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Post Office Department.

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY.

Reg. No. 60863



POSTMASTER AT

Lardner

Worcester

County,

Mass

Postmasters and Postal Clerks HANDLING THIS Envelope, ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NUMBER, ADDRESS, DATE OF ITS RECEIPT, TO WHOM DELIVERED, DATE OF SUCH DELIVERY, &c., AND TO TAKE RECEIPTS FOR THE SAME WHEN PRACTICABLE. THEY WILL PROVIDE A BOOK SPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

BY ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL. JOHN A. MERRITT,

KERR CRAIG,

THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL.

REGISTERED.

OPEN AT END.

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~~RECEIVED~~
JOHN A. MERRILL
Assistant Postmaster-General.

BOSTON, MASS.
JUL 8 1897
REGISTRY DIVISION.

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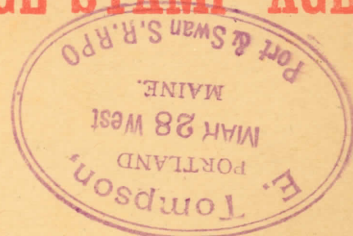
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Reg. No. 54906

POSTMASTER AT

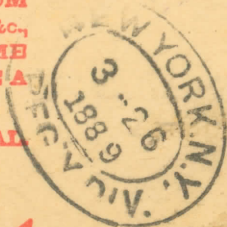


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Oxford County,

BY ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL



A. W. P.

THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL

How

75

POSTMASTERS RECEIVING THIS PACKAGE
—WILL PLEASE—
NOTE ITS CONDITIONS.

If showing signs of having been tampered with, report the same and return this package to 3d Asst. P. M. General, at Washington, D.C. This package should be opened at the end.

H. R. Harris,
3d Asst. P. M. G.

RECEIVED AT
PORTLAND MAINE
JAN 27 1889
IN GOOD CONDITION.
REGISTERED

Wm Gordon
28

REGISTERED.

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REGISTERED PACKAGE

POSTMASTER AT

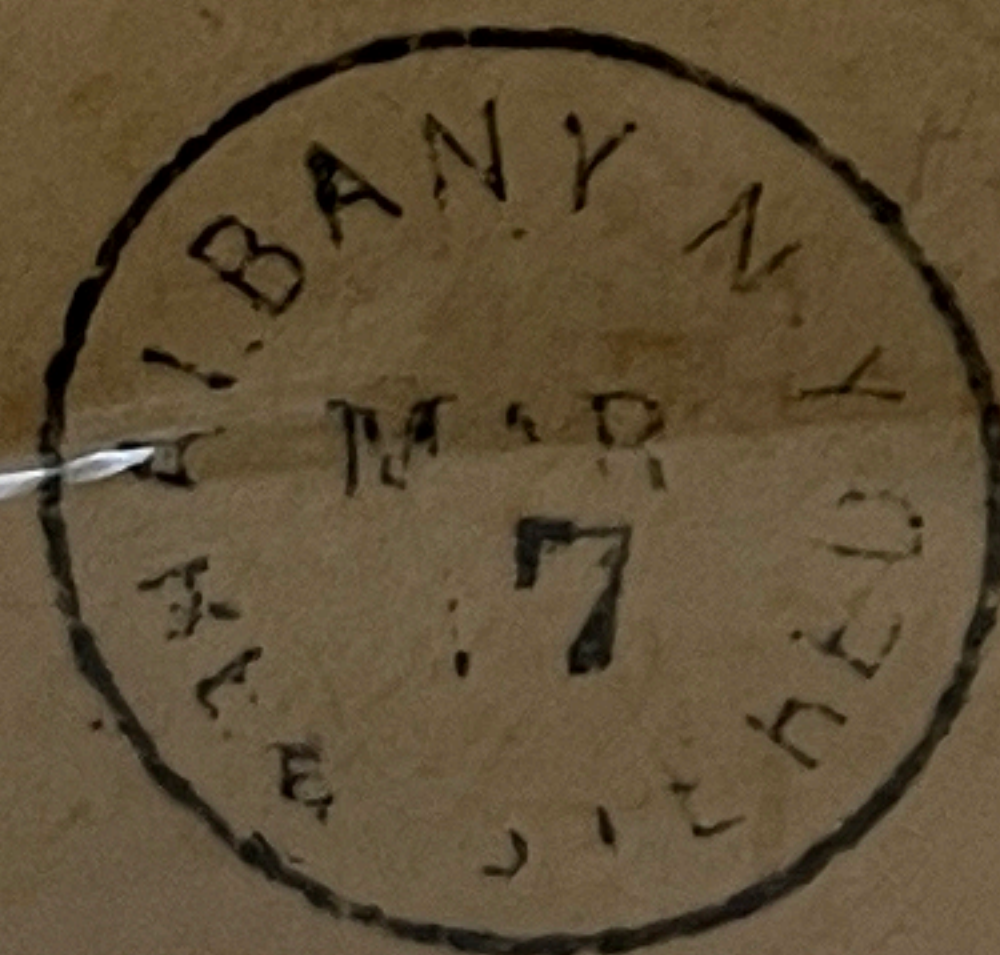
East Cambridge

J. H.

Open by Cutting this End.

No. 4101

Postmark of



Mailing Office.



Printed on Both Sides
Rear impression normal (97C)

Printed on Both Sides
Rear impression inverted

Pelure Paper, Unused

Pelure Paper



Ink Blot



When the use of the Registry Seal was discontinued in 1875, the Post Office introduced a new style of envelope for the protection of registered mail. The design included a system of interlocking flaps to prevent tampering. The design was patented by Alexander Lewis in 1874. The post office paid Lewis a royalty 50¢ per thousand envelopes.

