

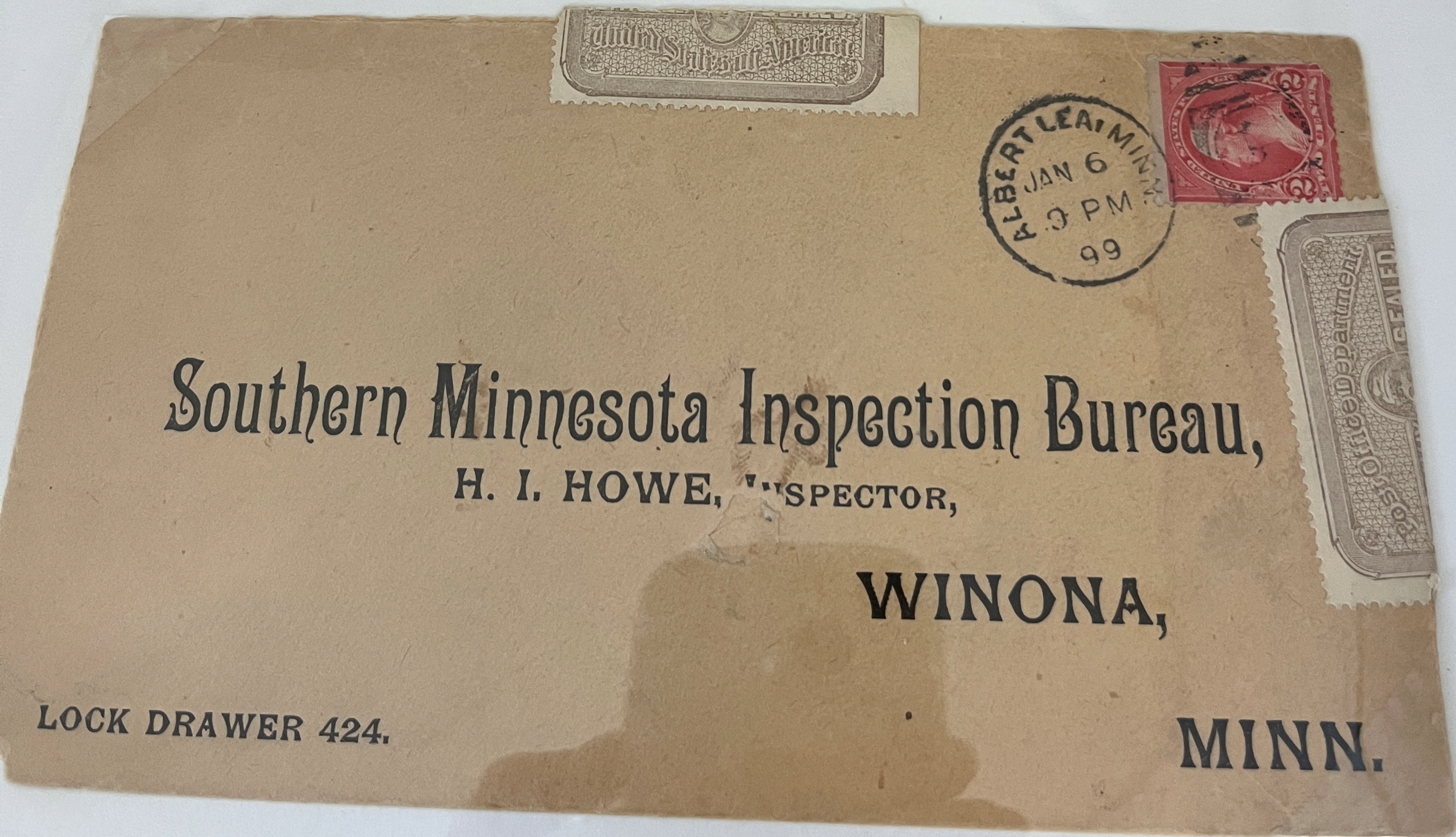
Issue of 1888 - 1899

Type III - Bistre Brown, Regular Perf 12

Type III seals used to repair a registered envelope "Received in bad order"



Two Type III seals used to repair an envelope damaged in the mails. The seal at the right exhibits the type "A" constant flaw, a dent in the top frame at the right.

