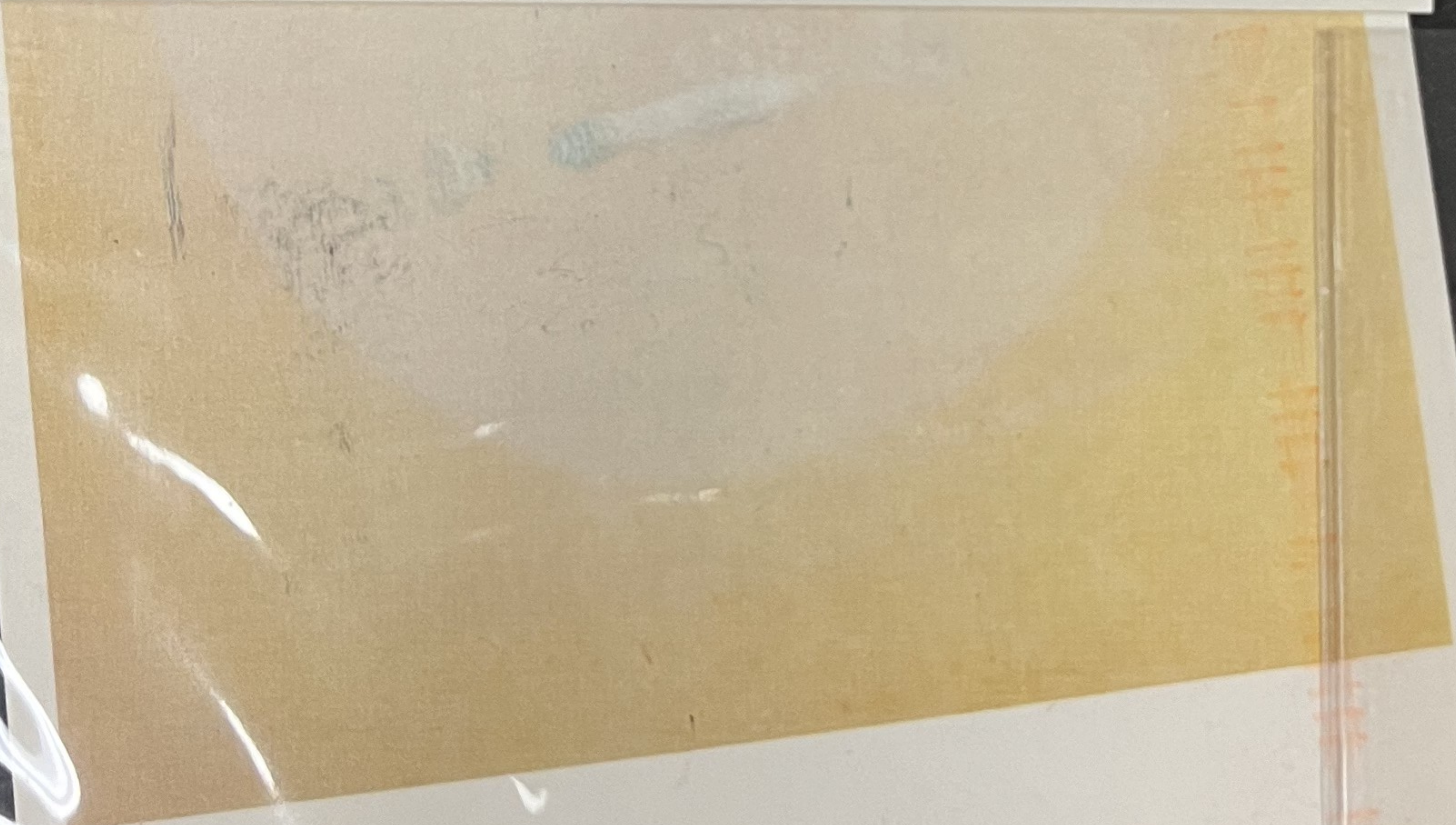




Martha Washington



MARTHA WASHINGTON.