At the right is one of the Lewis Patent envelopes.

Lewis Patent Envelope

REGISTERED PACKAGE

POSTMASTER AT

COUNTY OF

STATE OF

New York
Orange
N.Y.

Mark of

ing Office.

Reported in
Respecting to affix per
stamp of 70c
W. B. / 4 *H. G.*

Open to (return) in case

PATENTED JULY 28, 1874, AND JUNE 24, 1876.

RECORD OF TRANSIT.

Condition.

Good or Bad.

Signature.

By Whom Received and Date.

INSTRUCTIONS.

All Postal Offices handling this Package must keep a Record of its Number, Postmark with Date, Address, Date of Receipt and Disposition made of it, so that it may be traced from place of Mailing to its Destination, always taking a Receipt for it when practicable. If such Receipt cannot be obtained at the time, a Receipt properly filled up must be placed in the Package with the Form is opened, by the P. M. of the post office where the Form is Agent or and by him returned to the forwarding Postmaster General, and by him returned to the Postmaster General.

M. W. B. H. H. H.

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Registered Envelope

Envelopes of the type to the right were introduced in 1875 and replaced the use of registered seals. The use of overlapping gummed flaps was considered sufficiently secure to abandon the use of adhesive seals. Use of this package type continued until 1910.

This example to the right is from the 3rd of 16 printings.

The small pouch below served the same role as the envelope shown at the right but was attached to 3rd or 4th class registered items too large to fit in the pouches. 12 types have been identified in the literature. This is type 4.

The example shown is best described as a "specimen" that was used. Note the overprinted blue text: "SAMPLE OF TYING" and "Preserve by nailing this up near registry desk". Probably due to a shortage of pouches, the sample was actually used. The only reported example of the overprint.

show the flaps over

D. REGISTERED PACKAGE.

AL THIS PACKAGE SECURELY, AND TO POSTMARK IT PLAINLY.

ink, in the brackets, on each envelope, } [P.O. *Northham* State, *Cal.*]
ver they receive a new supply,



REGISTERED PACKAGE.

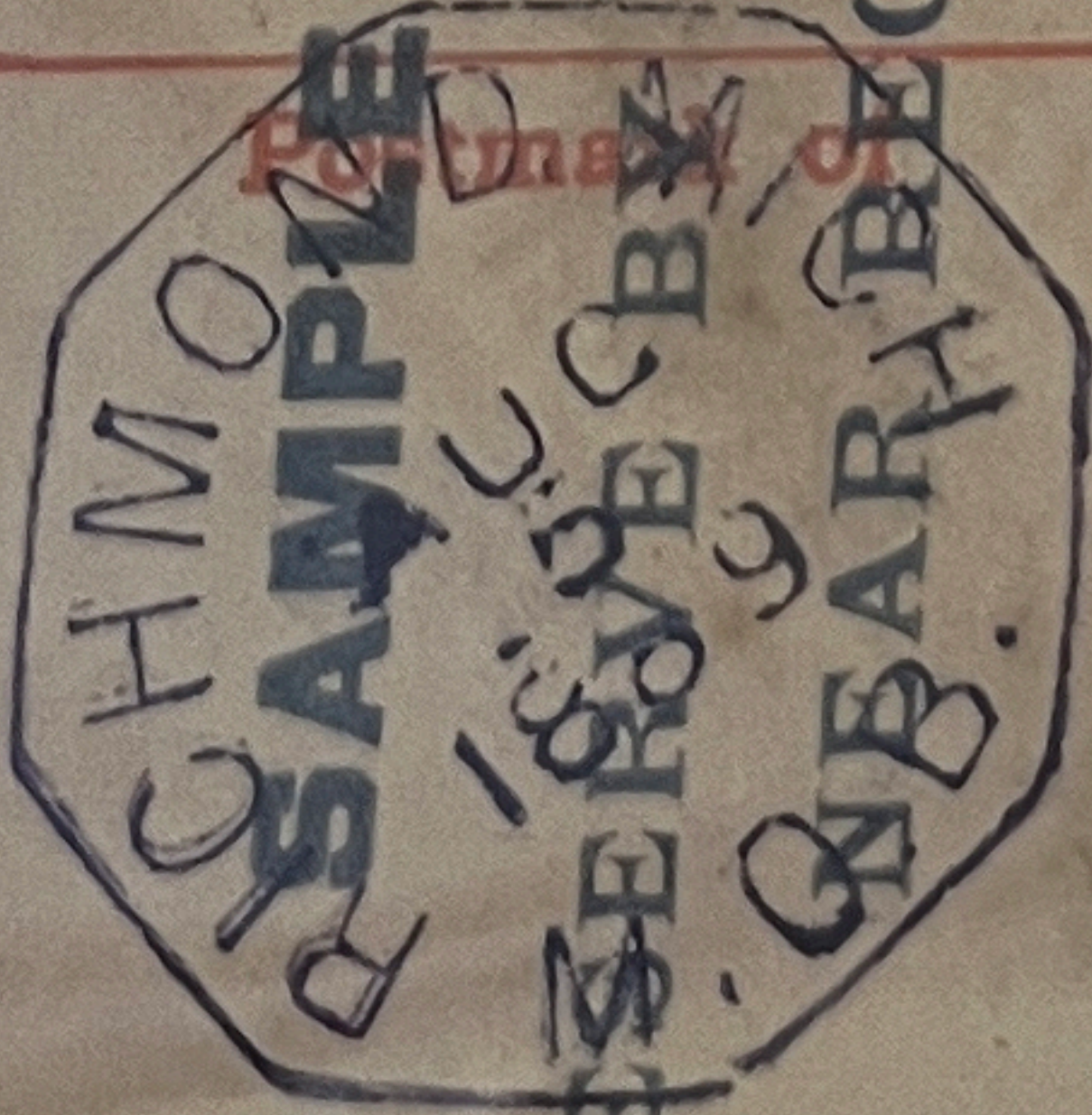
Record must be made on this envelope by every Postal Officer handling package. Receipts must be promptly given, on which the precise date when packages were received should be stated. Failure to observe all requirements prescribed in Sections 829, 830, 831, 837, 837 1/2, 838, 839, 840, 845, 852, 852 1/2, and 891 of the Postal Laws and Regulations in relation to the handling and treatment of these envelopes and Registered Packages, will be considered sufficient cause for removal from office.