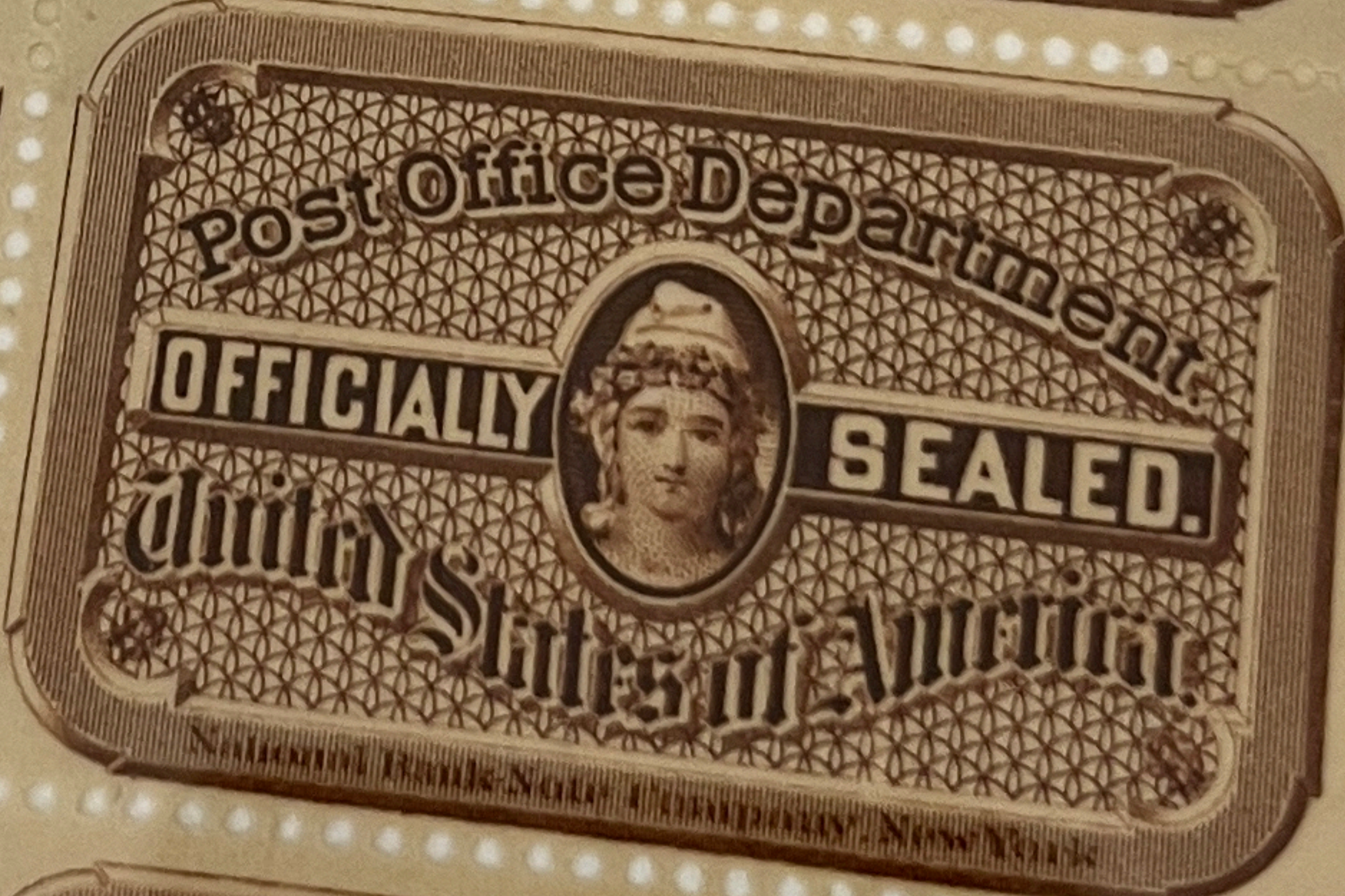
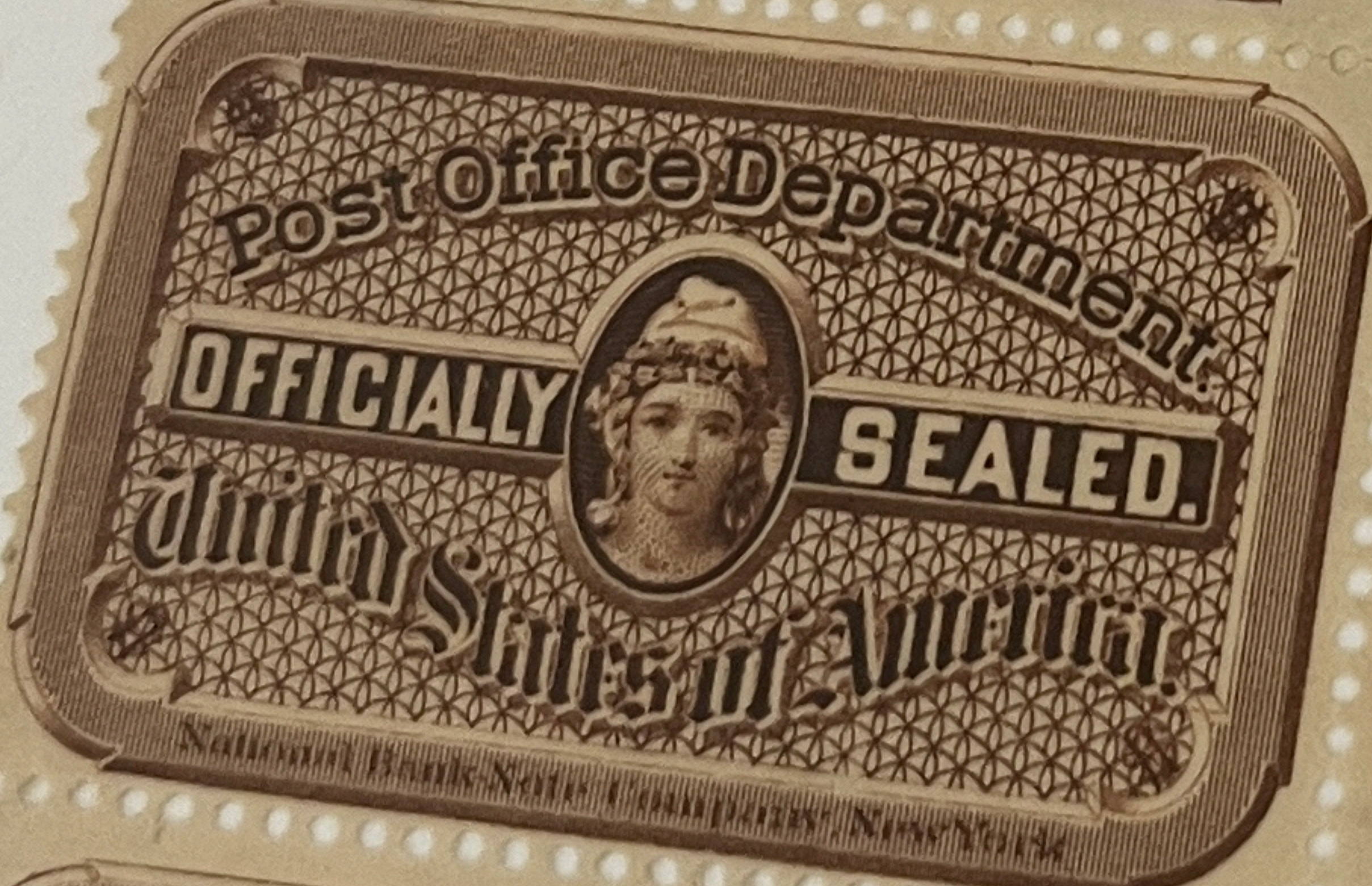
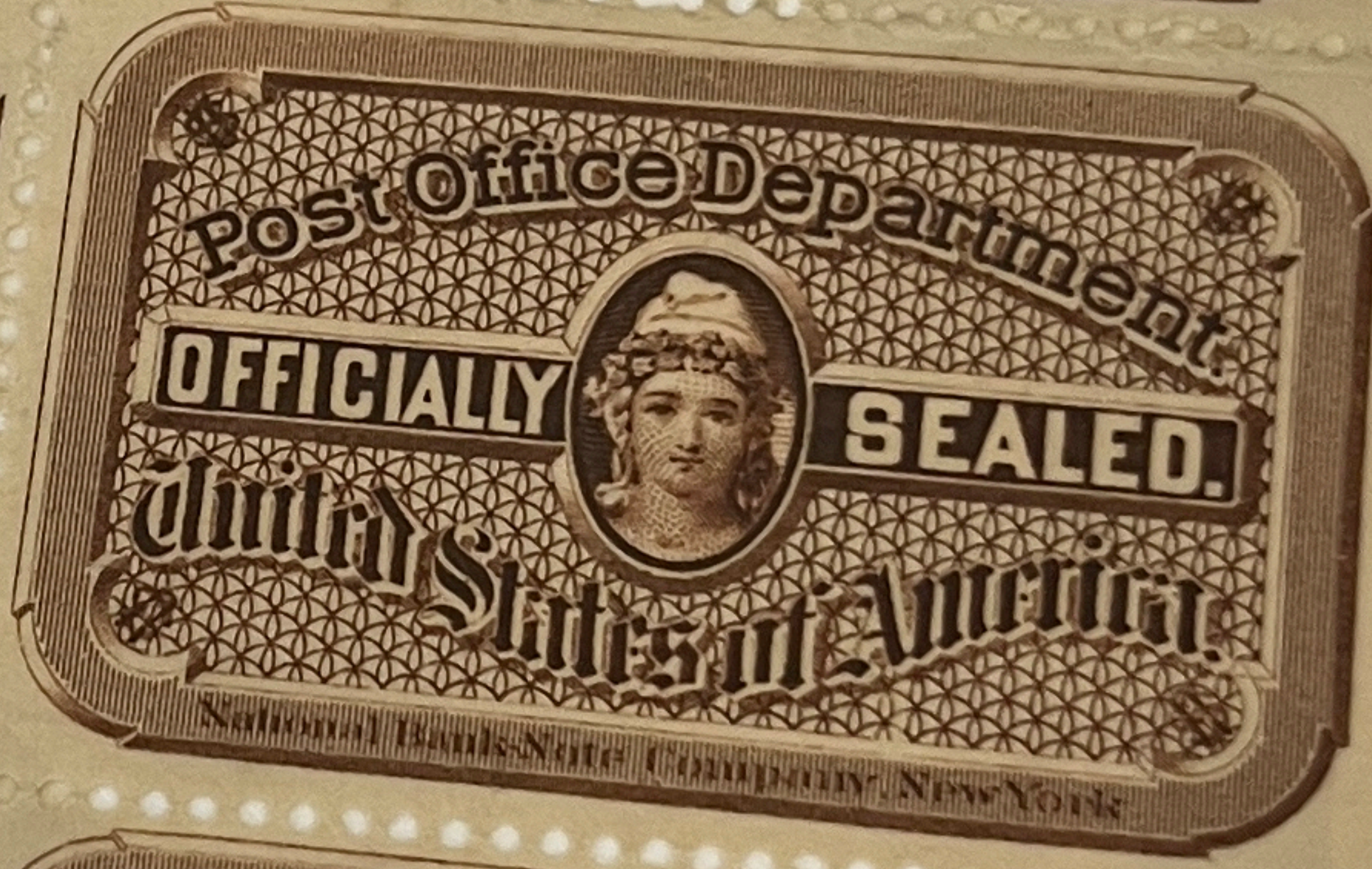
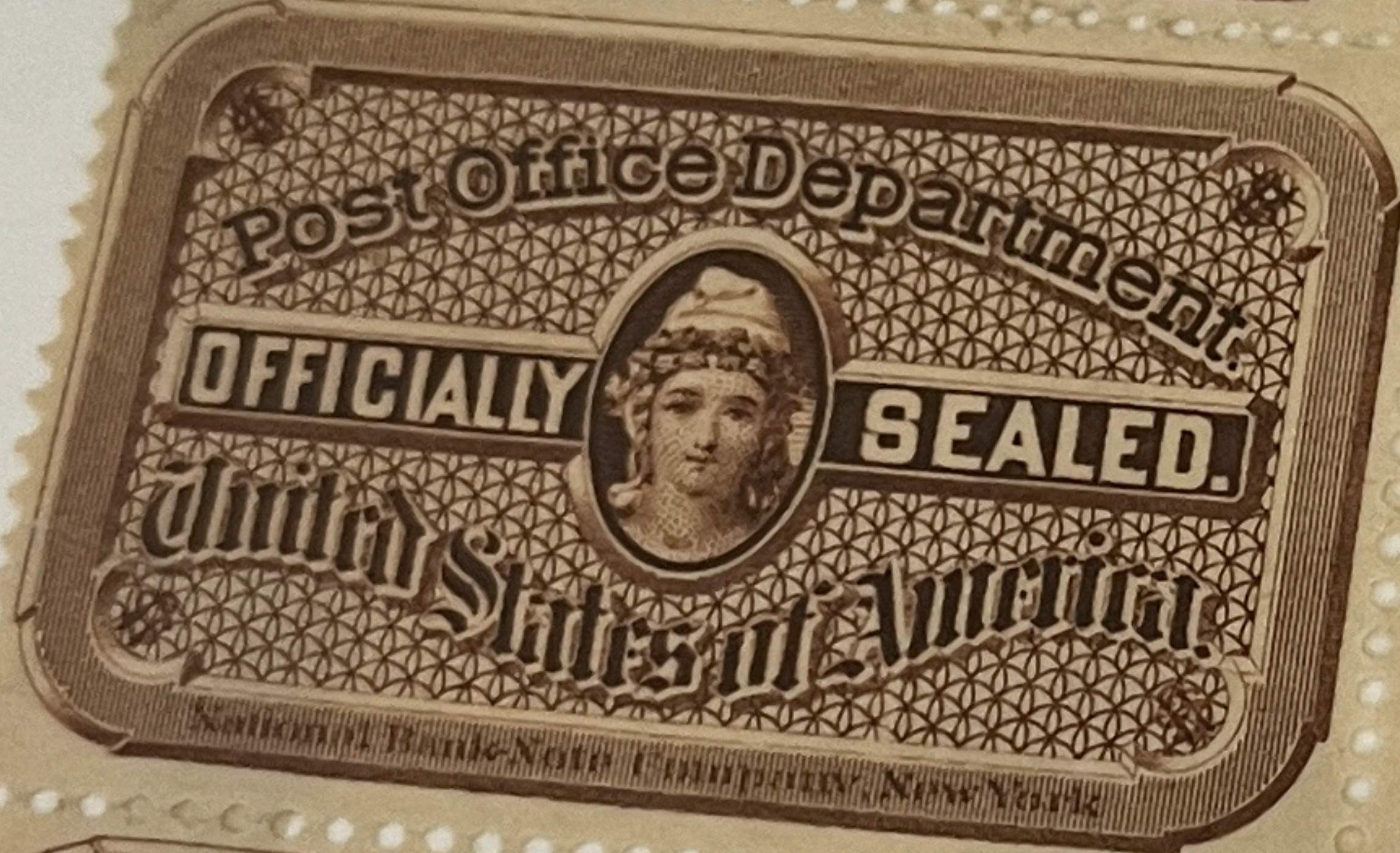
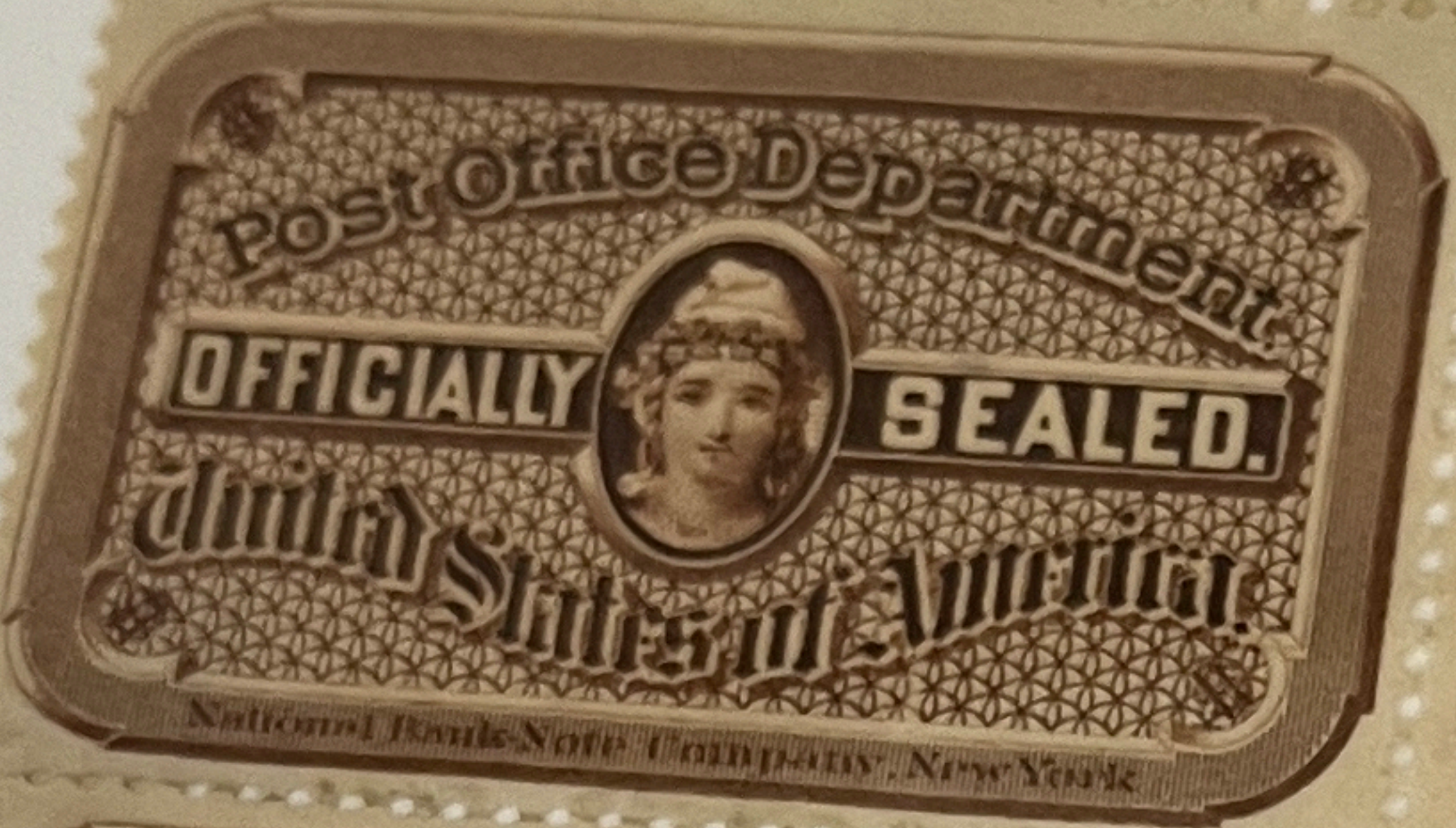


1888, OXS

4th or Later Printings
Multiple, The Best Seals Cover Ever!

Block of 8 with American Bank Note
Company Imprint

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, NEW YORK.



Possibly made in the U.S.A.



Typographs of 1888

Imperforate

A large imperforate multiple with the combination of constant flaw types characteristic of setting E, one of the two settings used for both the type VIII and type IX seals.



Setting F

Type VIII was printed using settings E and F. Setting F has only a single flaw type found in earlier settings. The dent in the top right frame line (flaw type B) appears only at the top of the second column of seals. In settings B and E it appears in the entire fifth row. Setting F show a new flaw type, a major gash in the bottom frame that occurs only in positions 31 and 33.

Double Impression.

Examples of double impressions where the images are widely separated or skewed with respect to each other are known. These are generally felt to be printer's waste. The used example below with closely aligned impressions probably escaped the eyes of inspectors.

The only recorded used example of the double impression.

Used imperforate. No on-cover examples of any of the imperforate varieties have been reported.

Major gash in the bottom right of the seal, from positions 31 and 33 of setting F.



Used, imperforate

Imperforate Block of 4

Not rare, but noteworthy, as it has the initials of Edward F. Gottlieb, ("E.F.G.") who formed the first great collection of US Seals in the 1930's.

The item below shows the characteristic flaw of setting B, the dent in the frame line at the top right of seals in the fifth row.

