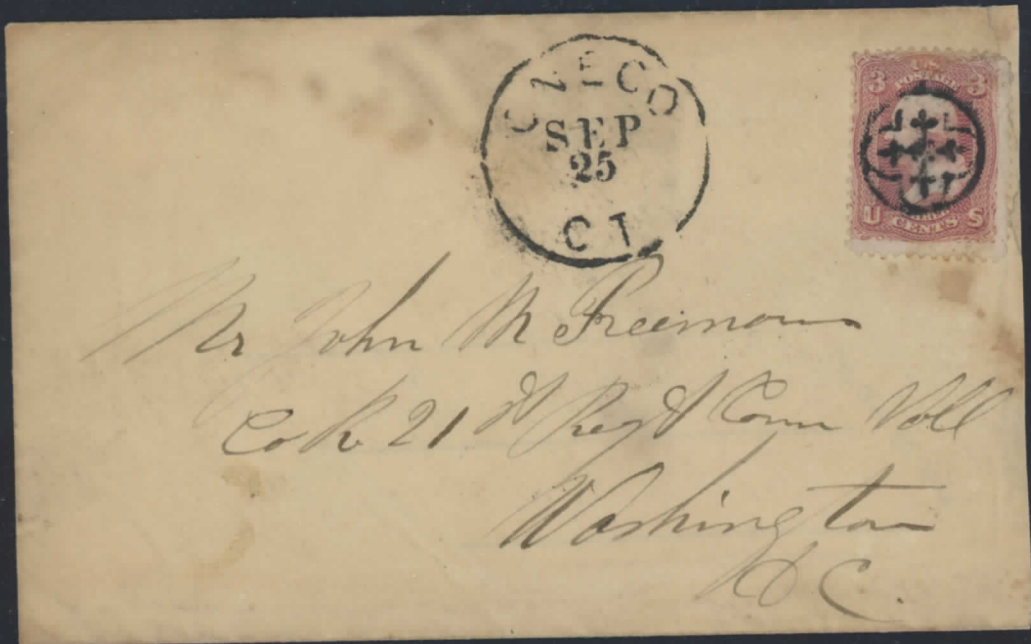


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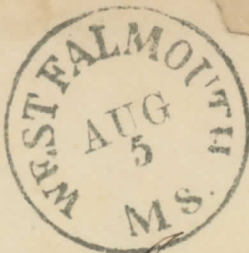


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Lowell Mass.

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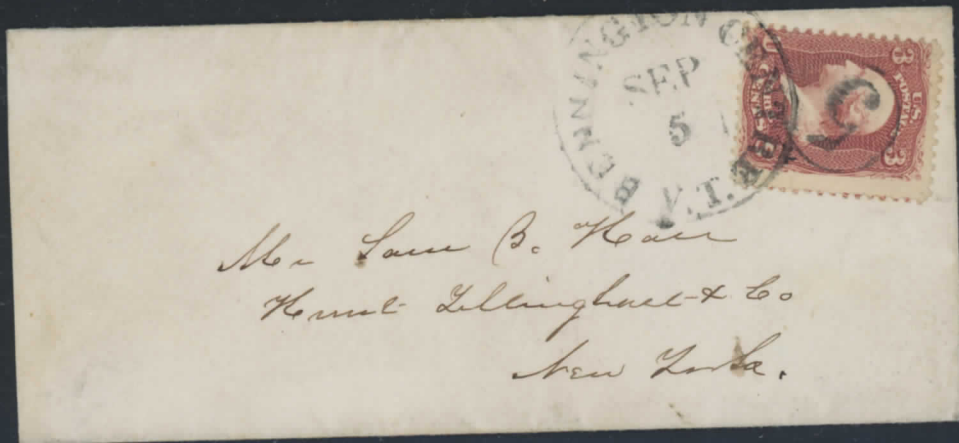
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Circular Geometric (Skinner-Eno GE-C unlisted) bold strike ties 3c red, E. grill (88 var.), thin paper, on large band mourning cover to Ashland Mass.; small edge flaws, Very Fine. [Item: 002870] \$40



"USM" within Bars (Skinner-Eno PT-USM 2) neat complete strike cancels 3c rose (65) on orange cover to Patent Office in Washington, D.C., light "Rutland Vt. Mar 8 1864" dccls ties 3c, Very Fine. [Item: 000696] \$125





"Chattanooga Tenn" (Skinner-Eno PM-TS 3) straightline postmark in blue ties 3c rose (65), pair, well centered with s.e. at left, on cover to Albany, N.Y., minor cover flaws, Fine.

[Item: 002866]

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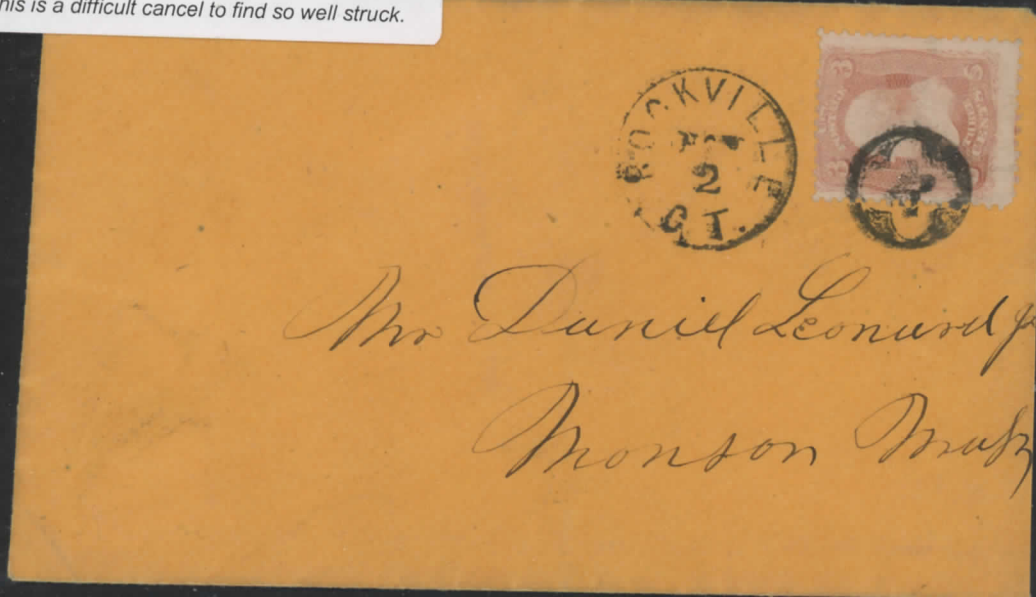
Chattanooga was occupied by Union forces in September 9, 1863.



"R" in Frame (Skinner-Eno LS-R 15), unusually bold strike duplexed with "Rockville Ct Nov 2" cds ties 3c rose (65) on orange cover to Monson Mass., reduced at right, immaculate and Very Fine, Ex-Beane. [Item: 002736]

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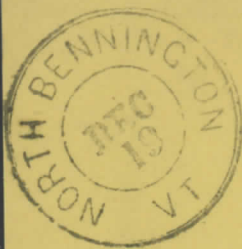
This is a difficult cancel to find so well struck.



Six-Pointed Star with Patent Pin in Center (Skinner-Eno PN-G 37) complete bold strike, with pin clearly impressing paper, ties 3c rose (65), exceptionall well centered, on cover to New York N.Y., "Hartford Con Oct 29 1864" dcds, original contents, Extremely Fine and choice patent cancel, . [Item: 002871] \$200



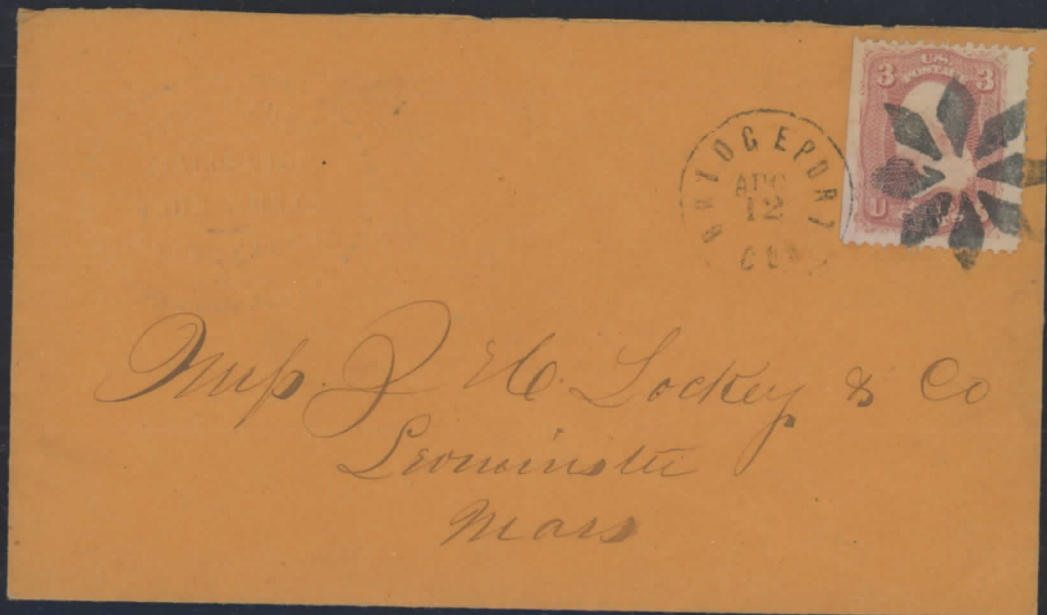
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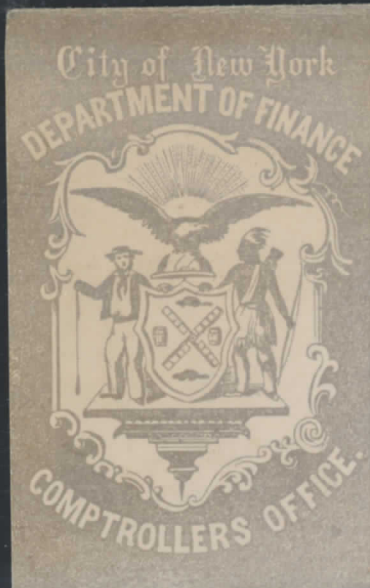


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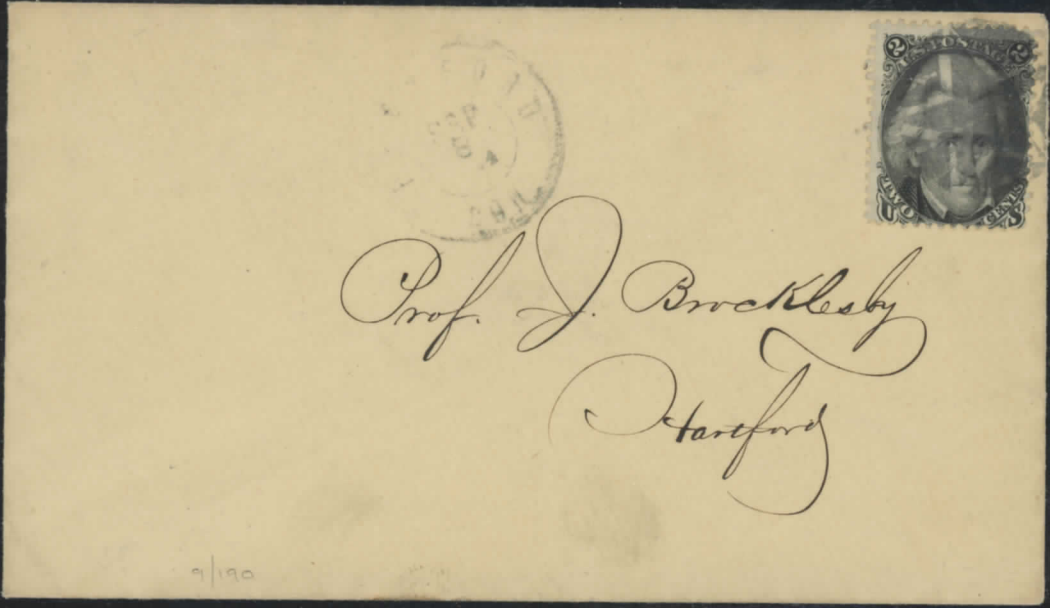
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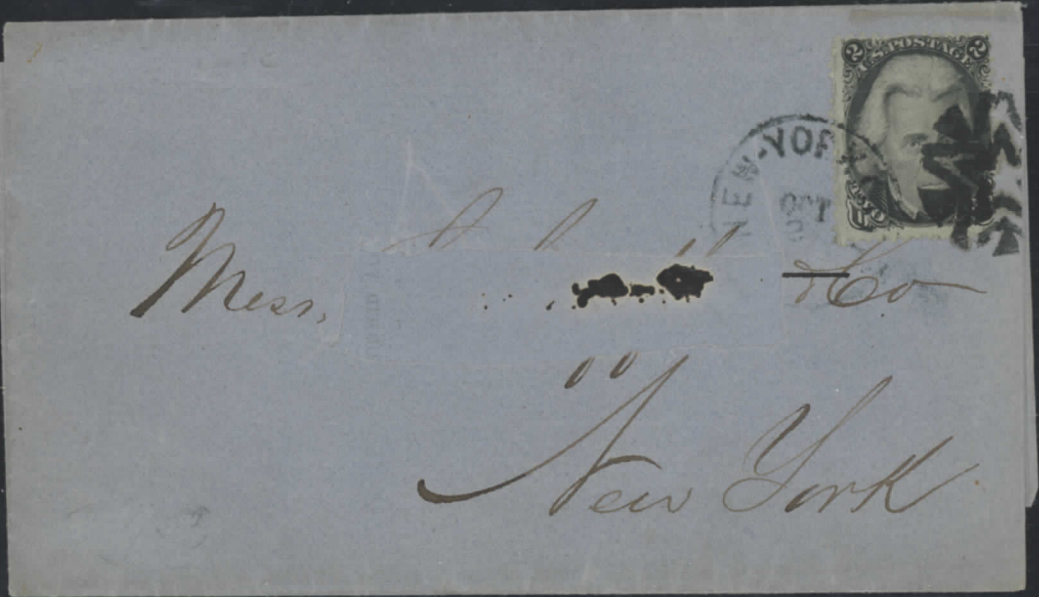
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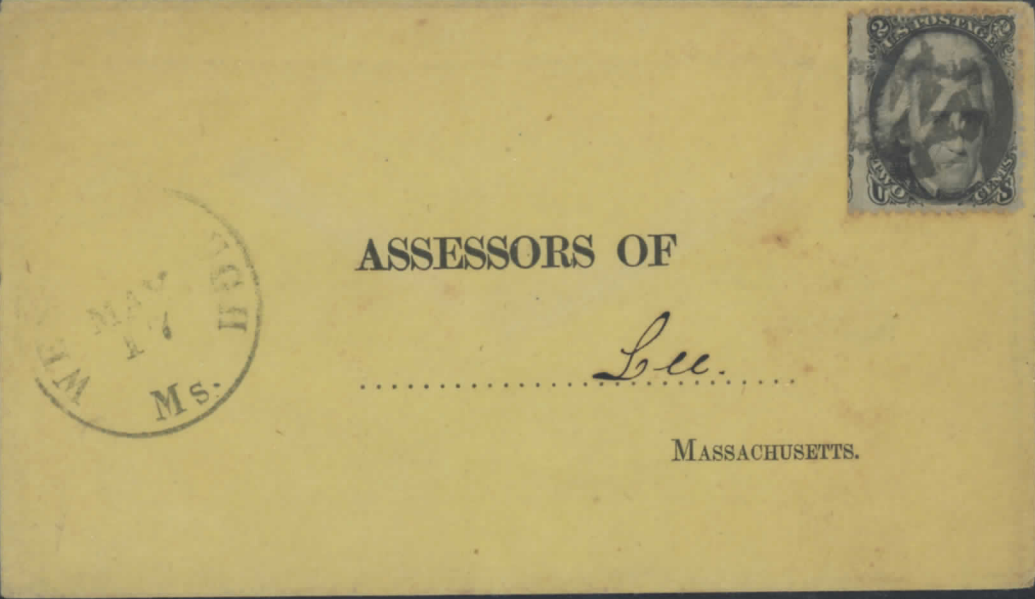



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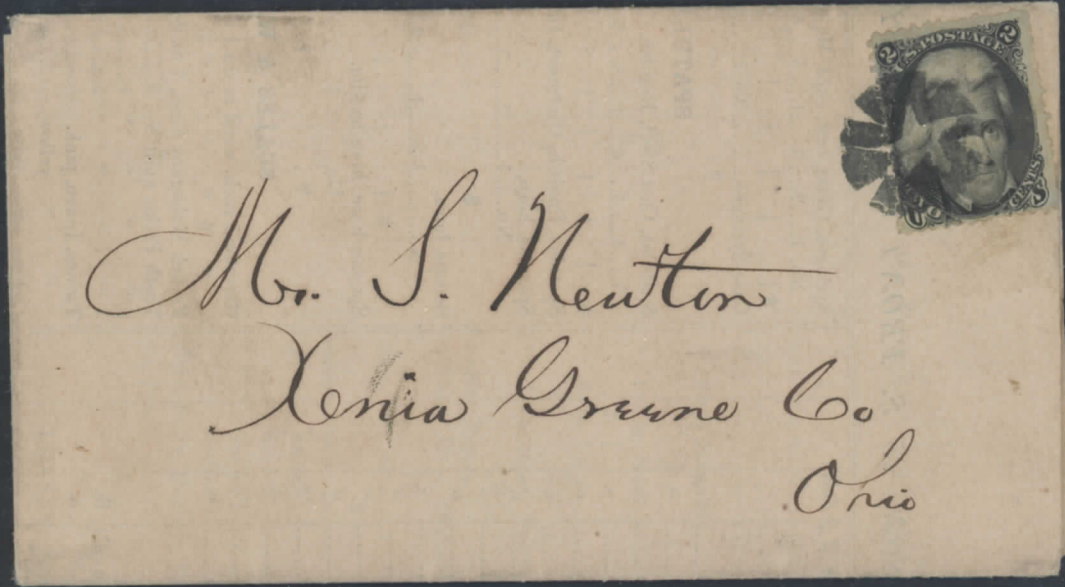
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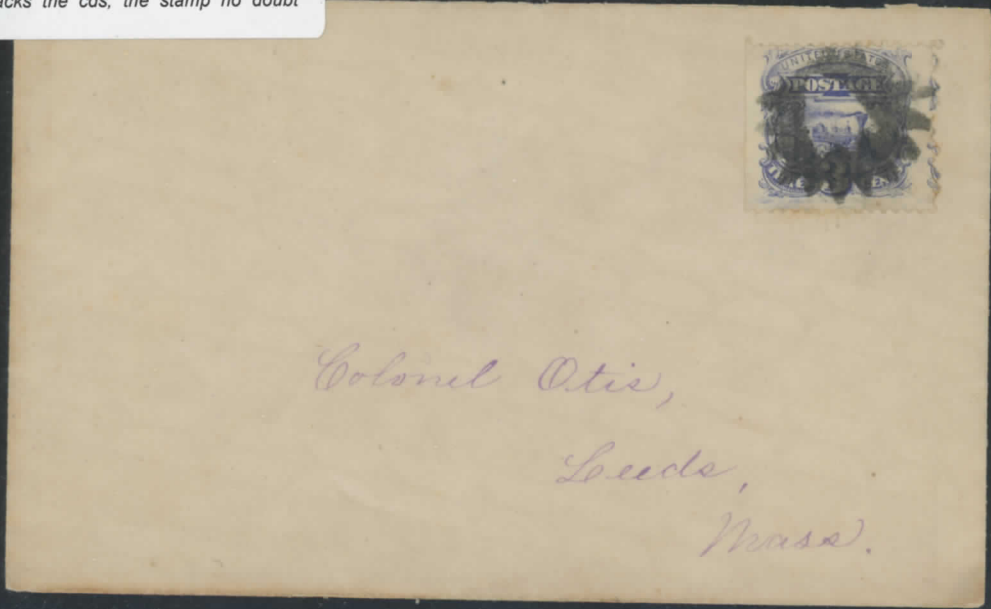
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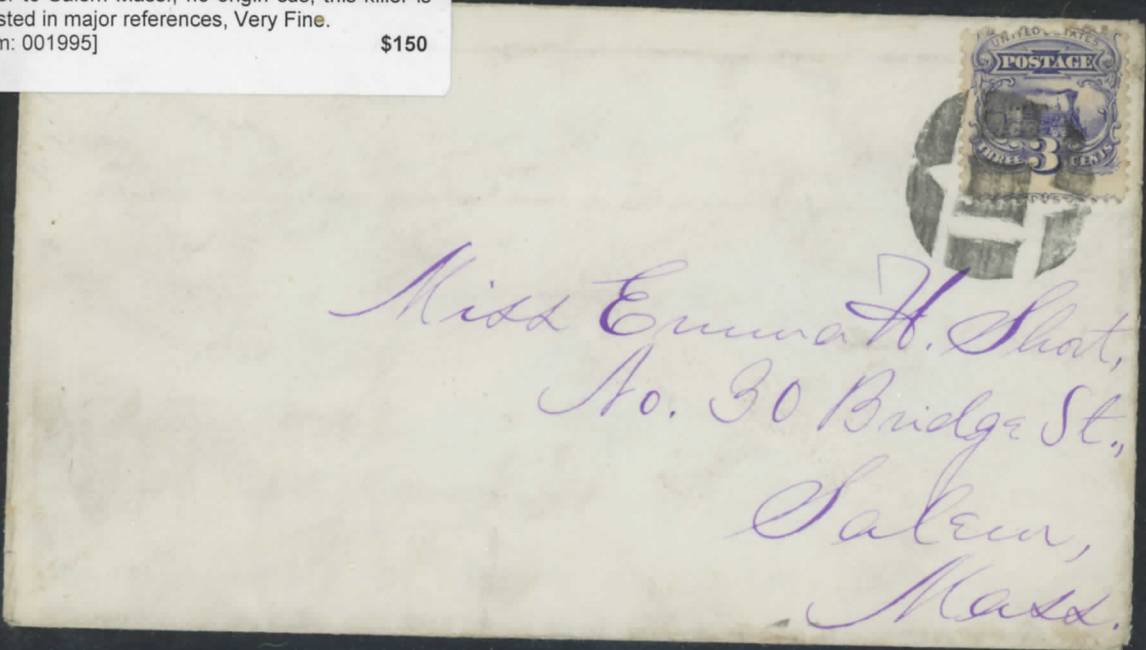
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Blazing Negative Shield (Skinner-Eno PS-SD 45) of Florence Mass., bold central strike cancels 3c ultra (114), huge wide margins with left nat. s.e., on cover addressed to "Colonel Otis, Leeds, Mass", clean and Very Fine. [Item: 002922] **\$225**

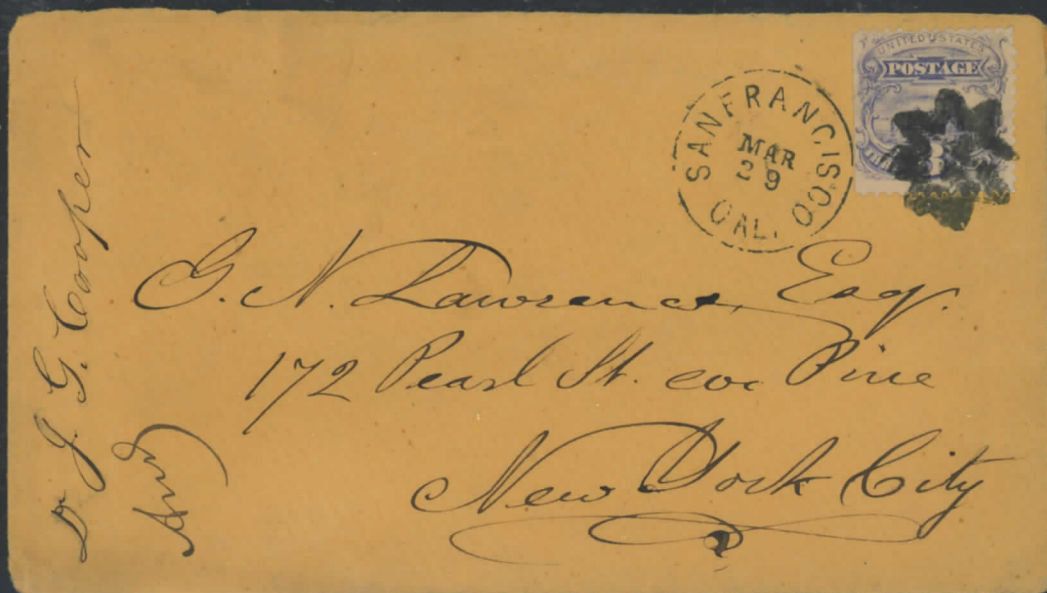
Although this use lacks the cds, the stamp no doubt belongs.



Circular Geometric (Skinner-Eno unlisted) bold strike of large design ties 3c ultra (114) on cover to Salem Mass., no origin cds, this killer is unlisted in major references, Very Fine. [Item: 001995] **\$150**



Eight Point Star (Skinner-Eno ST-8P 3) clear strike ties 3c 1869 (114) s.e., on clean orange cover to New York City, matching "San Francisco cal. Mar 29" cds, Very Fine and choice example, *Ex-Skinner* [Item: 20379] **\$150**



Circled Masonic Trowel with Cross (Skinner-Eno CR-C 24) fine strike ties 3c ultramarine (114), exceptionally well centered with wide margins and s.e. at right, on orange cover to Lowell Mass., "Marseilles Ill. 1 Nov 1869" cds; reduced slightly at right, Very Fine, *Ex-Skinner*. [Item: 020461] **\$150**

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CR-C 24
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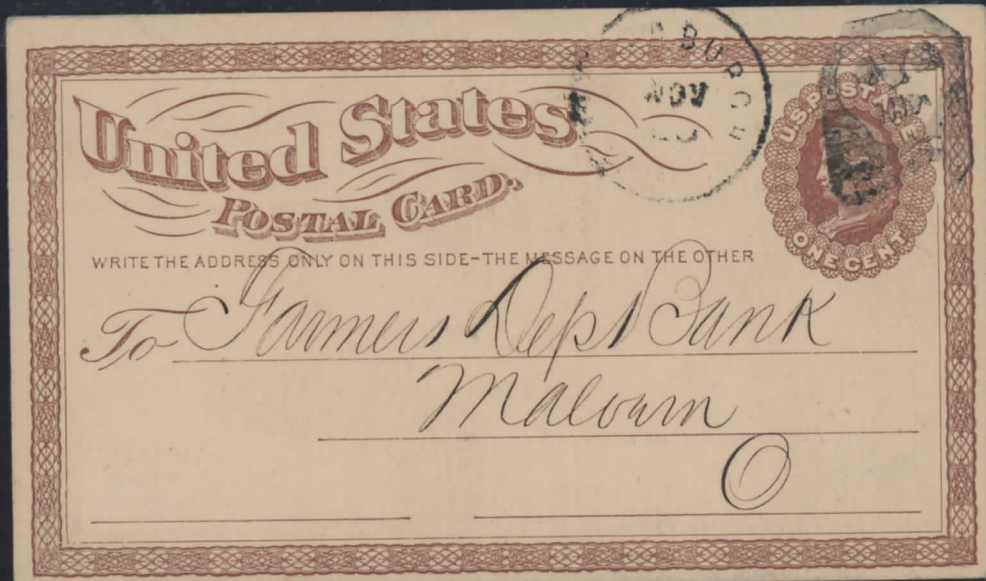