MARTHA (DANDRIDGE-CUSTIS) WASHINGTON 1731-1802
By Gilbert Stuart, 1796

"The Philatelic Legacy of Martha Washington Stamps"

"The First 'First' Lady"



Martha Washington was the first woman to be honored on any regular United States postage stamp. These stamps were to see use from 1902 to the late 1950's except for an 8 year period from 1915 to 1923. During this span of years, stamp collecting, production and usage were to change significantly. Within this time period some of the events that affected philately were: two great wars, universal suffrage, coil stamps, rotary presses, great increases in precanceling and perfins, electronically controlled perforating machines, airmail, "First Day Covers", and the opening of a Philatelic Agency by the Post Office Department.

The purpose of this exhibit is to illustrate these philatelic events through the medium of the three basic designs of the Martha Washington stamps.

The first stamp of this trio is the 8 cent stamp from the 1902 Second Bureau Issue. It was considered at that time to be the most beautiful of the series. This stamps most frequent use was the 8 cent registry rate on all classes of mail. It was also overprinted for the Philippines and the Canal Zone. It was the only one of the three that was printed on watermarked paper.

The 2nd Martha Washington stamp is from the 1923 4th Bureau, printed in various shades of brown. This 4 cent stamp was used mainly for double rated 1st class letters. The appearance of Martha Washington in this series was probably politically inspired by the Harding Administration because of the recent passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. There are six different stamps of this design in this exhibit including flat and curved plate varieties, perforation differences, coil and two overprinted stamps.

The 3rd stamp of this exhibit is from the 1938 Presidential or 5th Bureau Issue. This 1 1/2 cent stamp was produced mostly for 3rd class use. Contrary to the other two designs, which were taken from the unfinished portrait by Gilbert Stewart, this stamp design is from a sculptured bust by Mrs. Thomas Miller. There are four different varieties of this stamp, i.e.: the sheet stamp, 2 coil stamps and one overprint. All of these stamps were printed by the Stickney Rotary Press System except the overprint ton the Canal Zone stamp. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced all three of these designs by the intaglio technique.

The complete exhibit covers the 2nd, 4th and 5th Bureau issues and bridges over 50 years of usage. It is a philatelic memorial to the first "First Lady", Martha Washington.