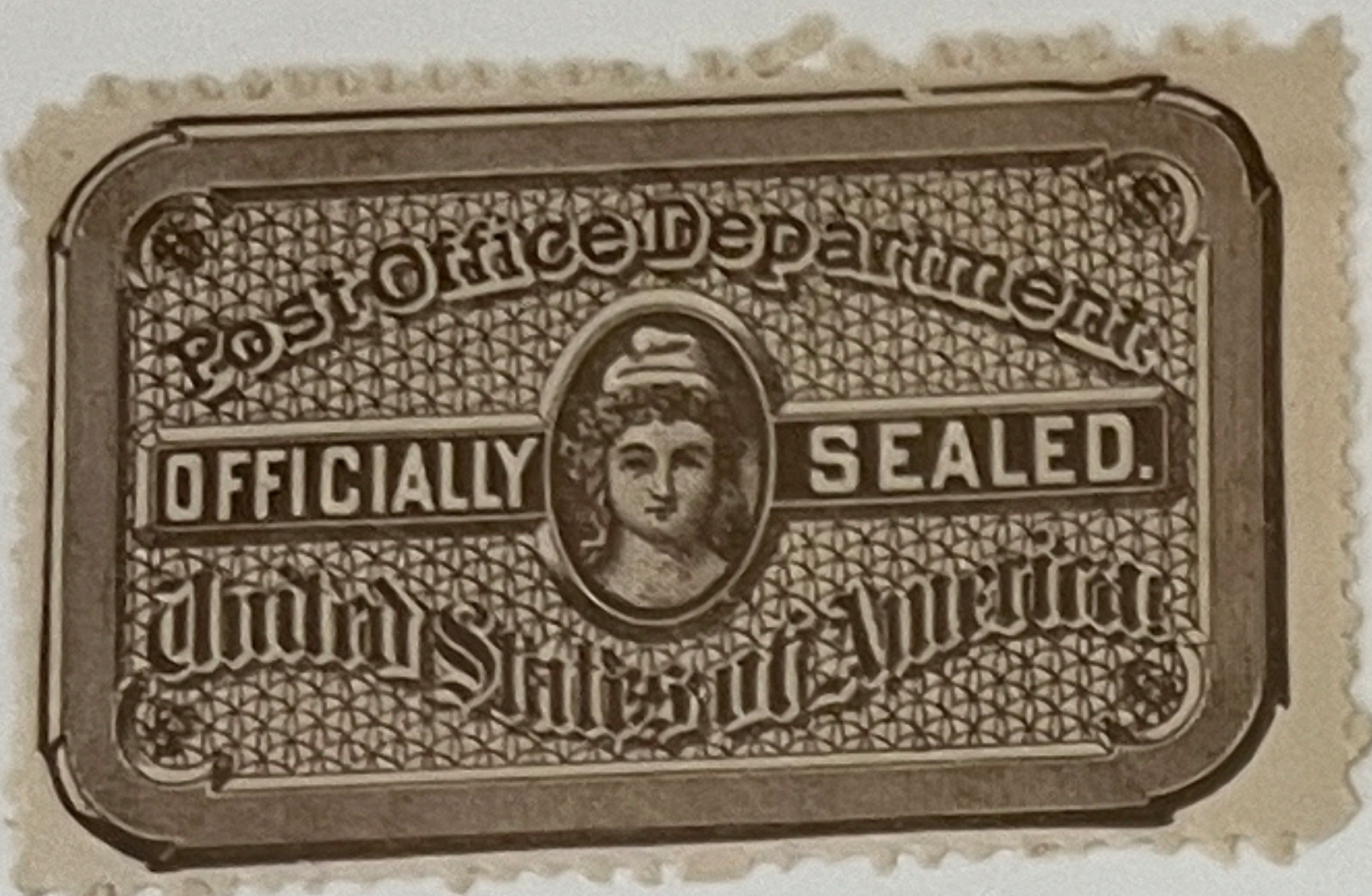


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Plate Varieties - Dent in Top Frame Line

This relatively common type exhibiting a strong dent in the top right frame line is one of the more easily recognized varieties of the 1888 issue. It first appears in setting B where it is found the leftmost 5 seals in the 5th row of the 6 x 7 seal pane. The variety is found in other positions of the later settings (except setting C) of this issue.

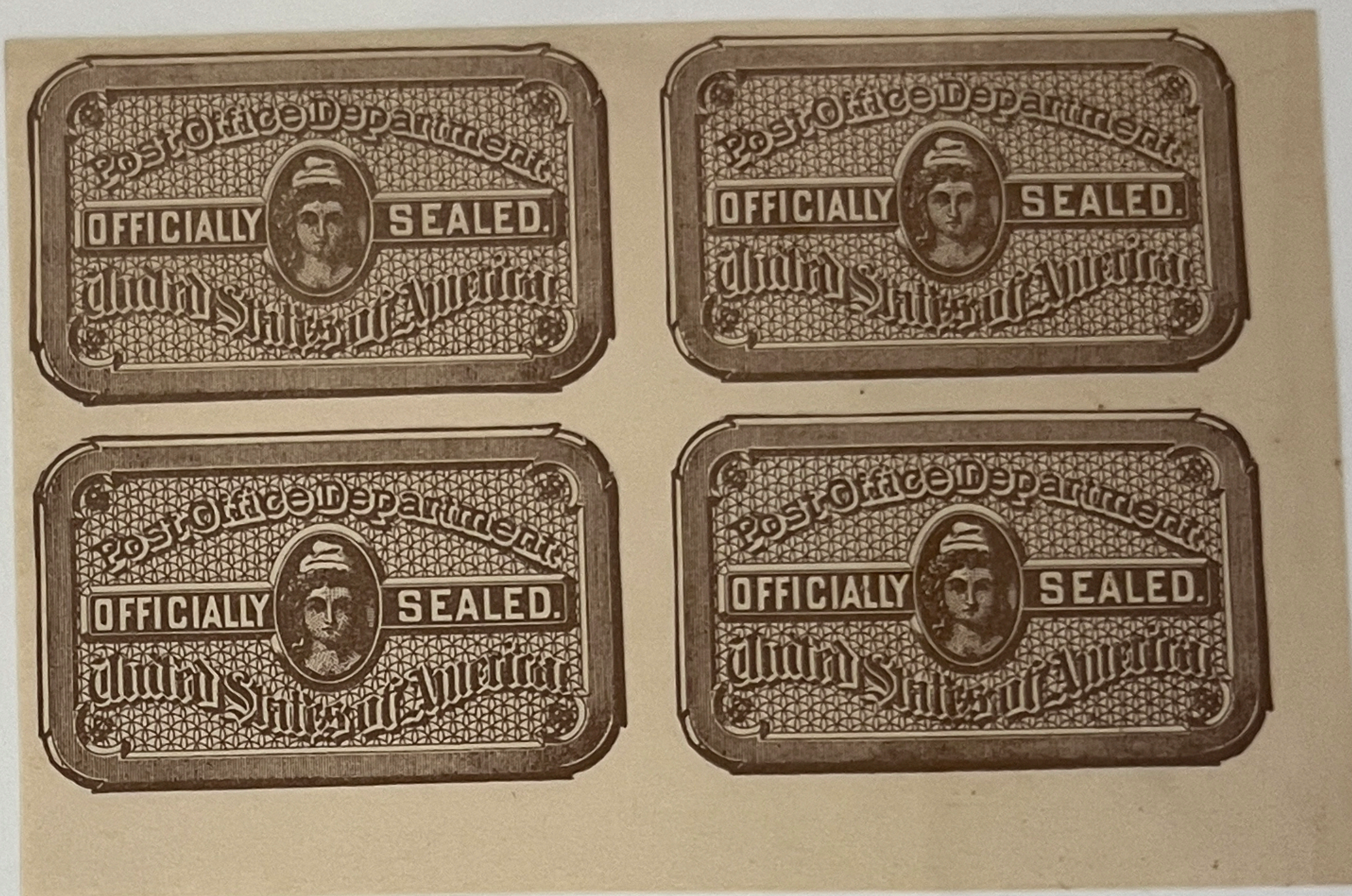
Type II - Setting B



Type III - Setting B



Probably Setting E - Dent in 6th stamp



Type III, setting B, dent in top right frame line variety used to reseal an envelope opened in error and tied on the rear with a Worcester, Mass. receiving cancel.



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Plate Varieties, Gash in Frame at Lower Left

Found only in setting C, a strong gash in the frame at the lower left is easily recognized. It appears in the six left columns of the second row of the pane.



The row of seals below exhibits the development of the flaw from minor to major



A registered letter, damaged in transit, repaired with a single copy of the flawed seal.



United States Official Seals 1900 - 1975

This exhibit covers the Official Seals used within the United States and its possessions through the first three-quarters of the 20th century.

1. The lithographed issue of 1900
2. Blue seals perforated, rouletted, and compound.
3. Black on pink wartime issue
4. Black on white issue
5. Seals used within the US military
6. Issue of 1919
7. Modern Issues
8. Locally produced seals
9. Experimental seals
10. Typeset seals
11. Issues of the Philippine Islands
12. Issues of the Ryukyu Islands
13. Issues of the Canal Zone

The goal of the exhibit is to show coverage in depth of each of the areas above, focusing on both the seals themselves and the various usages.



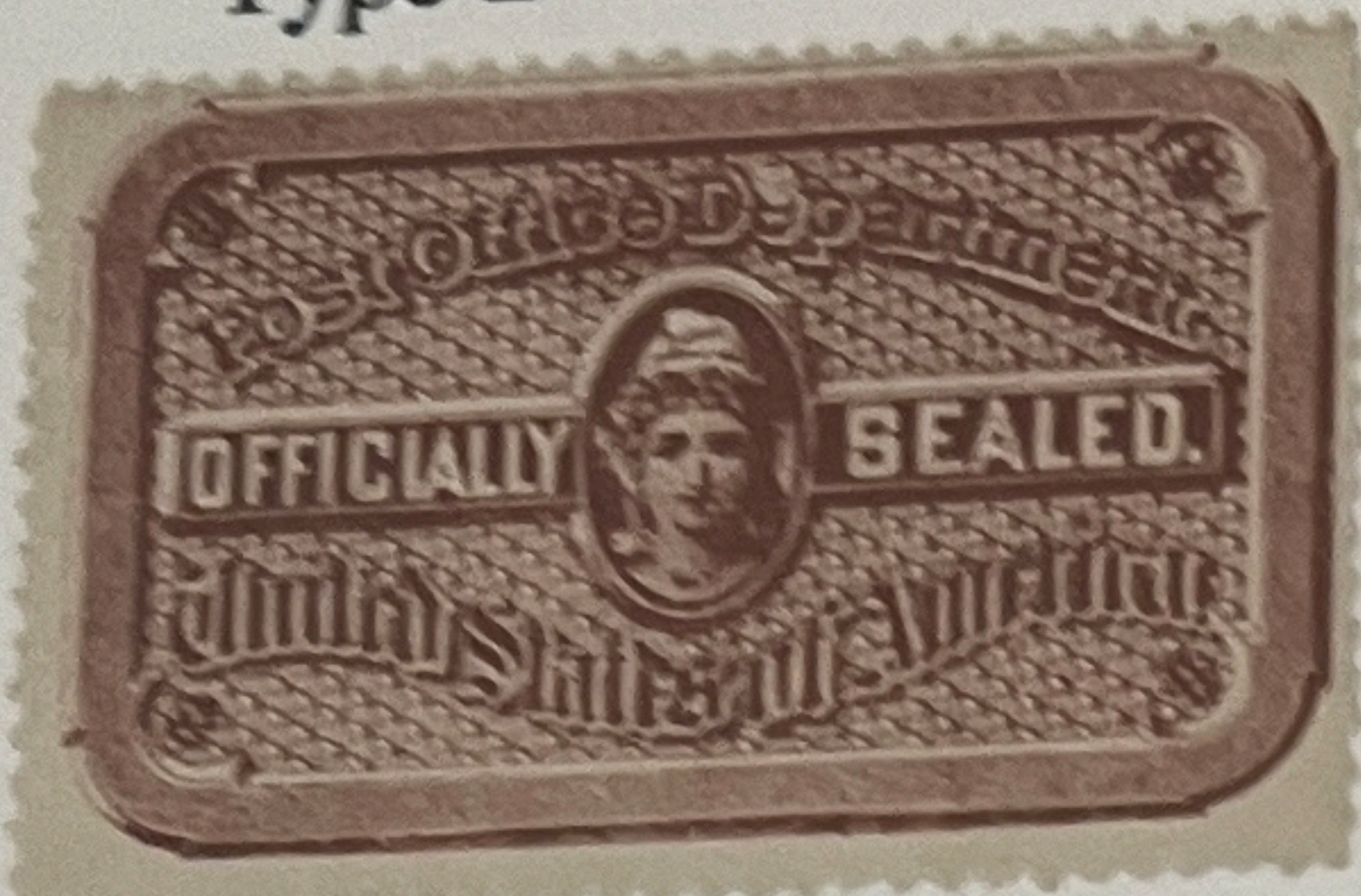
The Type I seal of the 1919 issue is easily the most frequently encountered United States seal. But even very common material can be found in very uncommon usages. The cover below has all of the elements that gladden the heart of a seals collector: uncommon point of origination, two different censorship seals, customs inspection seal, postage due, official seal and brown repair tape, all nicely tied.



