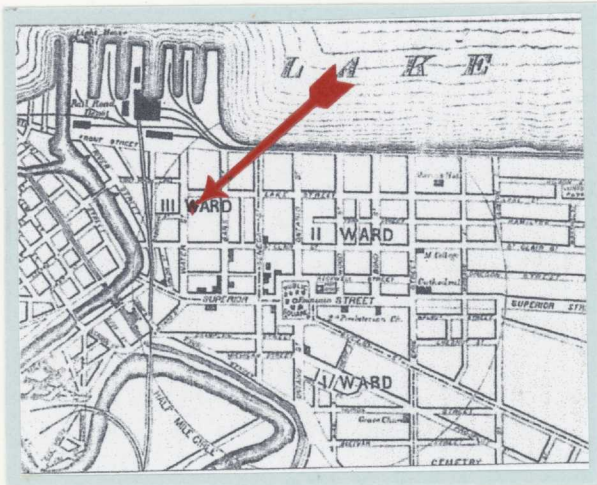


**New England Hotel (second)**

**Opened October, 1857**



The second New England Hotel was built on the northeast corner of Water (W. 9<sup>th</sup>) and Johnson Place. It opened in October, 1857, was closed and demolished in the early 1900s. The New England could not compete with the luxury hotels of the period, but was considered to be a good second-class hotel.

**Early New England Hotel Embossed Corner Card**



Embossed corner card listing Coates and Bramley as first proprietors. Cleveland July 14, 1863 double ring duplex postmark with year and 7 bar killer. This postmark with year is very scarce.

Because the New England Hotel was located at the northwestern edge of the business district, free transportation was furnished to the railroad stations and along Superior to the Public Square.

## American House

### Illustration of American House and Merchants Exchange Buildings

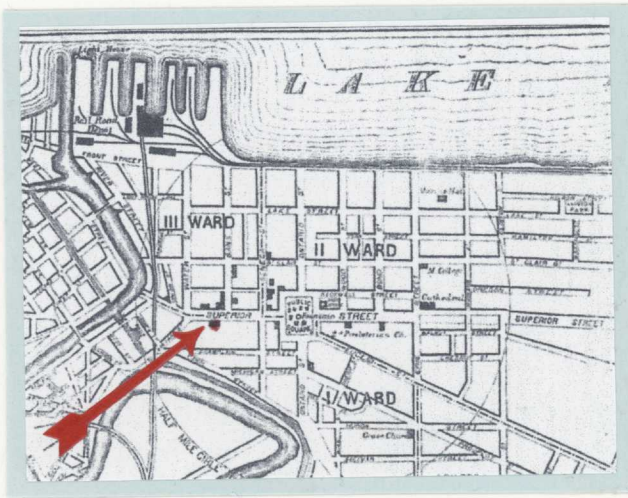


Cover with illustrated corner card franked with three one cent stamps of 1857 issue sent from Cleveland to Lakeville, Conn. circa 1859. J.A. Ensign was the proprietor.

The illustration shows the entire business block not just the American House. The American House is the building between the center and right hand flag. The Merchants Exchange building is the building with the high windows located to the left of the American House. It does make a more impressive illustration.

**American House**

**Opened August 14, 1837**



The American House, located on the south side of West Superior, was opened August 14, 1837. It was closed on December 16, 1925 and demolished for the Terminal project. This was the first large hotel in Cleveland.

**Early Illustrated Cover from American House**



3 cent stamp of 1851 issue cancelled with 33 mm. Cleveland postmark. This illustration refers to the hotel as American Hotel. For most of the hotel's commercial life it was called the American House.

Angier House



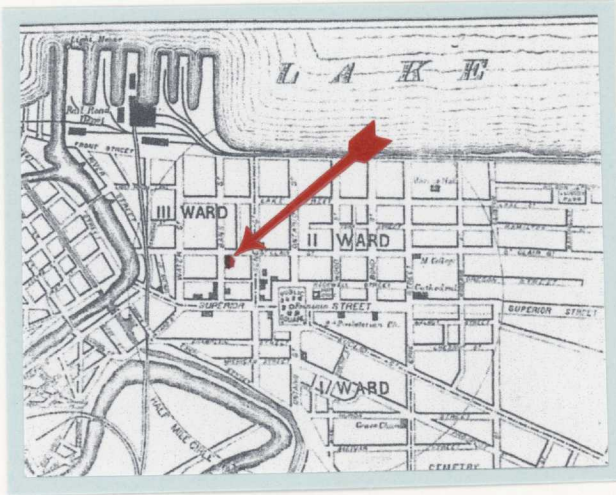
Angier House corner card from late 1850s showing Rogers & Richards as proprietors. Three cent stamp of 1857 issue cancelled by 32 mm. Cleveland March 20 postmark.