A. D. HAZEN,

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

ON TYING.

PRESERVE BY NAILING THIS UP NEAR REGISTRY DESK.



Mailing Office.

Only for 3d and 4th-class matter too large for inclosure in registered package envelope.

Pass twine around the tag—through the eyelets—draw the knot loosely

Report promptly to the Third Asst P. M. General all post offices not tying as per this sample, or misusing tag envelopes.

Postmaster at _____
County of _____
State of _____

White Post Office
Mich

No. 26

POSTMASTER AT *North Bloomfield*
COUNTY OF *Warren*
STATE OF *Cal*

Postage Stamp Agency Seals

Stamp Package Seals

Beginning about 1900 and up to relatively modern times, a variety of "generic" seals were used to seal registered packages containing stamps for postmasters. The upper example is typical. The lower seal was used on large packages of postal stationary shipped from the U.S. Stamped Envelope Agency in Dayton, Ohio.

UNITED STATES REGISTERED PACKAGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS: The use of this label does not permit the free registration of the mail to which it is affixed when mailed elsewhere than at Washington, D. C., except in the cases specially provided for as published in the current Official Postal Guide.
This label is not to be separated from the wrapper. It should be delivered intact with the package to which it is attached.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Third Assistant Postmaster General,
DIVISION OF STAMPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTMASTER,

REG. No. 41720

LIBERTY

(PACKAGE _____)

STATE, N Y

(EVERY POSTMASTER AND POSTAL CLERK WHO HANDLES THIS REGISTERED PACKAGE MUST RECEIPT FOR IT, RECORD IT, AND OBTAIN A RECEIPT FOR IT, IN PROPER FORM)

Form 3228

16-17644-2 GPO

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TE USE TO AVOID
STAGE, \$300.

VELOPES

U. S. REGISTERED PACKAGE

POSTMASTER AT—
Liberty

COUNTY _____

STATE N Y

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE
USE TO AVOID PAYMENT
OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
DIVISION OF STAMPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Reg. No. 41720

(Package _____)

EVERY Postmaster and Postal Clerk who handles this Registered Package must record it, and obtain a receipt for it in proper form. This package must be delivered to the addressee named without removing the wrapper or label.

16-44352-1

REGISTERED PACKAGE MUST
RECEIPT FOR IT, IN PROPER FORM.

JAN 10 1911
U. S. STAMPED ENVELOPE AGENCY
DAYTON, OHIO.



Postage Stamp Agency Seals

Stamp Package Seals

This type was used exclusively by the American Bank Note Company for its printing of the Overrun Countries Commemorative series in 1943. This "on-cover" example is one of very few reported examples of this seal type, with all others being "off cover". The stiff cover was apparently used as a separator in a 3-ring binder at some point in its life.

Postage Stamp Agency Seals

Stamp Package Seals

This less ornate style was introduced about 1943. The printing is always in the color of the issued stamp.

Issued for the National Capital Sesquicentennial Commemorative Series in 1950

3¢
OPEN AT END
FREEDOM, NATIONAL CAPITAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE
POSITIVELY NOT TO BE PLACED ON SALE
BEFORE AUGUST 3, 1950

This package must be opened in the presence of a disinterested witness. If tampering is found, treat the case as a violation of the Assistant Postmaster General's Regulations.

3¢
OPEN AT END
EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL CAPITAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE
POSITIVELY NOT TO BE PLACED ON SALE
BEFORE AUGUST 3, 1950

OSBORNE A. PEARSON,
Assistant Postmaster General
Contents counted in the presence of a disinterested witness. L. and R., notifying the Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Finance, Division of Stamps and Philately.

3¢
OPEN HERE
JUDICIAL, NATIONAL CAPITAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE
POSITIVELY NOT TO BE PLACED ON SALE
BEFORE AUGUST 3, 1950

OSBORNE A. PEARSON,

The POSTMASTER to whom this PACKAGE or CARTON is sent must carefully note its condition upon receipt and if it shows signs of having been tampered with the fact should be promptly reported to the Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Finance, Division of Stamps and Philately.

PACKAGES and CARTONS must be immediately VERIFIED upon receipt in the presence of a financially disinterested witness. CARTONS contain twenty banded packages of the denomination indicated thereon. To verify, remove the cambric tape, fold back the flap revealed thereunder, count the number of packages and verify the denomination of each. If the stock is not required for immediate use, close the aperture and place the initials of the verifiers thereon. DISCREPANCIES, if any be disclosed, should be treated as directed in paragraph 8.21, P. L. & R.