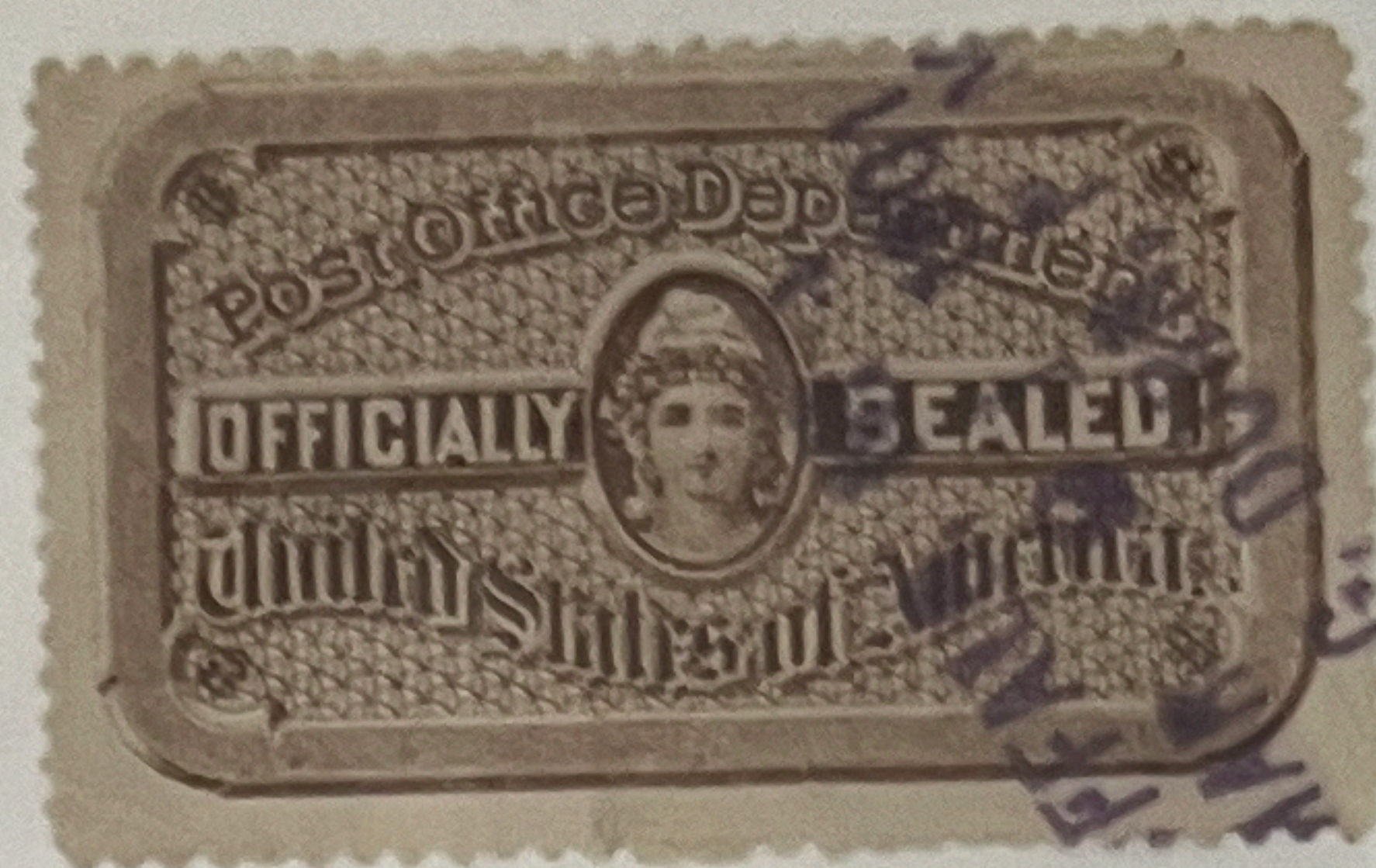
Issue of 1900 - 1905

May 20, 1900
Earliest reported use
Type S - Grey Brown

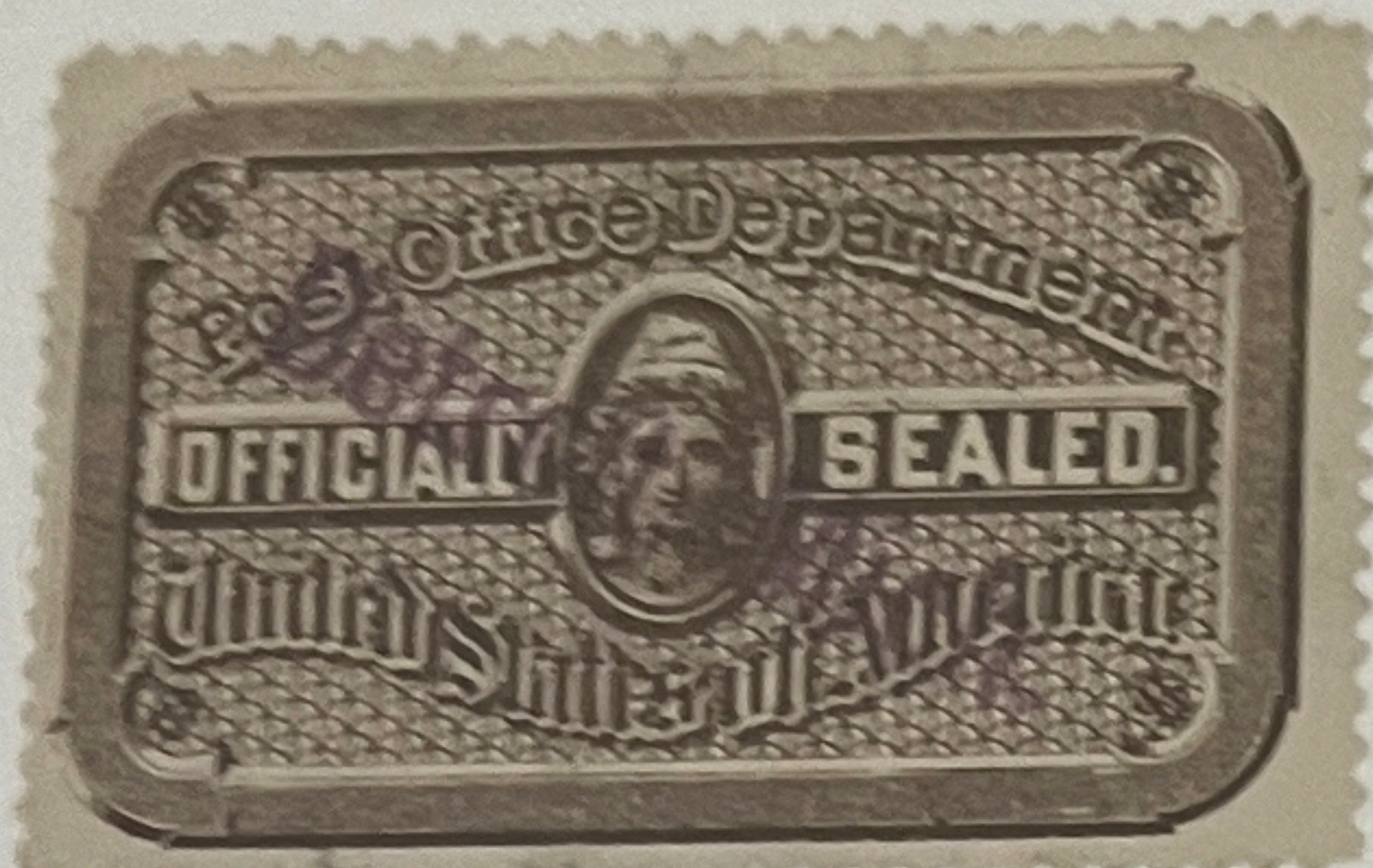
Blotch in "e" of "Department"
First reported by Ernest Kehr
Type B - Red Brown



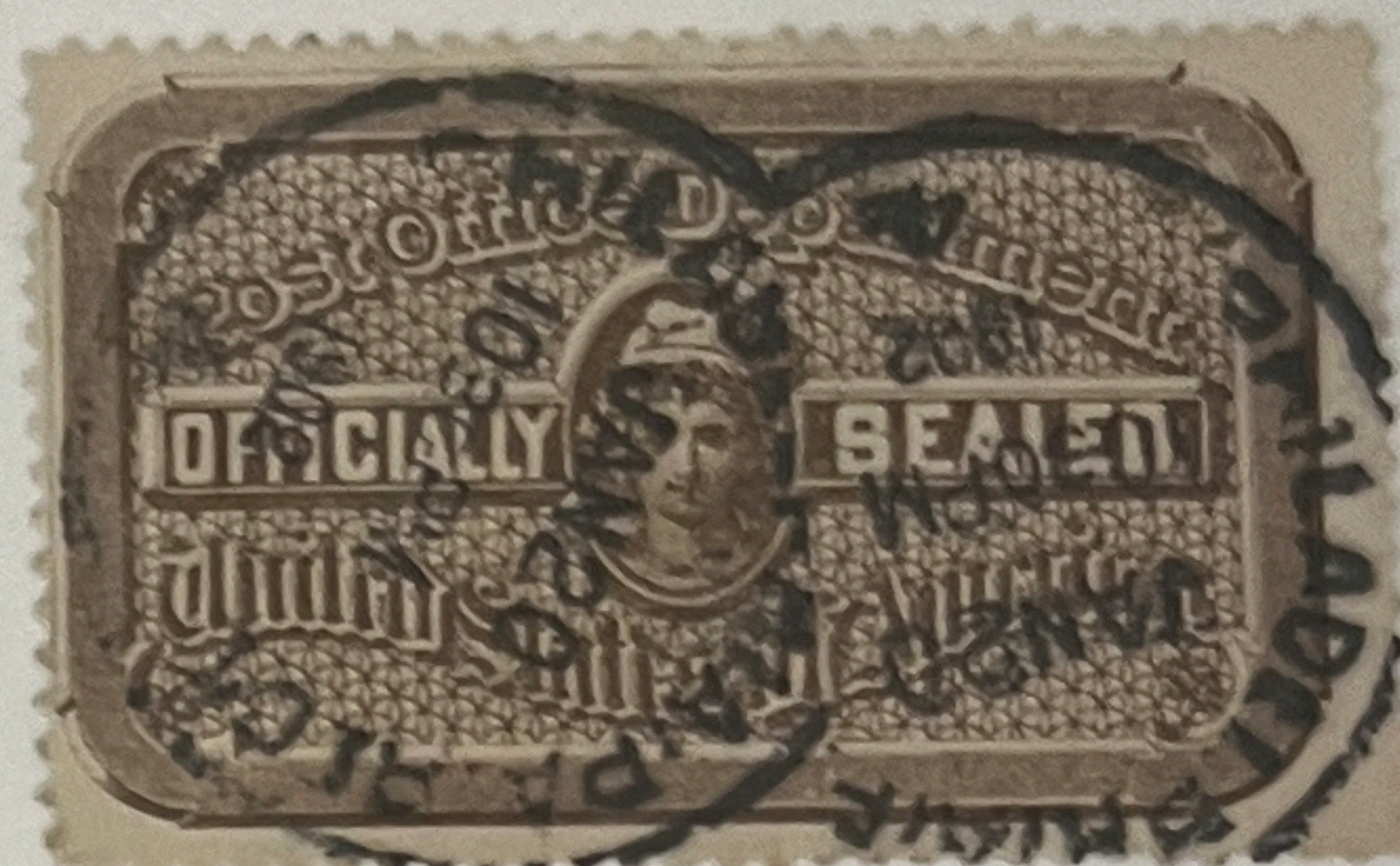
1901
Type R - Grey Brown



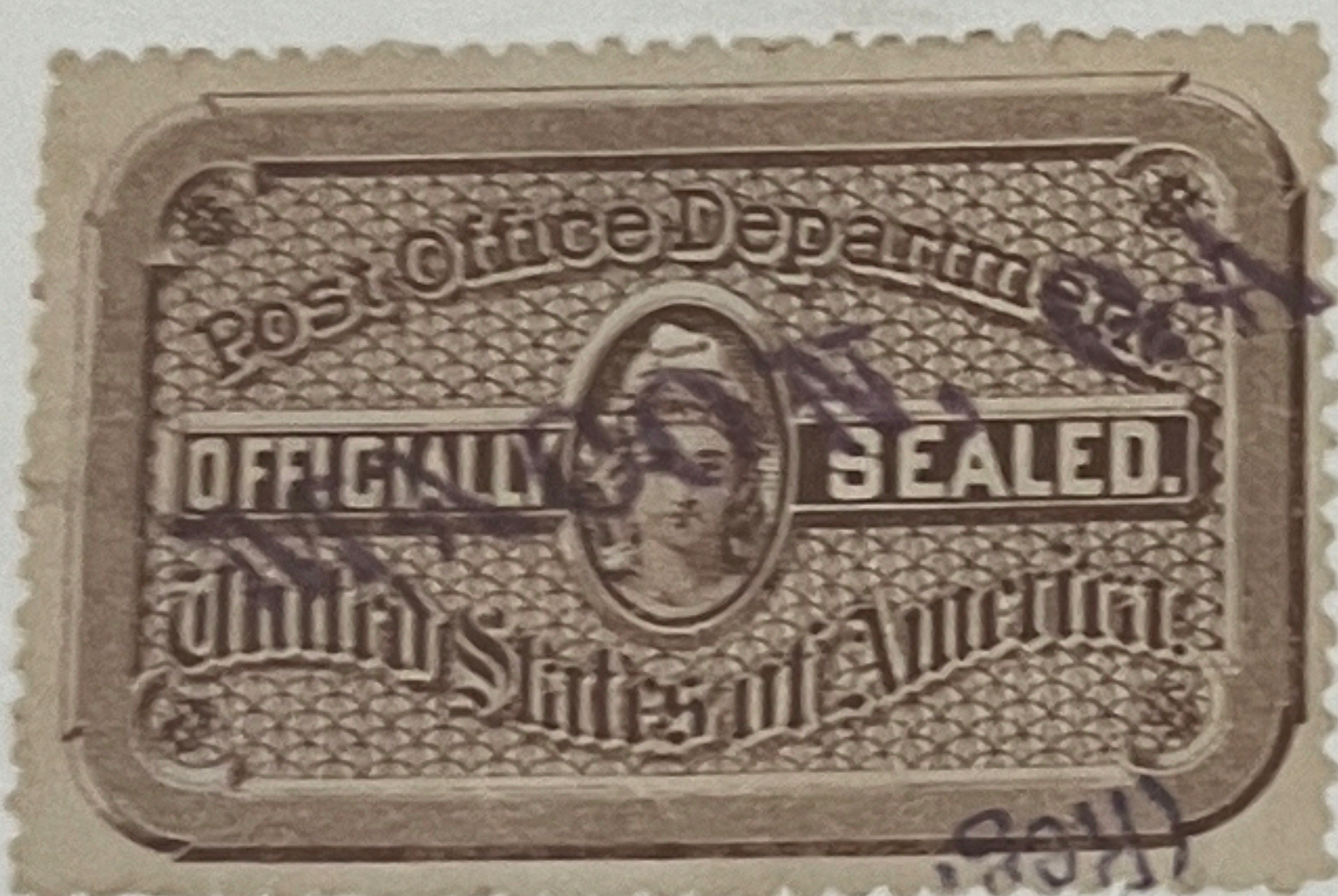
Detroit Michigan Precancel
Type O - Red Brown