Illustrated cover with accurate depiction of Angier House. Three cent stamp of 1857 issue cancelled with 32 mm. Cleveland postmark.

## Angier House/Kennard House

### Angier House – 1854



The Angier House was located at the southeast corner of St. Clair and Bank St. (W. 6<sup>th</sup>). It was built by Ahaz Merchant and leased to Roswell P. Angier. It opened on April 17, 1854 and was the first major hotel not located on Superior St.

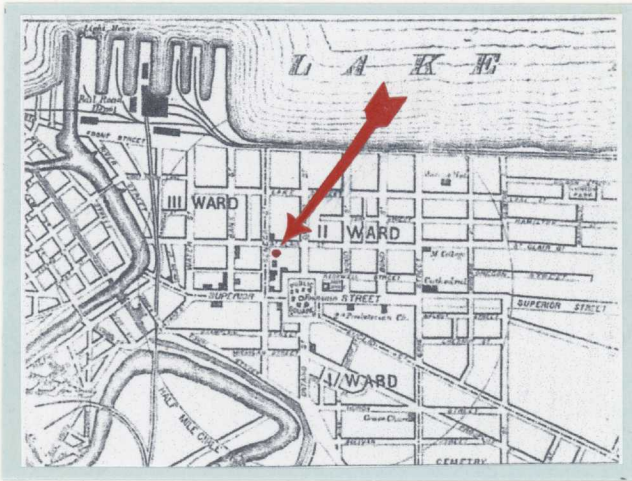
The hotel was purchased in 1865 by T.W. Kennard, closed and completely renovated. It was reopened on June 14, 1866 as the Kennard House. In the 1920s part of the building became a clothing factory and part the Liberty Hotel which closed in the 1940s.



Early embossed corner card of the Angier House listing W.J. Odell as proprietor. Cover is probably from the first few years of the Angier House operation. Three cent stamp of 1851 issue cancelled by 32 mm Cleveland postmark on cover to Adrian, Mich.

**Commercial House**

**Opened April, 1837**

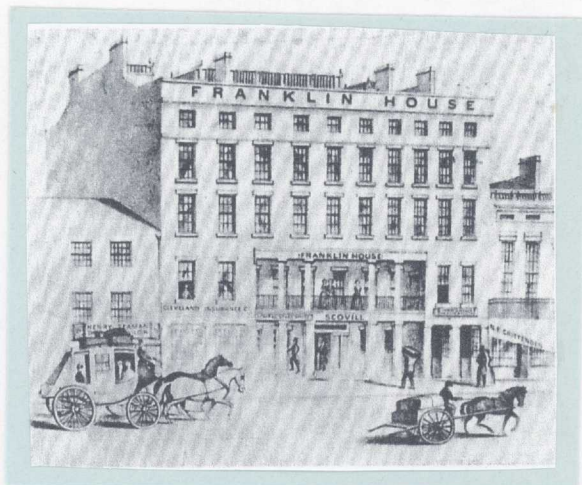


The Commercial House was opened in April, 1837 on Seneca St. (W. 3<sup>rd</sup>). It was one of the few temperance hotels of the period. The hotel lasted until 1880 when it was demolished for construction of the Severance Building.