PROOFS & COLOR

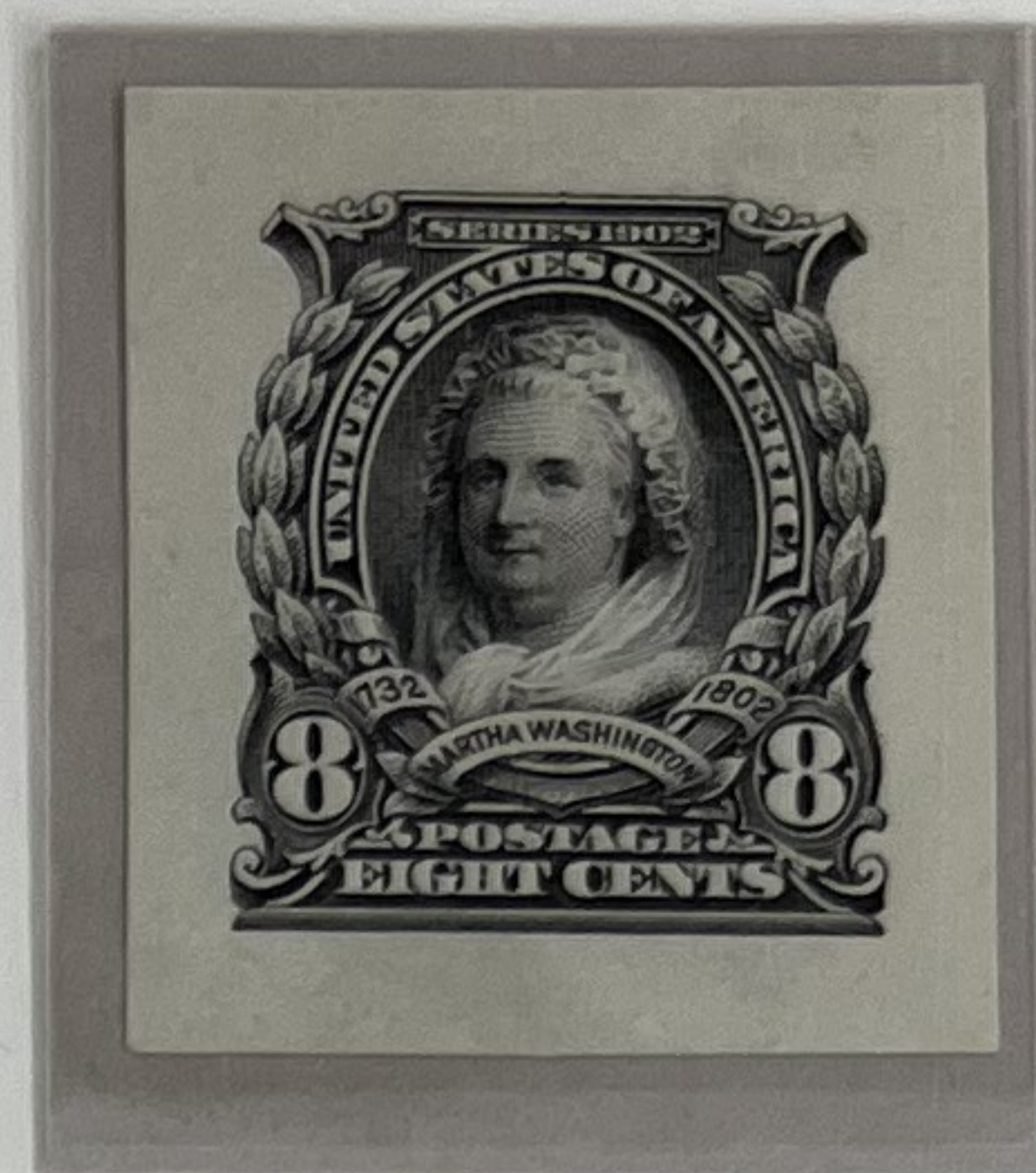
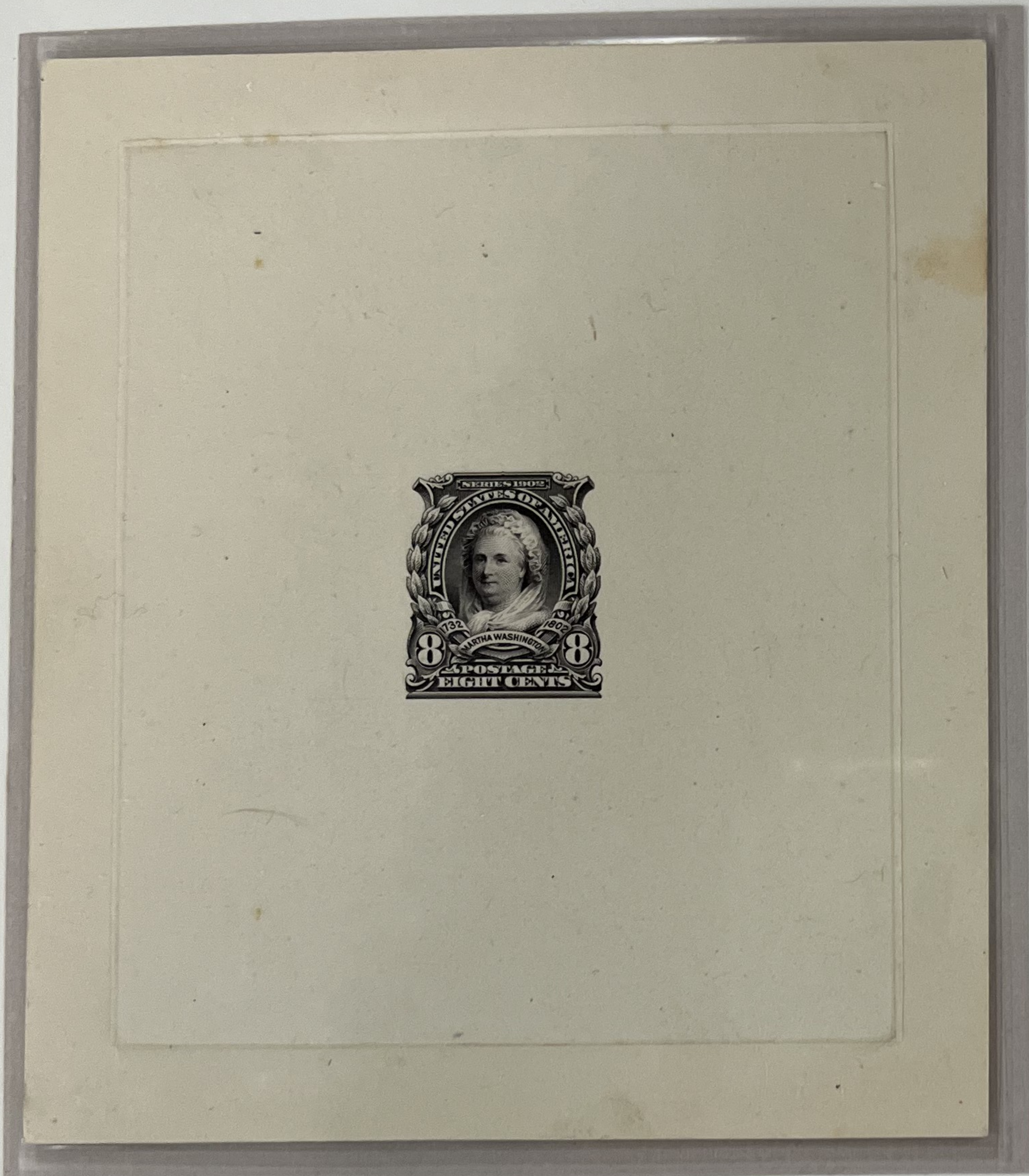
1902 8 cents