1902
Type G - Grey Brown



Macon, Georgia Precancel
Type C - Grey Brown



1903
Type W - Red Brown



"Received in Bad Order"
Type O - Red Brown



1904
Type V - Grey Brown



1905
Type E - Red Brown

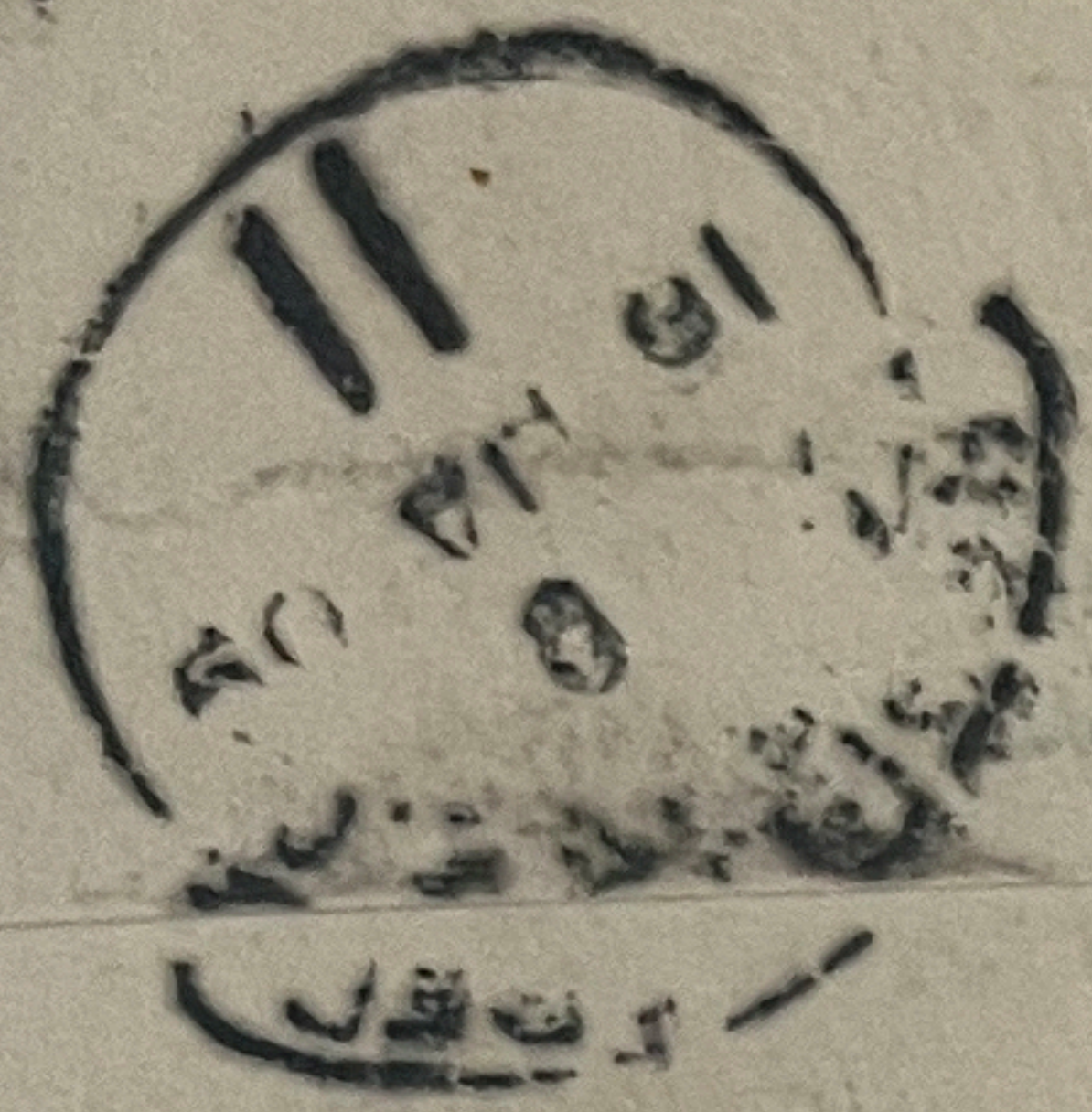


Unknown Type
Very worn impression



1906
Type A - Red Brown





of

Received at



Issue of 1900 - 1905

Red Brown - Type R



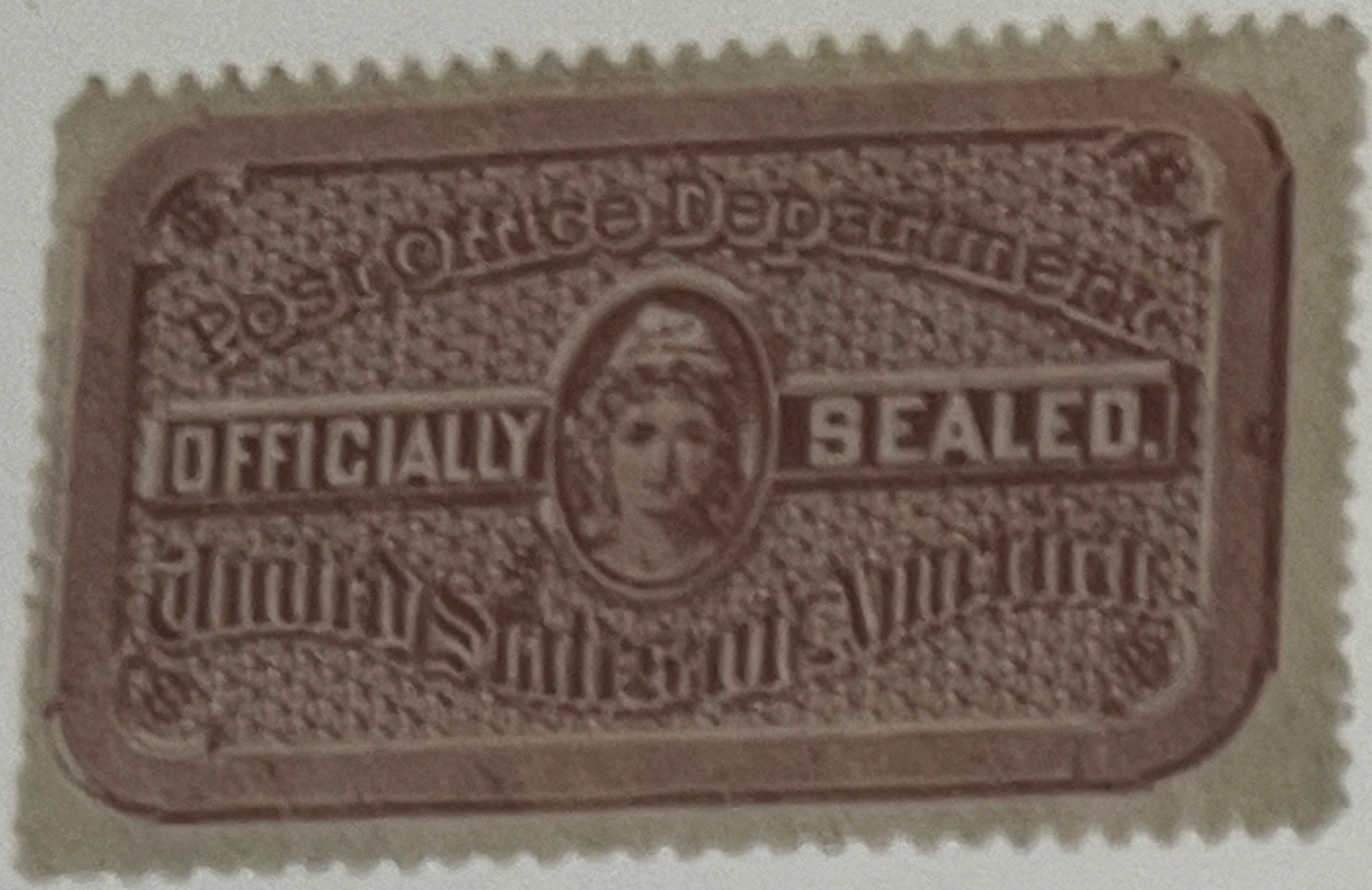
Envelope "RECEIVED IN BAD ORDER" - Seal is tied on the rear with the same cancel as on the front of the envelope.



Issue of 1900 - 1905

Red Brown - Types P and T

Type P



Type T



Types P (on left) and T used to reseal a mourning cover opened in error.



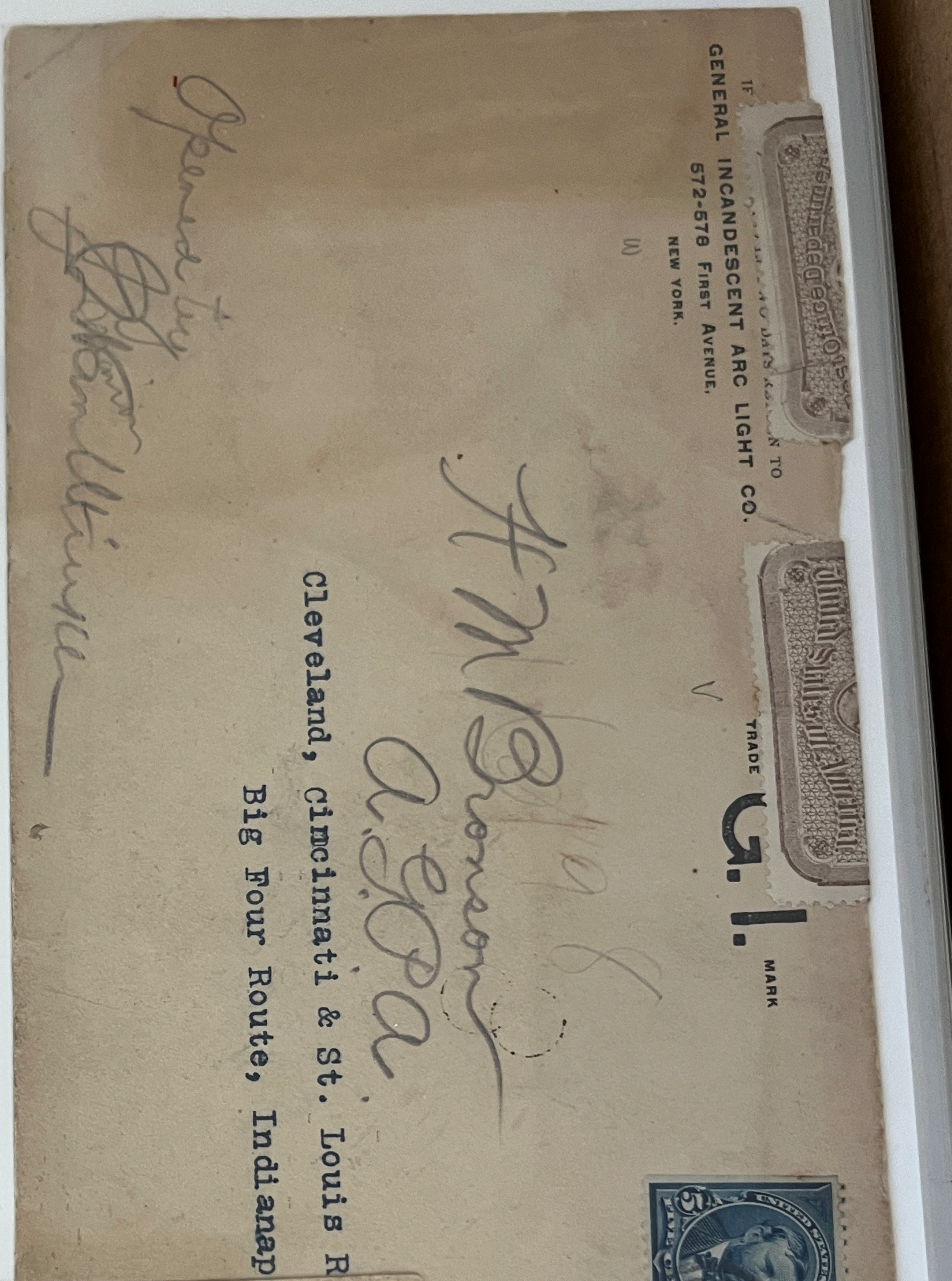
Lithographs of 1900

Type W at left and Type V at right used to reclose a registered envelope opened in error.