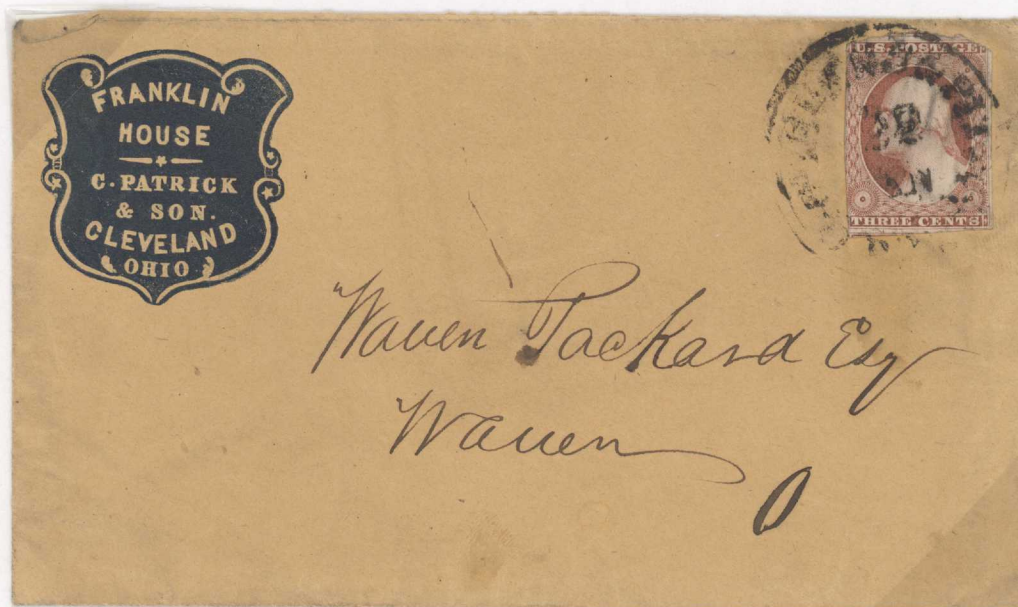
Corner card for Commercial House showing Wallace Stone proprietor  
3 cent stamp of 1869 issue cancelled with blue Cleveland duplex

## Franklin House



Franklin House circa 1850. Several major stagecoach companies had their main office in the hotel.

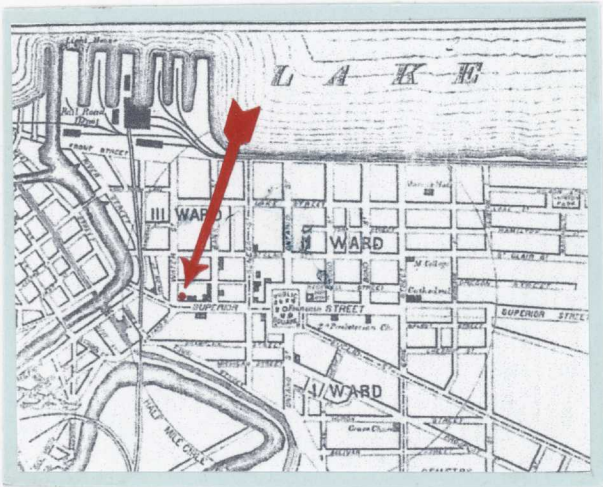
## Embossed Shield Corner Card Listing C. Patrick & Son as Proprietors



3 cent stamp of 1851 issue on cover to Warren, Ohio

# Franklin House

Opened 1845



Philo Scovill built the Franklin House on the north side of Superior Ave. across from the American House. It was a five story brick building with 71 bed rooms and an attic cistern which furnished soft water for washing. It's glory lasted only a few years. By 1852 it was reduced to a boarding house and was razed in 1938.

## Early Franklin House Embossed Corner Card on Envelope Flap



Unpaid cover with Cleveland 32.5 mm postmark red 5 rate circa 1850



**Hawley House**



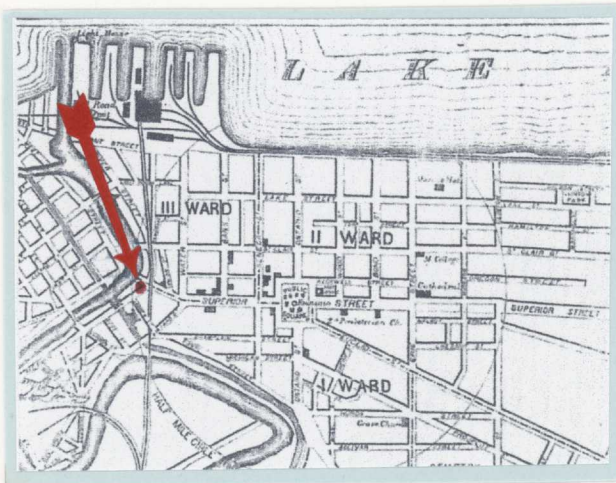
Photograph of Hawley House about 1900



Illustrated cover of Hawley House with Cleveland duplex postmark with fancy geometric killer used in late 1880s

**New England Hotel (First)**

**Opened 1847**



The New England House was opened in 1847 at Superior and Merwin Sts. on the Cuyahoga River. It was a five story wooden building which was destroyed by fire in 1854.