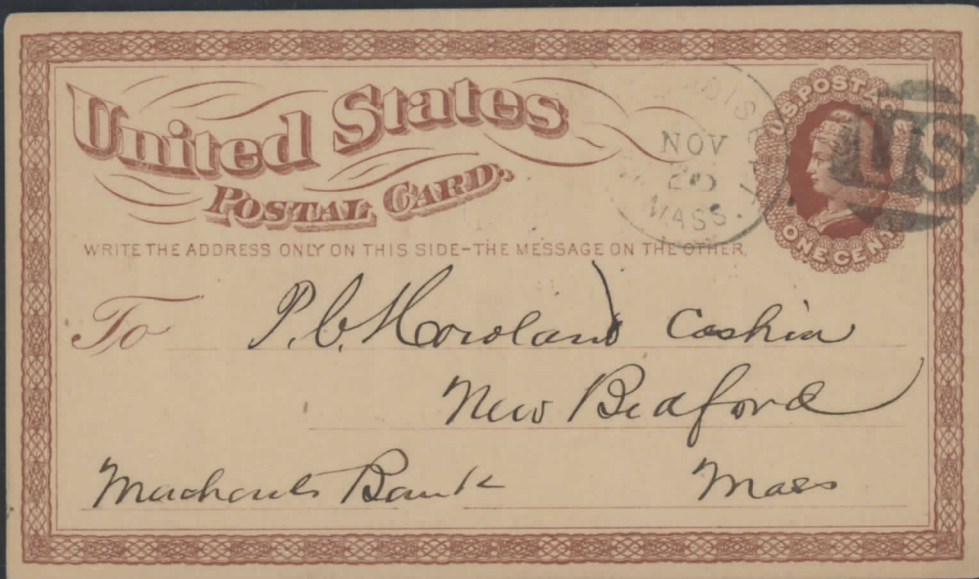
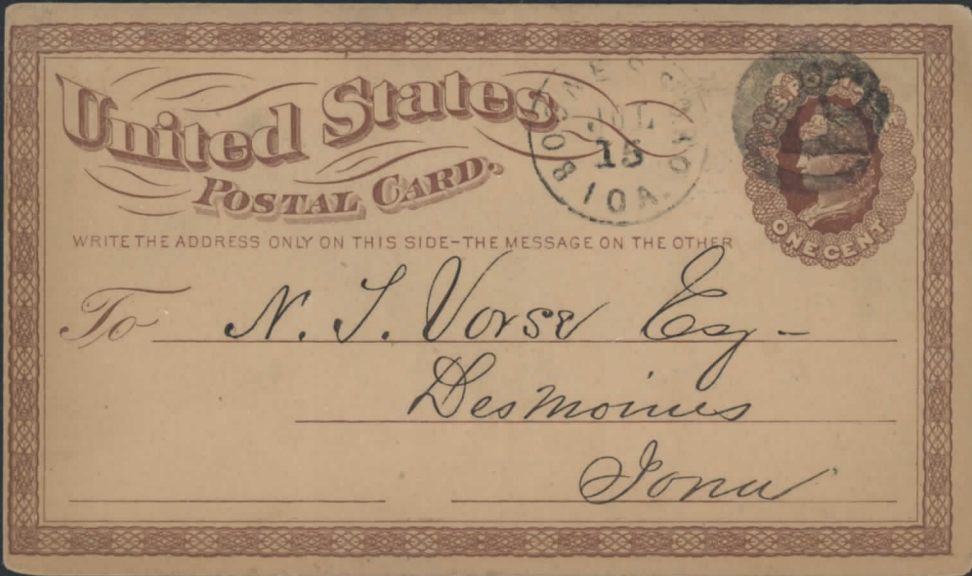
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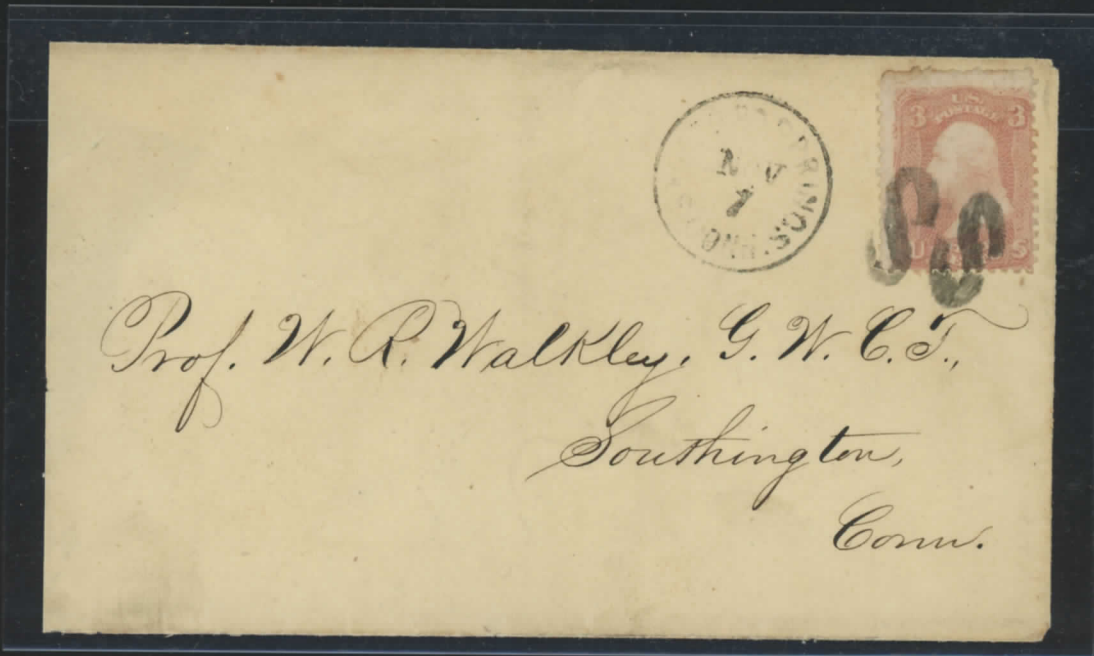
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Split Circle of Vs. bold strike duplexed with
"New-York Apr 25" cds ties 3c red (88) on cover
to Dubuque, Ia., with return address to box 1608,
Fine-VF, Ex-Beane. [Item: 005866] \$30



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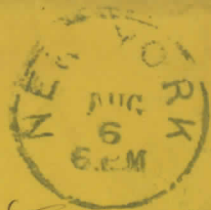




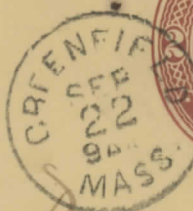
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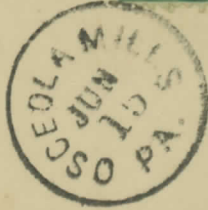
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"1873" in Circle (Cole YD-24) fine strike cancels
3c green (158), well centered with nat. s.e., on
light blue cover to Milwaukee Wis., "Nashotah
Wis Jun 5" cds; reduced at right, Very Fine,
Ex-Beane. [Item: 00274] \$100

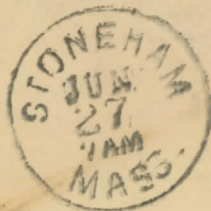
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Geometric clear sharp strike in blue duplexed with "Mansfield Centre Conn. Aug 12" cds ties 3c green (158), choice centering within balanced margins, on cover to New York N.Y., 1878 arrival backstamp; opened at right, Very Fine, Ex-Skinner. [Item: 020495] \$125

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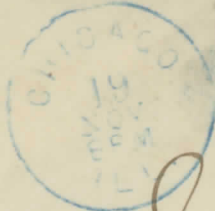


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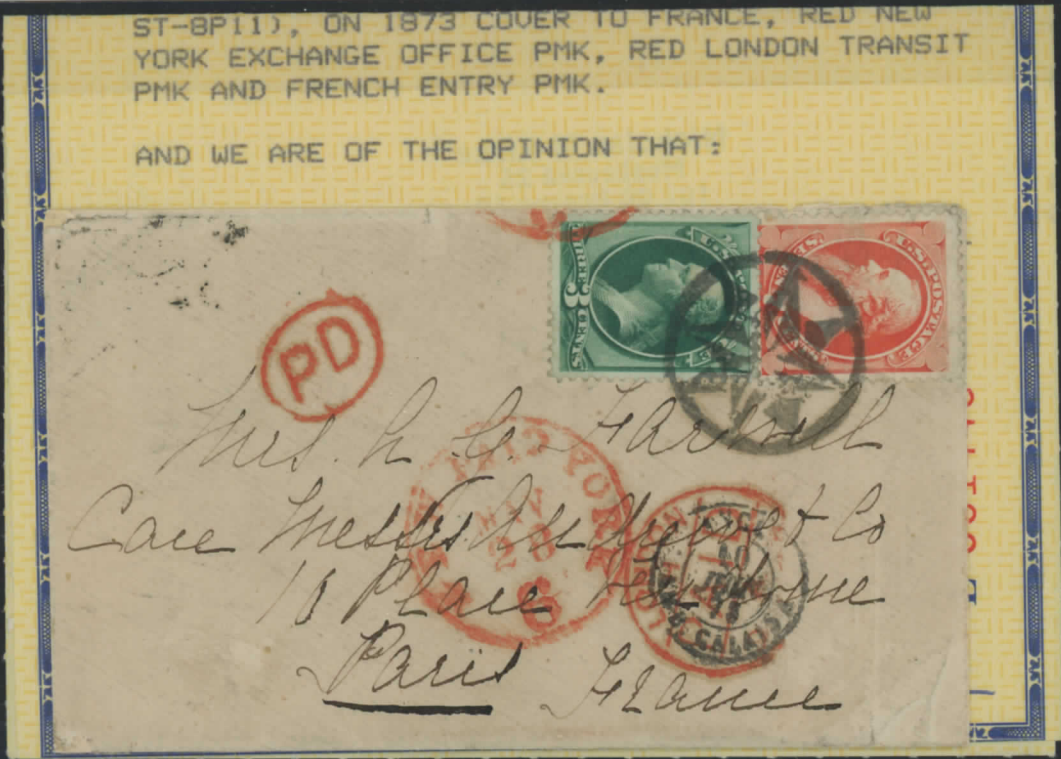
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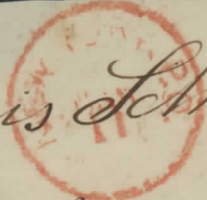
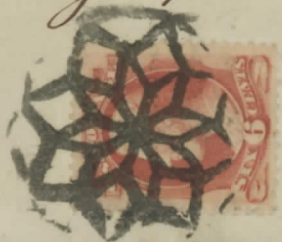
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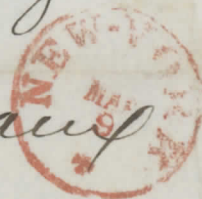
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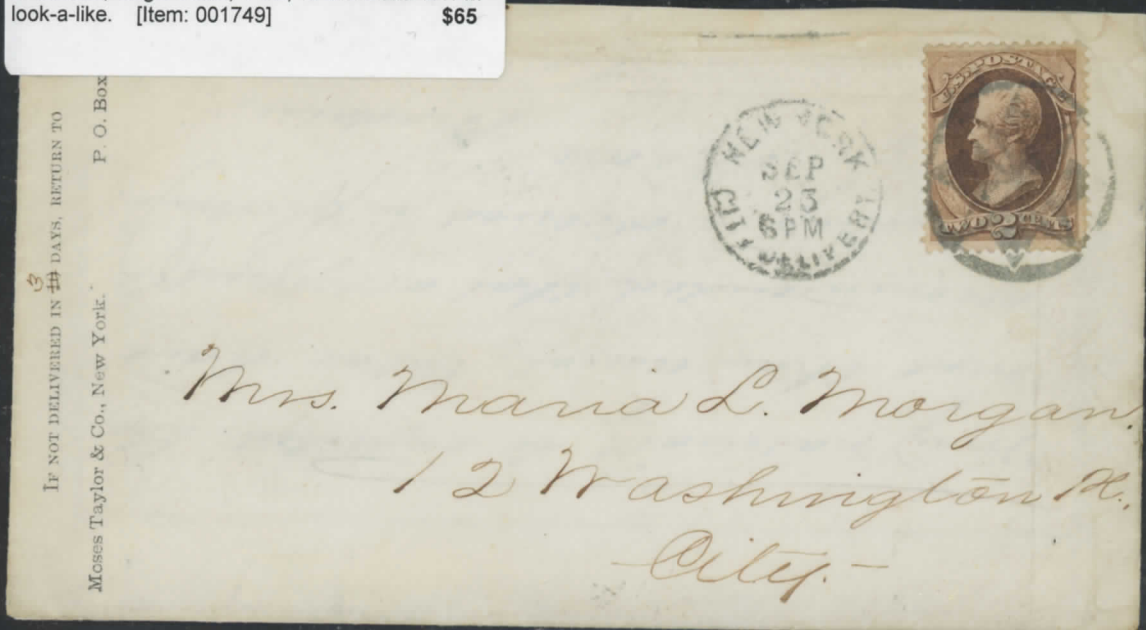
8-Point Star (ST-8P3) fine strike ties two 3c green (158) singles on 1874 cover to London, England, red "New York Oct 14" exchange cds, red "London Paid 24 OC 74" arrival, rough opening at top, Fine, Ex-Skinner. \$100 [Item: 20931]

Item No.: 101540



2c brown (157) tied by fine strike of NYDM geometric cancellation on local cover, "New York City Delivery Sep 23" cds, original 1873 enclosure, edge faults, Fine, a domestic NYFM look-a-like. [Item: 001749] \$65

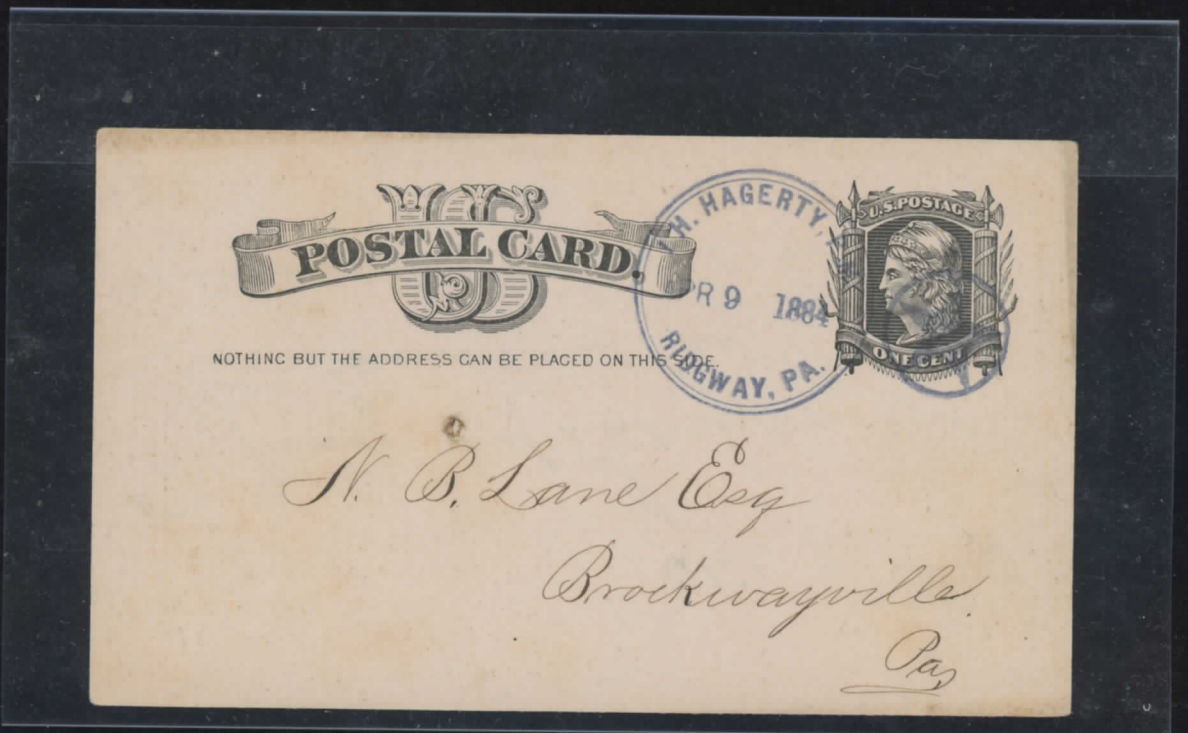
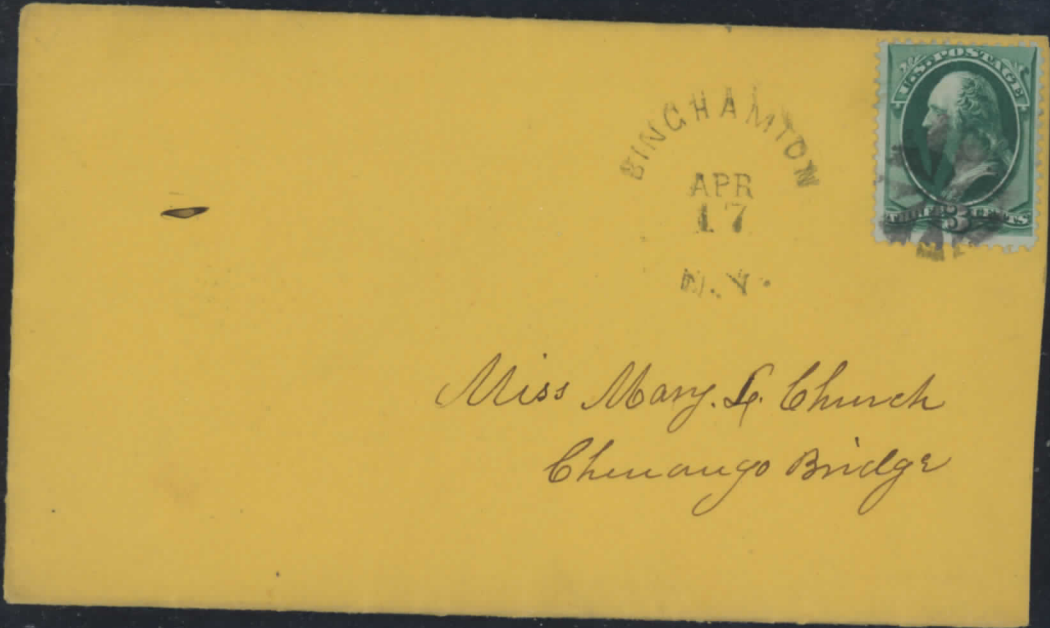
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Circular Grids (Weiss TR-G30) two bold strikes tie 10c brown (150), two singles on 1870 cover front to France, red "New York Sep 20" exchange cds, red octagonal French packet (9.20.1870) cds and black "16" accountancy mark, Very Fine and rare, only a few covers are recorded, original Weiss tracing accompanies., ex-Weiss (illustrated on page 346). [Item: 005378] \$250

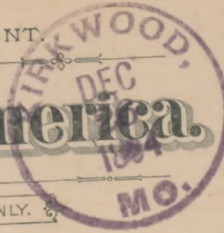




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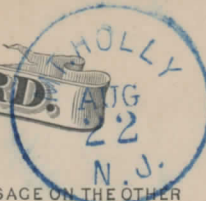
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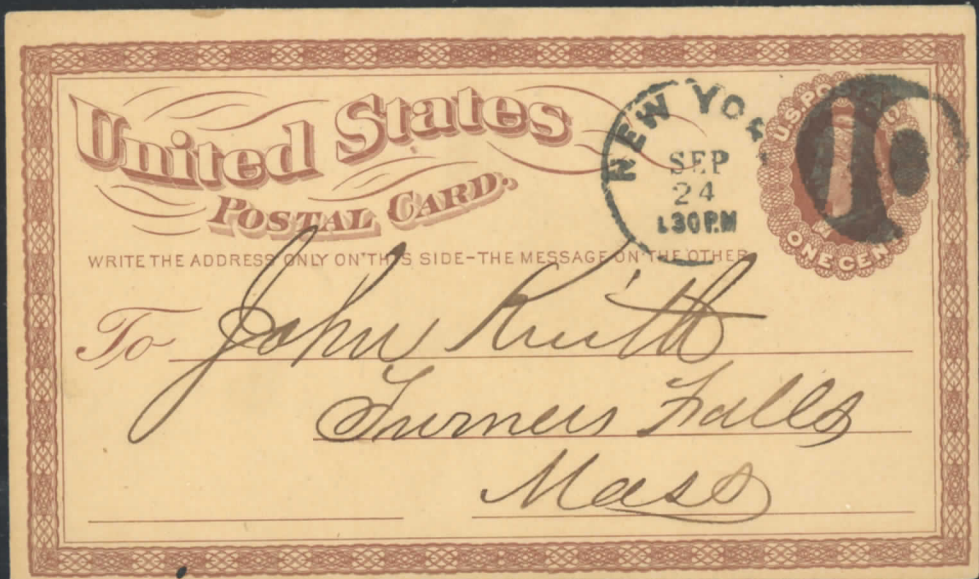
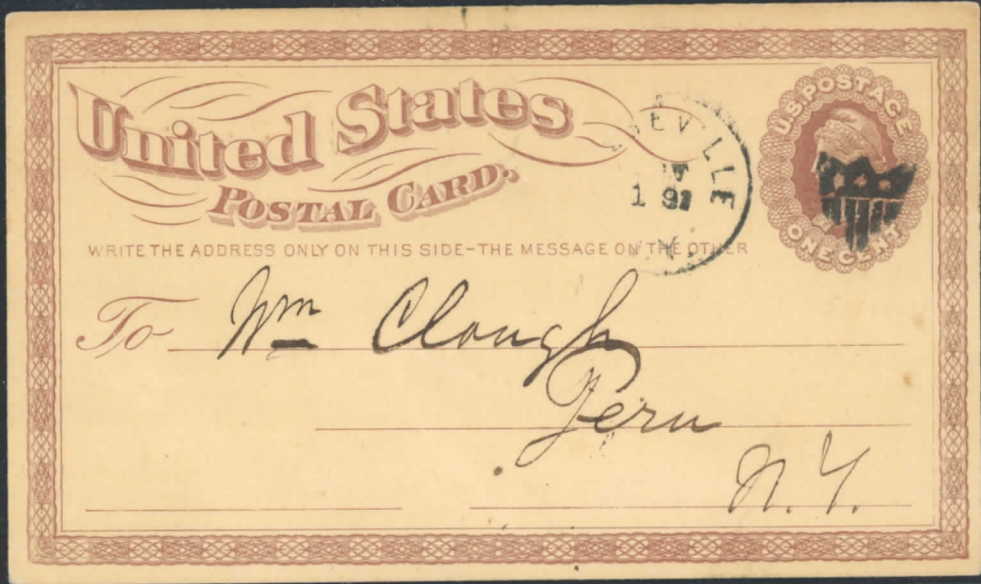
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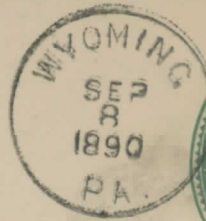
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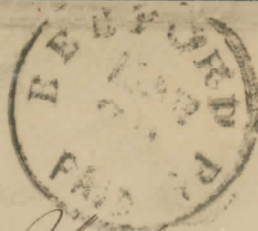
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Salem

Scott# 9217 Y
CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSSETTS CDS AND
SHIELD ENO PS S12

45.00

Mass. 12/02

SHIELD
JACKSON MISS
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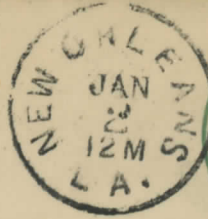
If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to



Mr. J. G. Hardie & Co
New Orleans
La

14583

Jan 16/96
CANCEL 34



ENTIRE

Mrs Henry L. Johnson

Burroughs

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NEW ORLEANS CDS WITH FANCY
GEOMETRIC
45.00

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547



Samuel H. Jones
Boston

Mass

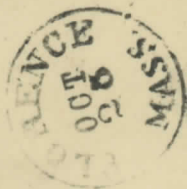
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Star. bold strike cancels 3c green (U163) entire with preprinted address to San Francisco Cal., "Florence Mass. Oct 25" cds, illustrated Sewing Machine c.c., 1873 docketing on reverse; reduced slightly at right, Fine.
[Item: 004029] \$50

Item No.: 101642



Return to FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE CO.,
FLORENCE, Ma
if not delivered within 5 days.



Samuel Hill,

19 111 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco, Cal.,

\$125

If not delivered within _____ days, to be returned to

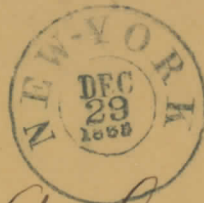


Mr Hartwell Morse
Binghamton
N.Y.

Geometric (Skinner-Eno SD-G unlisted) fine
strike duplexed with "New-York Dec 29 1863"
dcds, addressed to Norfolk Ct., reduced at left,
Fine. [Item: 002226] \$25

Dec 27/63

Recd

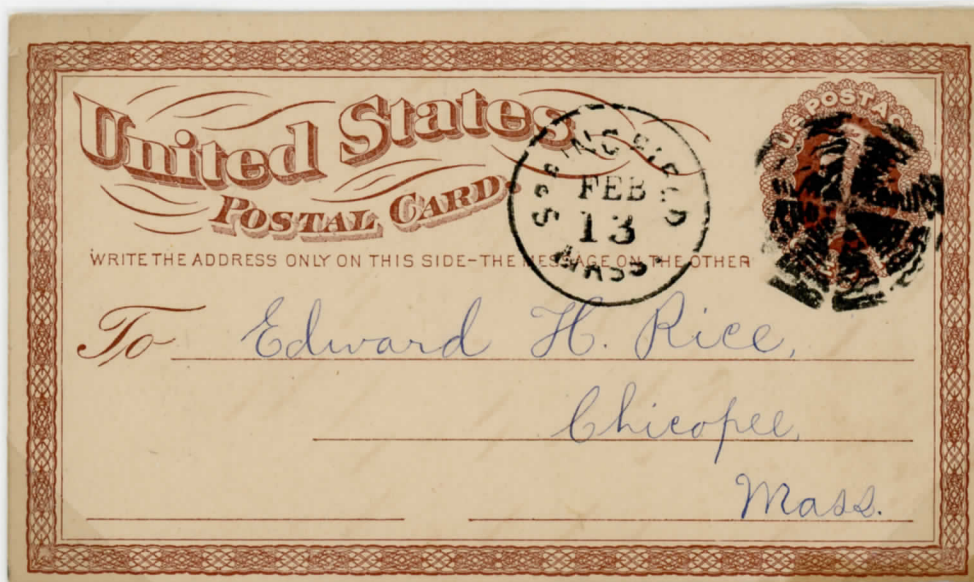


R. A. Gull Esq
Norfolk
Conn



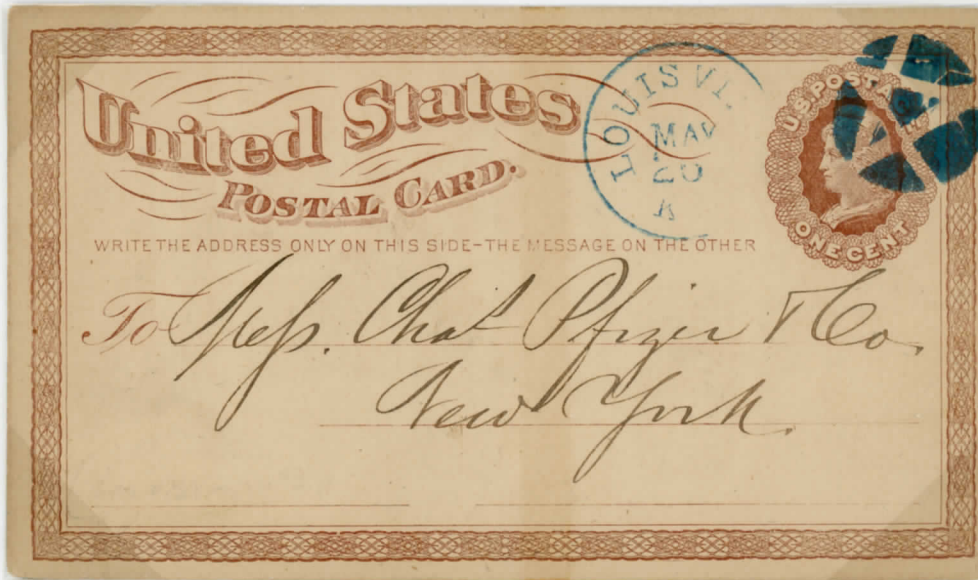
New York,
N.Y.
May 14, 1873

SECOND DAY OF USE. The first postal cards were delivered to New York City on May 13, 1873, when this was probably purchased. The reverse was imprinted with the logo of the "First National Bank, Geo. F. Baker, Cashier." "Negative 5" Fancy Cancel.

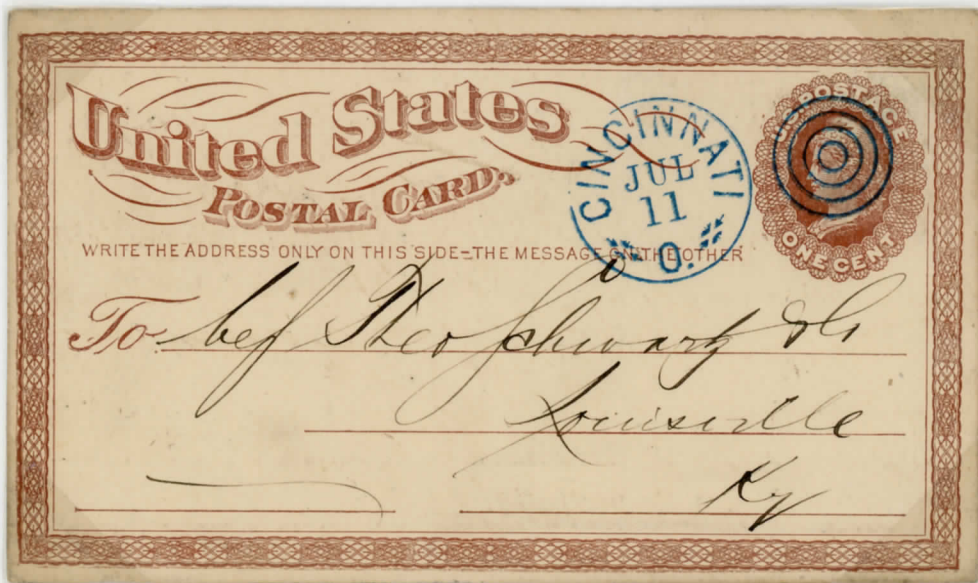


Springfield,
Massachusetts
Feb 13, 1874

Geometric Fancy Cancel from the Springfield home post office where the postal cards were manufactured.