Vignette engraved after a painting by Gilbert Stuart
Quantity issued: 176,800,000

Designer: R. Ostrander Smith

Engravers of vignette & frame: Smillie

Rose Ponickau

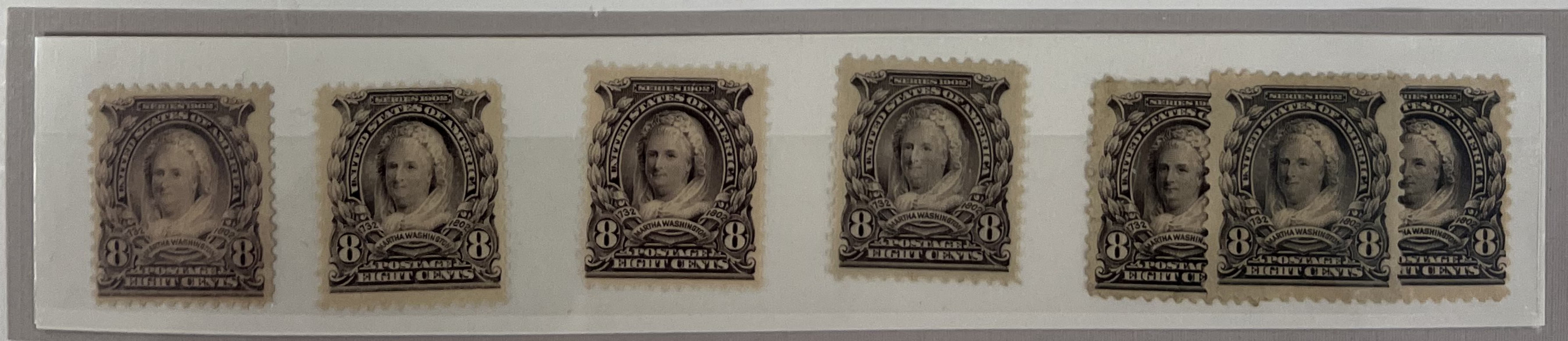


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The small die proofs are examples taken from the pages of the 1903 "Roosevelt Presentation Books" (Theodore) who had requested 3rd Assistant Postmaster General Madden to pursue such with the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. According to the records, there were 85 books of these printed.

The large die proof on India, die sunk, on 93 x 106 mm card is one of two specially printed by order of Franklin D. Roosevelt for his own personal collection in 1932. This and the two small die proofs above were done as "favors" well after the start of the production of the stamps. They are sometimes termed "Posthumous Proofs".

Color Variations



Lavender

Pale Greyish Purple

Greyish Purple

Light Slate Black

Deep Slate

Slate Black

This stamp which was attributed to be the "best looking" of the 1902 series was ordered to be printed in lavender color, darkened to slate black over the 6 year production run so it would not be confused with the 13 cent Harrison of brownish purple.

FLATBED PLATE LAYOUT

1902 8 cents

The lower values of this issue were laid out in a 400 subject plate. There are the usual 4 positions of the plate #'s and Bureau logo imprint. The 400 subject sheet was cut into 4 panes of 100 and shipped to the local postmasters.