Strike of New England Hotel hand stamp on back of cover



Double strike, one inverted, of New England Hotel hand stamp on cover with 3 cent 1851 stamp cancelled with Cleveland 32.5 mm postmark used in the early 1850s. The N.E. Hotel was the only Cleveland hotel to use a hand stamp.

New England Hotel (First)



Readdressed 1850 folded letter with New England Hotel hand stamp and postmark in blue

Cleveland Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Friend Sherwood  
 Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> is  
 Recd. In Reply Matters and Things  
 have changed very materially since  
 I wrote you last. We have been  
 burnt out of house and home. The  
 New England Hotel and all of the  
 Buildings up to the Canal Bridge is  
 burnt down. Mr. Dowell is burnt out  
 he was insured for 5000<sup>00</sup> Dollars  
 which will nearly cover his loss.  
 J.P. Ross has bought out Wm. Betts  
 of the Weddell House and is now

Copy of letter telling of burning of New England Hotel in major fire on Oct. 24, 1854. Total loss was \$215,000. Letter was enclosed in Chase House cover.

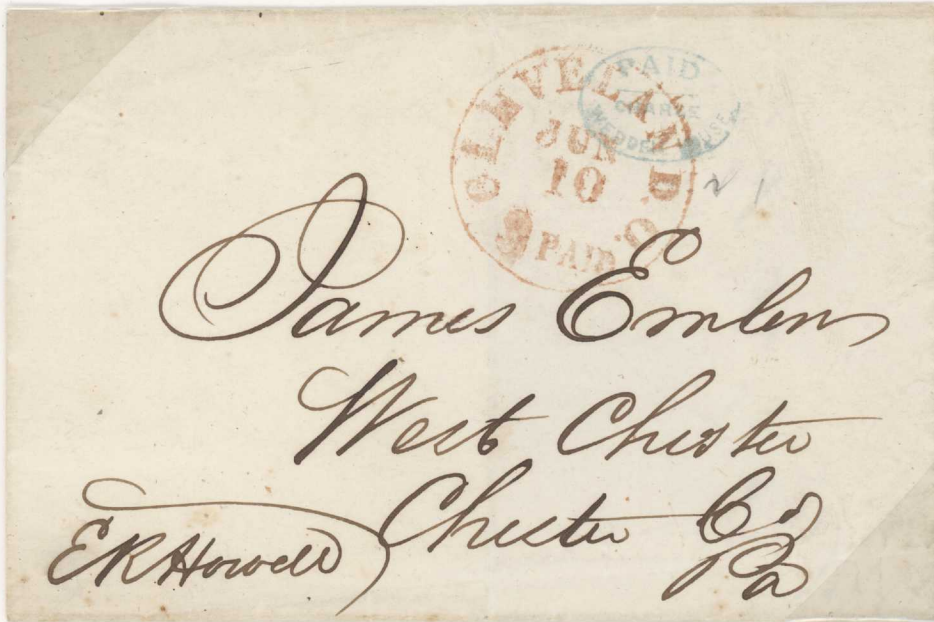
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**Weddell House**

**Weddell House Hand Stamp for Post Office Credit Account**



**CLEVELAND 3 PAID** postmark on 1852 folded letter with hotel P.O. credit mark in blue

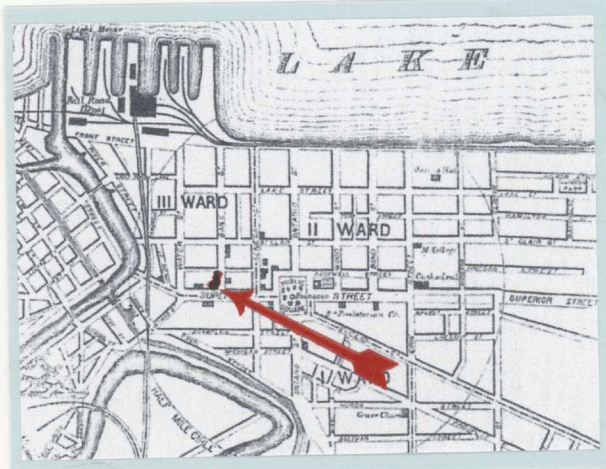


Weddell House fancy corner card listing J.P. Ross as proprietor. Three cent stamp of 1857 cancelled with 32 mm Cleveland postmark. Cover sent to Somerville, Mass. about 1860

J.P. Ross later served as proprietor at the Angier House and American Hotel

## Weddell House

Opened 1847



The Weddell House was located on the southwest corner of Superior and Bank St. (W. 6<sup>TH</sup>). It was built by George W. Smith for Peter Weddell. The hotel was five stories high and contained 200 rooms. It opened on June 25, 1847. A four story addition on Bank St. was built in 1856. The original section of the hotel was demolished in 1904 and replaced by the Rockefeller Bldg. The addition was used as a hotel until 1961.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln stayed at the Weddell House on his way to Washington for his inauguration.