The block below contains mystery type 'd' at the top left, and types V W and O as shown in the diagram.

d	V
W	O

Below, a cover with five gray brown seals tied on the rear with New York duplex cancels. Very surprisingly ALL of them are type W.



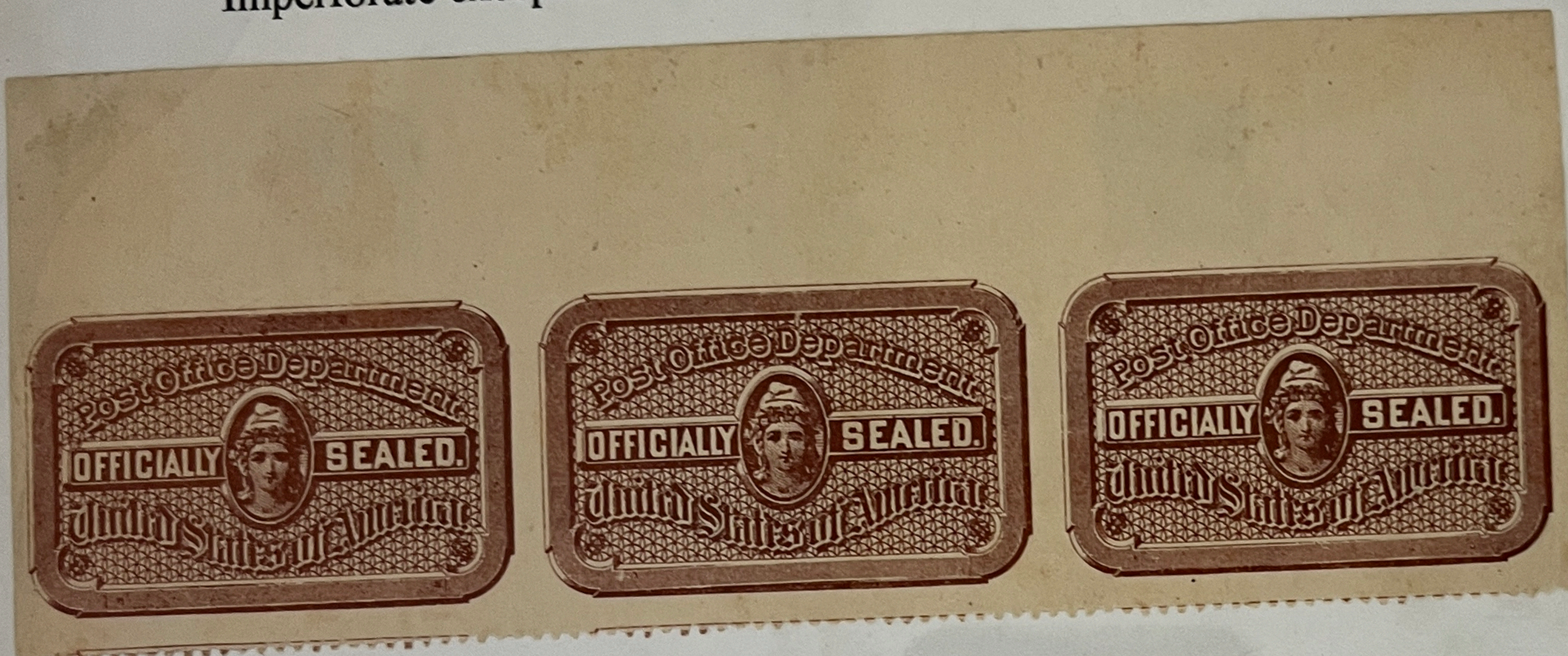
Issue of 1900 - 1905

Red Brown - Perforation varieties

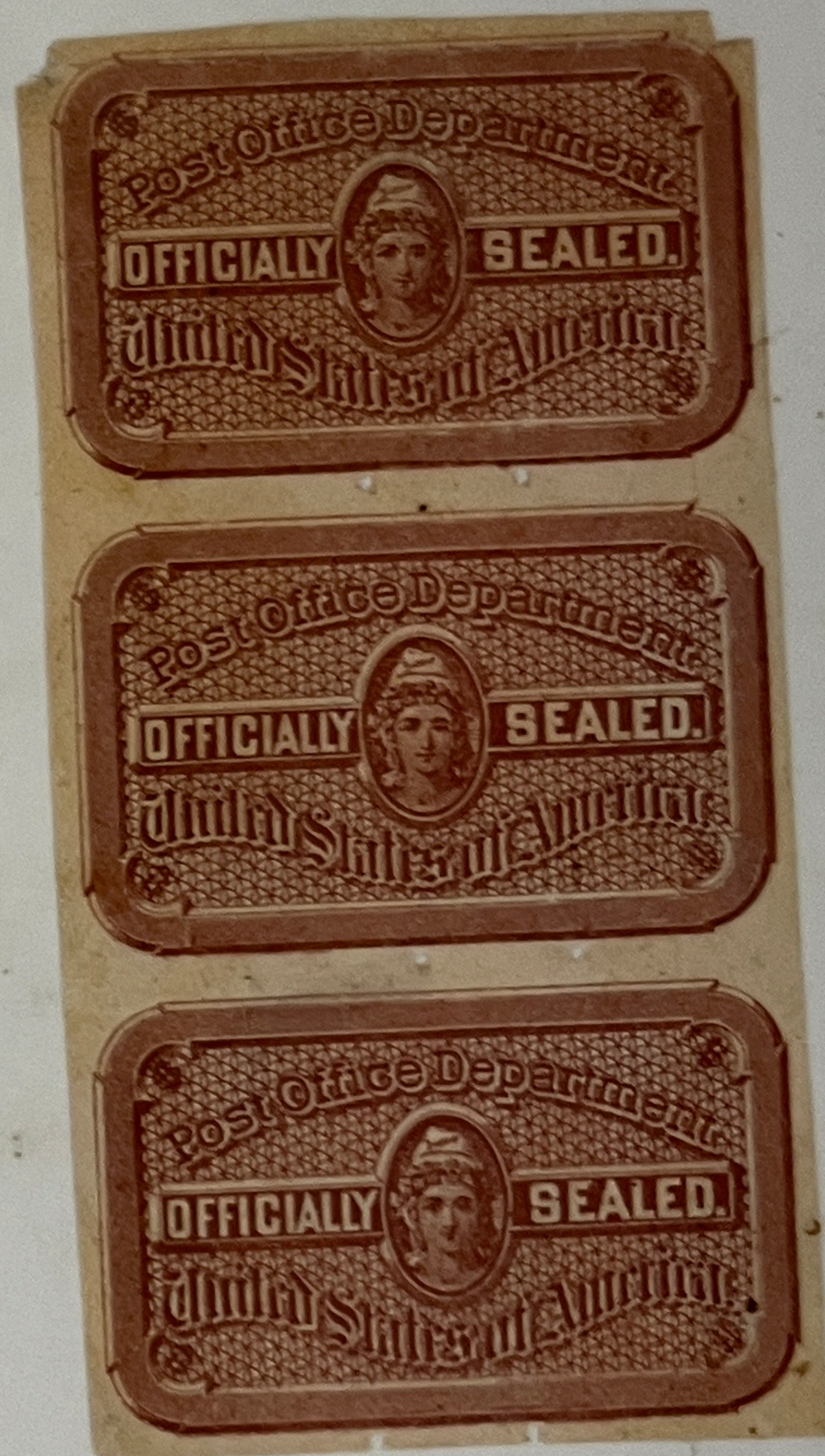
The relative abundance of these varieties makes it very likely they are printer's waste.

Vertical strip of three with
only a few perf holes
Types K, O, and S

Imperforate except for bottom of strip, Types A, B, and C



Imperforate Vertically
Types N, O, R, and S



Imperforate Horizontally
Types G and K

Extra horizontal row of perfs
Type U

Issue of 1900 - 1905

Red Brown - Type T

Imperforate block containing types
T, Q, X, and U.



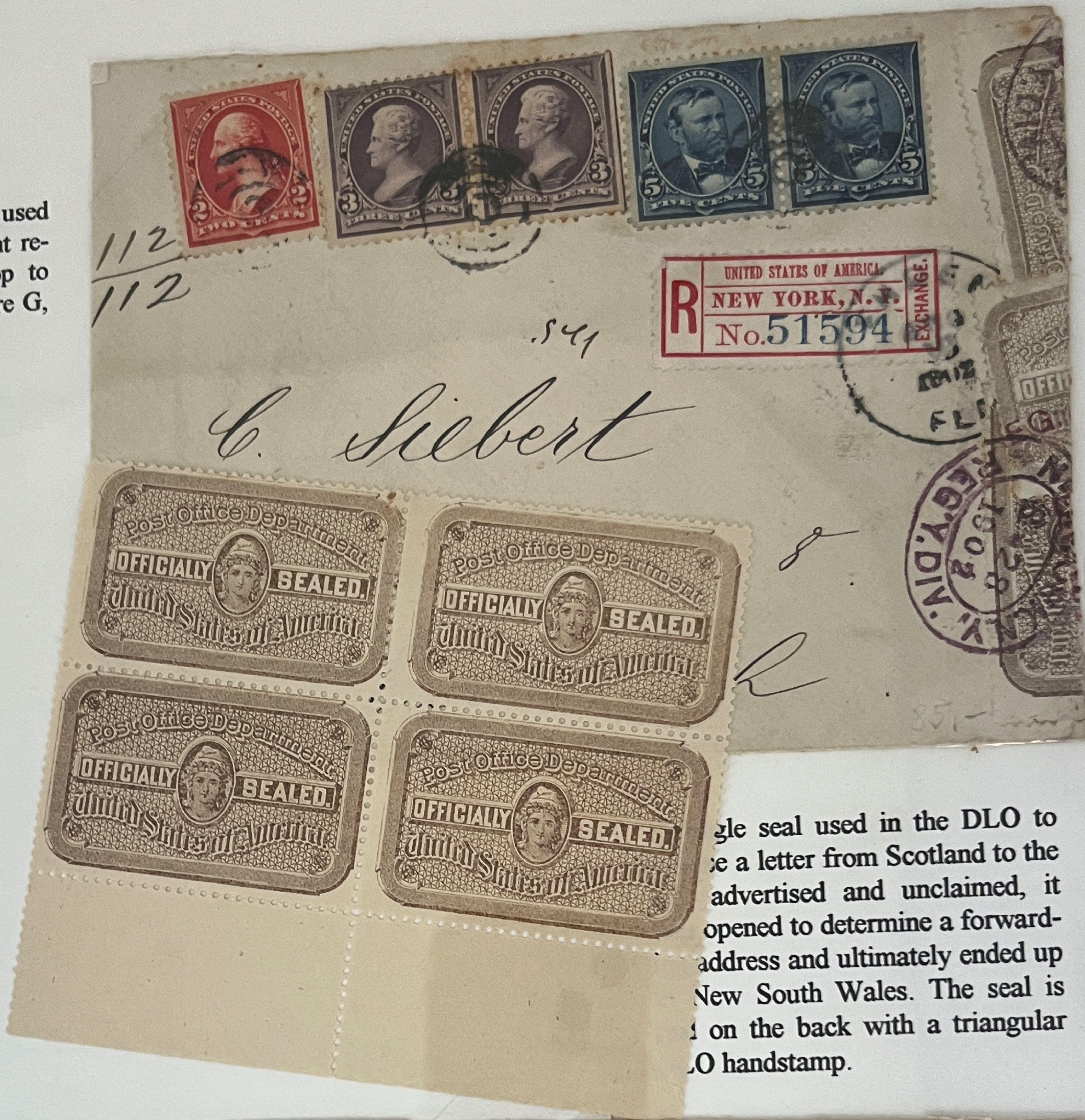
Type T seal used to reseal an envelope opened in error: "Opened by mistake by J. H. Watson, 200 William St." and then readdressed to 100 William Street. The seal is tied on the rear by a New York duplex cancel.



Gray Brown Usages

Lithographs of 1900

Three gray brown seals used to repair a double weight registered letter. From top to bottom, the seal types are G, K, and V.



One seal used in the DLO to repair a letter from Scotland to the advertised and unclaimed, it was opened to determine a forward address and ultimately ended up in New South Wales. The seal is pasted on the back with a triangular DLO handstamp.