3¢
OPEN HERE
LEGISLATIVE, NATIONAL CAPITAL
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE
POSITIVELY NOT TO BE PLACED ON SALE
BEFORE NOVEMBER 23, 1950

OSBORNE A. PEARSON,
ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
NOV 23 1950
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
BUREAU OF FINANCE
DIVISION OF STAMPS AND PHILATELY

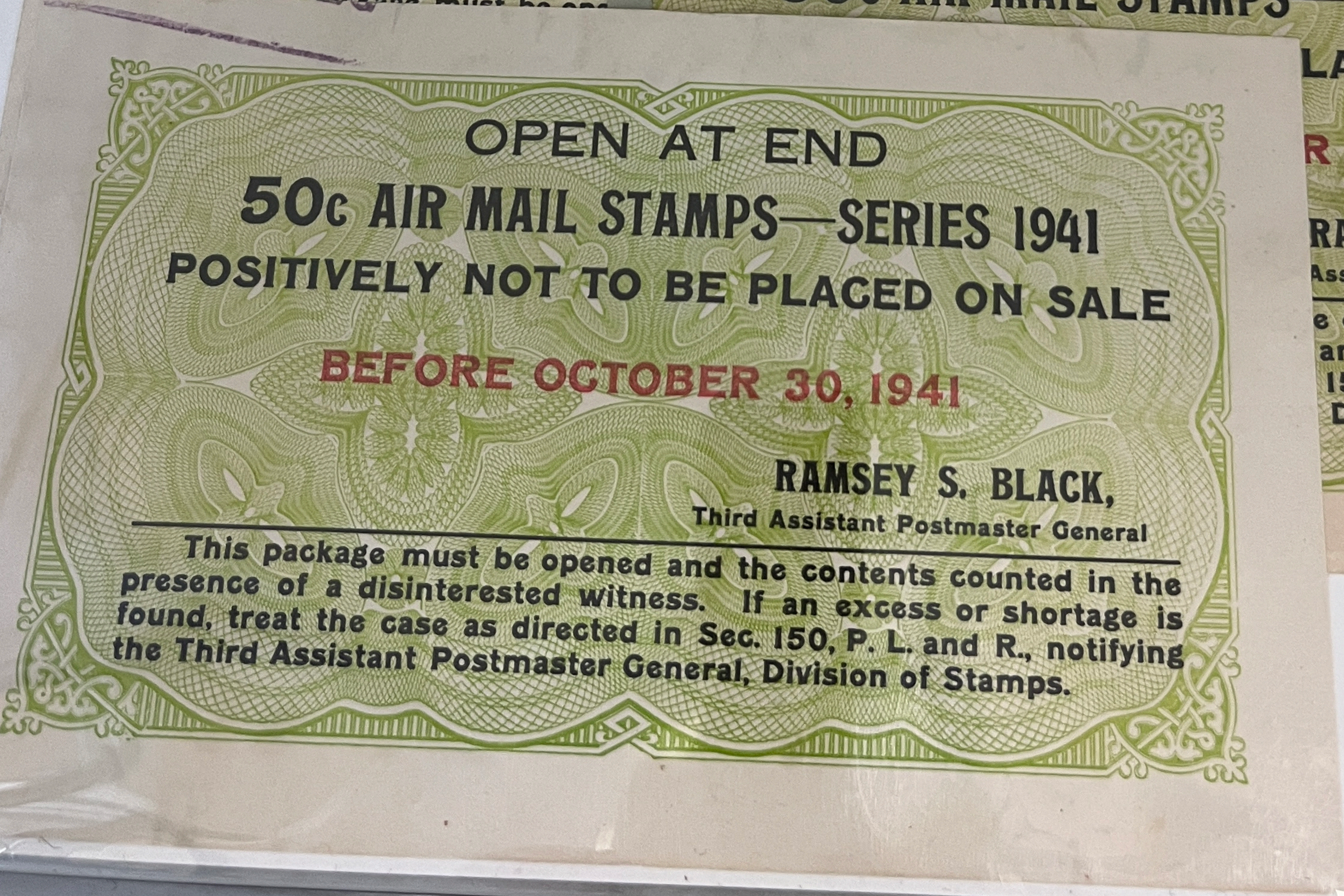
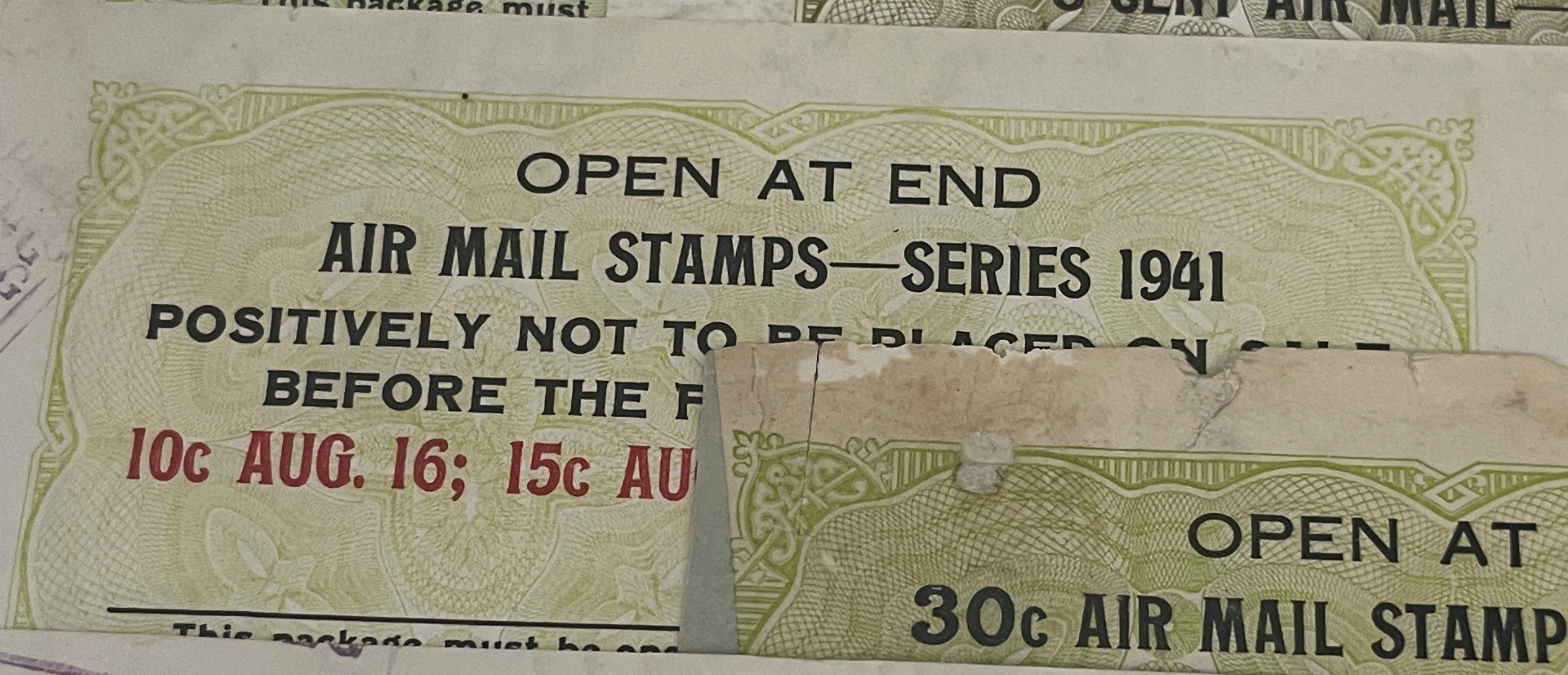
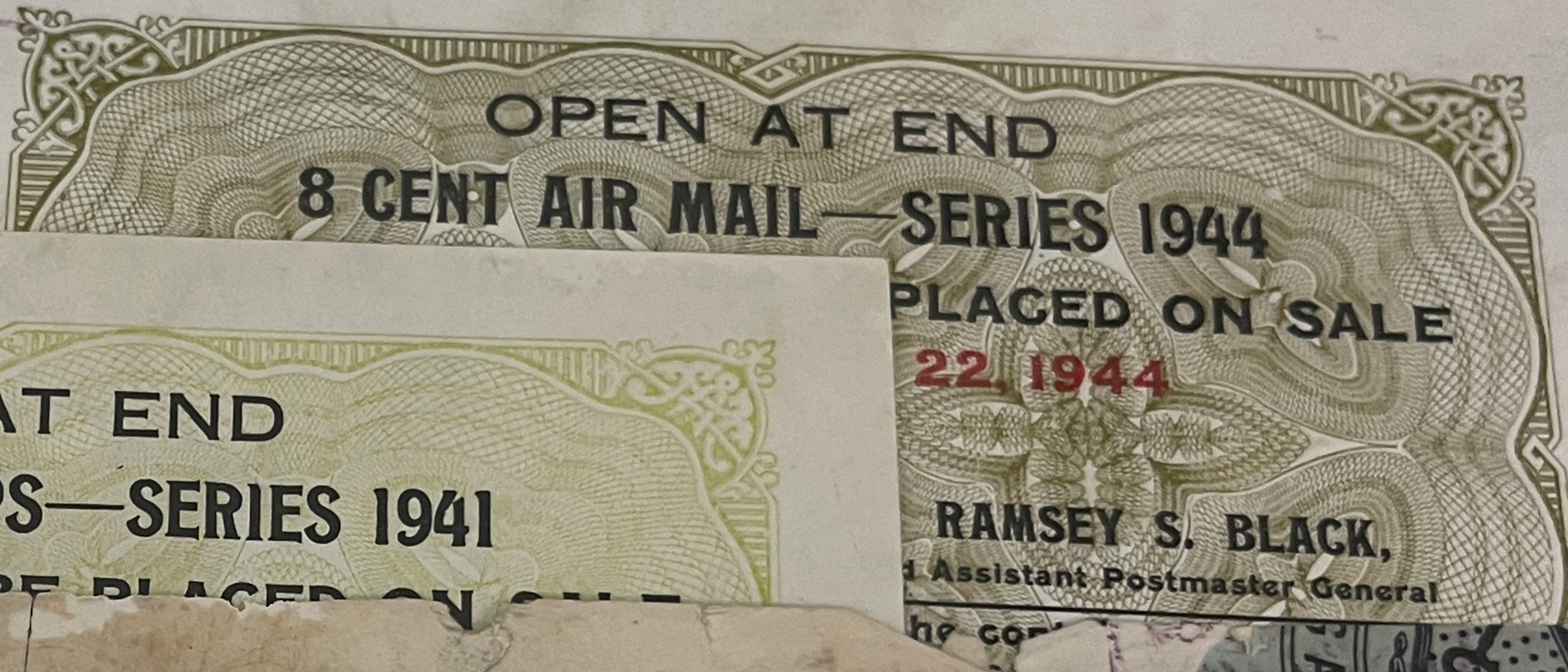
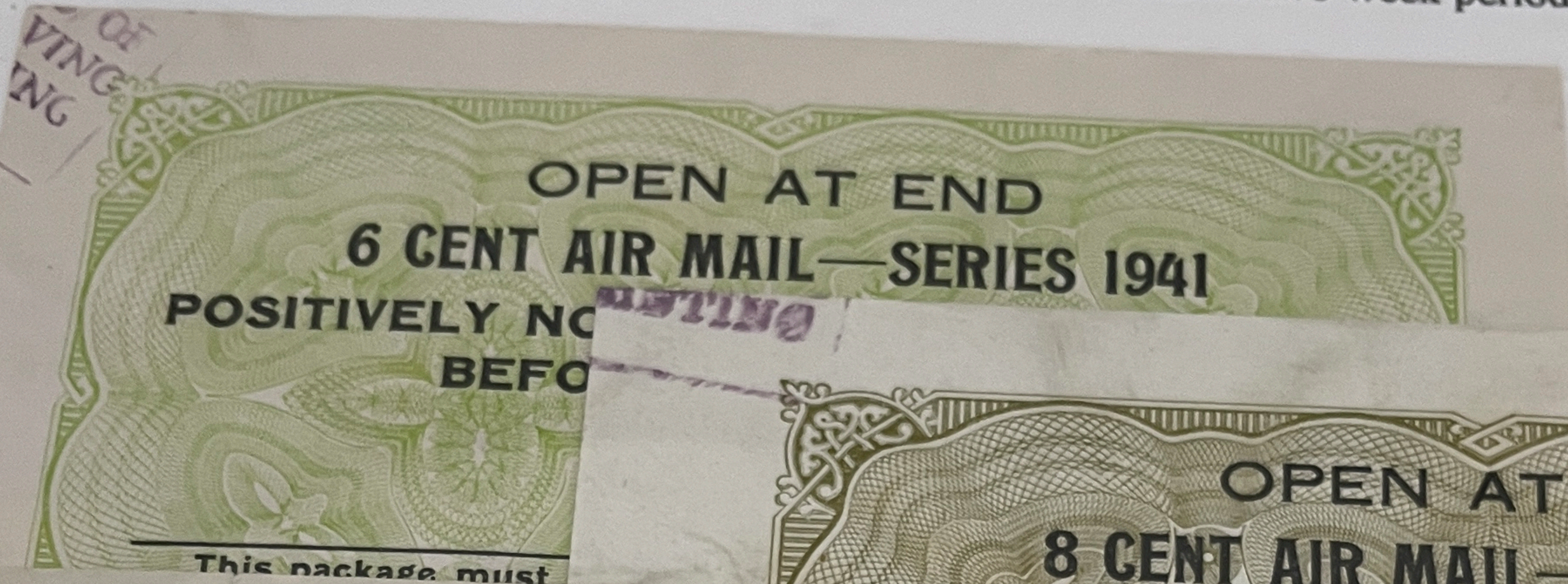
Postage Stamp Agency Seals