"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Louisville,
Kentucky
May 26, 1874

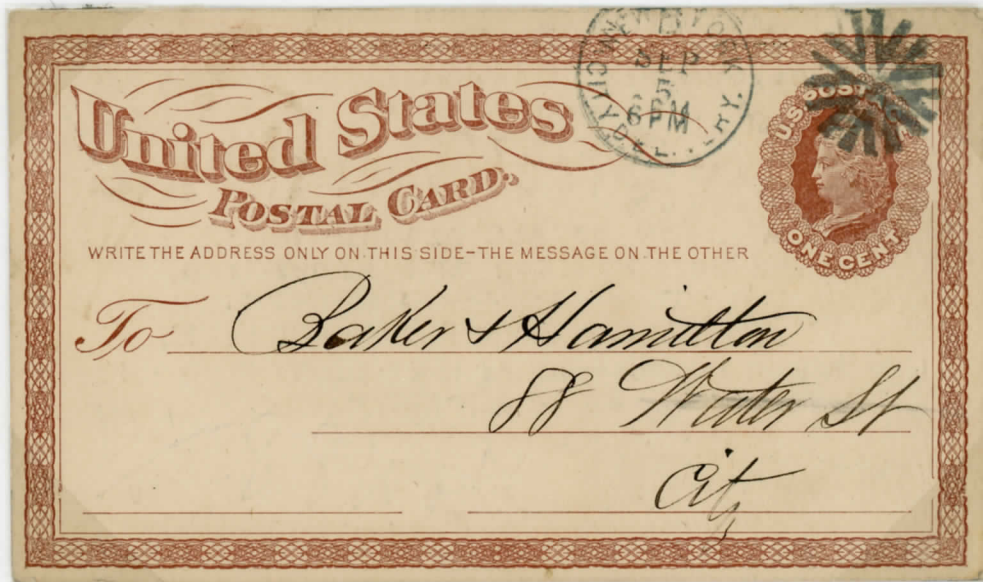


"Target"
Fancy Cancel
Cincinnati, Ohio
July 11, 1873



"Arrow Feather"
Chicago Blue
Fancy Cancel
Chicago, Illinois
June 12, 1873

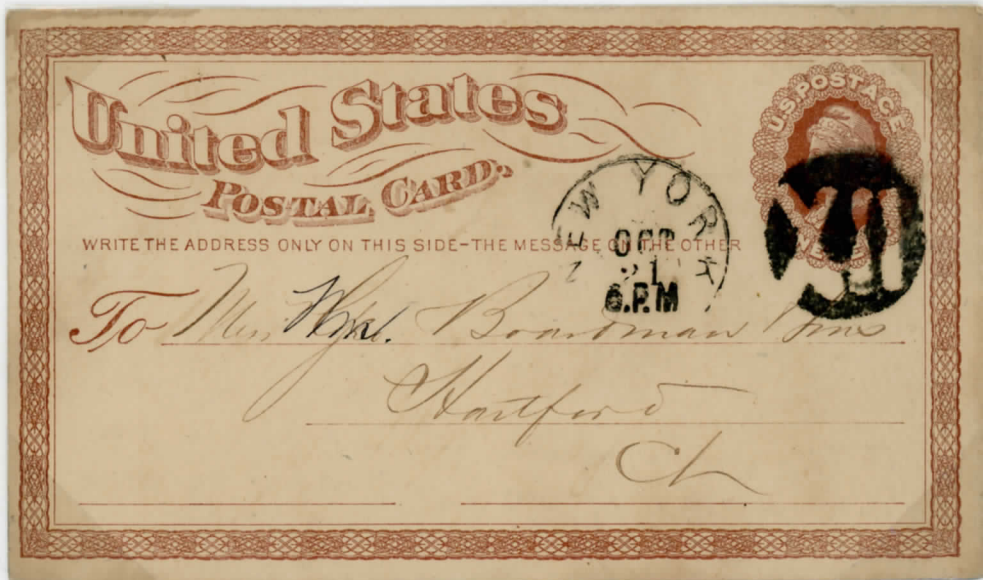
"Pinwheel"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
May 12, 1874



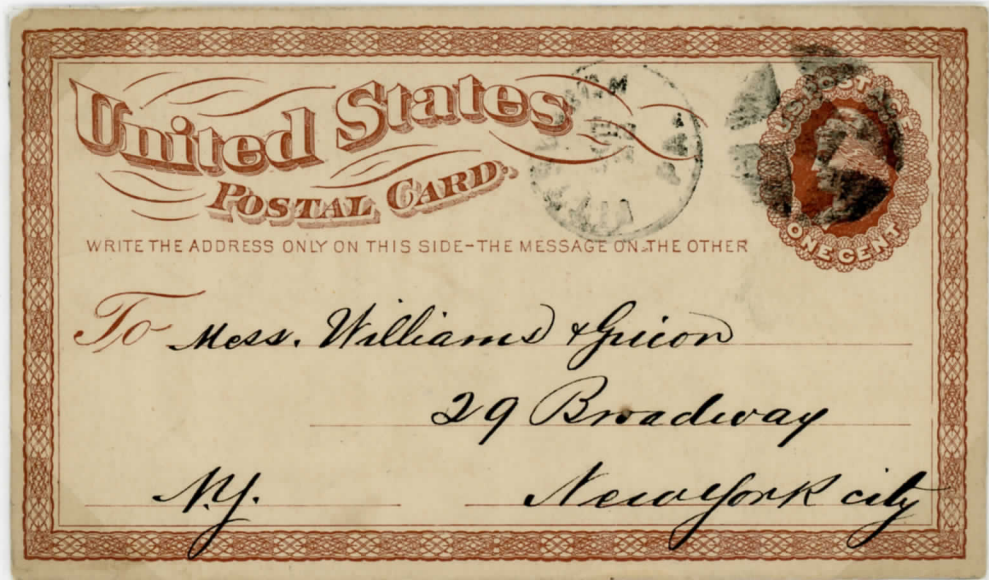
"Arrowheads"
Fancy Cancel
New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Sept 5, 18--



"Negative
Roman 12"
Fancy Cancel
New York, N.Y.
Oct 21, 1874



"Negative Star"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
Oct 22, 1873



"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
(Mattapoissett,?)
Massachusetts
Nov 26, 18--

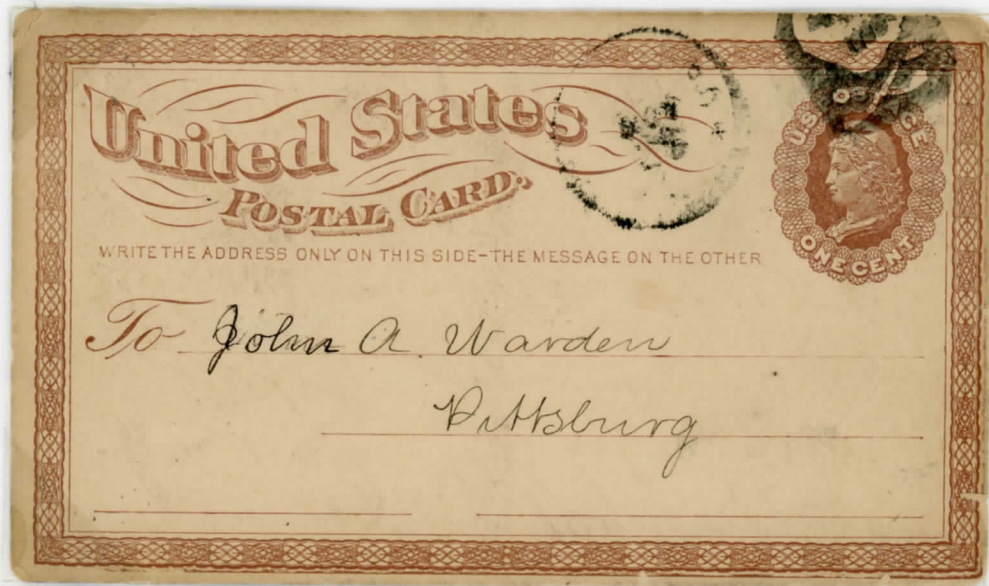


"Shield"
Fancy Cancel
St. Louis,
Missouri
Aug 31, 1873

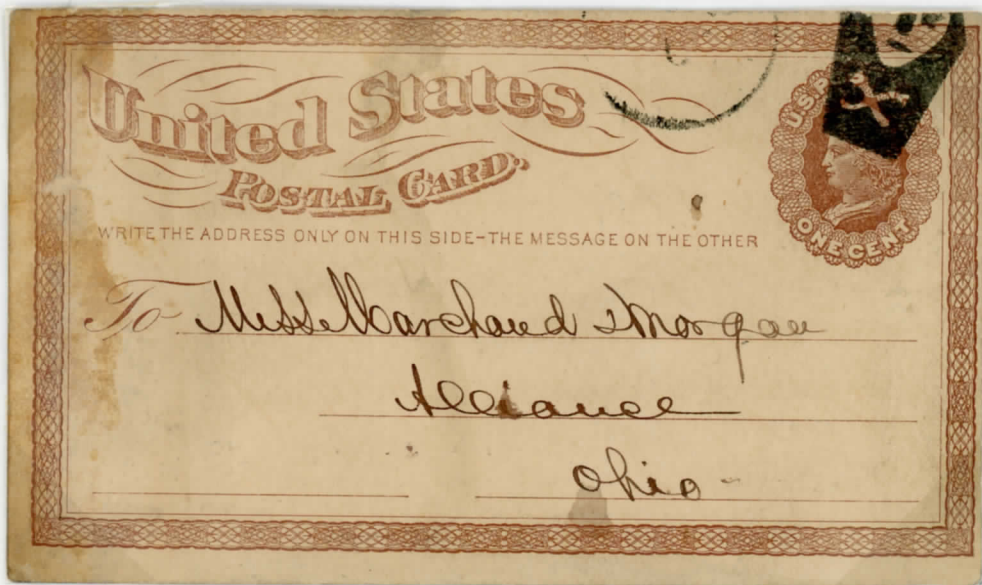


S2d REVERSED
WATERMARK

Herst #1321



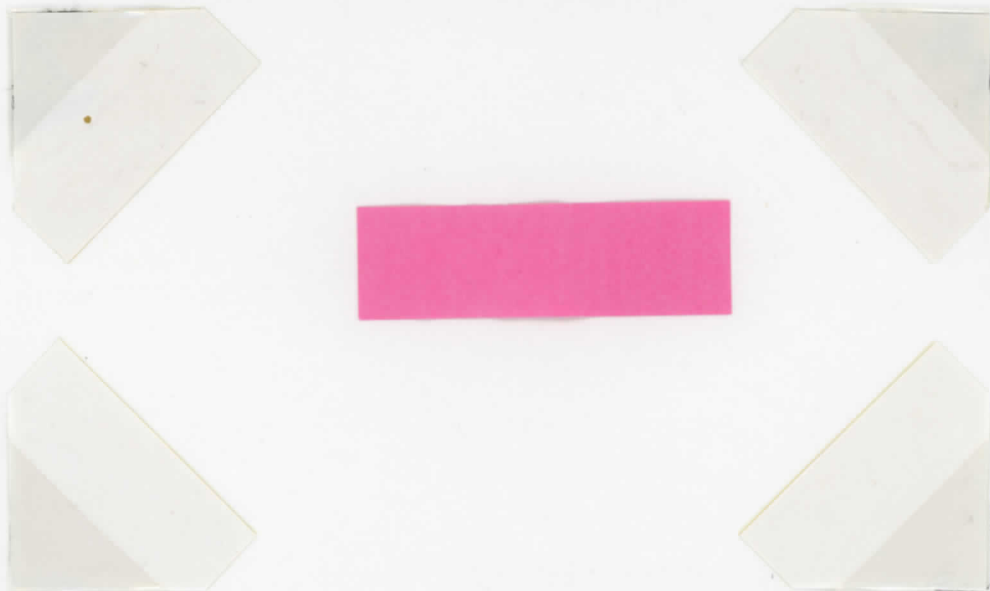
"Skull"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
1873



"Skull"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
Dec, 1873

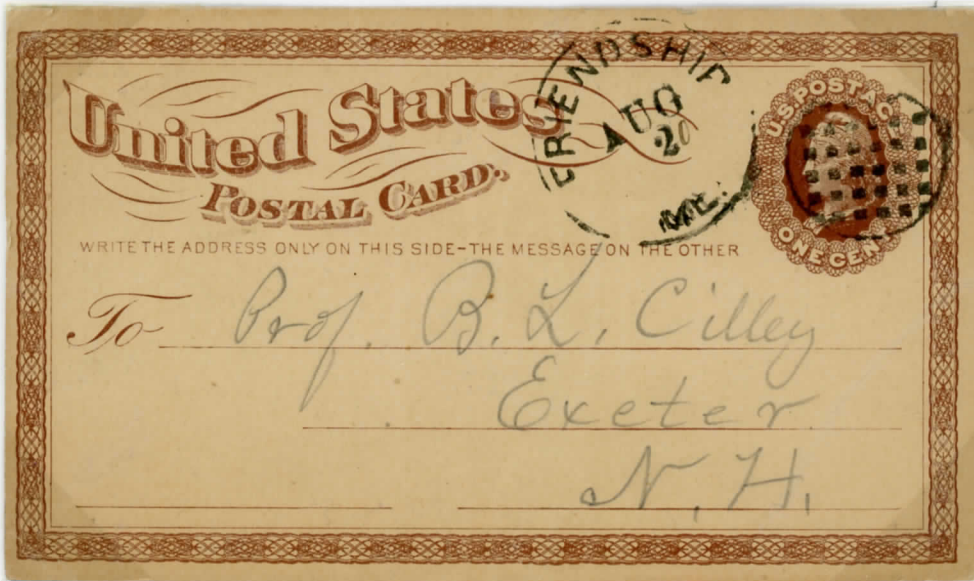


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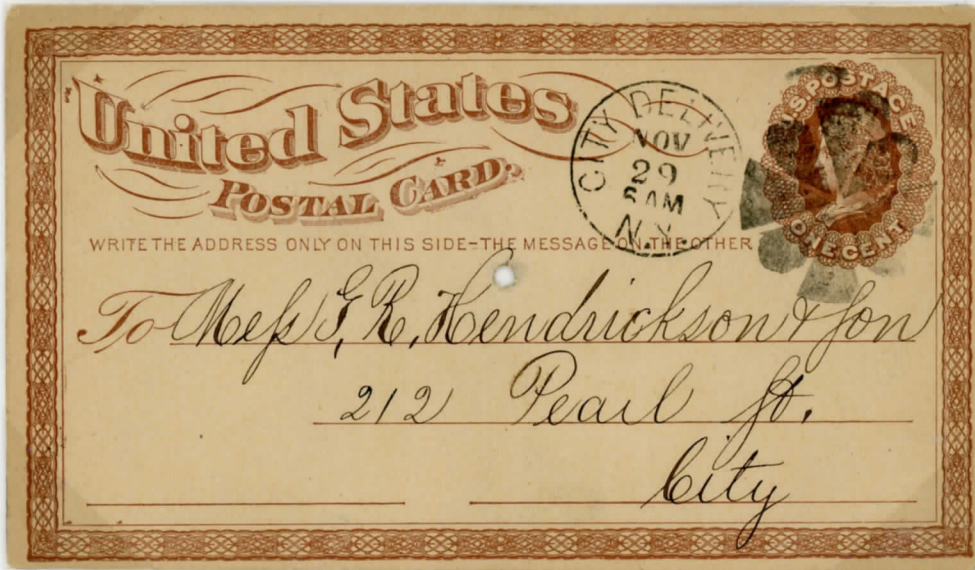


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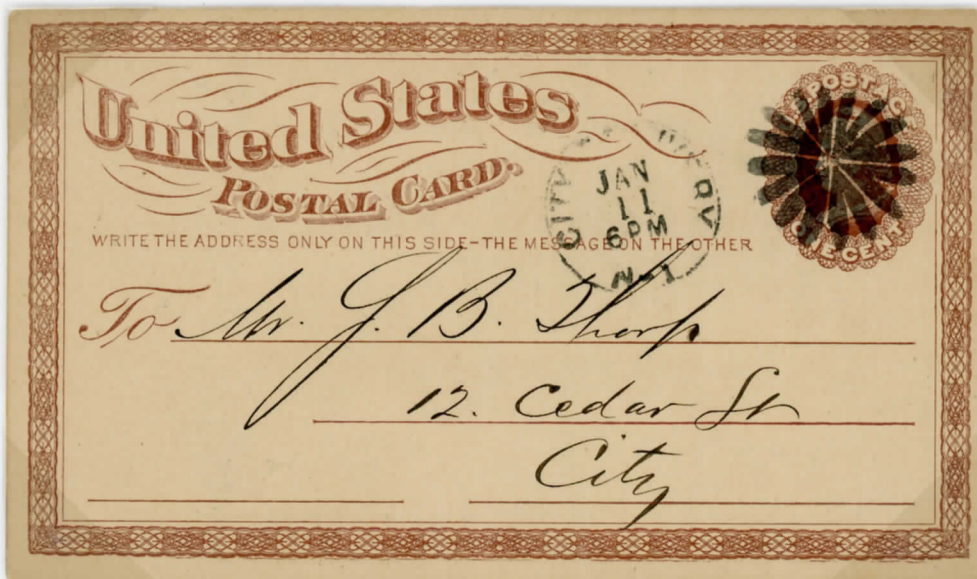
"Skull"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
Nov 25, 1873



"Grid"
Fancy Cancel
Friendship,
Maine
Aug 2, 18--

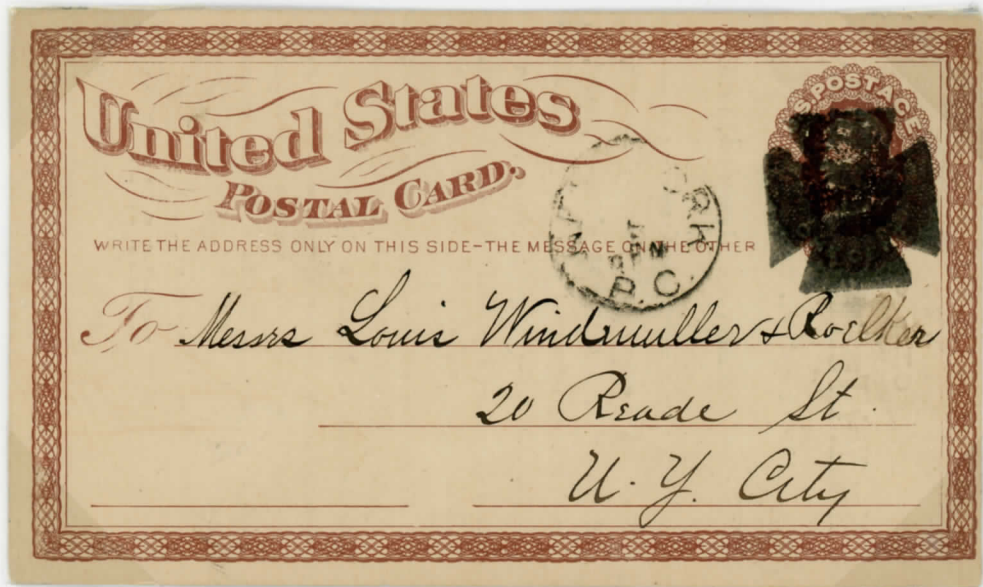


"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Nov 29, 18--

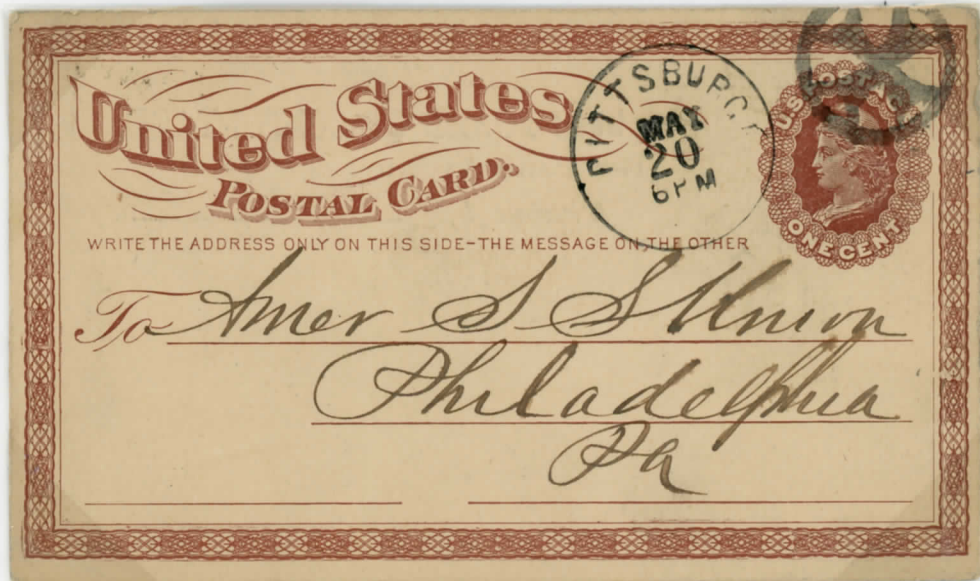


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Fancy Cancel
New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Jan 11, 1874

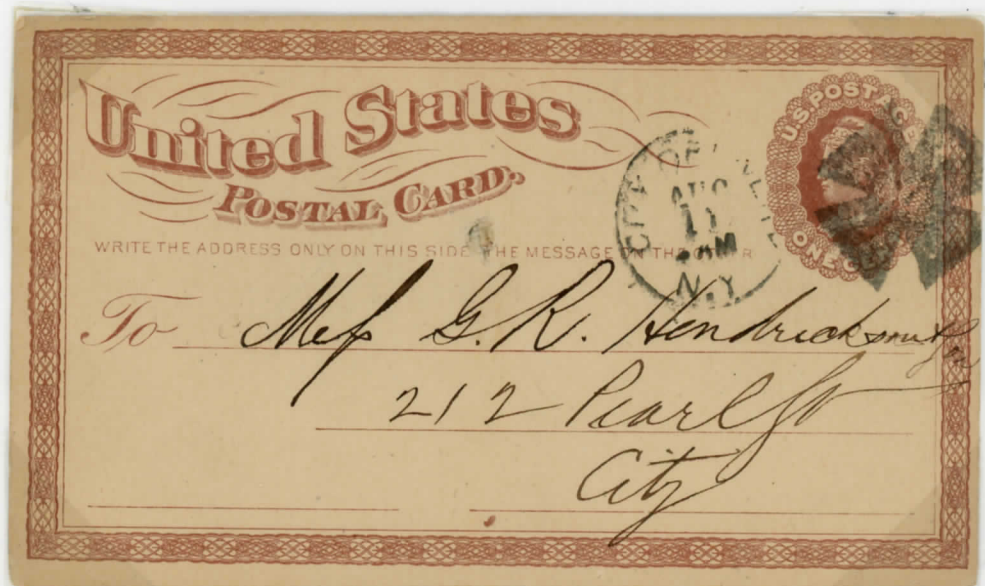
"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
New York, N.Y.
March 9, 1875



"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
May 20, 1876



"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
August, 18--

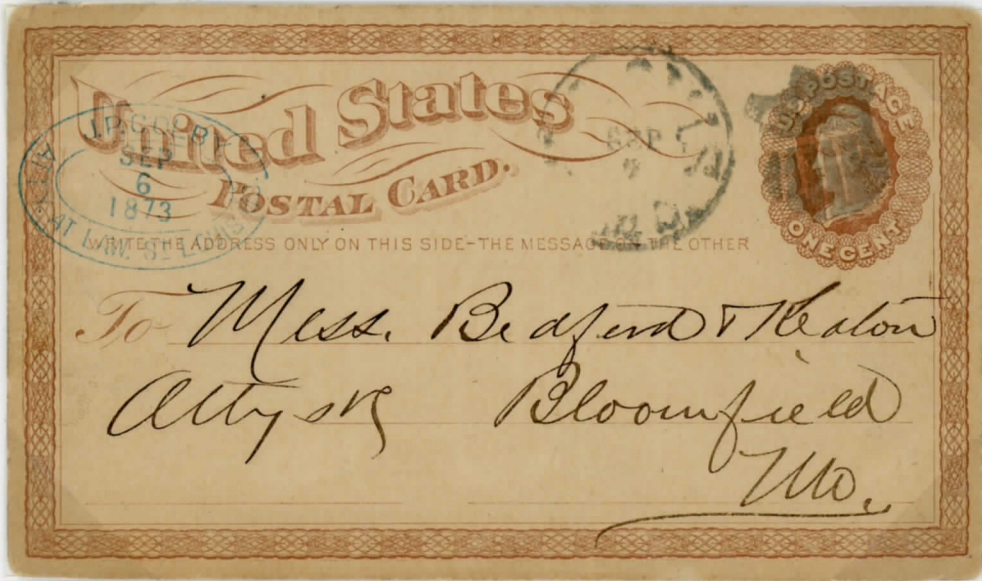


Cancellation varieties on UX 3



"Pumpkin Face"
Fancy Cancel
Boonesboro, (?)
Iowa
July 15, 1874

"Shield"
Fancy Cancel
Keeseville,
N.Y.
Nov 19, 1875



"Shield"
Fancy Cancel
St. Louis,
Missouri
Sept 6, 1873



"Negative Arrowhead" Fancy Cancel, Syracuse, N.Y., May 31, 18--



"Arrowhead" Fancy Cancel, Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 20, 1875



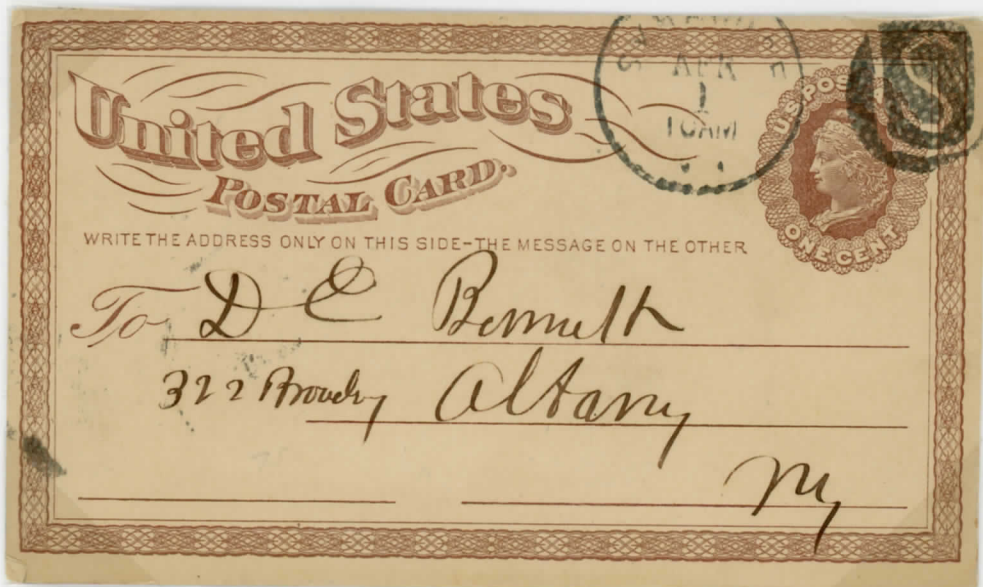
Herst #1722



"Pumpkin Face"
Fancy Cancel
Oswego, N.Y.
July 9, 1875

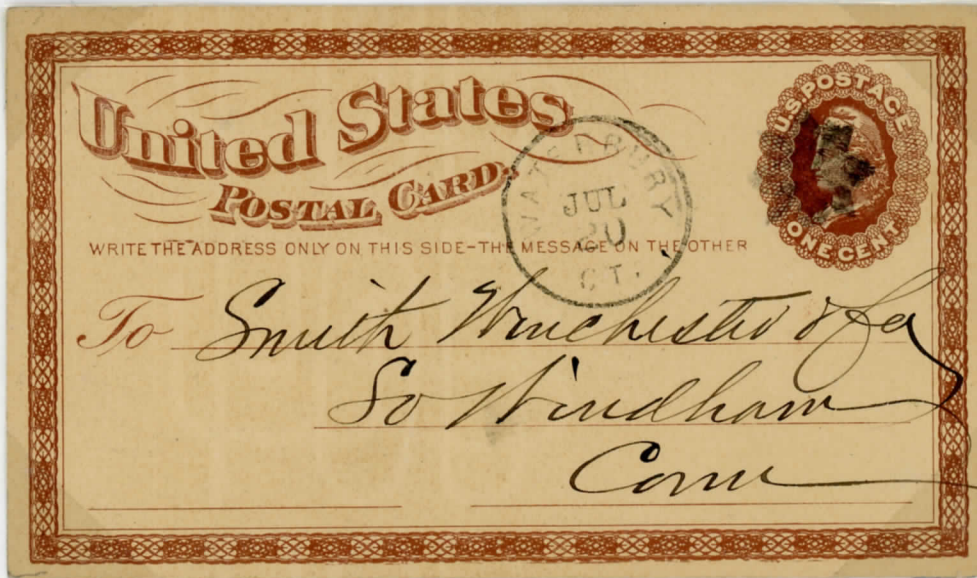


"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Higganum,
Connecticut
April 21, 1875



"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Syracuse, N.Y.
April, 18--

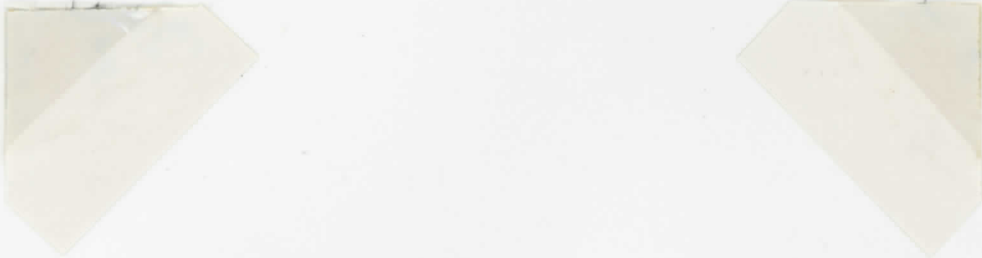
(MORE THAN 15
CYS KNOWN)



P-11
Rohloff P-11

"Rosette"
Fancy Cancel
Waterbury,
Connecticut
July 20, 1874

(NOT MORE THAN
8 CYS KNOWN)



L-14
Rohloff L-14

"Leaf"
Fancy Cancel
Waterbury,
Connecticut
Sept 29 (1876)



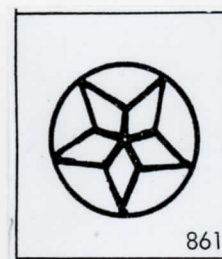
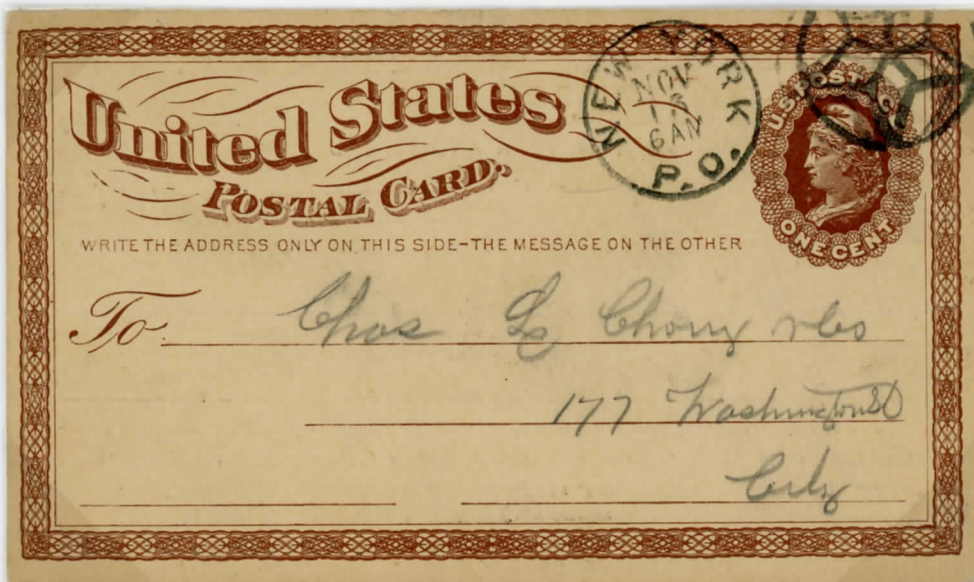
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F-11
Rohloff F-11

"Shamrock"
Fancy Cancel
Waterbury,
Connecticut
Aug 4, 1874





Herst #861

"Star in Circle" Fancy Cancel, New York, N.Y., local use, November 13, 1874



Weiss #ST-MP3

NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATION. During the classic period of fancy cancels, the New York City post office used a special group of geometric and star cancellations prized for their "perfection of form." The purpose of these devices was for mail posted in New York City which was solely intended for foreign destinations (except Canada), distinguishing them from other cancels of the era. Only six men were employed in the Foreign Division of the post office, but the creator of the artistic devices is unknown, perhaps attributable to two (or more) different carvers.