Five gray brown seals used to repair a badly damaged envelope. The seals were pasted on the back of the envelope. New York. The seals are cancelled.

Surprisingly, ALL of the seals are type W.



Issue of 1907

Blue, Perforated 12

A 1911 surface mail rate letter to a London hotel, unclaimed as the addressee had left, then forwarded to Biarritz, France, where the addressee had again left, and finally returned to the sender in New York, where the 1907 seals were applied. The rear has three different London backstamps and a boxed "non réclamé" (unclaimed) Biarritz handstamp.



A single seal used to close a registered letter opened in error. Unusual use of a pair of the 5¢ Parcel Post stamps paying the 10¢ registry fee. Manuscript "Opened by Miriam Silva" on the rear. The seal is tied with a manuscript "E. A. Harris," presumably the postmaster.



Four seals used to repair a damaged registered letter. Three notations "Received in bad condition..." are found, one applied in New York on the front, and at Norfolk and Princess Anne on the back. Additional manuscript notation on the back: "Officially sealed by Jos. Steele, Norfolk"

Typographs of 1907

Type 2
Usage, Multiple Seal Type Usage

Letter to India, refused with both handstamp and manuscript notations, passed through the Madras and Bombay DLO, and returned to the US with Indian, French, and US postage due markings. The precanceled seals were applied in the New York foreign mail section, and 3 x 2¢ dues (with inverted Brooklyn, NY precancels) were used to collect the double 3¢ UPU rate deficiency.



Seals for Repair and Reclosing

**Typographs of 1907
Blue, Usages**

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Seal used to repair a registered letter with a colorful 21¢ franking of late use Columbians and Washington-Franklins including a 13¢ 1908 issue to pay the 10¢ registry fee plus triple UPU rate to Hungary.



Issue of 1907

Dark Blue, Perforated 12

Watermarked Seal of U.S.



Block of 16 with watermark covering most of the two right columns



Typographs of 1907

Unwatermarked

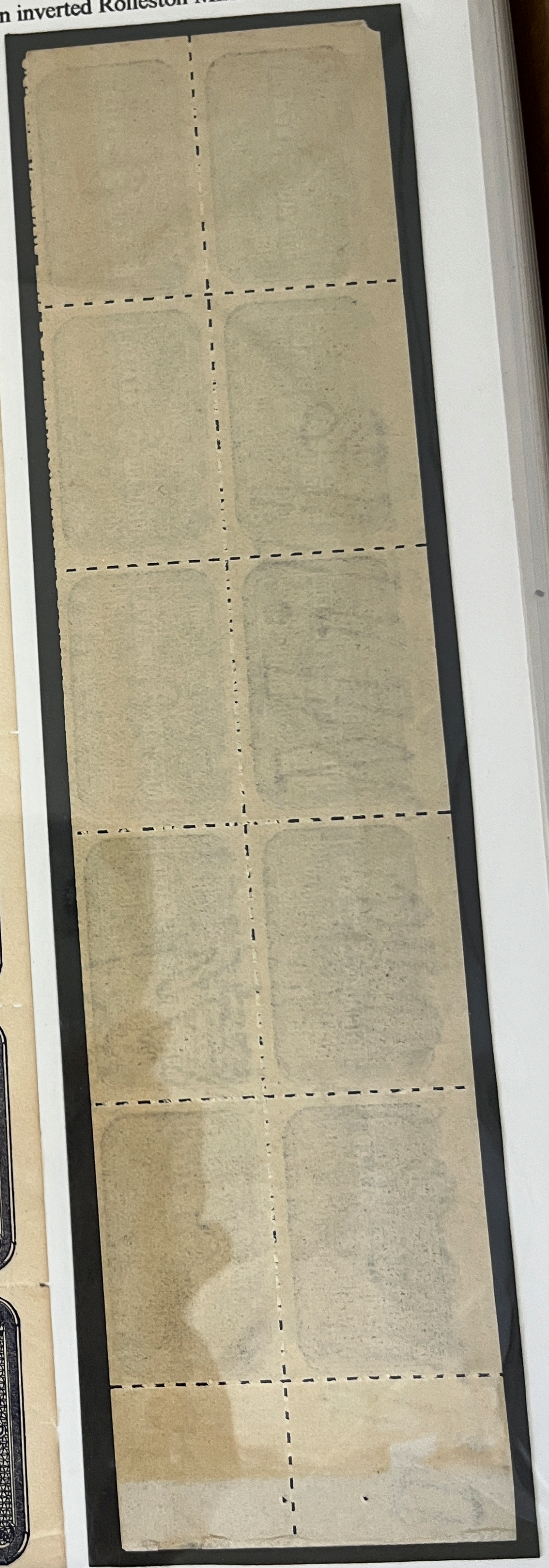
Inverted Rolleston Mills watermark



Typographs of 1907

Type 3
Panels of 10 and 20

Panels of 10 and 20, both watermarked "Rolleston Mills" with the panel of 10 having an unusually strong impression of the watermark that is complete except for the leading "R" and shows the entire fancy letter "A" logo of the American Writing Paper Company that made the paper for these seals. The panel of 20 has an inverted Rolleston Mills watermark.



Issue of 1919

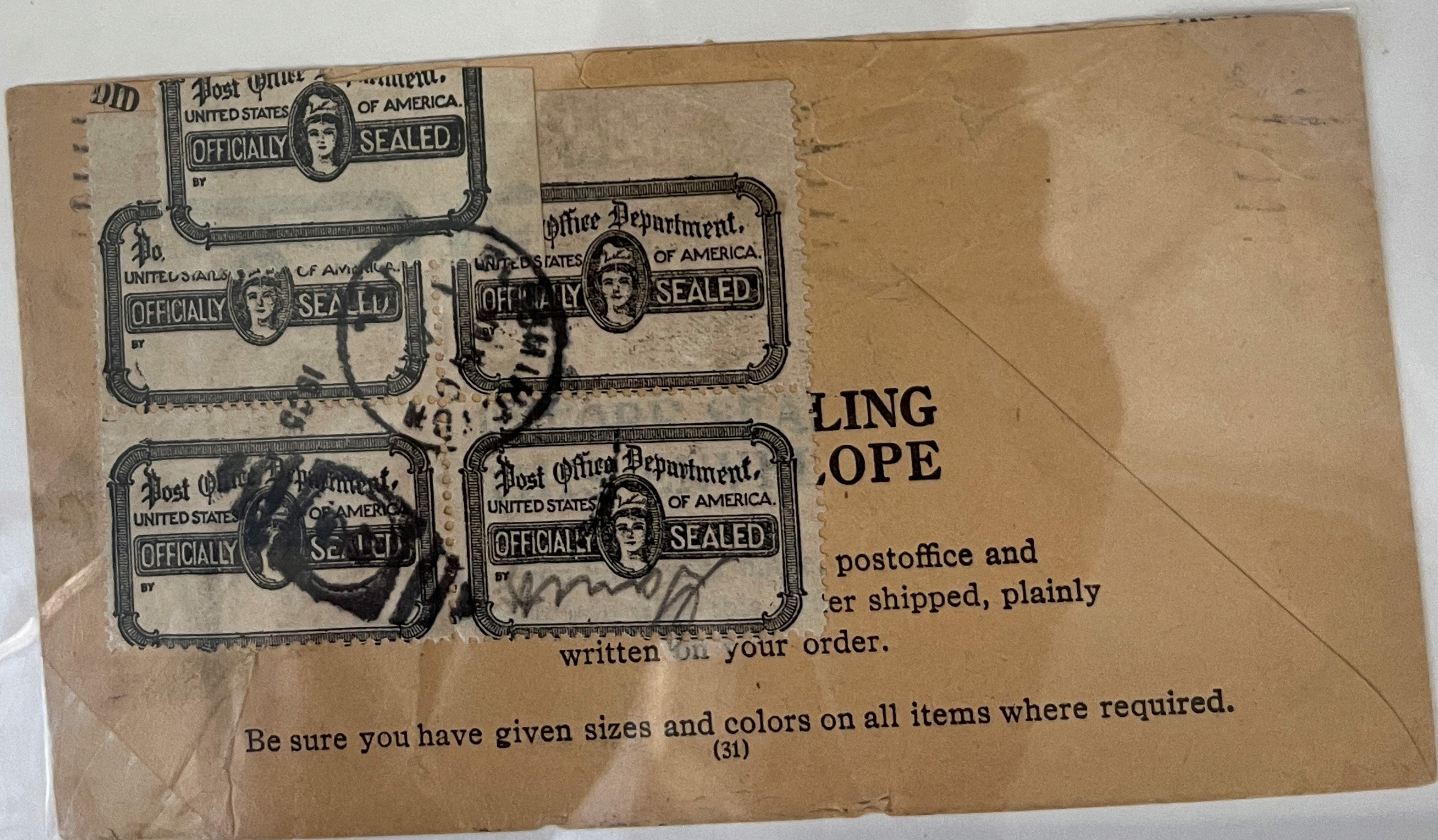
The 1919 issue of seals is known for its variety of perforation, paper, and watermark types. Perkal and Kazman identified 10 types. Additional types found by collectors since their initial listing was published are assigned suffixes "A", "B", etc. in the table below.

Type	Paper	Perforation	Dates of use	Watermarks
I	White, thin, crisp	12 x 12	1919 - 1944	None, 1, 2
II	White, thin, crisp	12 x 9	1936 - 1946	None, 1
III	White, thin, crisp	12 x 8½	1936 - 1946	None, 1
IIIA	White, thin, crisp	12½ x 12½	?	?
IIIB	White, thin, crisp	11½ x 11½	?	?
IIIC	White, thin, crisp	8½ x 8½	?	None, 1
IV	Egg, medium to thick	12 x 12	1946 - 1950	None, 3
V	Egg, medium to thick	12½ x 12½	1946 - 1950	None, 3
VI	Egg, very thick	12½ x 8½	1947 - 1950	None
VII	Egg, very thick	8½ x 8½	1947 - 1950	None
VIIA	Egg, very thick	8 x 8½	(1950)	?
VIIIB	Egg, very thick	8½ x 12	?	?
VIII	Grey, very thick	12½ x 12½	1948 - 1953	None
IX	Grey, very thick	8½ x 8½	1948 - 1953	None
X	Grey, very thick	Roulette 9½	1948 - 1953	None

The watermark types are:

1. Eagle and star (two types)
2. Crocker McElwain logo and double line "CERTIFICATE BOND/MADE IN USA"
3. Single line "MADE IN USA"

Five Type I seals used to repair an envelope damaged in transit



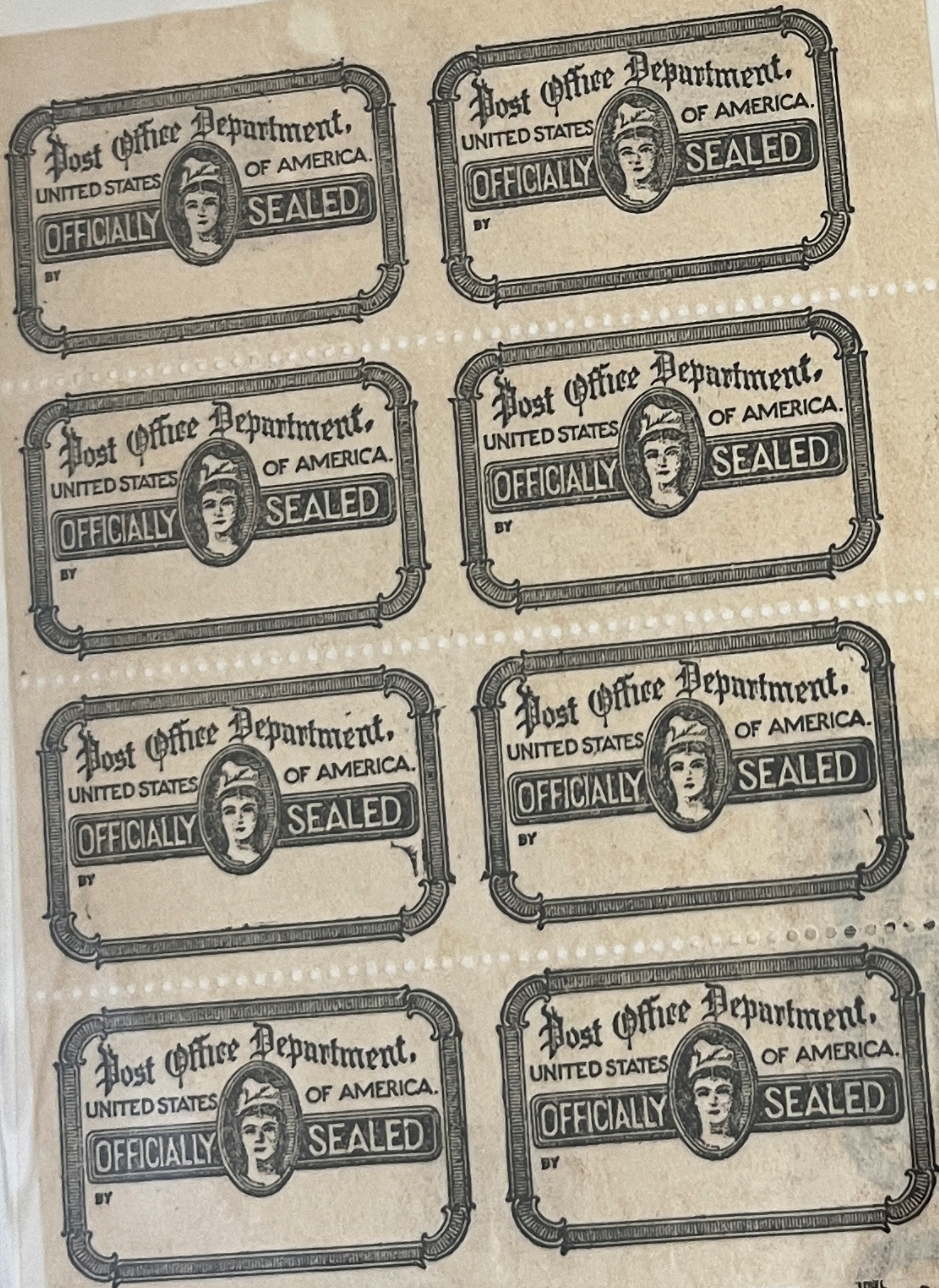
Be sure you have given sizes and colors on all items where required.