Stamp Package Seals

Seals used to seal packages of stamps for distribution to Post Offices. The first description of these seals is by Ernest Kehr in his articles in the Collector's Club Philatelist in March of 1974.

Seals of the type below first appeared in the early 1930's. The scrollwork background is identical to that used for the second design of the Postage Stamp Agency Seals. The text is specific for each stamp issue.

The seals below were used with the airmail Transport Series. The same seal was used for the 10¢, 15¢, and 20¢ as all three were released within the same two week period.

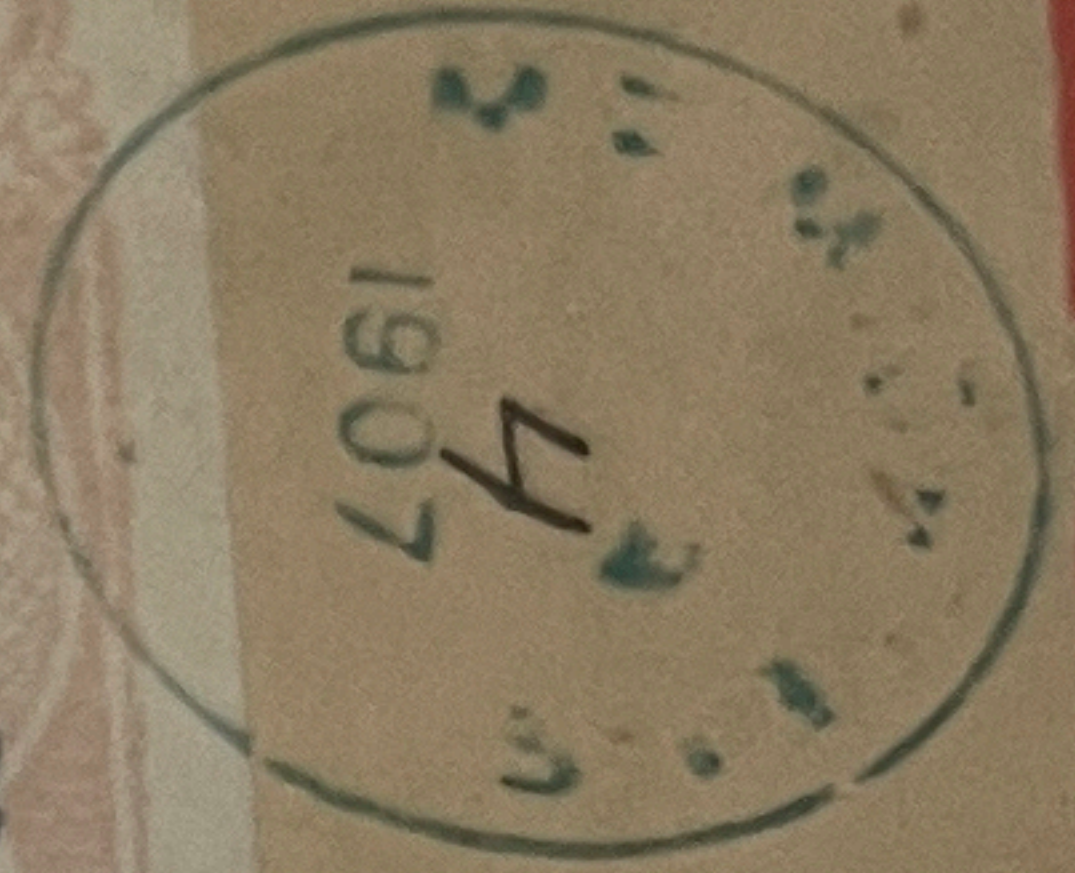
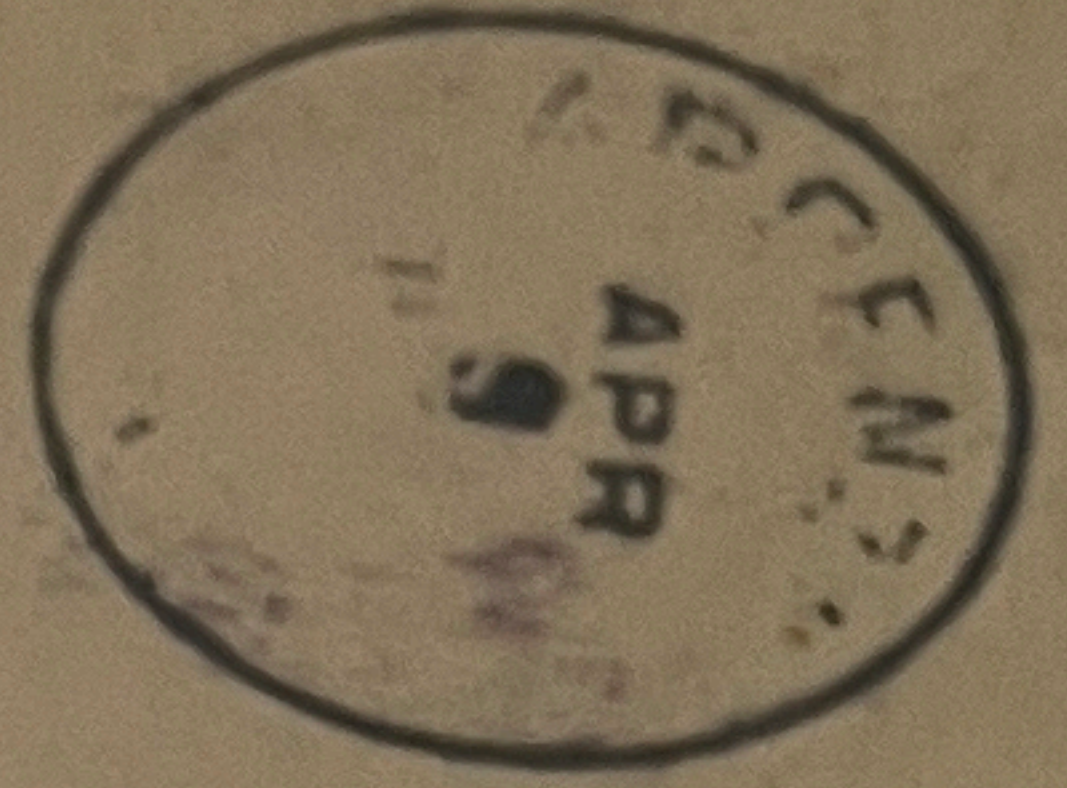