The card above from New York to Westfalen, Germany was mailed on May 13, 1874, and is one of only 56 covers bearing this particular "Geometric" fancy cancel.

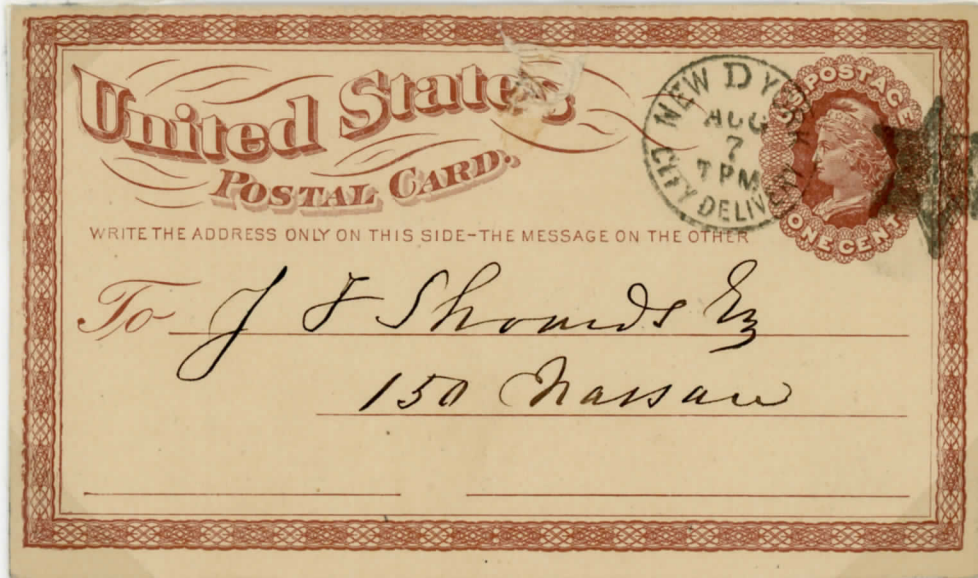
"Star in Circle"
Fancy Cancel

New York, N.Y.
Oct 31, 1874



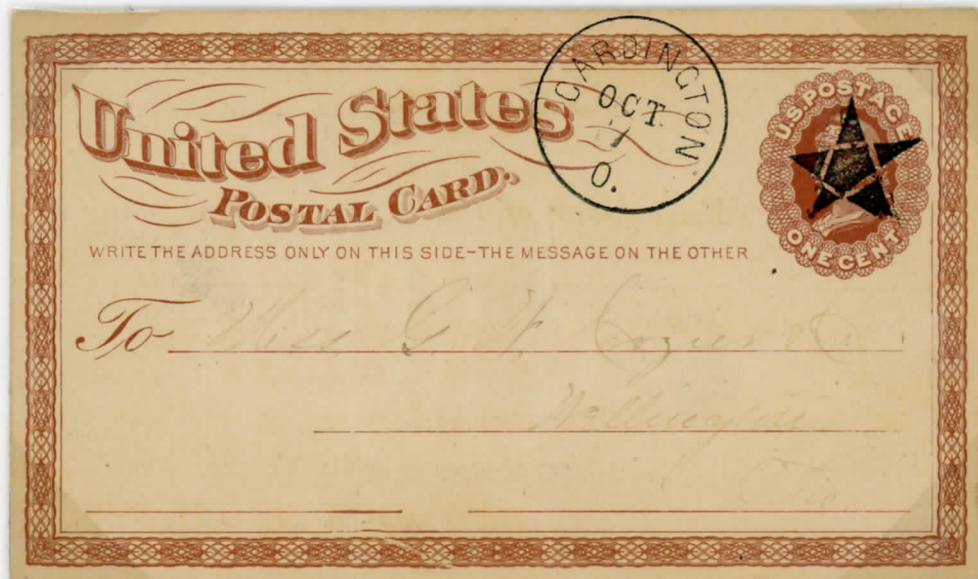
"6-Point Star"
Fancy Cancel

New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Aug 7, 1875



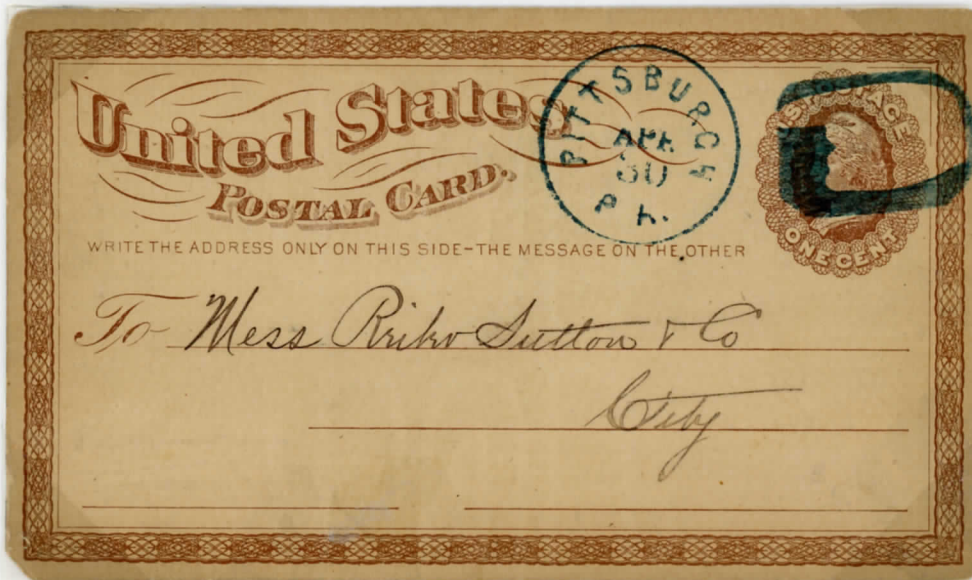
"Star"
Fancy Cancel

Cardington,
Ohio
Oct 7, 1876





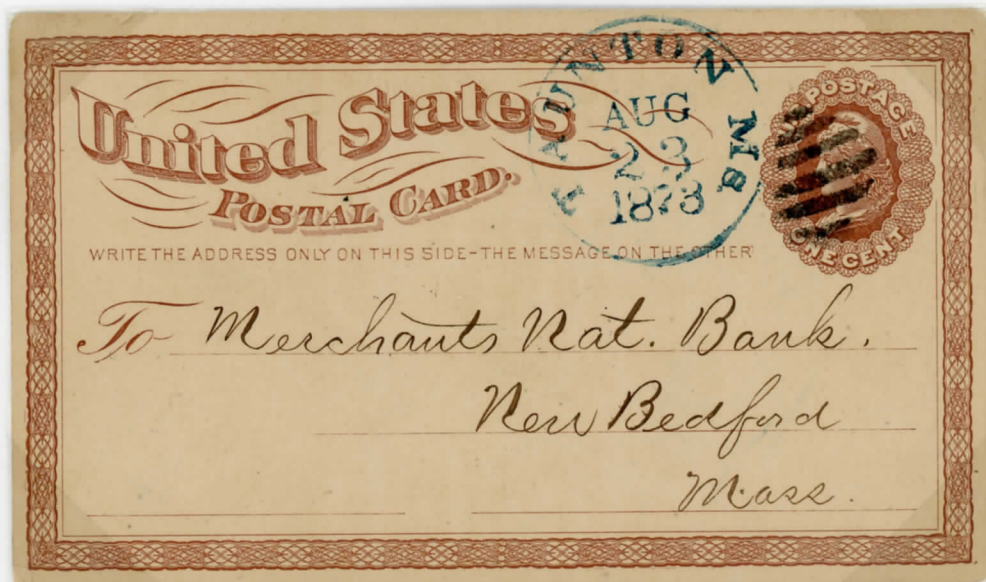
"Target"
Fancy Cancel
Cleveland, Ohio
Sept 10, 1875



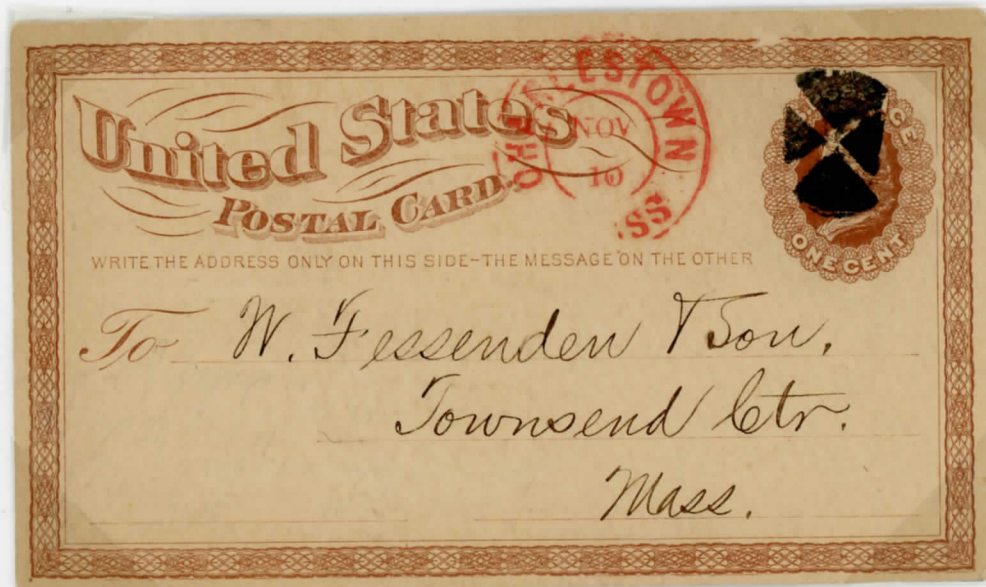
"Pointing Hand"
Fancy Cancel
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
April 30, 1874



"Pine Tree"
Fancy Cancel
Providence,
Rhode Island
March 5, 18--



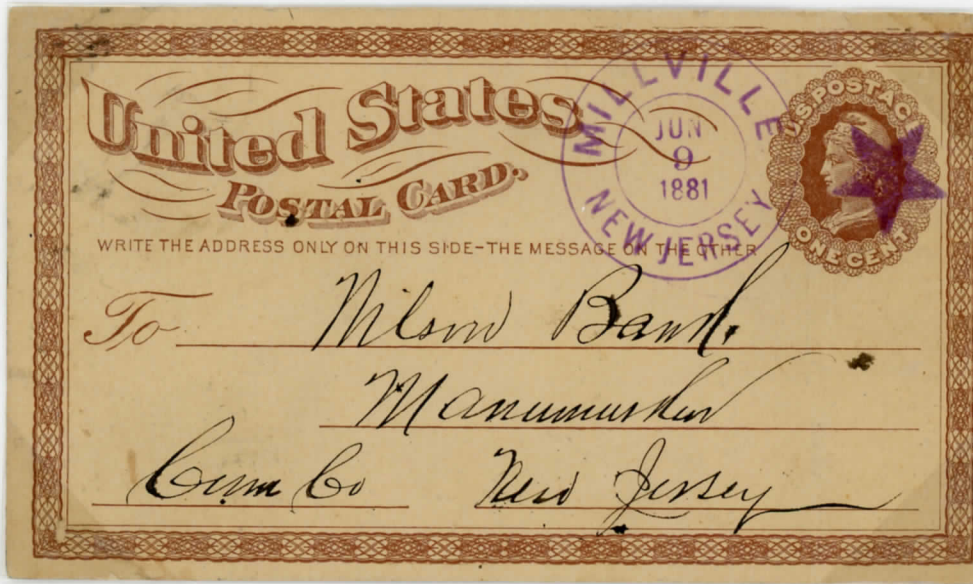
EARLY USE TWO-COLOR CANCEL, Taunton, Massachusetts, August 23, 1873. An exceptional blue dial with the year date displayed, unusual for the period.



EARLY USE TWO-COLOR CANCEL, Charlestown, Massachusetts, November 10, 1873. This card is featured as a scarce example of two-color cancellations in the book "A Contemporary Account of the First United States Postal Card 1870-1875," by Charles A. Fricke (page 132).



"Danbury Hat"
Fancy Cancel
Danbury,
Connecticut
May 14, 1874



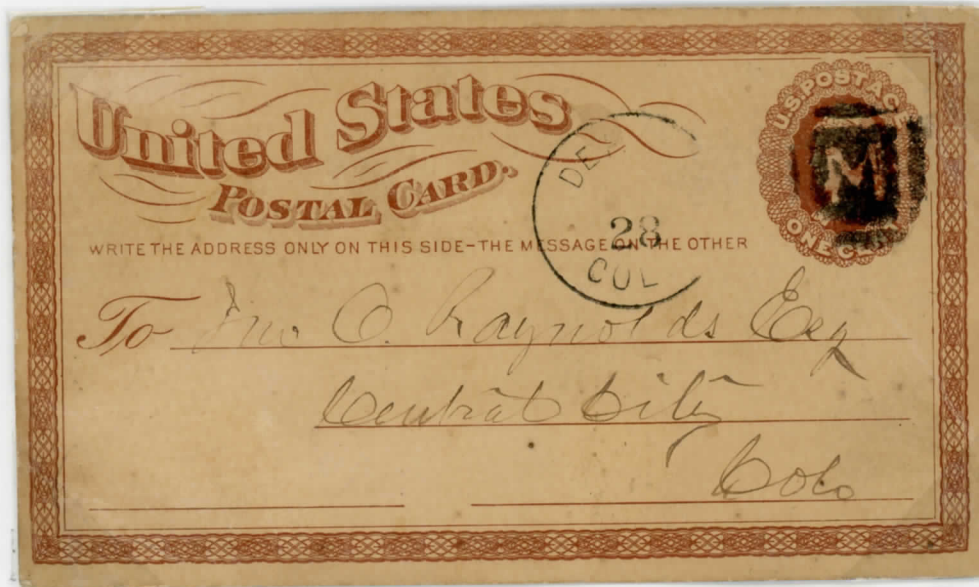
"Star & Dial"
Fancy Cancel
Millville,
New Jersey
June 9, 1881



"POD in Circle"
Fancy Cancel
Elyria, Ohio
March 11, 1875

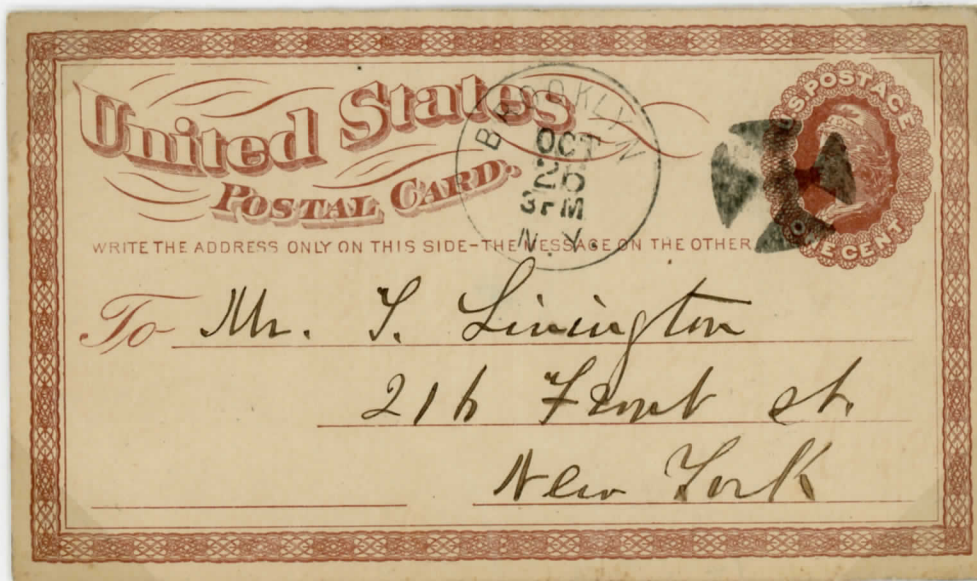


"Negative EAH" Fancy Cancel, Richfield Springs, N.Y., April 9, 1875. "EAH" are the initials of the Richfield Springs postmaster, Eugene A. Hurd.

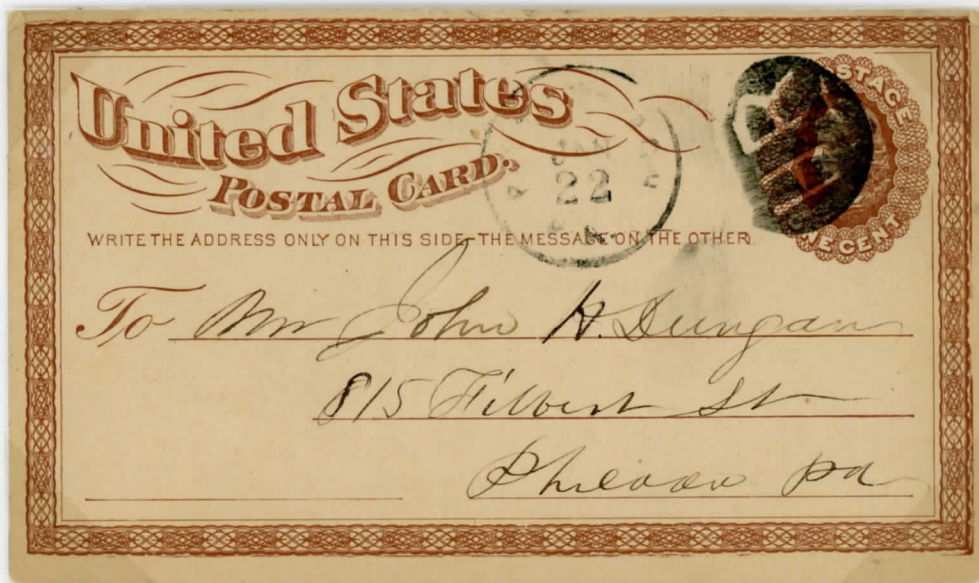


"Negative M in Square" TERRITORIAL Fancy Cancel, Denver, Colorado Territory, April (or May) 28, 1875. Reverse of card contains schedule of horse races for Denver Stock Association, and requests entries for trotting horses not later than May 24. Cancellation pictured in "The First Hundred Years of United States Territorial Postmarks 1787/1887," by Carroll Chase and Richard McP. Cabeen (page 103).

SUBTYPES



S2c - INVERTED WATERMARK, Brooklyn, N.Y., October 26, 18--,
"Geometric" Fancy Cancel.



S2c - INVERTED WATERMARK, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 22,
1874, "Negative HR" Fancy Cancel.



BIG-HOLE DAMAGE
Chicago Blue
Cancel

Chicago, Illinois
Jan 23, 1874



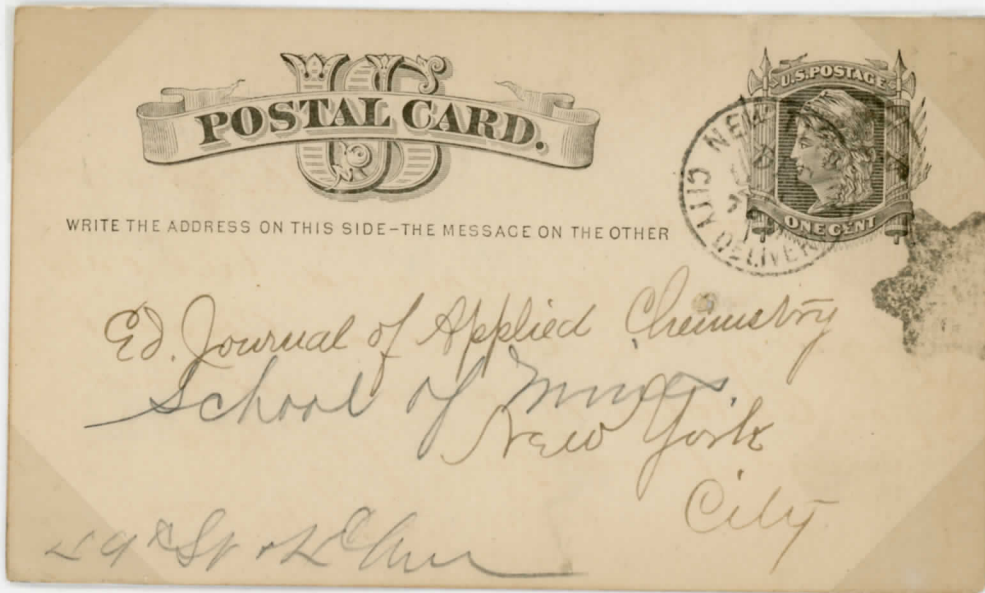
BIG-HOLE DAMAGE
"Negative 13"
Fancy Cancel

New York, N.Y.
March 11, 18--



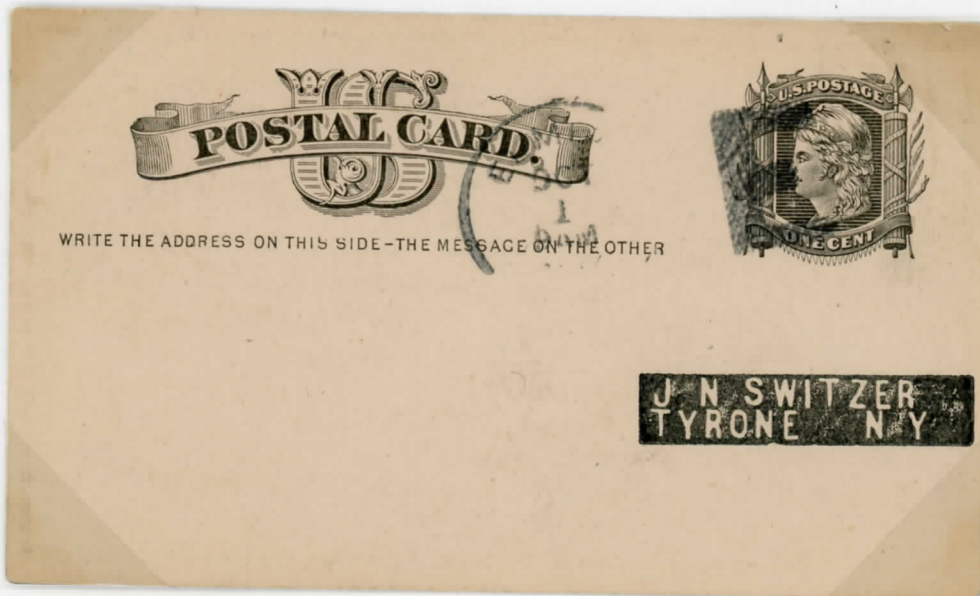
BIG-HOLE DAMAGE
"Target"
Fancy Cancel

Cincinnati, Ohio
Dec 8, 1873

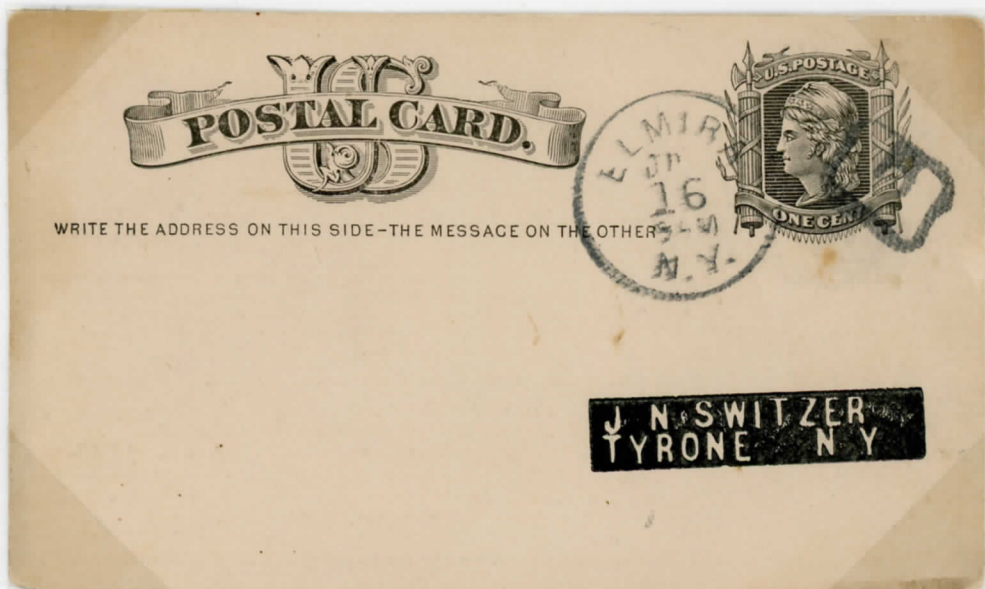


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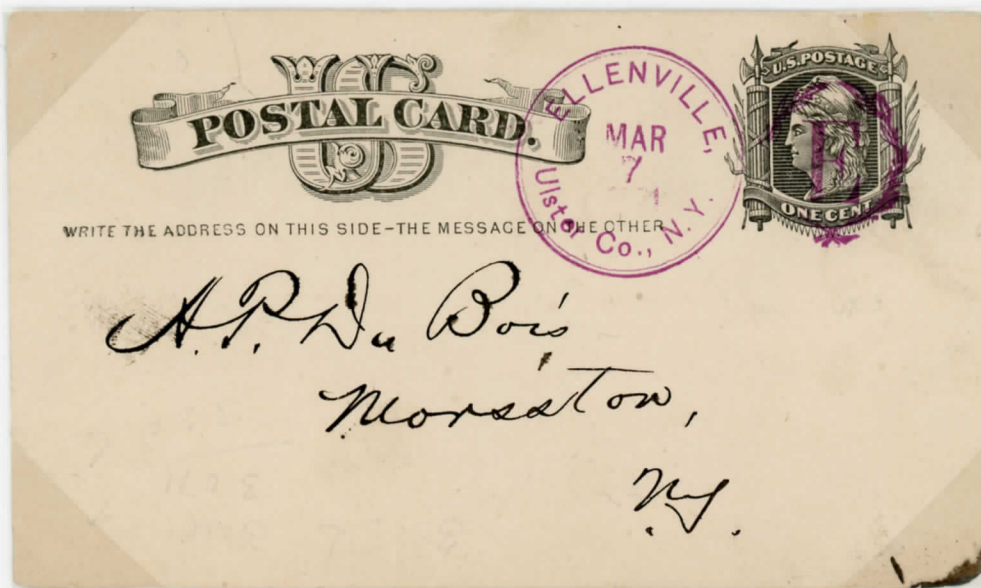
"6-point Star"
Fancy Cancel
New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Dec 20, 1875