Issue of 1919

Type I - Grey Black
Regular Perf 12

Panes of 10 were created
by splitting the panes of
20, and were typically
distributed to smaller
post offices that had a
lower rate of seal use.

Perforated and imperfor-
ate panes of 10



Issue of 1919

Type I - Grey Black,
Regular Perf 12

Four Type I seals on
an inflationary period
cover from Germany
with 35,000,000 marks
of postage. The rear of
the cover bears two 50
pfenning stamps of the
1921 issue apparently
used to seal the flaps
of the envelope, much
as one might use
Christmas seals day.

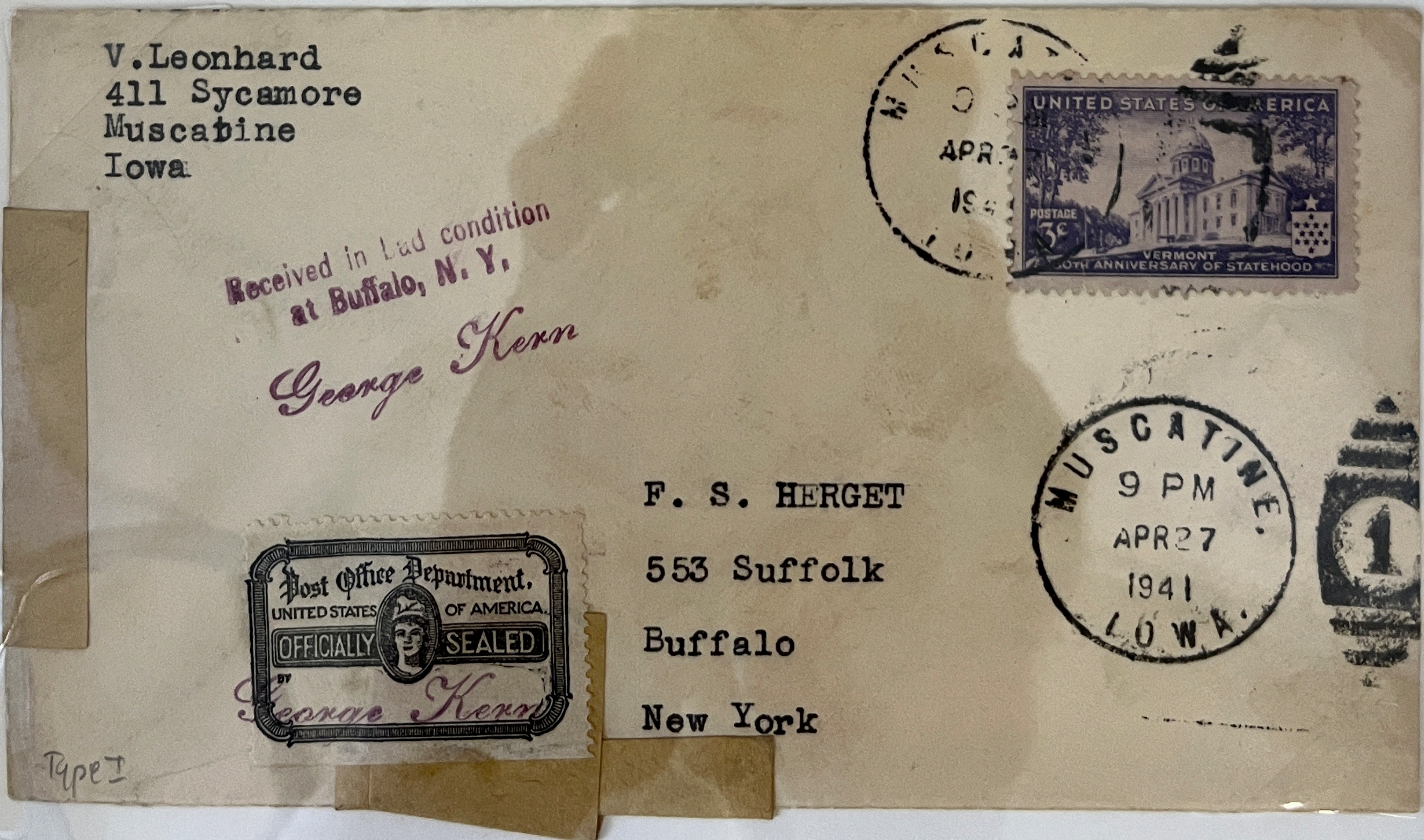


9 seals used to
repair a damaged
registered cover.
German censor-
ship tape at the
bottom.

Issue of 1919

Type I - Black, Regular Perf 12

The black shade is less common than the grey black. Two typical examples: Above a single example used to reseal a 1929 envelope received unsealed, and below a single seal used to repair a 1941 envelope received in bad condition.



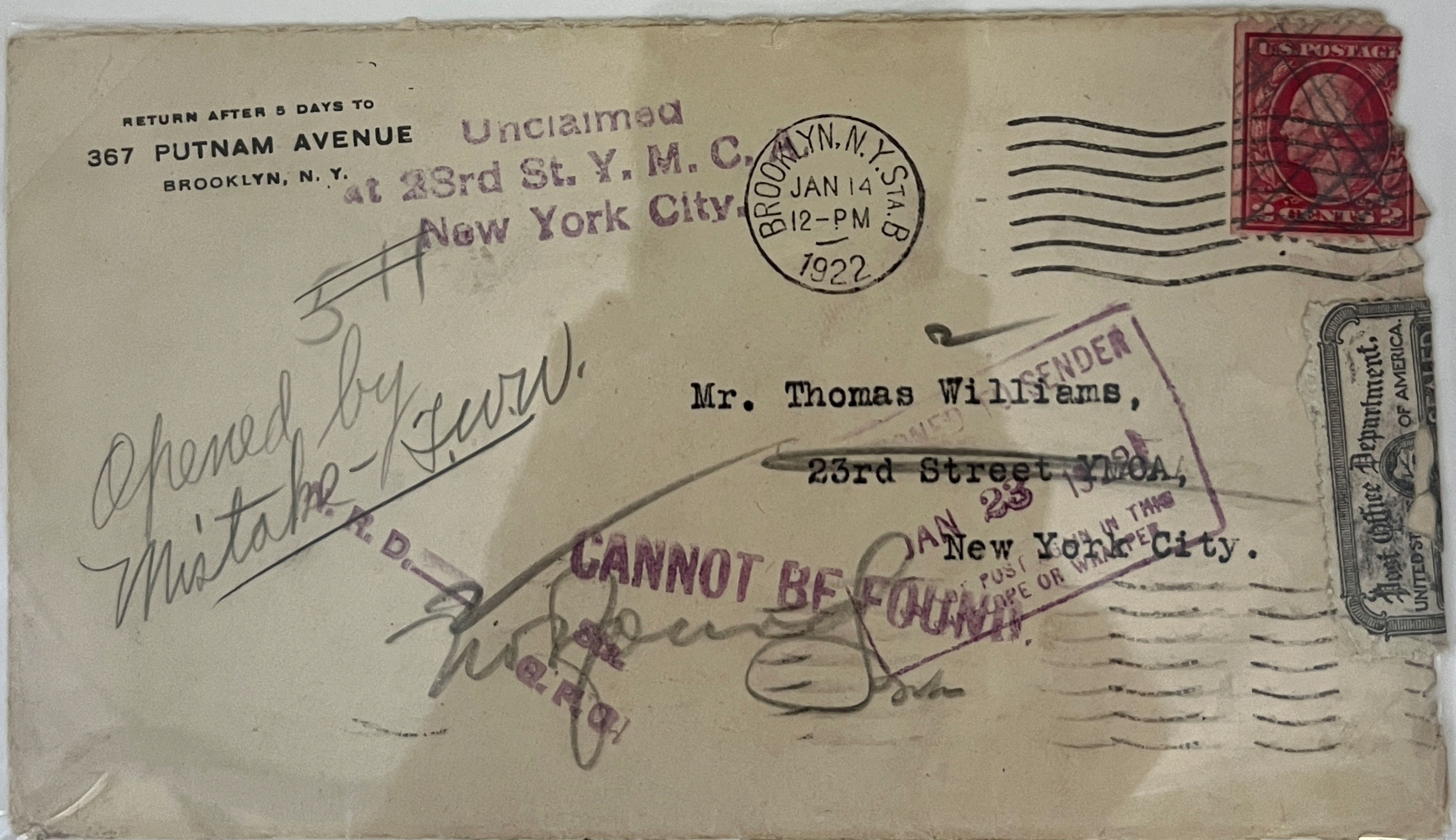
Issue of 1919

Type I - Grey Black, Rough Perf 12

Approximately 10% of type I seals are found with rough perforations



The cover below bears a single rough perf seal, tied on the rear by a New York machine cancel. It was resealed after being opened in error, and was then unclaimed and returned to the sender.



Issue of 1919

Type III - Grey Black
Perf. 12 x 8½

Two Type III seals, the upper being tied on the rear with a Monterey, California machine cancel. There is no obvious reason for the use of seals as a return address is clearly present and the pointing finger handstamp indicates that the enveloped was to be returned.



Pane of 20 without selvage, with watermark Eagle and Star oriented vertically



Hybrid Pane

The pane at the right has variable perfs from top to bottom as shown in the figure below. If one had a single seal from the top row, it would be identified as type 3, if one had a bottom seal, as type 2. The two middle seals would be a problem. The same variable perfs are replicated in all columns.

	8.50	
	8.65	
	8.85	
	9.00	

Type 5

Below, two type 5 perf 12½ seals used to reclose an envelope opened in error.

The only recorded example of this perforation variety.



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Auxiliary Markings

“Mail damaged by water/Postage Paid” with missing stamp due to water soaking. The rear bears a type IV seal over the flap which has also become unglued.



An extensively damaged envelope “DAMAGED BY MAIL CHUTE” repaired with a precancelled Type I seal.

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Precancels

Registry style cancels used as precancels on Type I seals

To the right, precancels from 6 cities

Below, two Type I on-cover examples. The upper an unusual example of a single seal with a Detroit precancel used to repair a damaged advertising postcard for home cleaning (see photocopy of the rear). The second is a single seal with rough perforations and a Grand Central Station, New York precancel used to repair a damaged cover.



Good News

House Cleaning MADE EASIER

WITH OUR HELP + PRICES

Send us your COMFORTERS BLANKETS SLIP COVERS DRAPERIES and RUGS

Ray J.C. BUCKMASTER Cleaners 439 W. CANFIELD PHONE TE. 2-7046

Received in bad condition at *S.C.*

LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y. MARI 11 30 PM 1943

GIVE RED CROSS WAR FUND

WIN THE WAR 3c 3c UNITED STATES POSTAGE

General American Needlecraft

A.

DETROIT, MICH. APR 6 1943

Post Office Department, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OFFICIALLY SEALED

UNITED STATES POSTAGE 1 CENT

2737 Marquette City

Damaged by Cleaning Machine.

Issue of 1919

About 100 different precancel types have been seen.

Immediately below, misspelled "SEATTLE" printed precancel (the only reported example) and Saginaw roller. Further below a block of eight with Port Angeles, WA roller precancel. The cover at the bottom, "DAMAGED BY MAIL CHUTE", has a New York City roller precancel.



Four copies (two are on the back) of the Seattle printed precancel used reclose a letter opened in error. The only reported cover.



GRAND CENTRAL ANNEX, N. Y. P. O.
Ltr. No. 342

The Revertex Corporation of America
37-08 Northern Boulevard
Long Island City, L.I., N.Y.

Attention: Dr. K. H. Quasebarth

DAMAGED BY MAIL CHUTE