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1897 - Seal Type 11

Black on Rose

"Edwin C. Madden" in
block capitals



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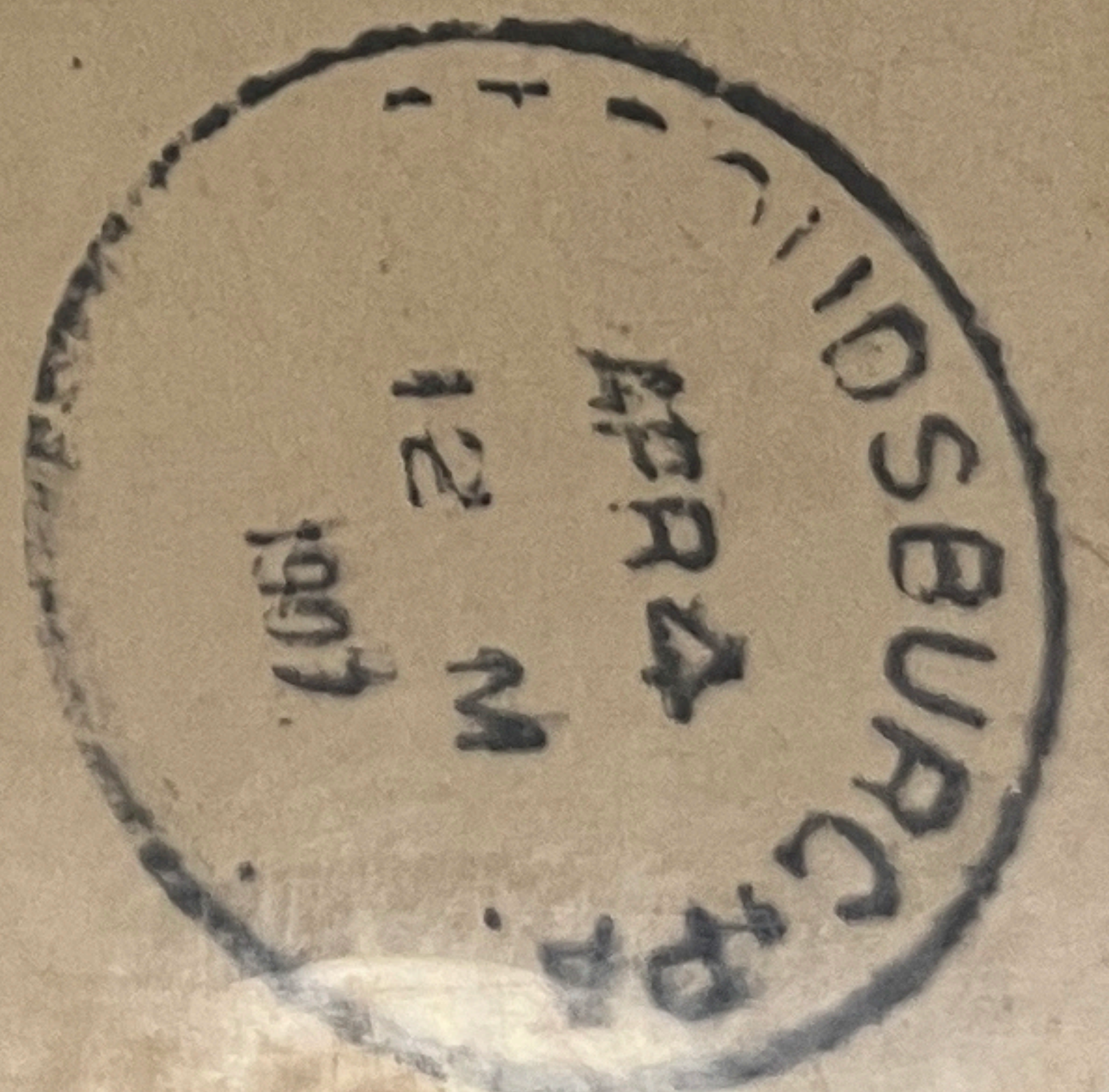
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EDWIN C. MADDEN,