"E" for Elmira
Fancy Cancel
Elmira, N.Y.
Oct 1, 1881



"E" for Elmira
Fancy Cancel
Elmira, N.Y.
July 16, 1881



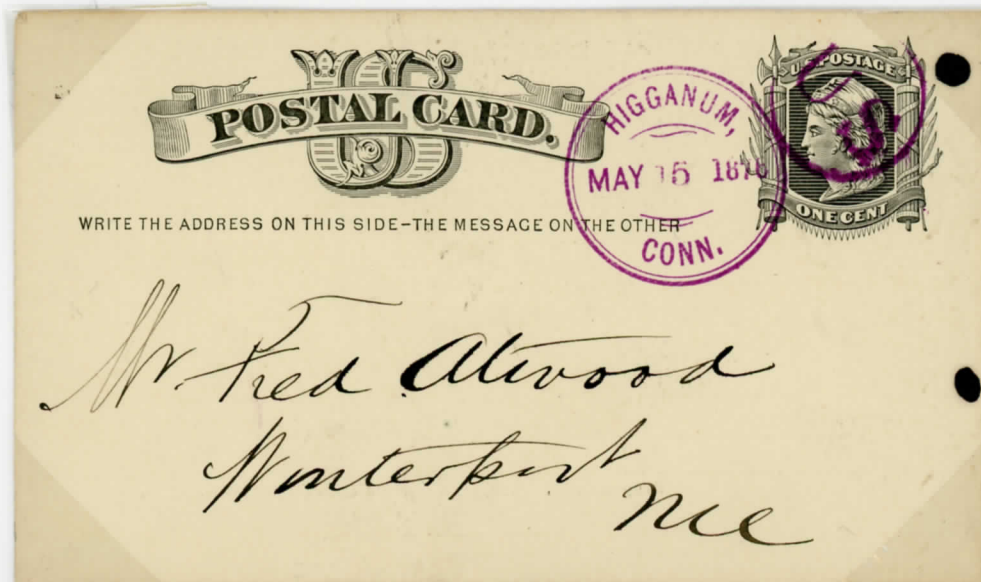
Herst #1959

"E" in Wreath
Fancy Cancel
Ellenville,
Ulster Co., N.Y.
March 7, 1881

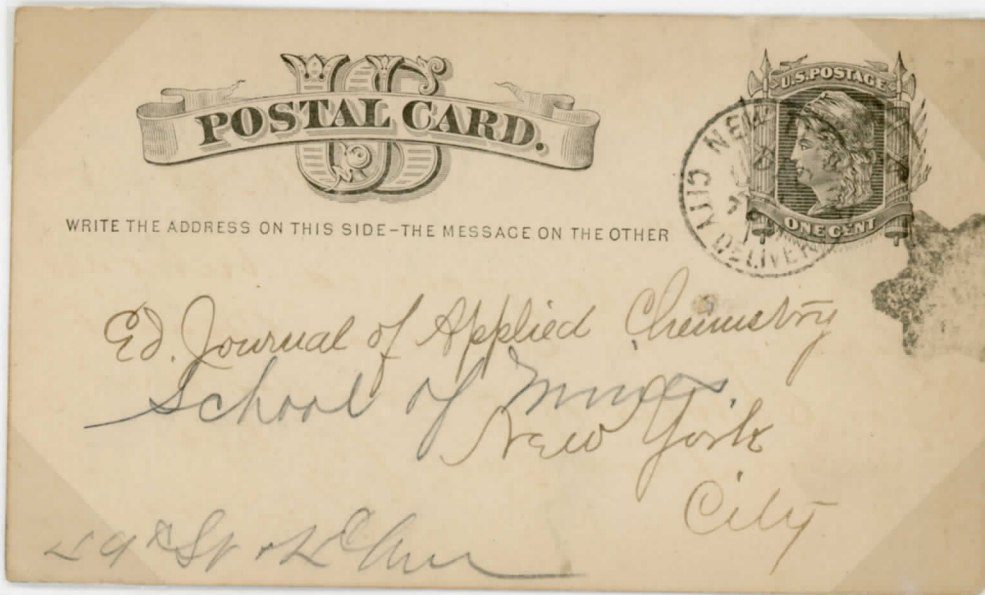


Herst #1265

"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Ashland, Ohio
Sept 12, 1879



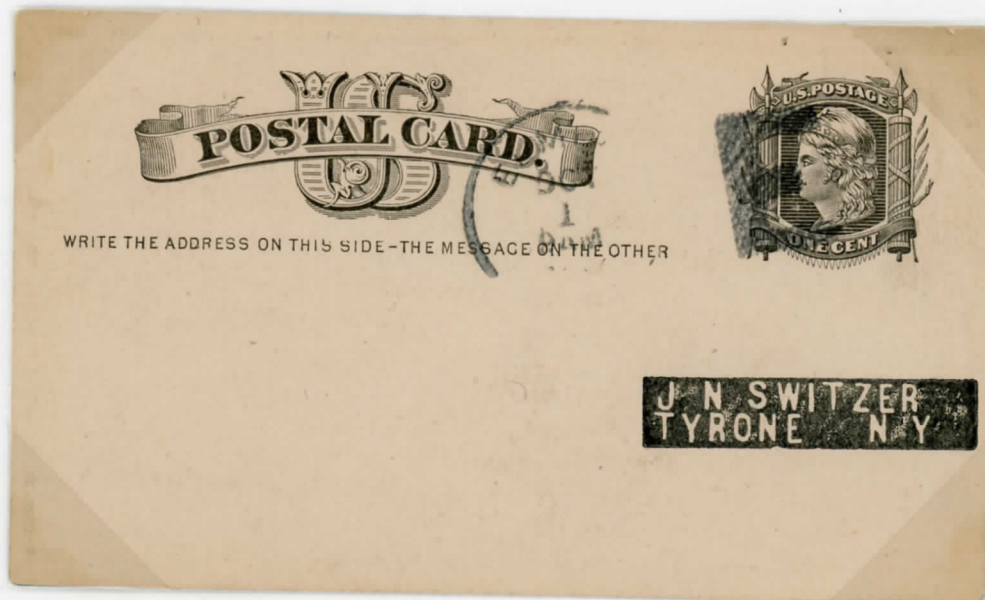
"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Higganum,
Connecticut
May 15, 1876



EARLY USE

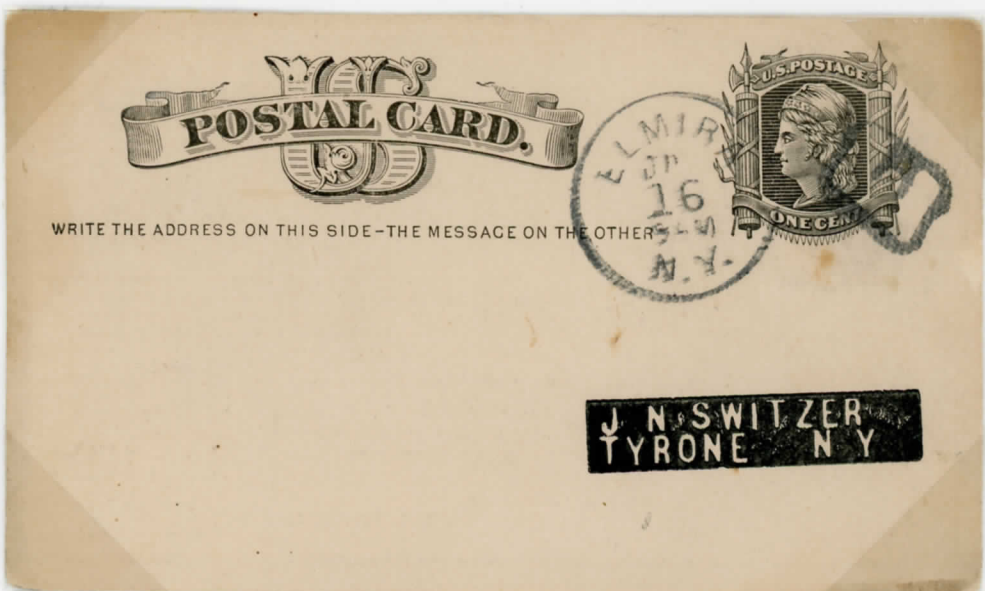
"6-point Star"
Fancy Cancel

New York City
Delivery, N.Y.
Dec 20, 1875



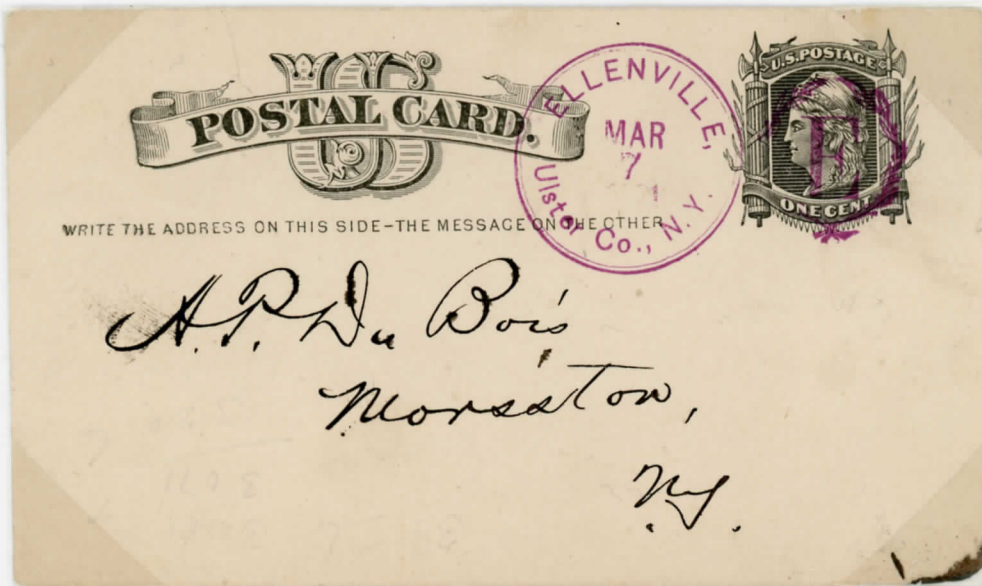
"E" for Elmira
Fancy Cancel

Elmira, N.Y.
Oct 1, 1881



"E" for Elmira
Fancy Cancel

Elmira, N.Y.
July 16, 1881



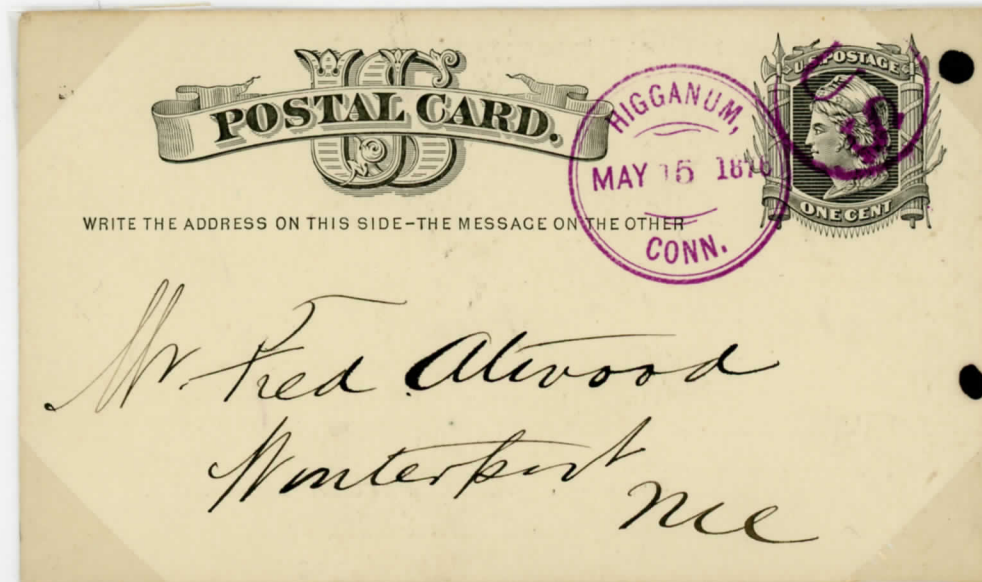
Herst #1959

"E" in Wreath
Fancy Cancel
Ellenville,
Ulster Co., N.Y.
March 7, 1881

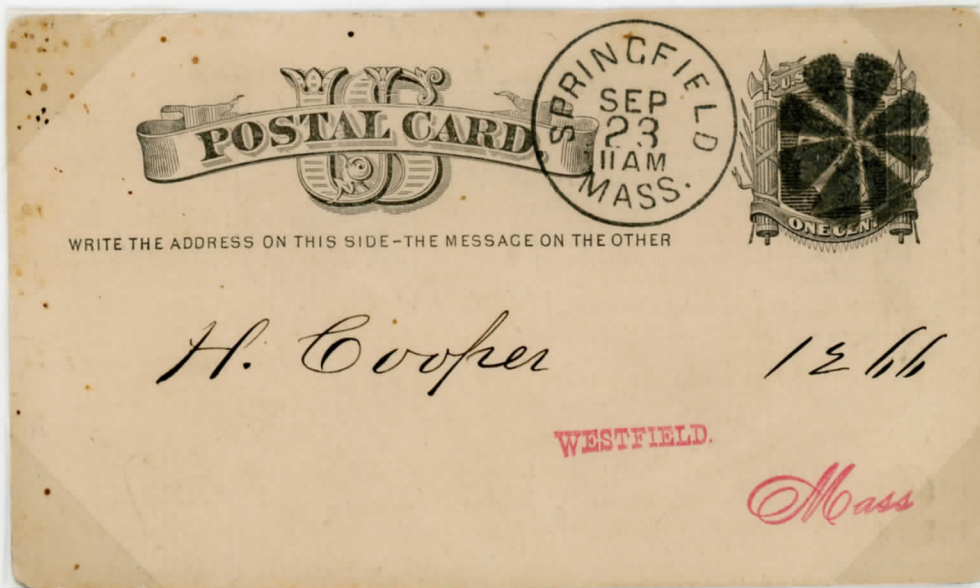


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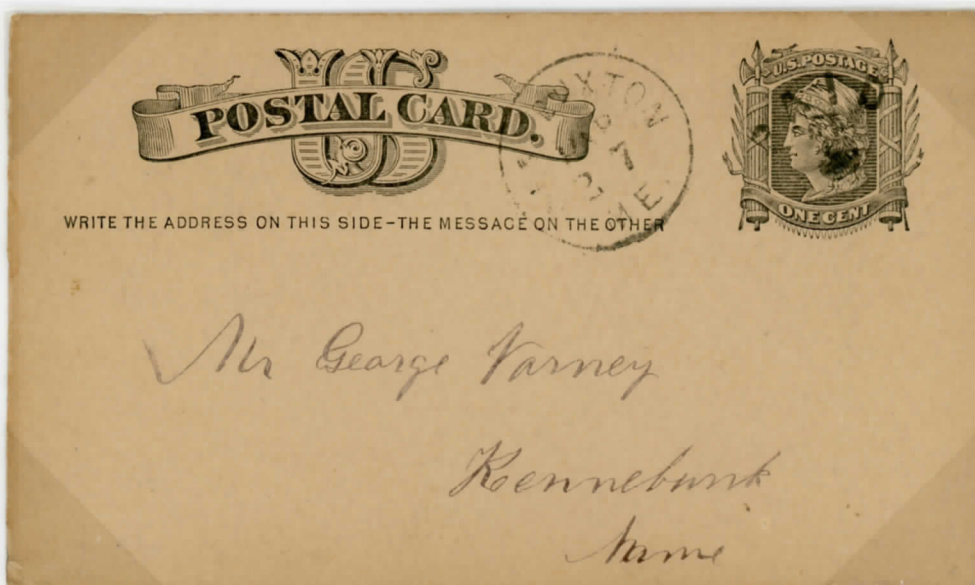
"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Ashland, Ohio
Sept 12, 1879



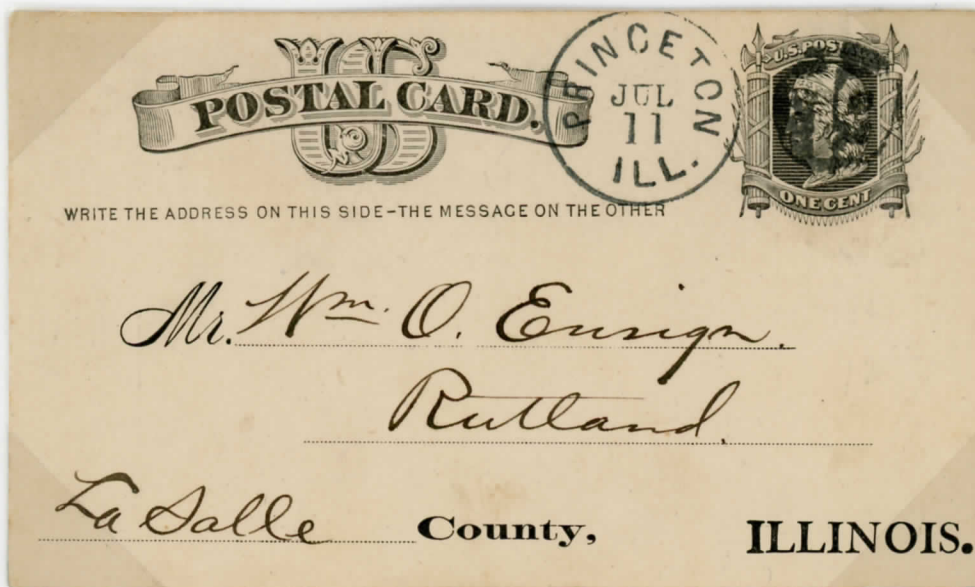
"Patriotic U.S."
Fancy Cancel
Higganum,
Connecticut
May 15, 1876



"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Springfield,
Massachusetts
Sept 23, 1881



"PAID"
Fancy Cancel
West Buxton,
Maine
March 27, 1878



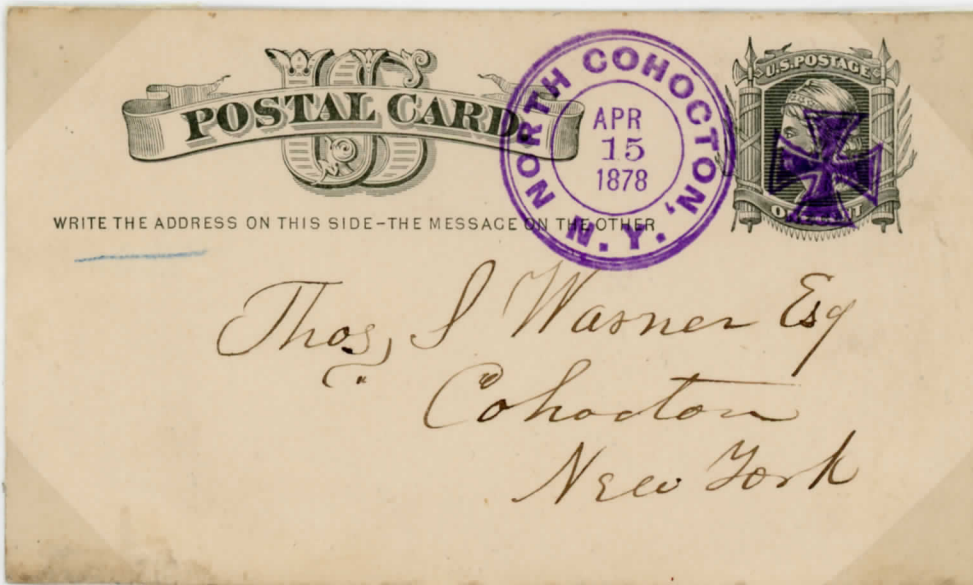
"79" Year Date
Fancy Cancel
Princeton,
Illinois
July 11, 1879



"Maltese Cross
& Star"
Double Fancy
Caledonia, N.Y.
April 20, 1880



"Maltese Cross
in Square"
Fancy Cancel
Putnam,
Connecticut
April 28, 1881



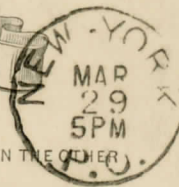
"Maltese Cross
& Dial"
Fancy Cancel
North Cohocton,
N.Y.
April 15, 1878



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

*J. W. Doyse
Monticello
Iowa*

"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
Cascade, Iowa
April 22, 1880



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

*J. F. Gibbons Esq
12 West Fourth St.
City*

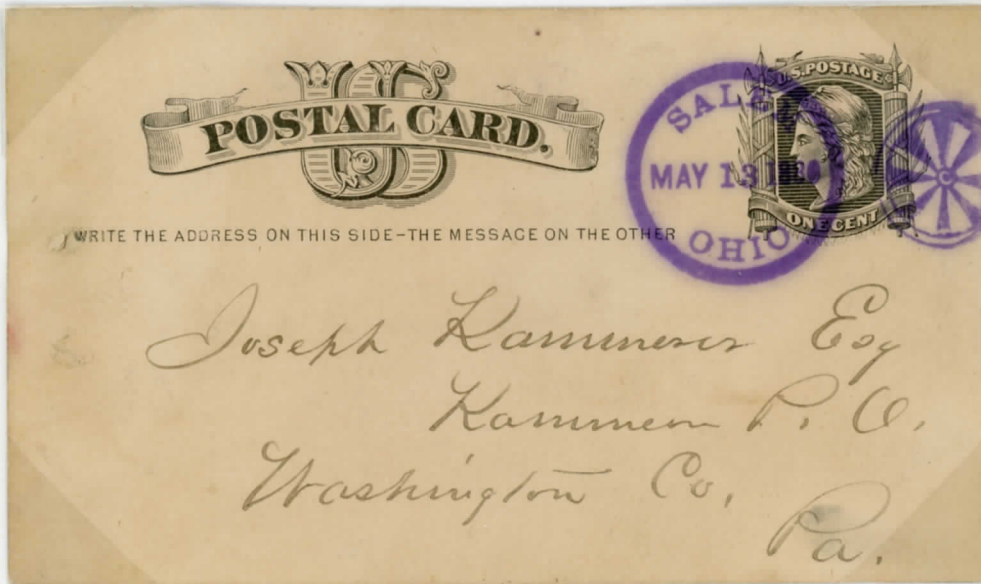
"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
New York, N.Y.
March 29, 1876



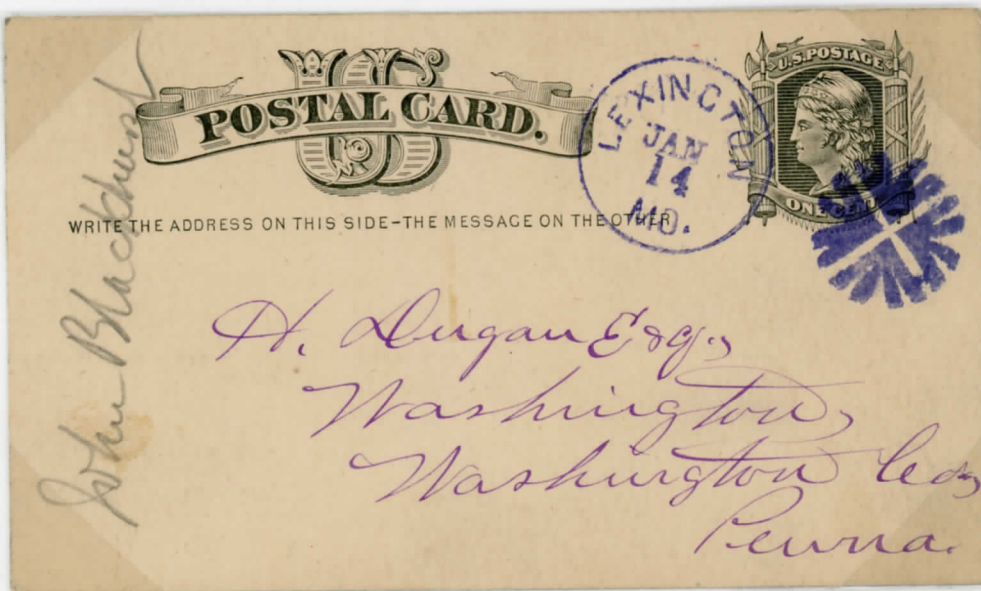
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

*M. C. G. Prince
Kushka
W.V.*

"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
La Junta,
Colorado
March 20, 1880



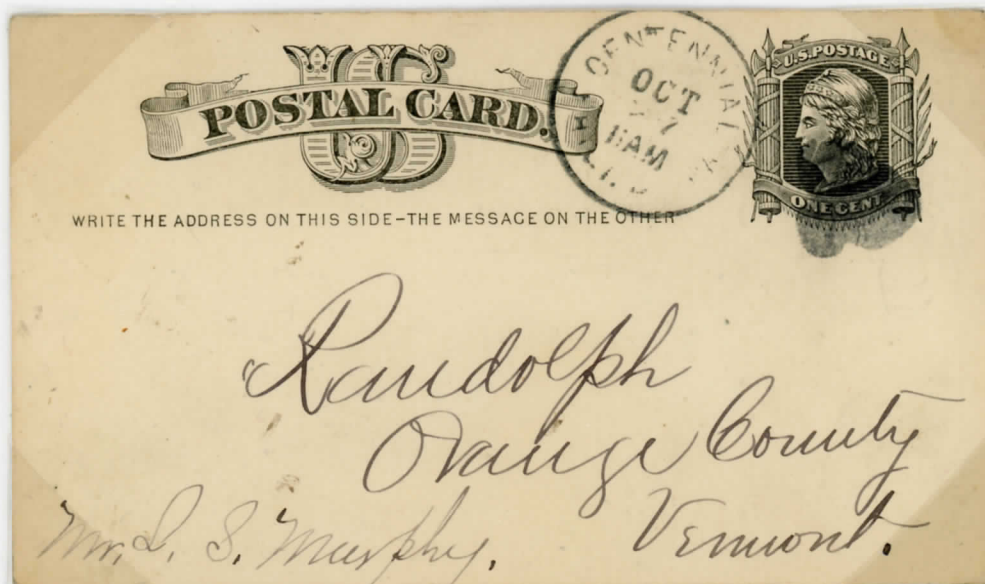
"Pinwheel"
Fancy Cancel
Salem, Ohio
May 13, 1880



"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Lexington,
Missouri
Jan 14, 1879



"OK" in Circle
Fancy Cancel
City of Sherman,
Texas
Oct 10, 1876



Type 2

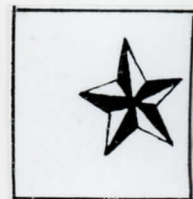
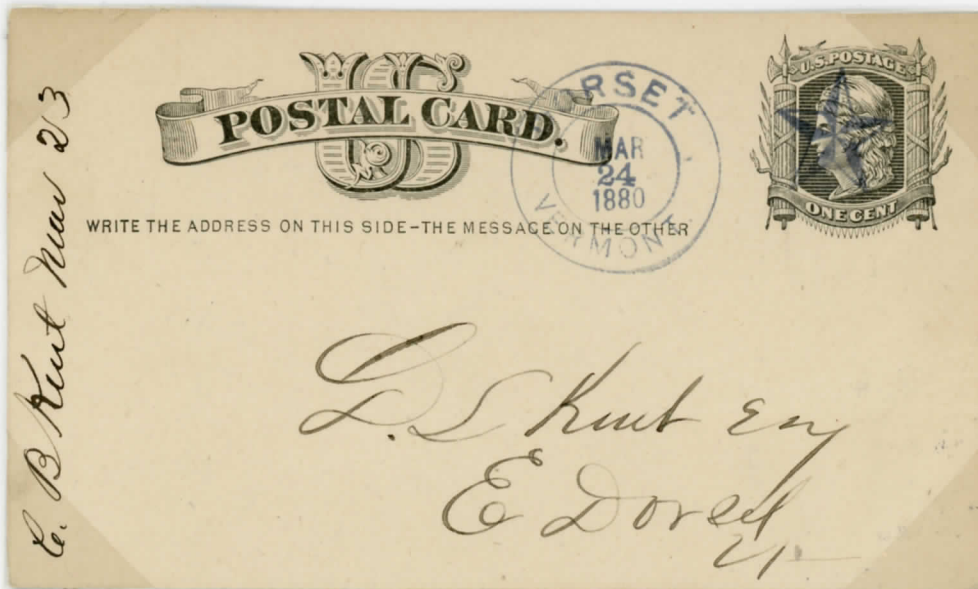
1876 CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION, "Heart" Fancy Cancel, October 27, 1876, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Scarcest dial of two types, with less than 25 examples recorded (valued at \$125 in 1968). "Heart" cancellation unlisted, possibly unknown. Reverse message written from Iowa House, Exposition grounds, probably a very rare postal card usage.