Early embossed corner card of Weddell House listing C.S. Butts & Sons as proprietor. The three cent stamp of 1851 issue is cancelled by the 32 mm. Cleveland postmark. Cover sent to Zanesville, Ohio about 1855

# Weddell House

The Weddell House location in the middle of Cleveland's business district, made it a prime location for professional offices. The offices were located on the ground floor with access to Superior Ave.

## Advertisement for Law Firm Located in Weddell House

**PAINE & WADE,**  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law  
—AND—  
**SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,**  
*(Successors to Willson, Wade & Wade, and Tilden & Paine.)*  
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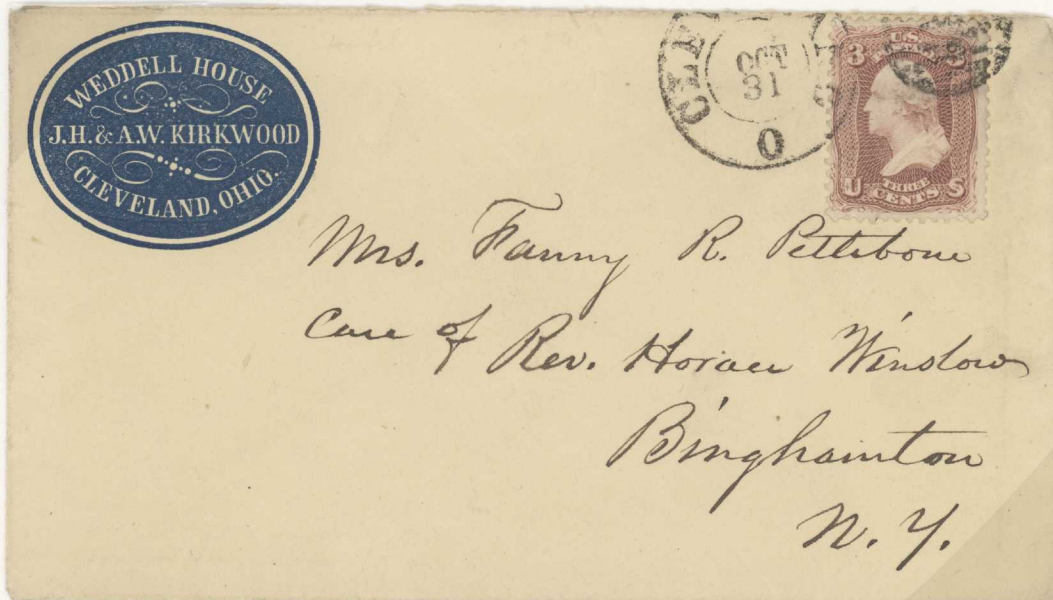
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Copy of front of unpaid cover from Cleveland to England in 1858. Rated 24 in circle at Cleveland for U.S.-British Treaty of 1848 rate. Liverpool exchange office manuscript 1/ (24 cents) stated amount due in England. The cover was carried from N.Y. to Liverpool by the Cunard steamship Canada.