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.



AP8

1889 - Seal Type 5

Red on pink

"A. D. Hazen" in script

Text 90mm wide

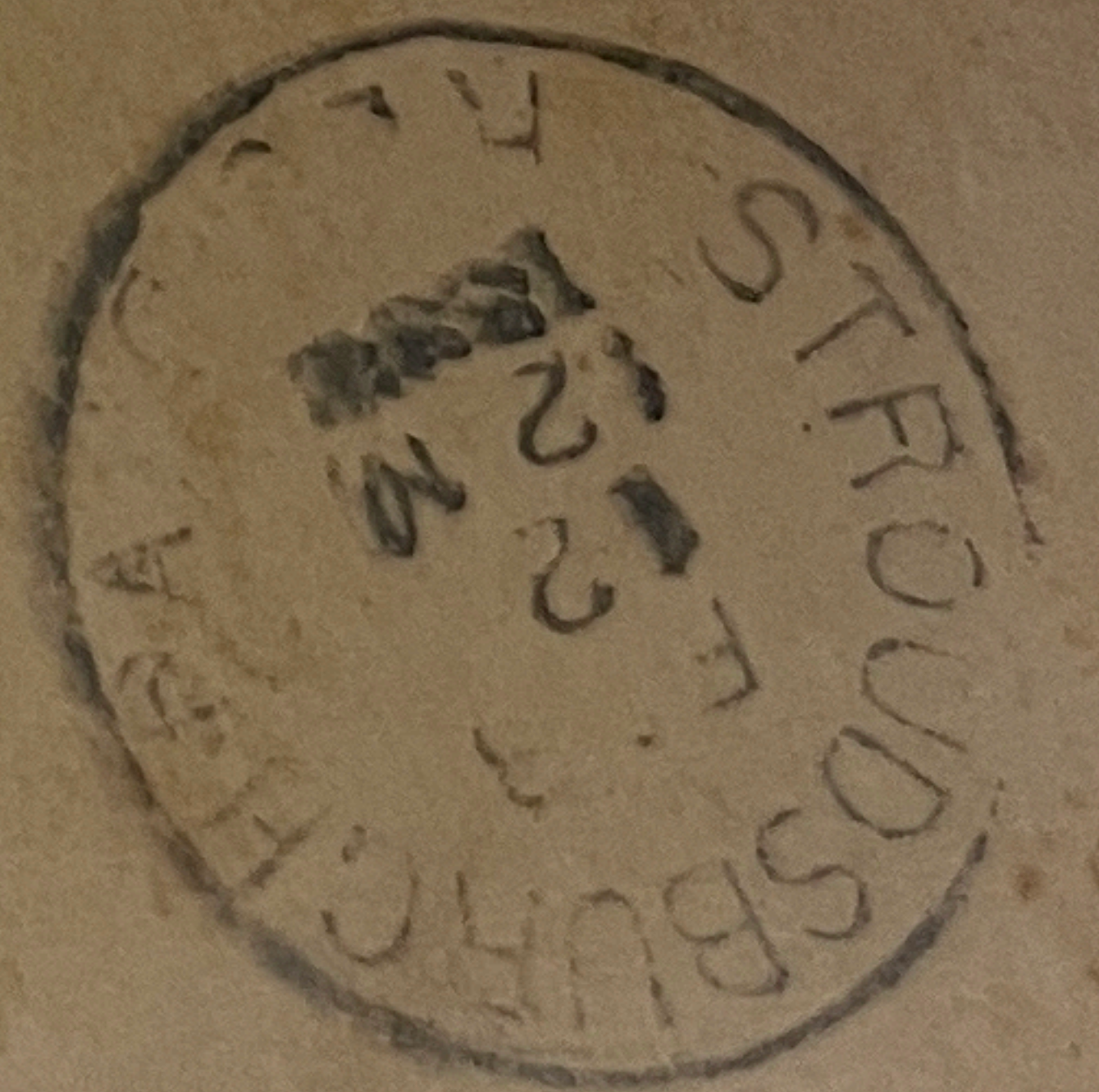
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3d Asst. P. M. G.

A. D. Hazen



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W Barber

3d Asst. P. M. G.

QXF4

Seal Type 2 - 1877

Black on Brown

"A. D. Hazen" in script

Seal on a Seal

The wax seal has the imprint: "US Postage Stamp Agency, Ch. St. John, Agt" and ties the type 2 seal.