1876 Centennial International Exposition: The 100th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence was celebrated by an act of Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with an Exposition lasting from May 10 to November 10, 1876. The U.S. Government loaned \$1,500,000 to help defray costs, the city of Philadelphia contributed another million, the state of Maine added \$1,500,000 more, and many other states donated liberally. To purchase an admission ticket it was necessary to have the exact fee of 50¢ in hand, and a specially built railroad within the grounds transported visitors from area to area for an additional 5¢.

Little interest was expected from foreign nations, but to the surprise of many, there was widespread participation from nearly every country on the globe. On the 285-acre Exposition site, there were 30,864 exhibitors, of whom 8,175 represented the United States. Interestingly, 3,822 exhibits were sponsored by Spain and colonies; another 3,584 by Great Britain and colonies; with the balance distributed from around the world.

One of the most popular exhibits was the booth of gun manufacturer, the Remington Arms Company. In a quest for a new product line, Remington displayed at the Exposition a newly invented gadget called a typewriter. In Machinery Hall, a visitor could buy a previously prepared typewritten message for 25¢ and have it personalized with an address. Pretty girl typists, an attractive Remington booth, and supplies of Centennial envelopes attracted a long waiting line. At least two typewriters were used at the busy exhibit, but the hoped-for commercial result proved disappointing, as it would be many years before the typewriter gained acceptance.

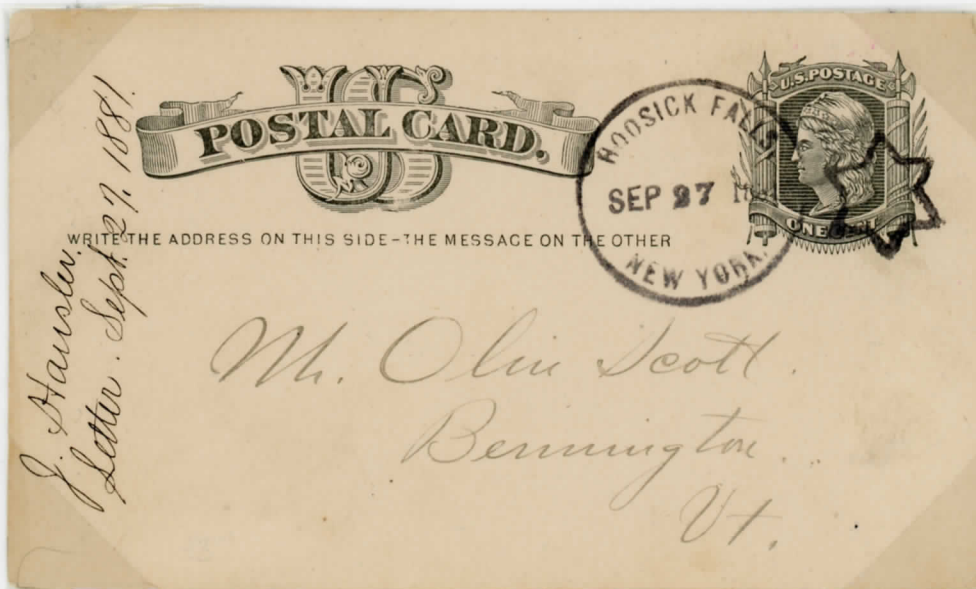
The Centennial Post Office in Government Building employed 10 letter carriers who made 7 deliveries a day, with hourly pickups from 50 boxes throughout the grounds. During the 159 days of the Expo (closed on Sundays), the total number of admissions was 9,910,966, with a daily average of over 62,000 visitors in attendance.



"Shaded Star"
Fancy Cancel

Dorset, Vermont
March 24, 1880

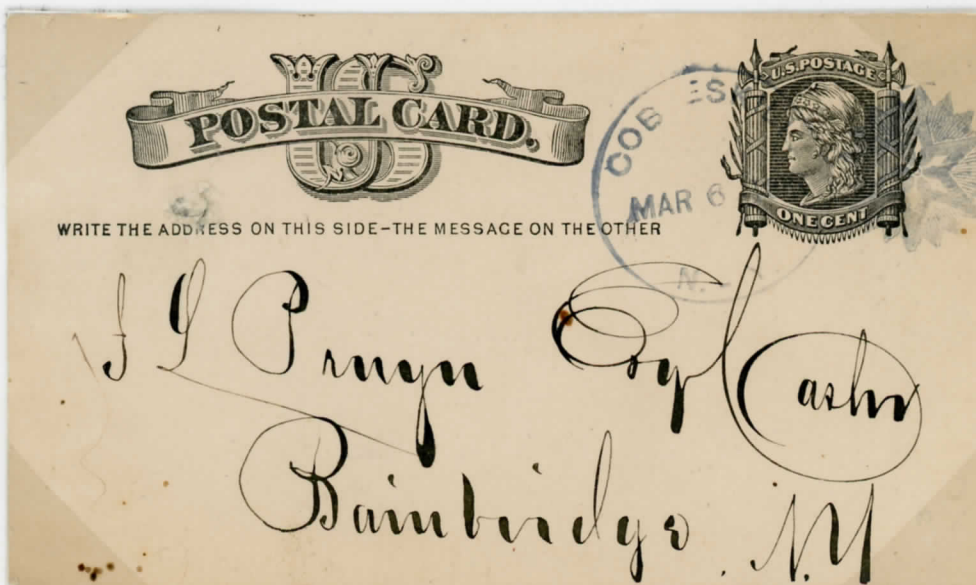
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"6-point
Outline Star"
Fancy Cancel

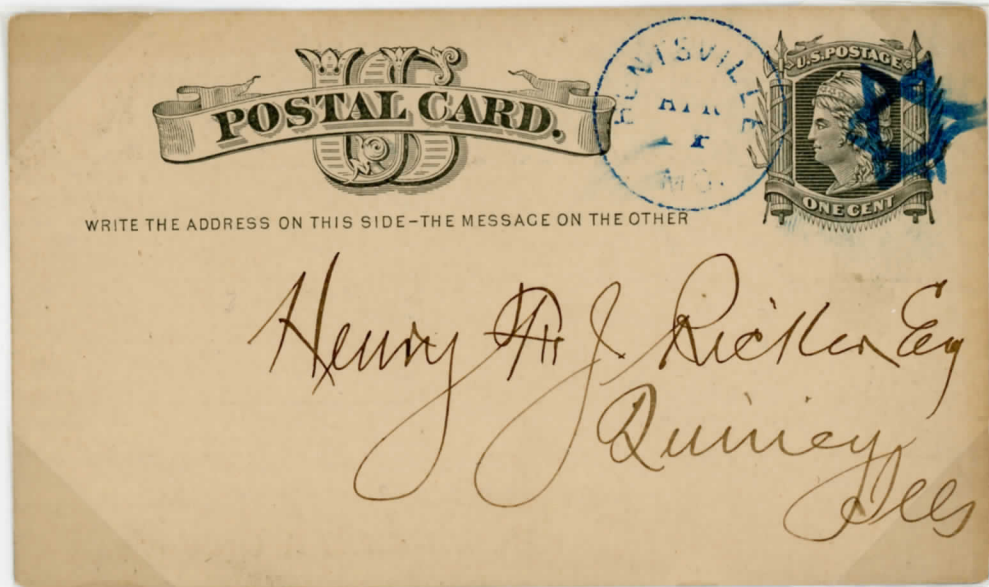
Hoosick Falls,
N.Y.
Sept 27, 1881

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Letter. Sept. 27, 1881.*



"Starburst"
Fancy Cancel

Cobleskill, N.Y.
March 6, 1882

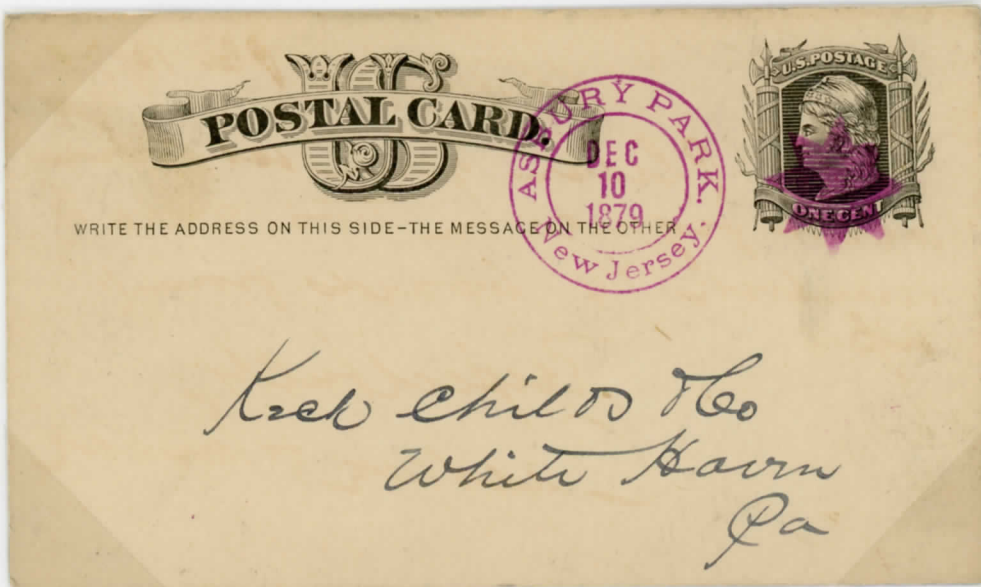


"Star of David"
Fancy Cancel
Huntsville,
Missouri
April 14, 1879

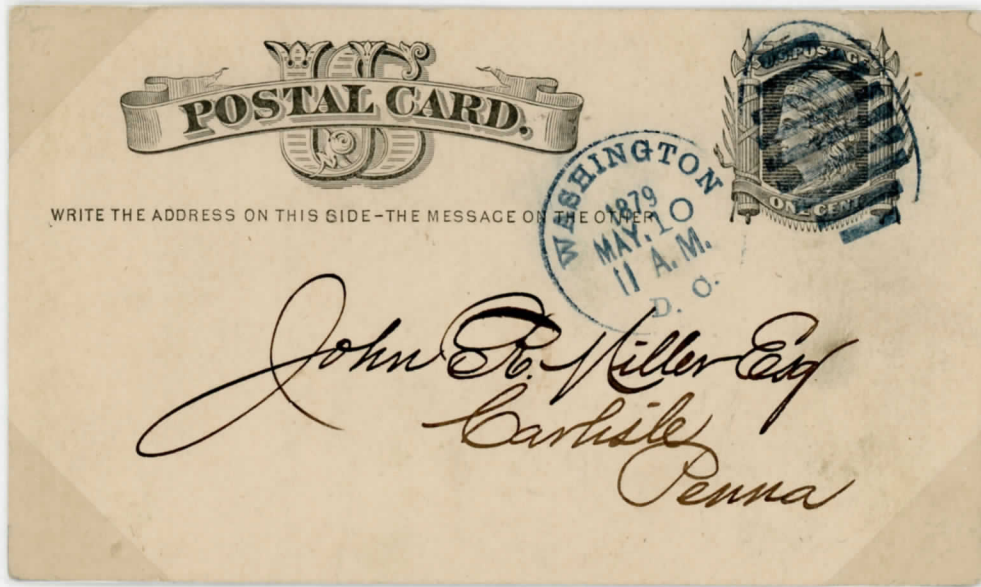


SCARCE COLOR

"Brown Star"
Fancy Cancel
Bath, Steuben
County, N.Y.
May 19, 1881



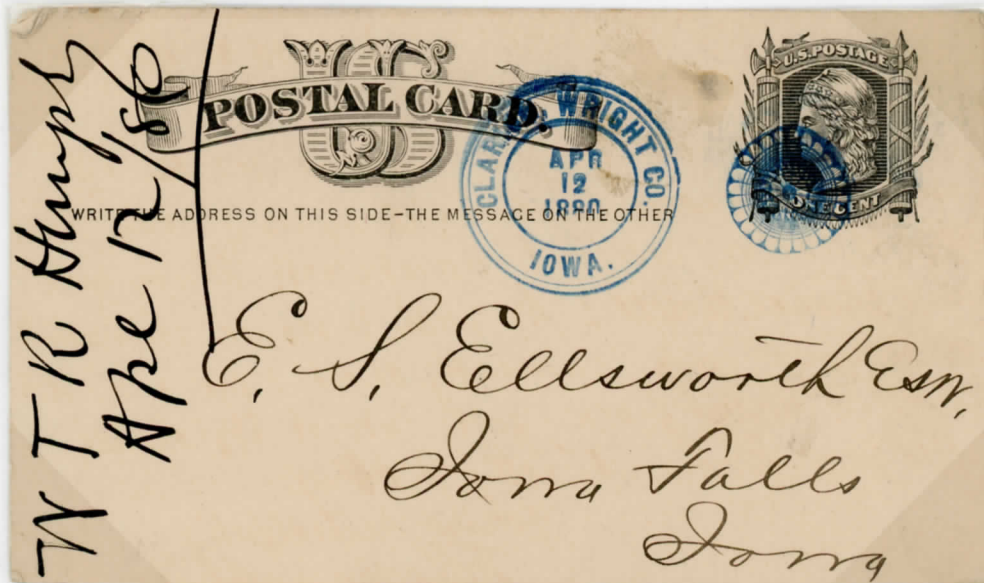
"8-point Star"
Fancy Cancel
Asbury Park,
New Jersey
Dec 10, 1879



"Grid"
Fancy Cancel
Washington, D.C.
May 10, 1879



"Hat"
Fancy Cancel
Monticello,
Florida
Nov 29, 1879



"Wheel of Fortune"
Fancy Cancel
Clarion, Wright
County, Iowa
April 12, 1880

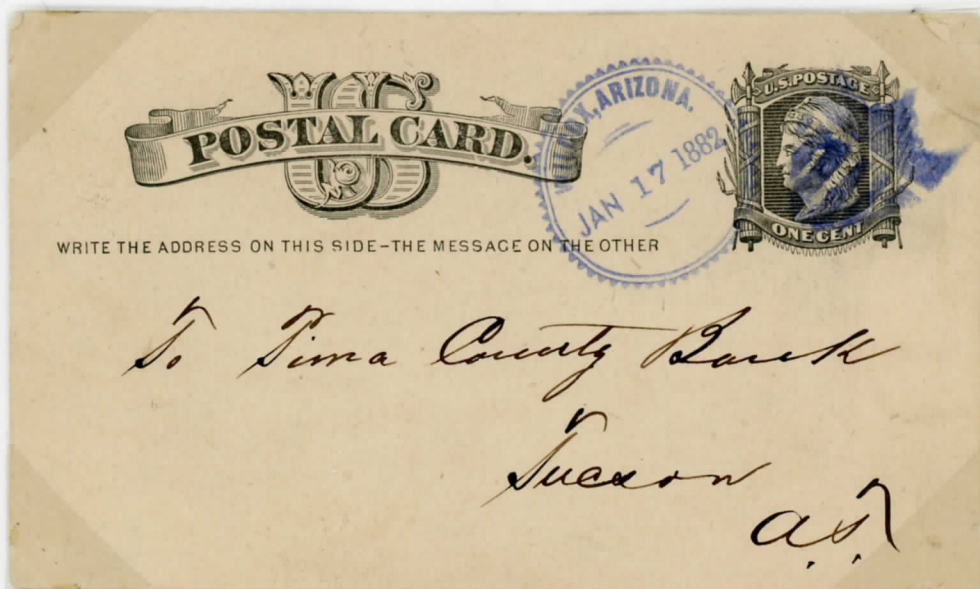




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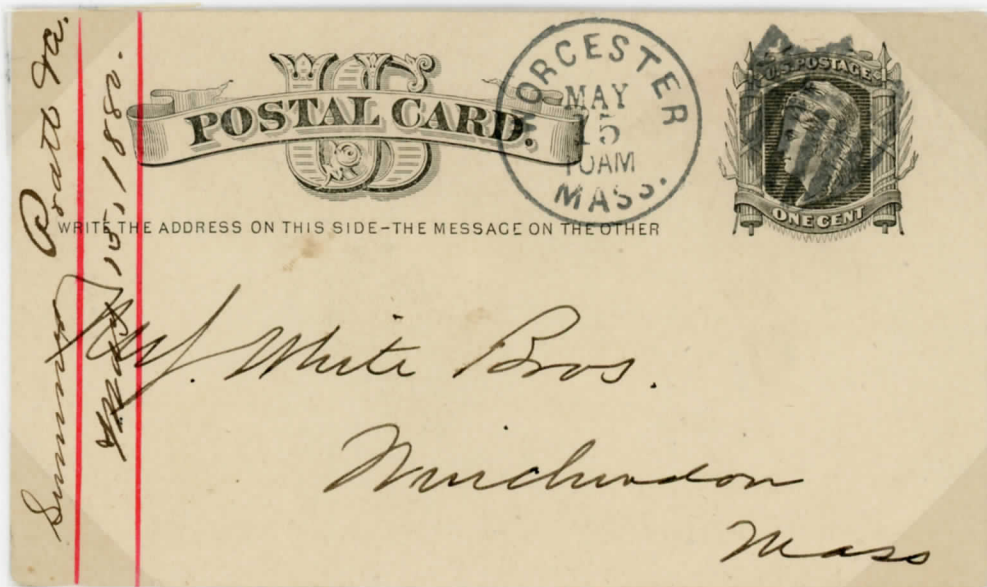
"Eagle on Shield"
Fancy Cancel

Hartford,
Connecticut
March 19, 1877



"Shield"
Fancy Cancel

Wilcox,
Arizona Territory
Jan 17, 1882



Herst #1182

"Shield"
Fancy Cancel

Worcester,
Massachusetts
May 15, 1880



To: Liverpool, England

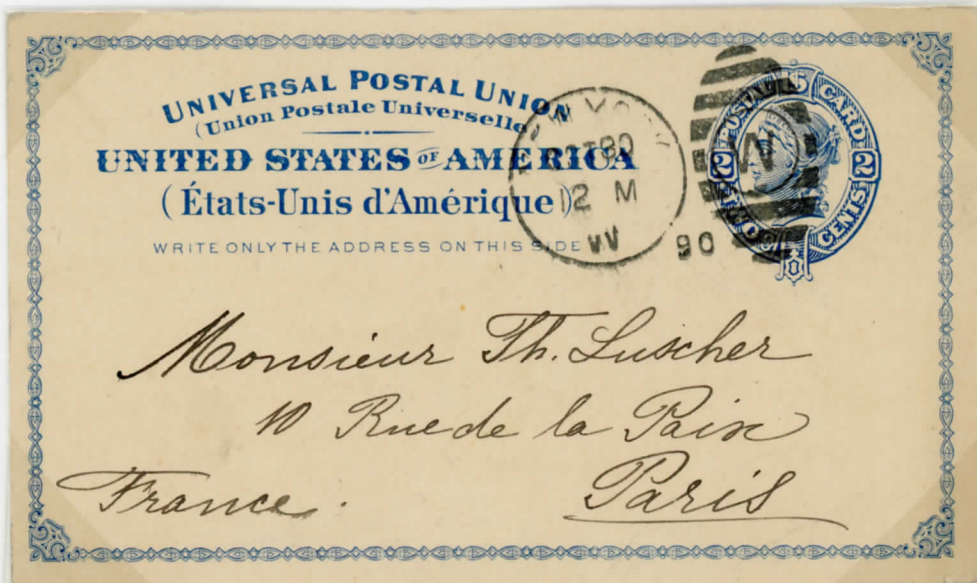
"U.S. PACKET" MARKING

Baltimore, Maryland
June 14, 1880



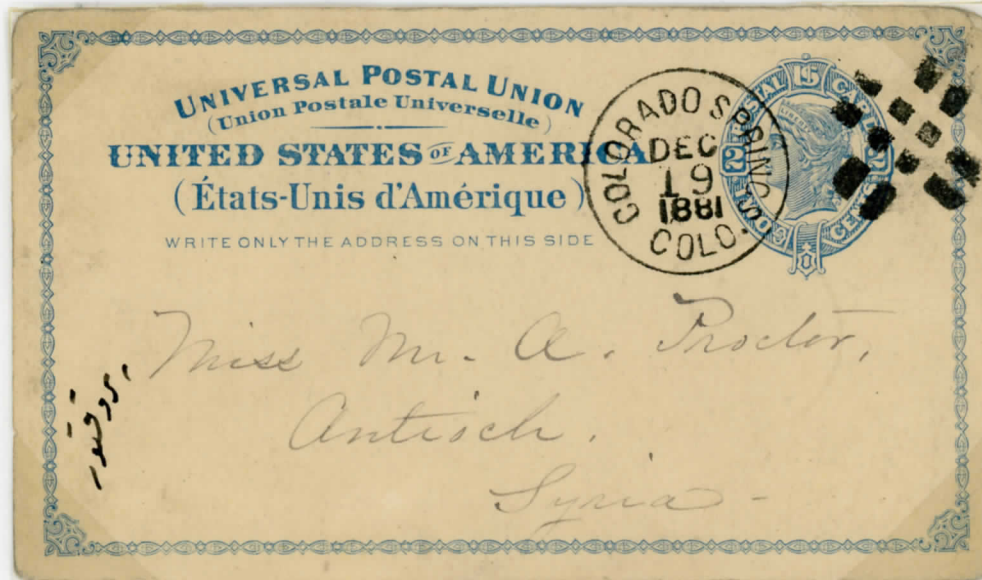
To: Leipzig, Germany

Boston, Massachusetts
Dec 14, 1880

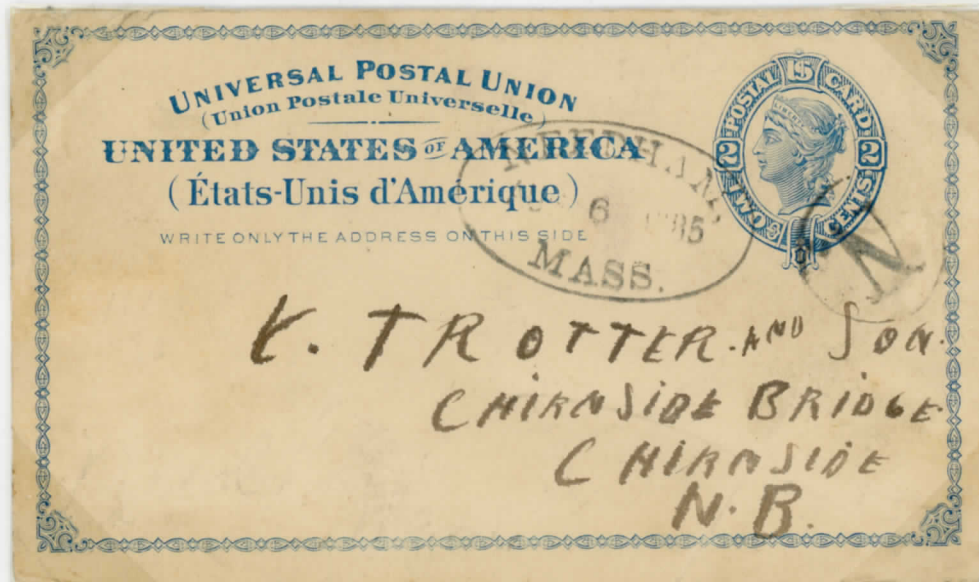


To: Paris, France

New York, N.Y.
Oct 30, 1890

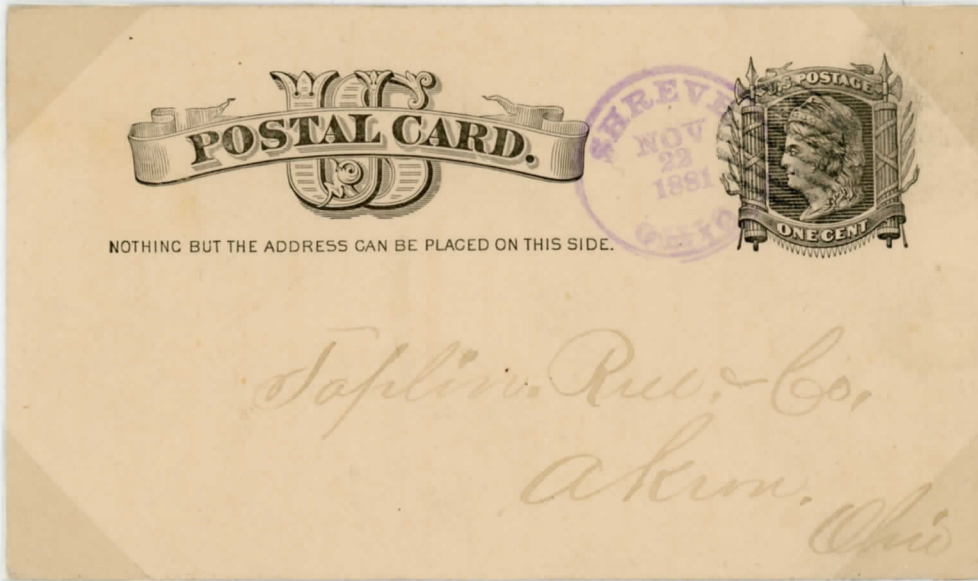


To: **Antioch, Syria**, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dec 19, 1881. For copies of UX 6 mailed to countries other than Europe, such as the one above, the catalog suggests adding 50% to 150% as a minimum premium. "Geometric" Fancy Cancel.



To: **Chirnside (?)**, **New Brunswick, Canada**, from Needham, Massachusetts, August 6, 1885. Prior to the birth of the UPU, a postal convention was agreed upon by the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland, regulating the rate at 2 cents each for the exchange of postal cards. While Canada was not among the early UPU member-nations, this card technically provided the correct rate to cross our northern border. Letter "N" Fancy Cancel.