**Weddell House**

Embossed Corner Cards Listing J.H. & A.W. Kirkwood as Proprietors



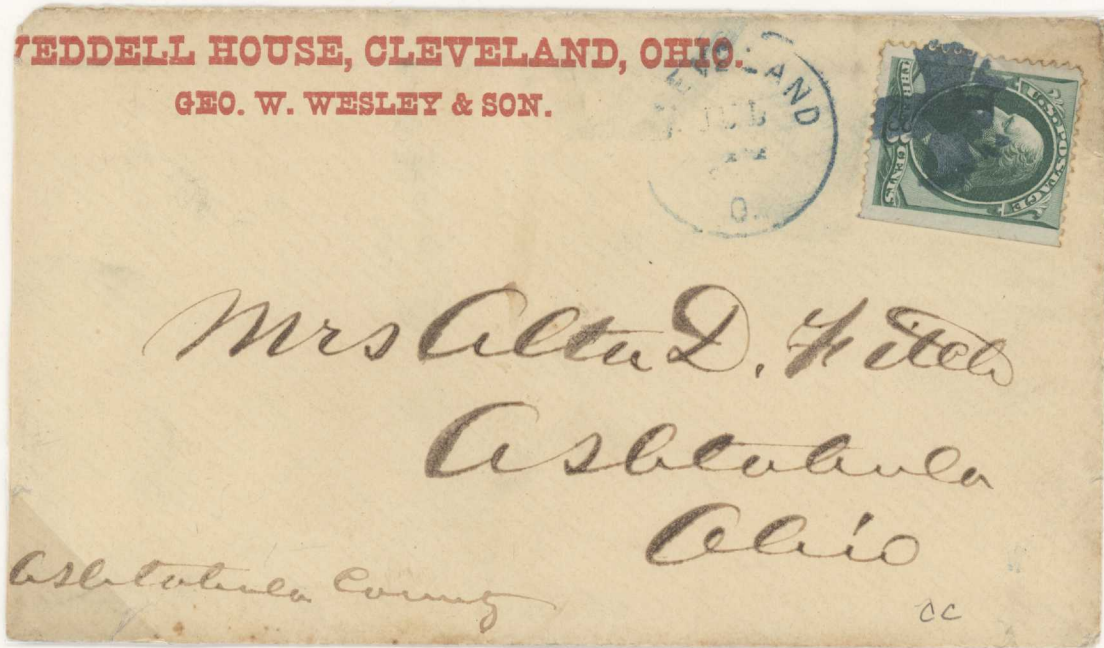
Blue embossed corner card on cover with 3 cent 1861 stamp cancelled with double ring Cleveland duplex postmark about 1865



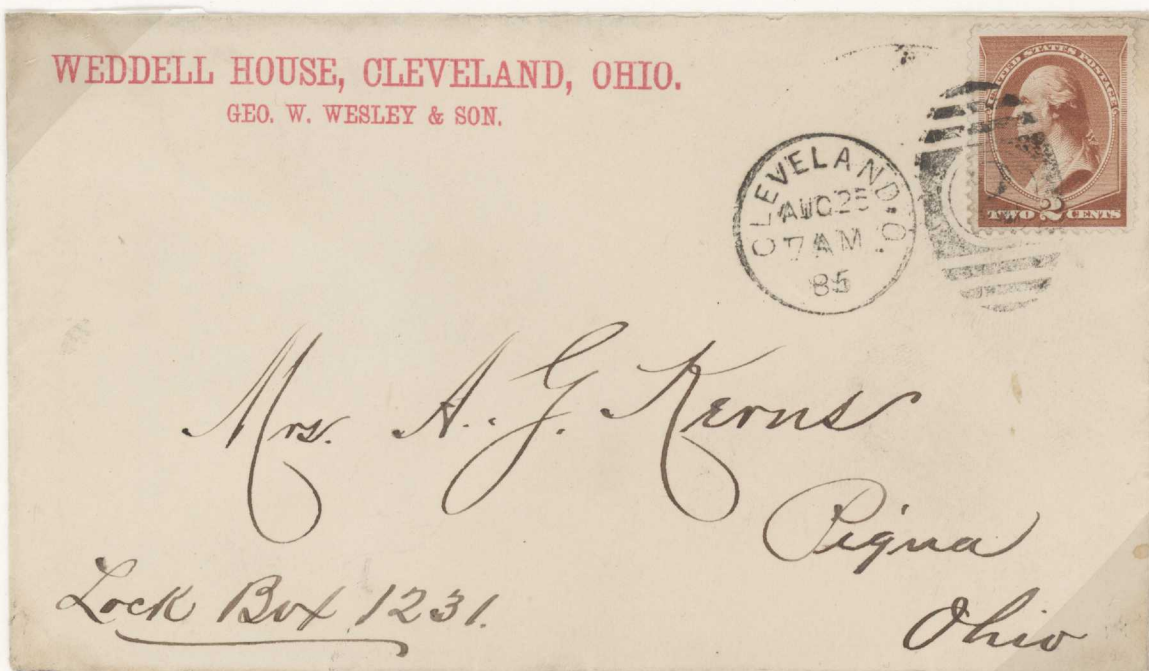
Colorless embossed corner card on cover with 3 cent 1861 stamp cancelled with Cleveland double ring duplex postmark about 1865

**Weddell House**

Weddell House Corner Card Listing George W. Wesley & Son as Proprietors



Corner card in large type used in late 1870s



Corner card in smaller type with 1885 Cleveland duplex postmark