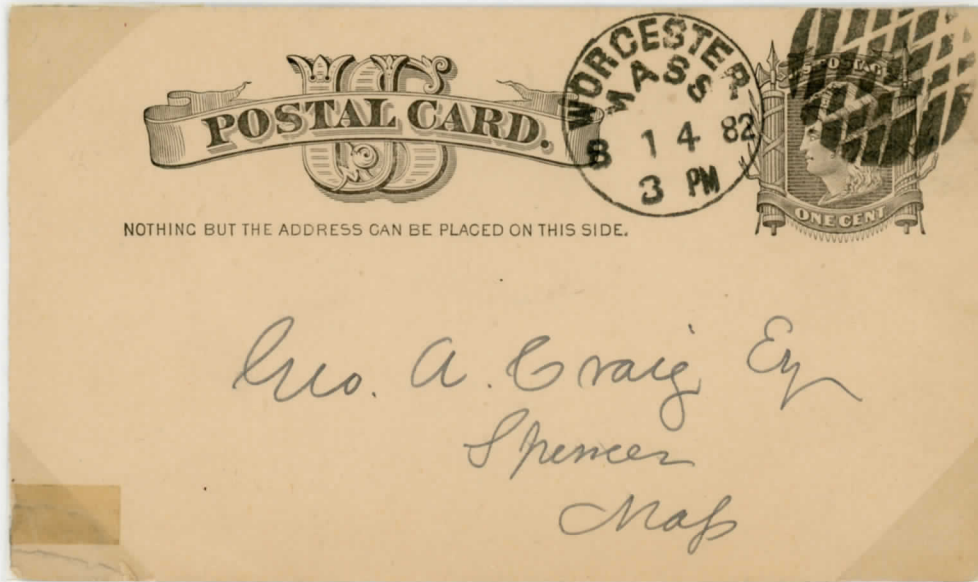




TWO-COLOR
CANCEL

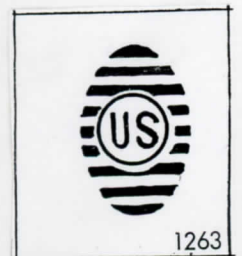
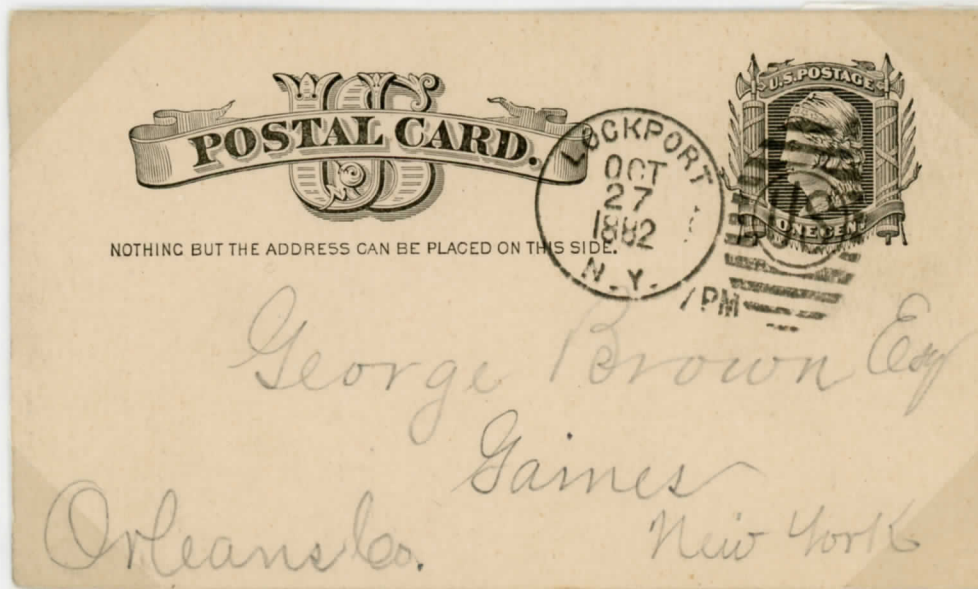
EARLY USE

Shreve, Ohio
Nov 22, 1881



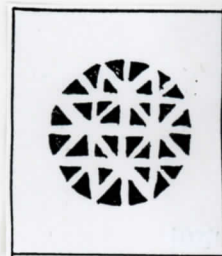
"Wesson" early
time marking
(patented Nov 22,
1881 by Walter
Wesson, clerk
in Worcester
Post Office)

Worcester,
Massachusetts
Aug 14, 1882



Herst #1263

"US in Oval"
Fancy Cancel
Lockport, N.Y.
Oct 27, 1882

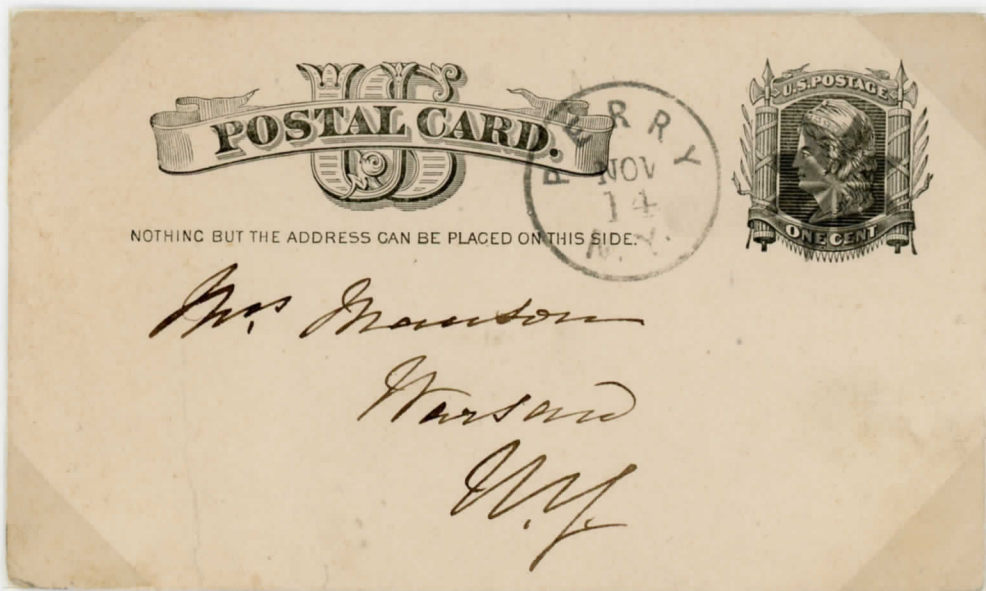


Similar

"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Putnam,
Connecticut
July 25, 1883



"Grid"
Fancy Cancel
St. Johnsbury,
Vermont
April 25, 18--

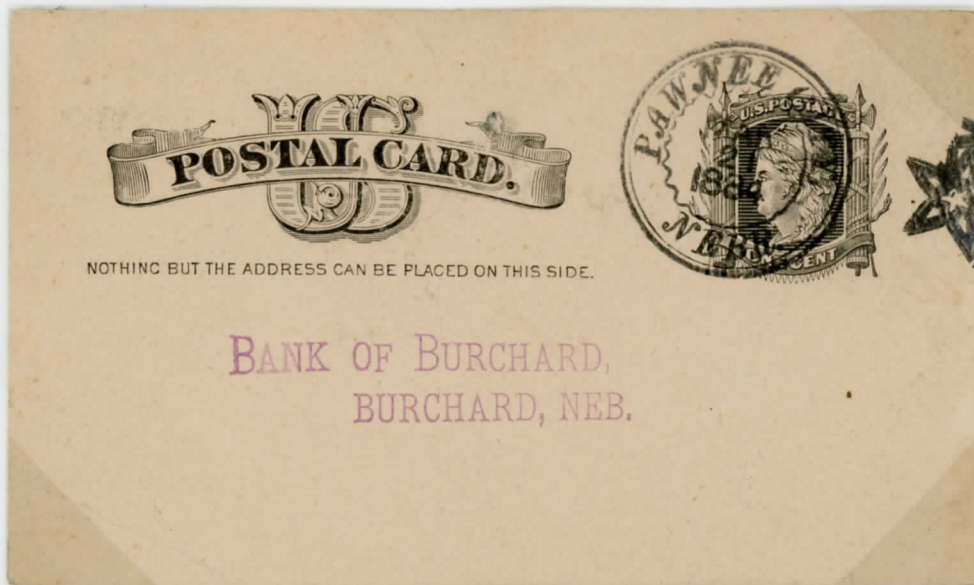


Perry, NY
Cole #GST-34

"Rosette"
Fancy Cancel
Perry, N.Y.
Nov 14, 1883



"Shaded Star"
Fancy Cancel
Middletown
Springs, Vermont
Aug 23, 1883



Cole #STU-7
"Star-within-a
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Fancy Cancel
Pawnee City,
Nebraska
March 21, 1884



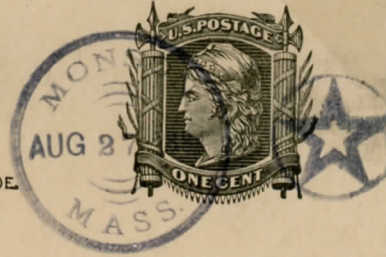
"Star & Dial"
Fancy Cancel
Coudersport,
Potter County,
Pennsylvania
Aug 20, 1883



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Rev. Mr. Sayton
Mattituck.
L. I.

"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
Cutchogue,
Suffolk County,
N.Y.
March 12, 1883



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Mrs. L. E. Cummings,
Concord,
N. H.
Box 421.

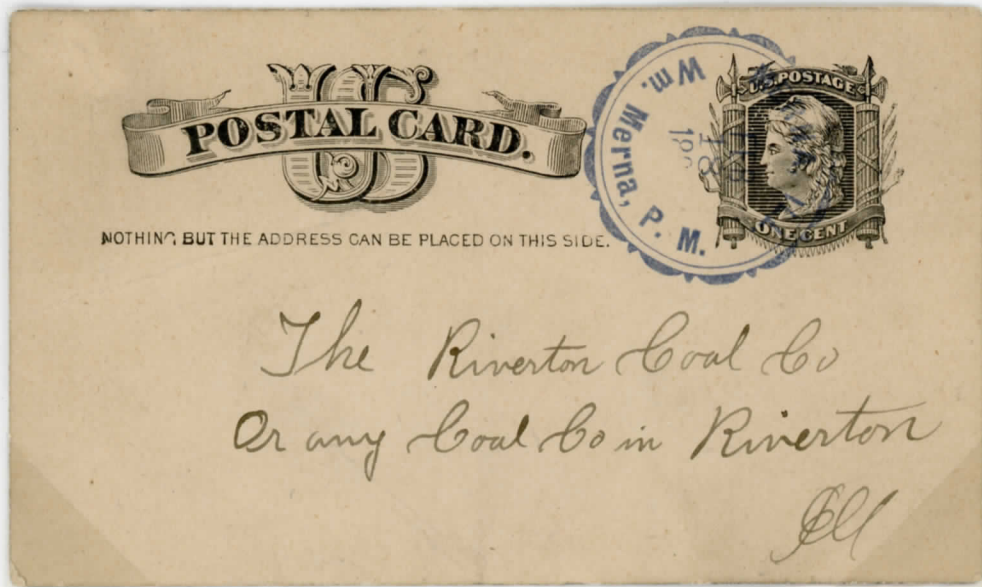
"Star-within-a
Star"
Fancy Cancel
Monson,
Massachusetts
Aug 27, 1884



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

B. H. Stanley, Esq.
Cayenovia

PRINTING SMEAR
ON LIBERTY
STAMP DESIGN



Design sold by
vendor F.P. Hammond
of Illinois

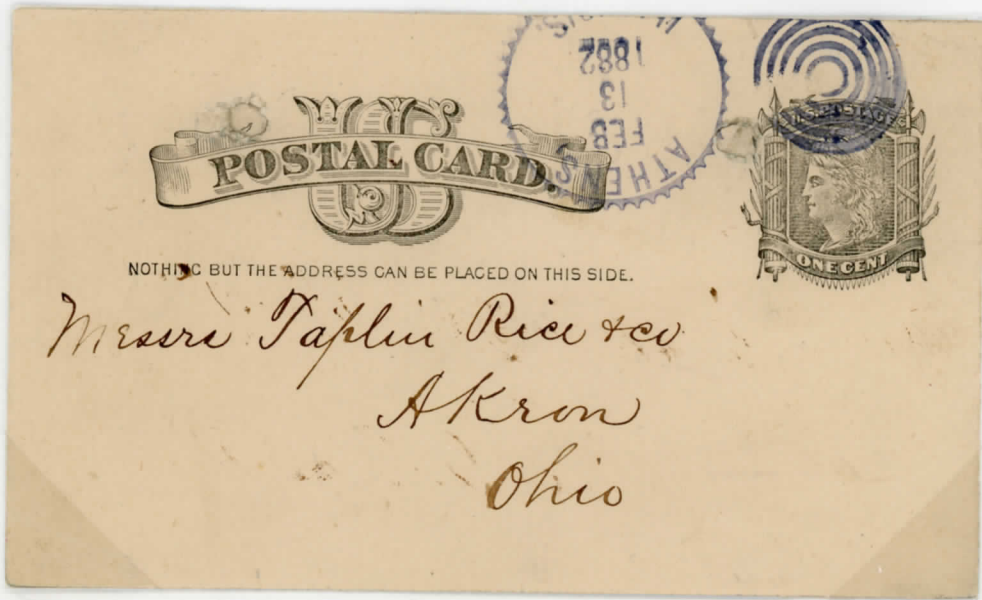
Wm. Merna, P.M.
Merna, Illinois
Feb 18, 188-

In 1880, the "U.S. Official Postal Guide" became a monthly publication, with a huge January edition (several hundred pages) followed by supplements throughout the rest of the year. All of the enlarged January editions carried advertising from private vendors who attempted to sell postmarking devices to local post office personnel. At first, the devices were made of soft cork carved into designs that appealed to postmasters; later brass, steel, or rubber instruments were more widely promoted.

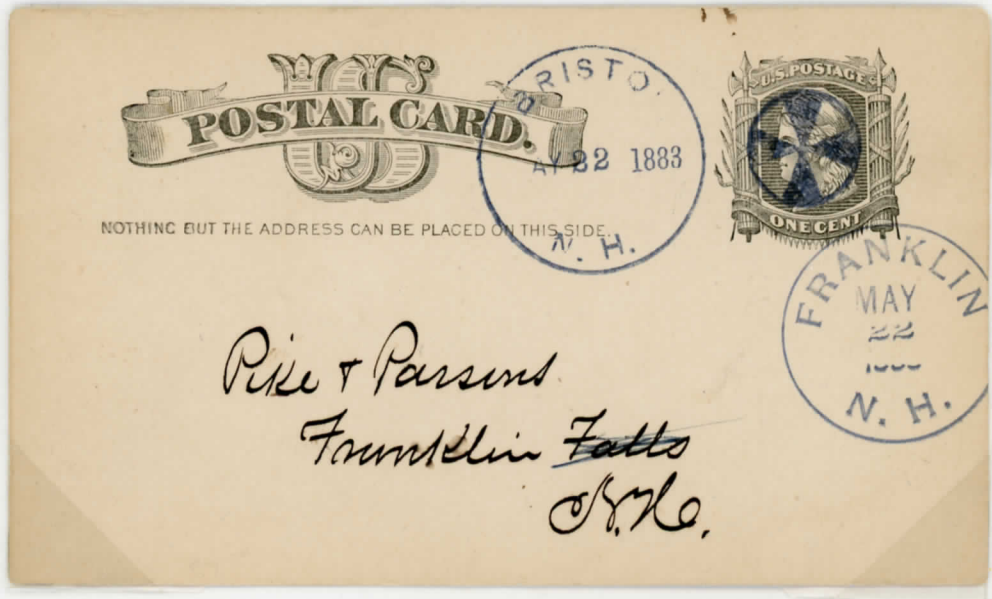
The process of making datestamps from vulcanized rubber roughly coincided with this era, and grew especially popular with the advent of "wheel of fortune" (or "doily") killers during the 1880s. Approximately 700 small post offices favored the rubber "wheel of fortune" device, and a myriad of other fourth-class offices adopted rubber "stars," "pinwheels," or designer dials featuring the name of their county or postmaster. To procure an artistic device, a local postmaster could purchase from a vendor a small, inexpensive kit which included molds from which several styles of killers could be fashioned. Perhaps the most celebrated rubber design is the "kicking mule" cancel which originated in San Francisco and was sold only in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1883, the U.S. Post Office Department suddenly banned the use of rubber devices, requiring that postage stamps be canceled only with a black printing ink (which was not compatible with rubber stamps) and offering each local office a \$5 credit toward obtaining a metal government device. Since Washington did not have sufficient congressional funding to follow up on its promise to supply these uniform metal devices, local postmasters did not take the ban too seriously. The recommended black ink tended to clog or destroy each postmaster's privately-owned rubber instrument, so cancellations continued to flourish in a rainbow of red, blue, and purple inks. The colorful rubber markings eventually regained acceptance again within a few years.

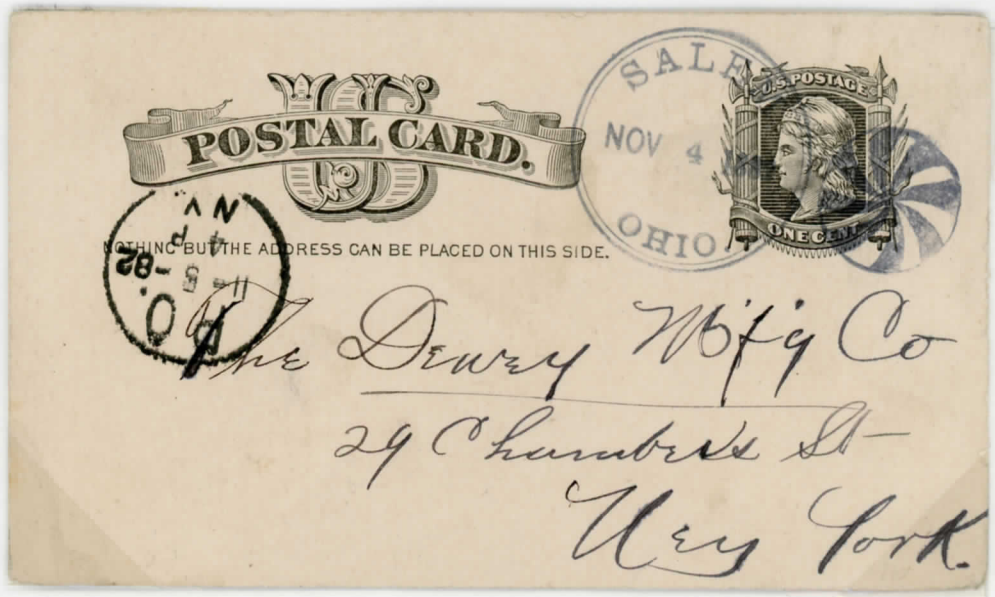
The January 1886 "Postal Guide" listed 51,919 post offices across the United States, of which 49,671 were small, fourth-class establishments (earning less than \$1,000 in revenue annually), many of which employed their own fancy cancels devised from these private vendor kits.



"Target & Dial"
Fancy Cancel
Athens, Illinois
Feb 13, 1882



"Pinwheel"
Fancy Cancel
Bristol,
New Hampshire
May 22, 1883

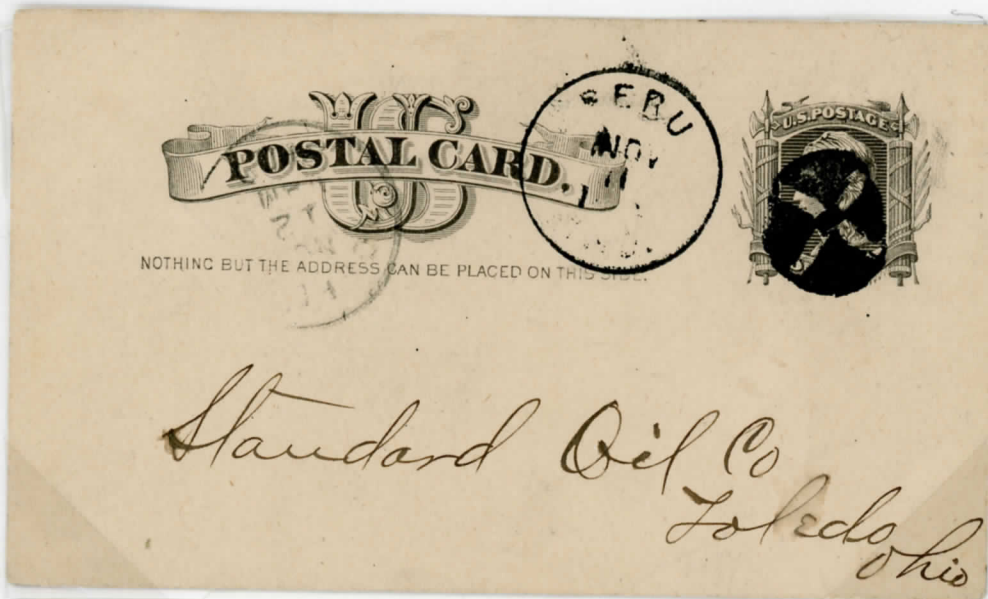


"Pinwheel"
Fancy Cancel
Salem, Ohio
Nov 4, 1882

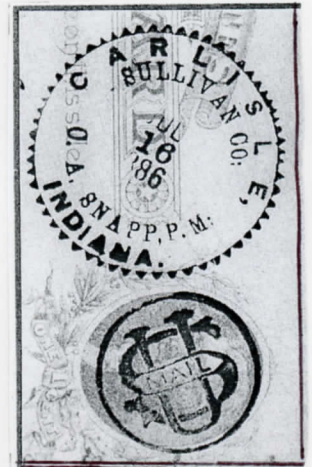


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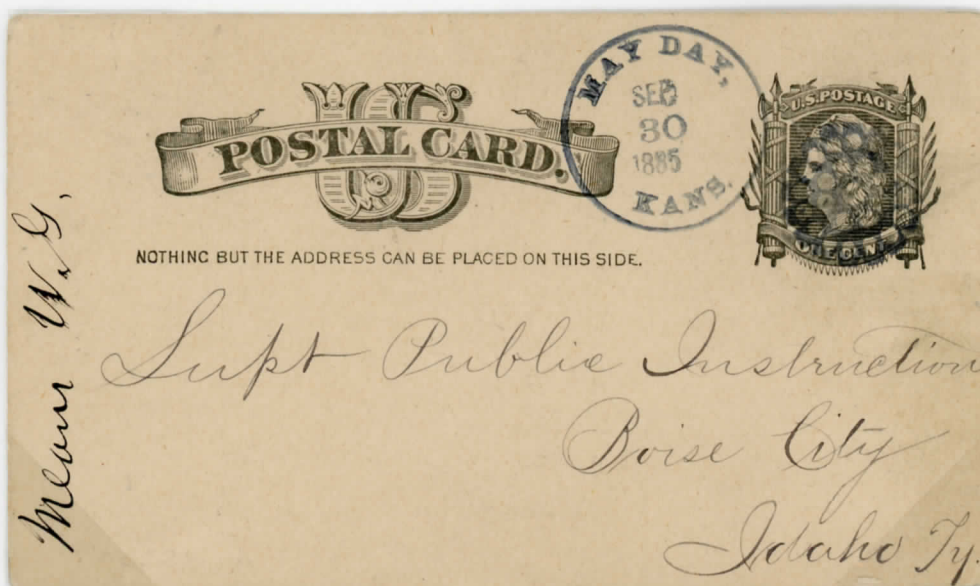
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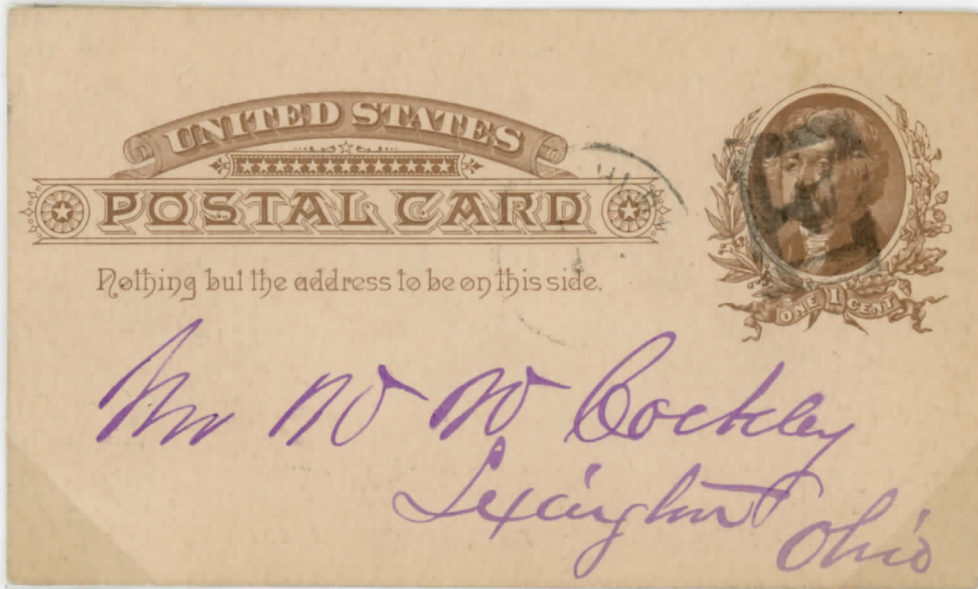
"Pinwheel"
Fancy Cancel
Peru, Indiana
Nov 11, 1884



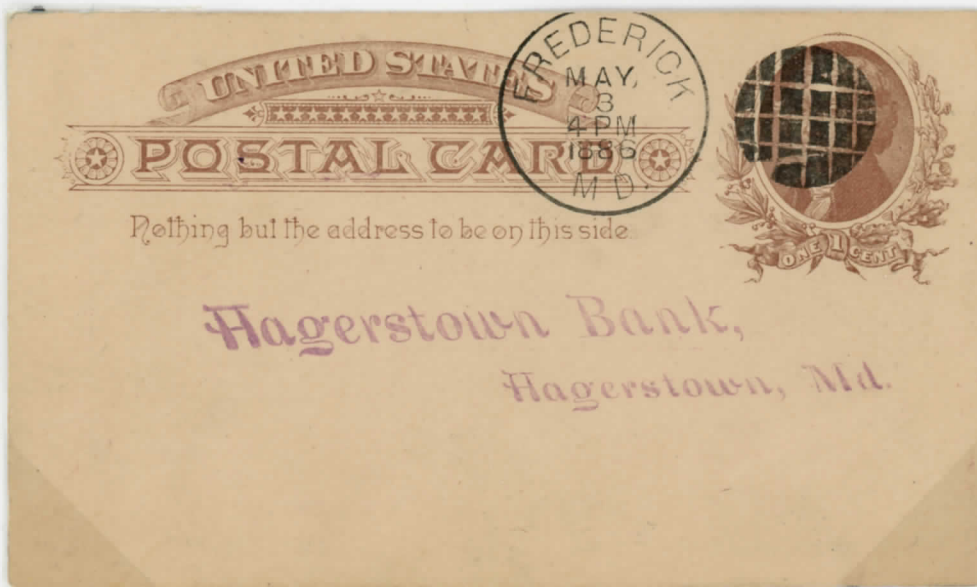
Coie #US-129A
"U.S. Mail"
Postmaster Cancel
Kingsley,
Susquehanna Co.,
Pennsylvania
July 27, 1886



"Honeycomb"
Fancy Cancel
May Day,
Kansas
Sept 30, 1885



Letter "E"
Fancy Cancel
Holgate, Ohio
Feb 14, 1887



"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Frederick,
Maryland
May 3, 1886



"Skull or Mask"
Rcvd Marking
Tunkahannock,
Pennsylvania
Oct 25, 1887

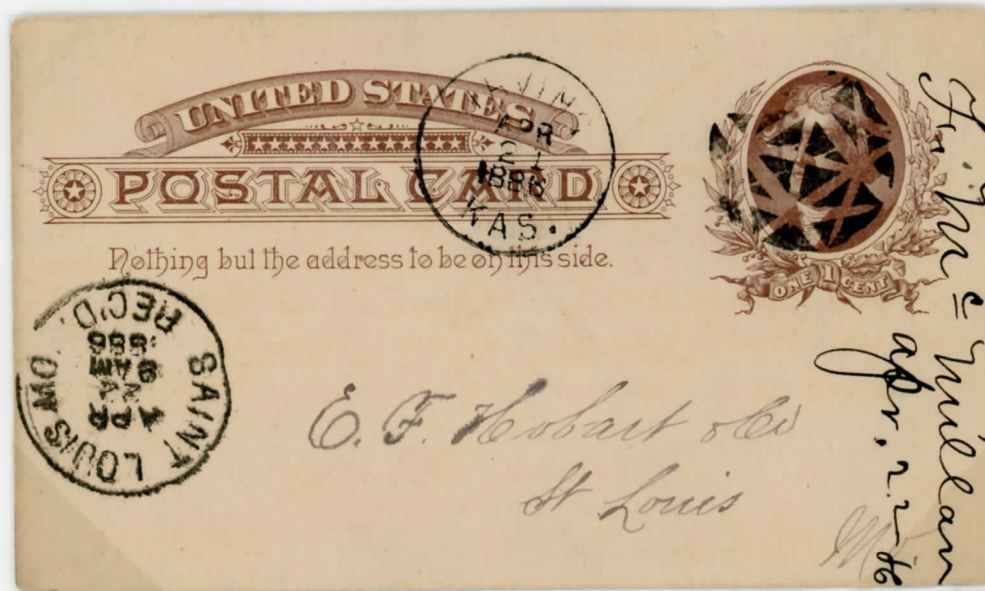


"Target"
Fancy Cancel
Bardstown,
Kentucky
Nov 19, 1885



TRANSIT
MARKING

"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Plainfield,
New Jersey
Jan 5, 1886



"Geometric"
Fancy Cancel
Irving, Kansas
April 21, 1886



"Negative Star"
Fancy Cancel
Shelby,
North Carolina
Oct 27, 1885

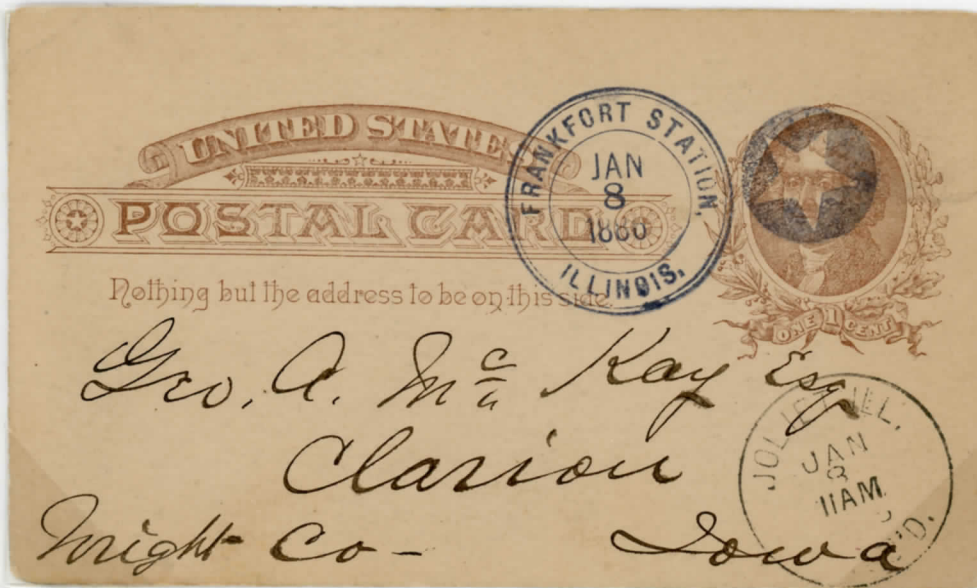


"Star-within-a-Star"
Fancy Cancel
Creston,
Wayne County,
Ohio
Oct 27, 1885

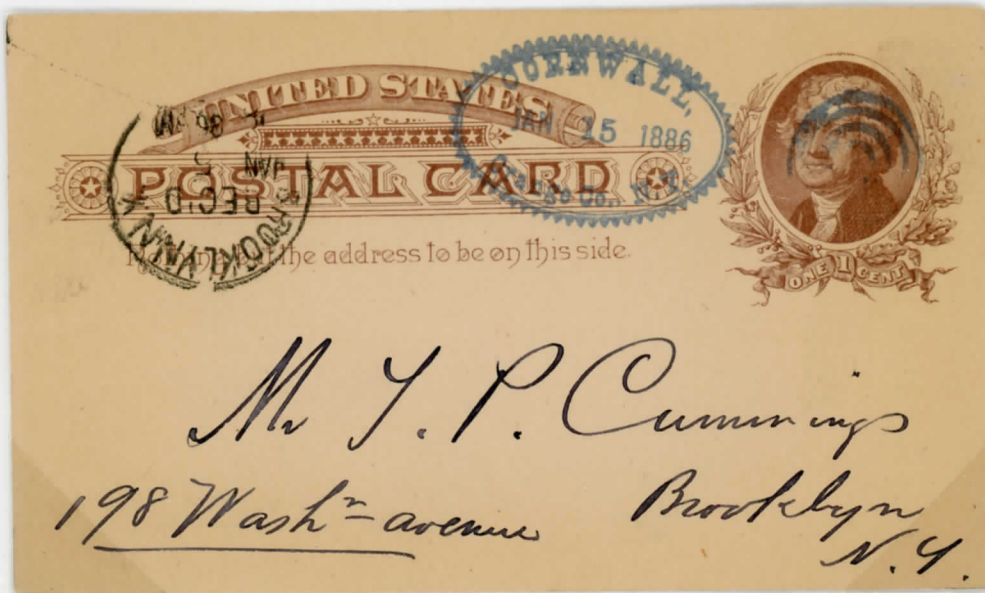


"Skull"
Fancy Cancel
Greenfield,
Massachusetts
June 19, 1886





"Negative Star"
Fancy Cancel
Frankfort Station,
Illinois
Jan 8, 1886



"Oval Dial"
Fancy Cancel
Cornwall,
Orange County,
N.Y.
Jan 15, 1886



"Wheel of Fortune"
Fancy Cancel
Clarion,
Wright County,
Iowa
April 19, 1886



"Grid"
Fancy Cancel
Mattawamkeag,
Penobscot County,
Maine
May 8, 1886

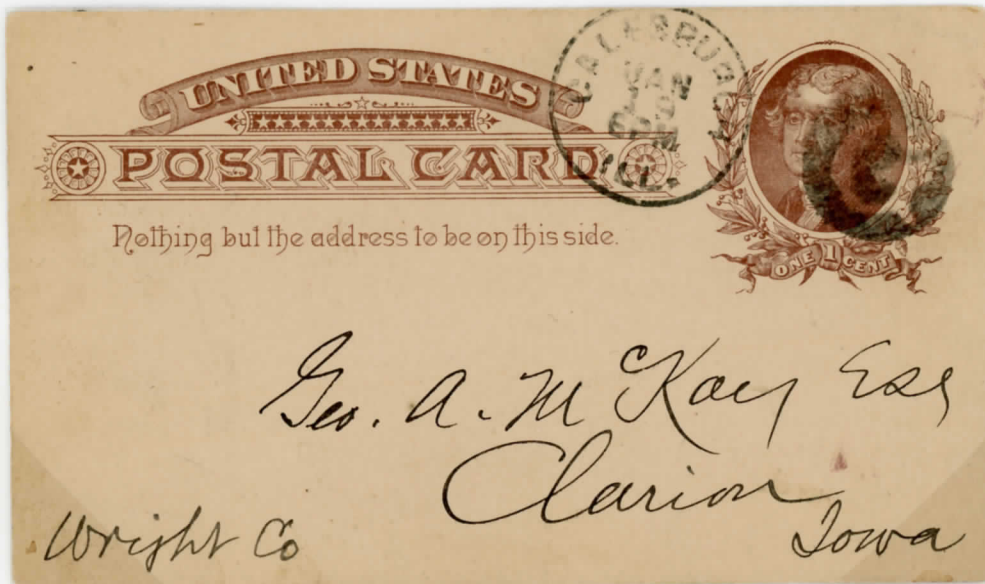


"Entwined POD
in Circle"
Fancy Cancel
Stromsburch,
Nebraska
Jan 15, 1887



"Seashell"
Fancy Cancel
Wallingford,
Iowa
May 19, 1887





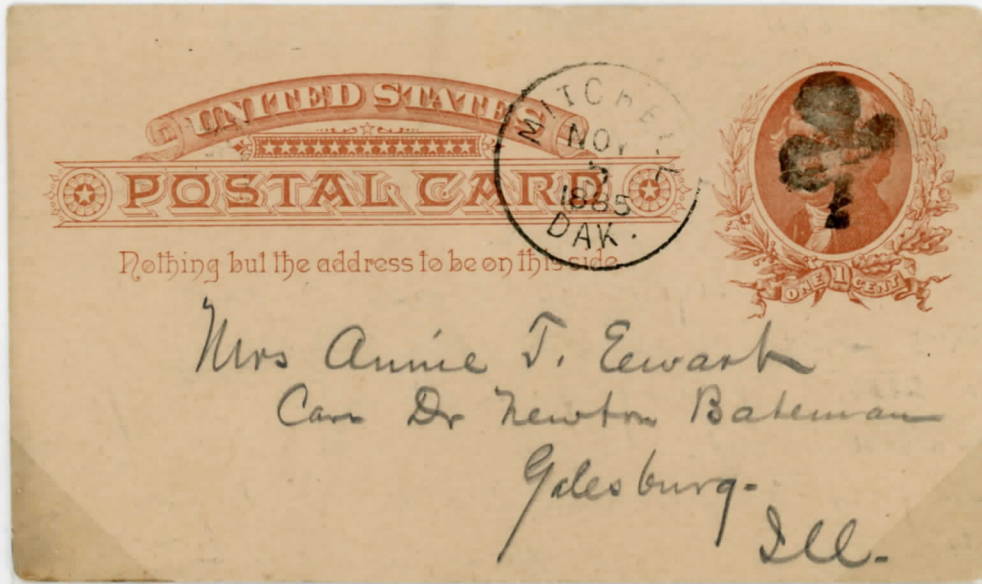
Negative "G"
Fancy Cancel
Galesburgh,
Illinois
Jan 19, 1886



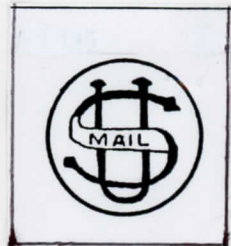
"Maltese Cross"
Fancy Cancel
Bloomington,
Nebraska
Nov 26, 1886



"Negative Star
in Circle"
Fancy Cancel
Avenue,
Pennsylvania
Feb 4, 1887

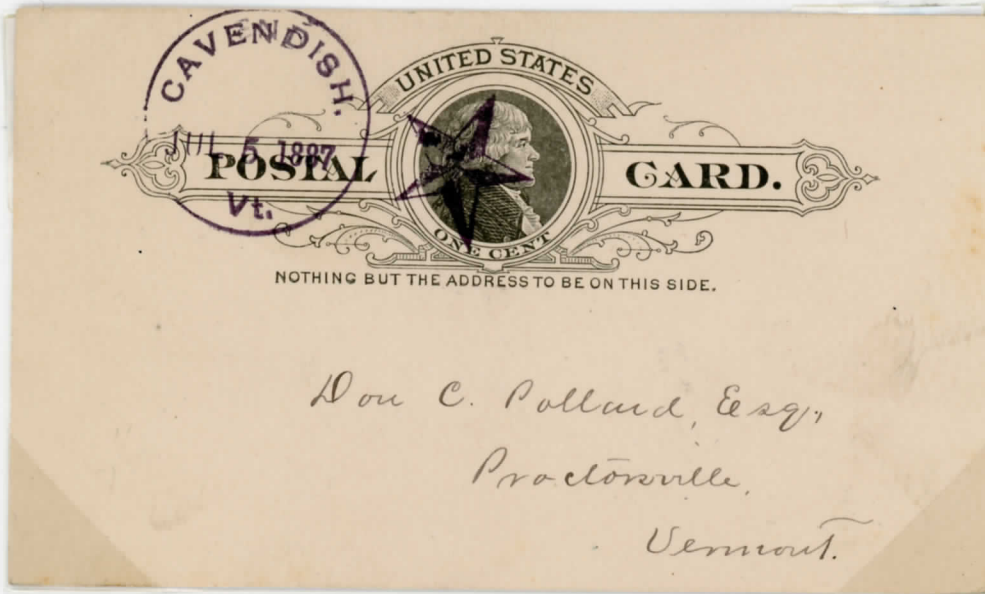


"Clover" Fancy Cancel, TERRITORIAL, Mitchell, Dakota Territory, November 5, 1885

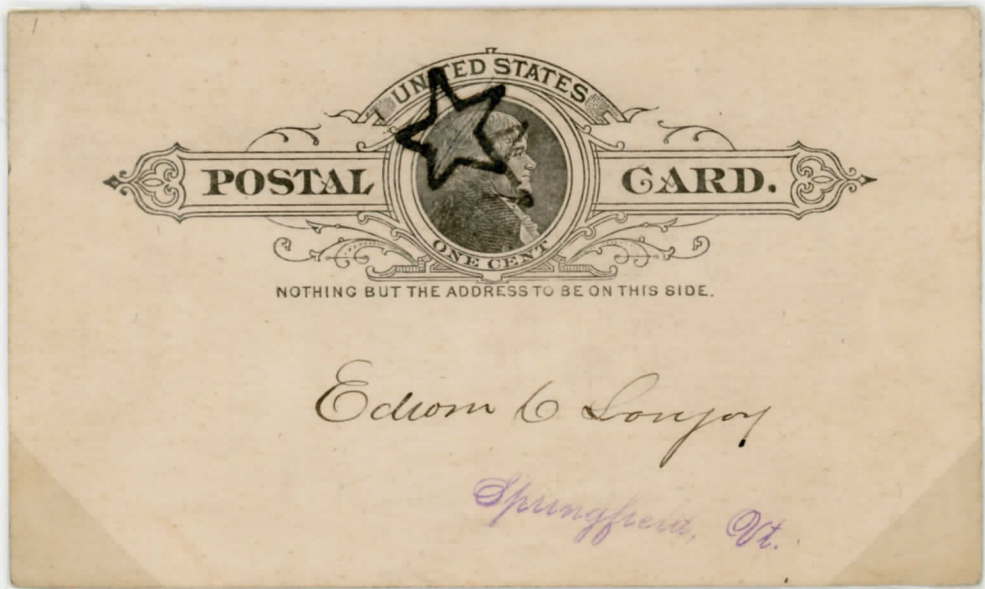


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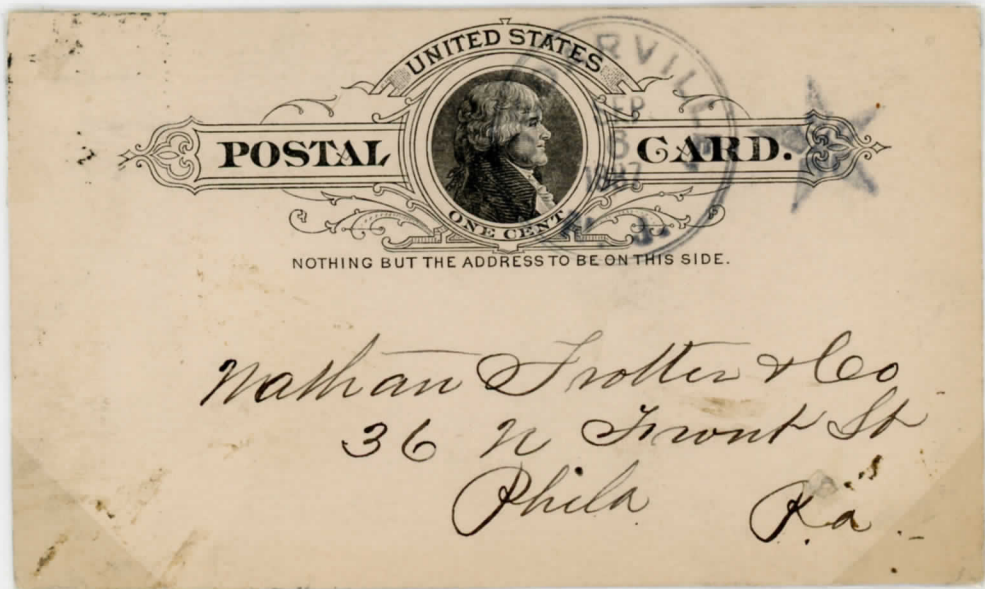
"U.S. Mail in Circle" with Oval Dial, Fancy Cancel, South Barton, Orleans County, Vermont, June 25, 1886



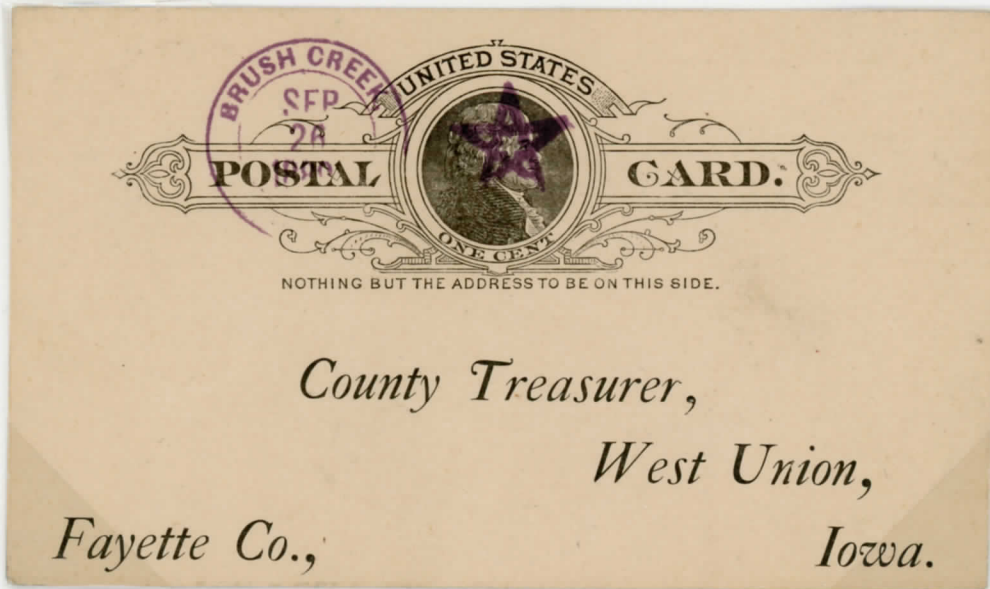
"Shaded Star"
Fancy Cancel
Cavendish,
Vermont
July 5, 1887



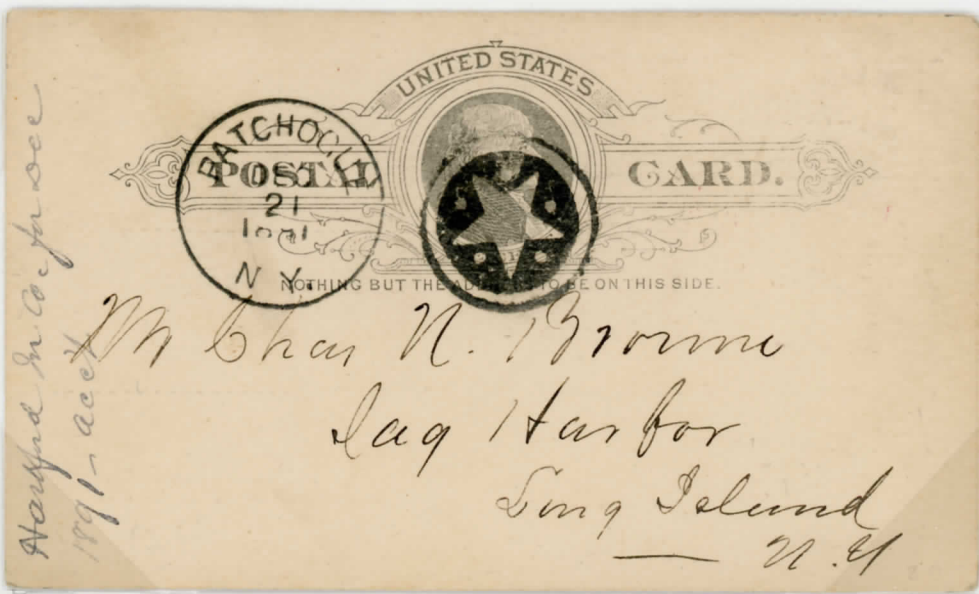
"Outline Star"
Fancy Cancel
Springfield,
Vermont
1888



"Star-within-a
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Fancy Cancel
Cedarville,
New Jersey
Sept 6, 1887



"Segmented Star"
Fancy Cancel
Brush Creek,
Iowa
Sept 2, 1889

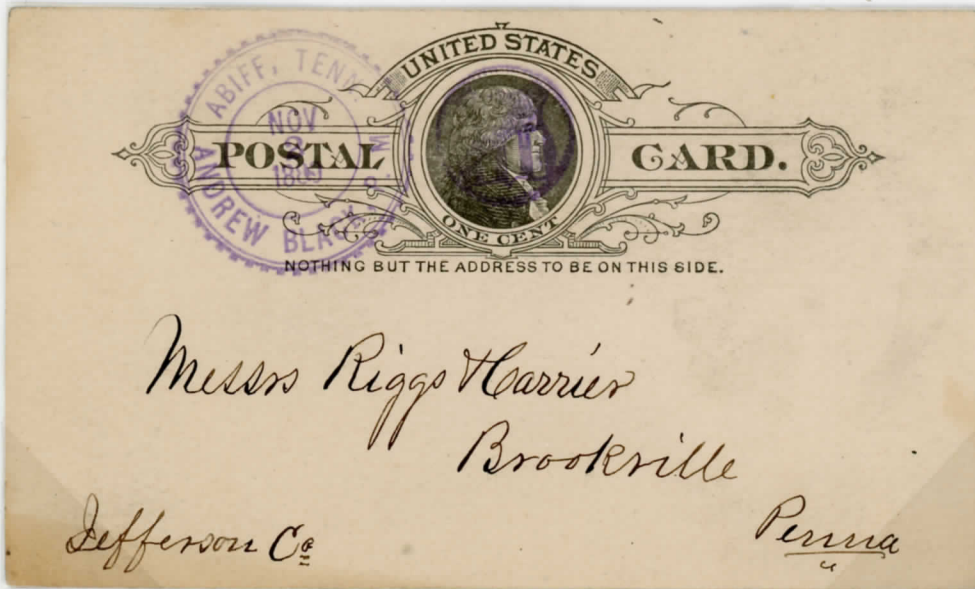


"Negative Star
in Circle"
Fancy Cancel
Patchogue, N.Y.
Dec 21, 1891



"Star-within-a
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Fancy Cancel
Greenbackville,
Virginia
Feb 9, 1893





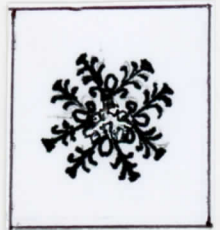
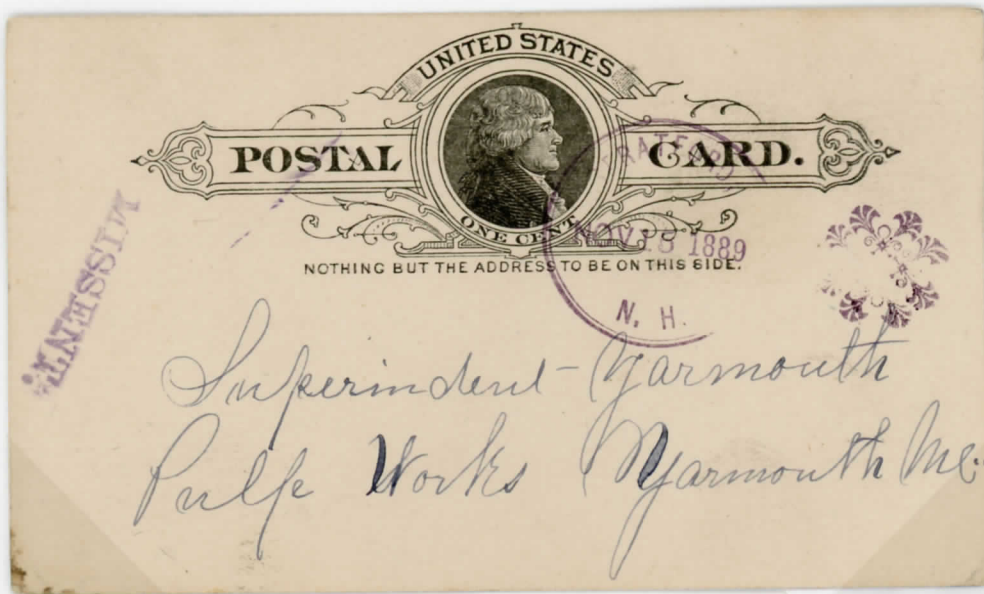
POSTMASTER
CANCELLATION

"Shield"
Andrew Black, PM
Abiff,
Tennessee
Nov 2, 1889



"B" for Bozeman
Fancy Cancel

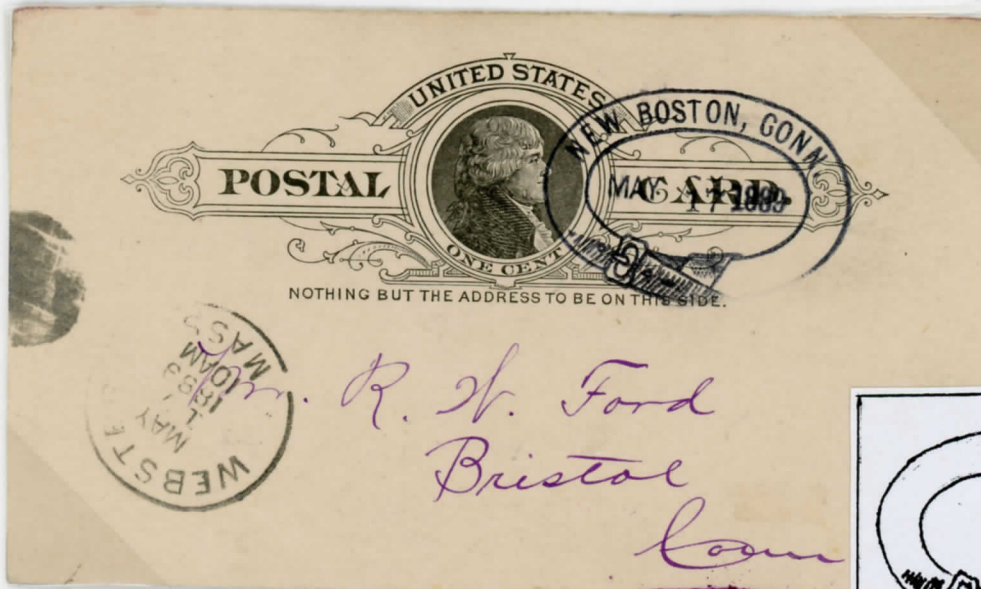
Bozeman,
Montana
March 15, 1893



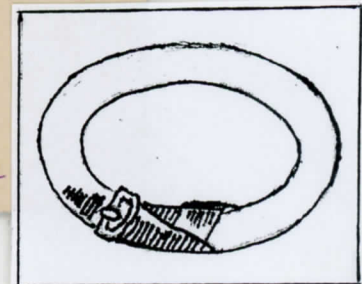
"Snowflake"
Fancy Cancel
Stratford,
New Hampshire
Nov 15, 1889

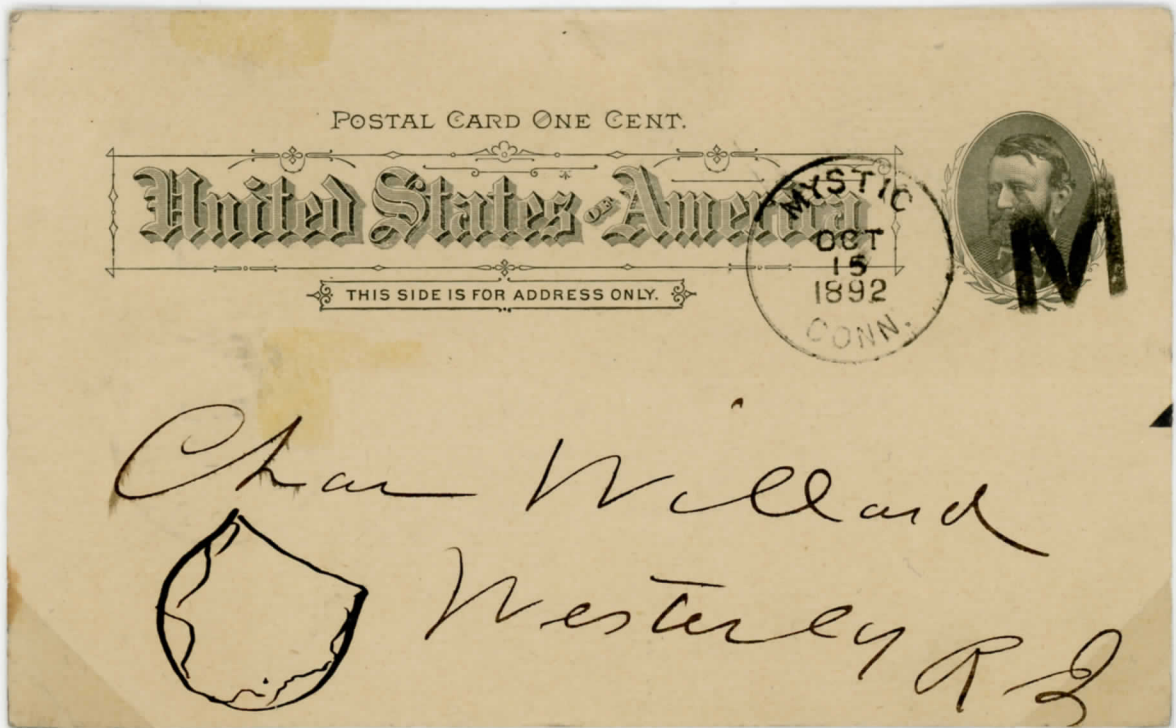


"Anchor," Fancy Cancel, Magnolia, Wisconsin, April 2, 1893. One of two Anchor designs used by the Magnolia post office. Rated as fairly scarce with considerable demand by collectors, this cancellation was applied to mail in Magnolia during the period 1889 to 1894 and is assigned Cole catalog #RN-32.

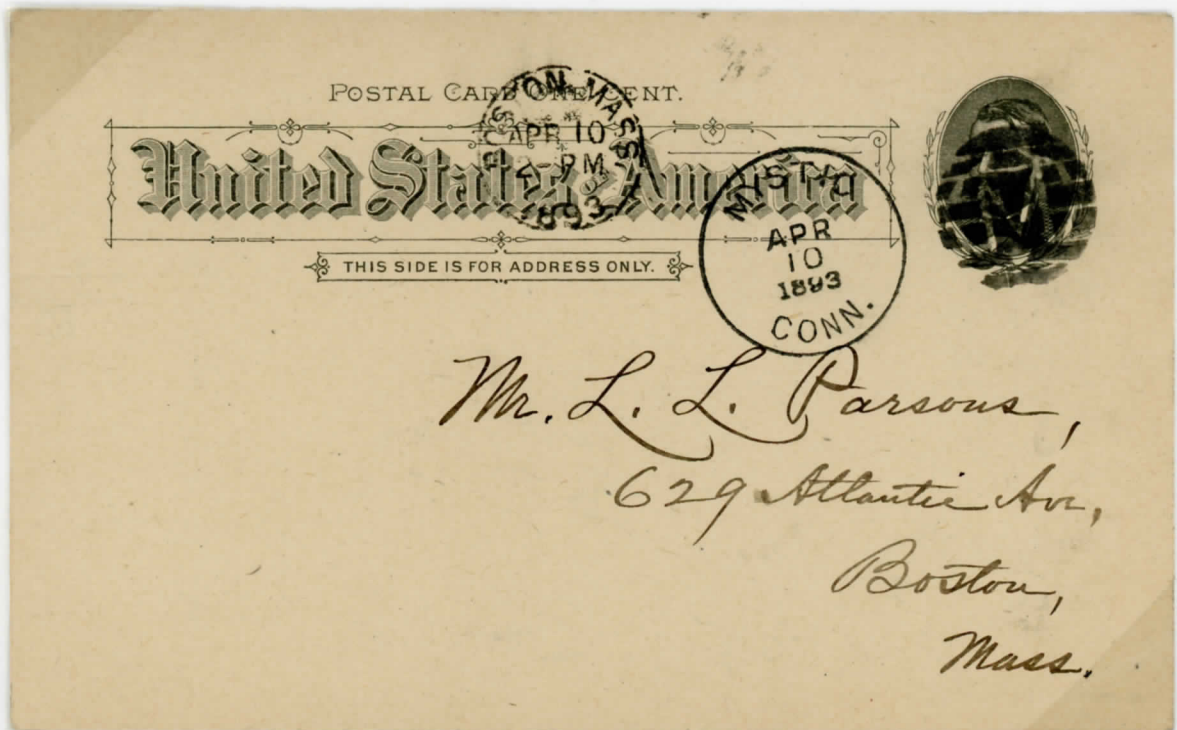


"Belt & Buckle," Fancy Cancel, New Boston, Connecticut, May 17, 1889. This combination fancy killer and dial is unlisted in both early and recent catalogs. This example is used by Crawford & Burlingham of New Boston with the reverse imprinted with an advertisement for their "Perfected Detachable Plate Rims" (an item designed to catch pie drippings in the oven).





"M" for Mystic, Fancy Cancel, mailed from Mystic, Connecticut, Oct 15, 1892



Negative "M" for Mystic, Fancy Cancel (listed as Cole #Lm-60), mailed from Mystic, Connecticut, April 10, 1893