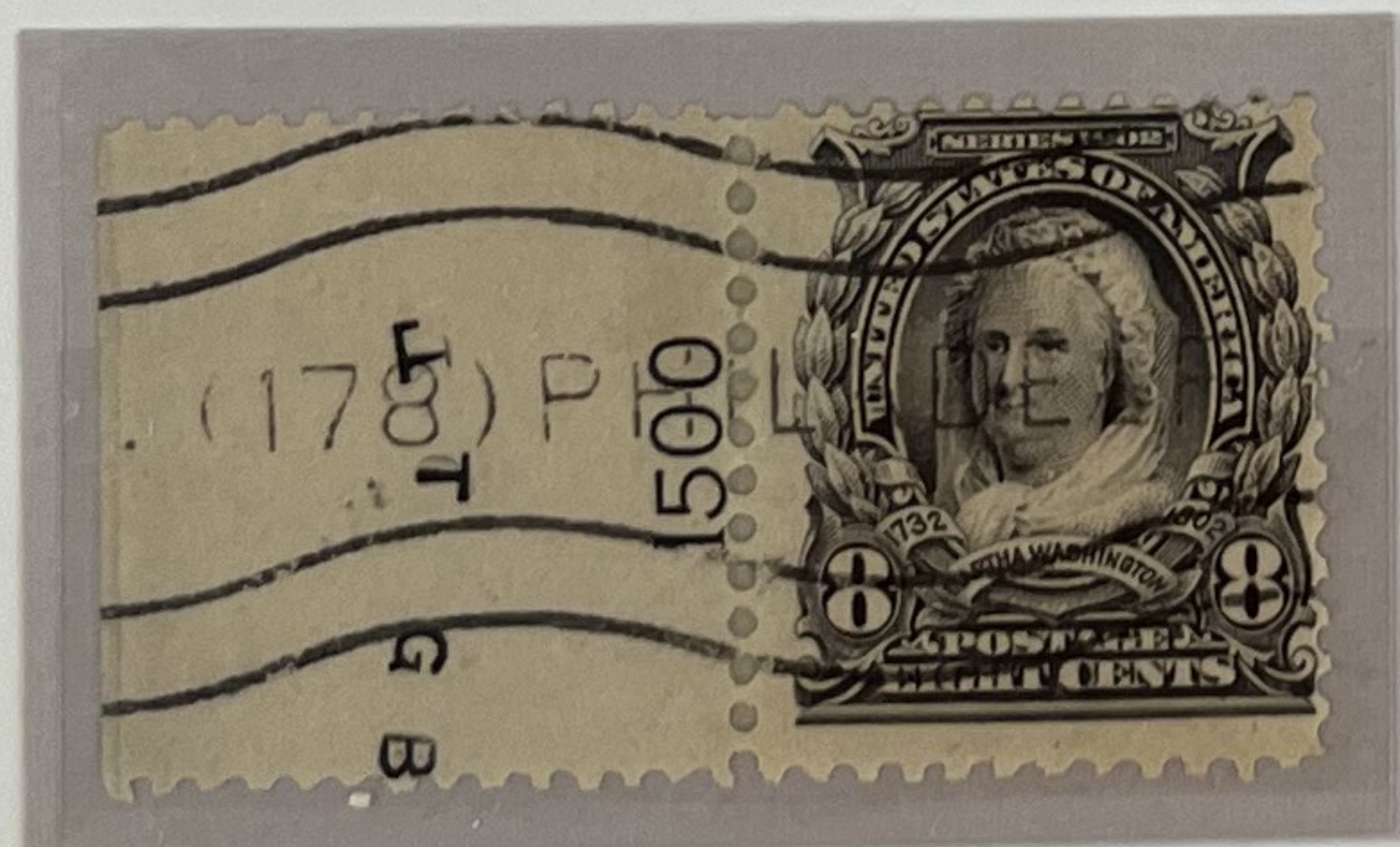


USED

1902 8 CENTS



Used block of 10 (5 x 2) with boxed registry cancel of Brooklyn, NY. This is the largest recorded used multiple of this value.



There were 12 plates used to print this stamp. (Total production – 176 million.)
This exhibit has all of the plate numbers that were used.

Scott #306

\$95.00

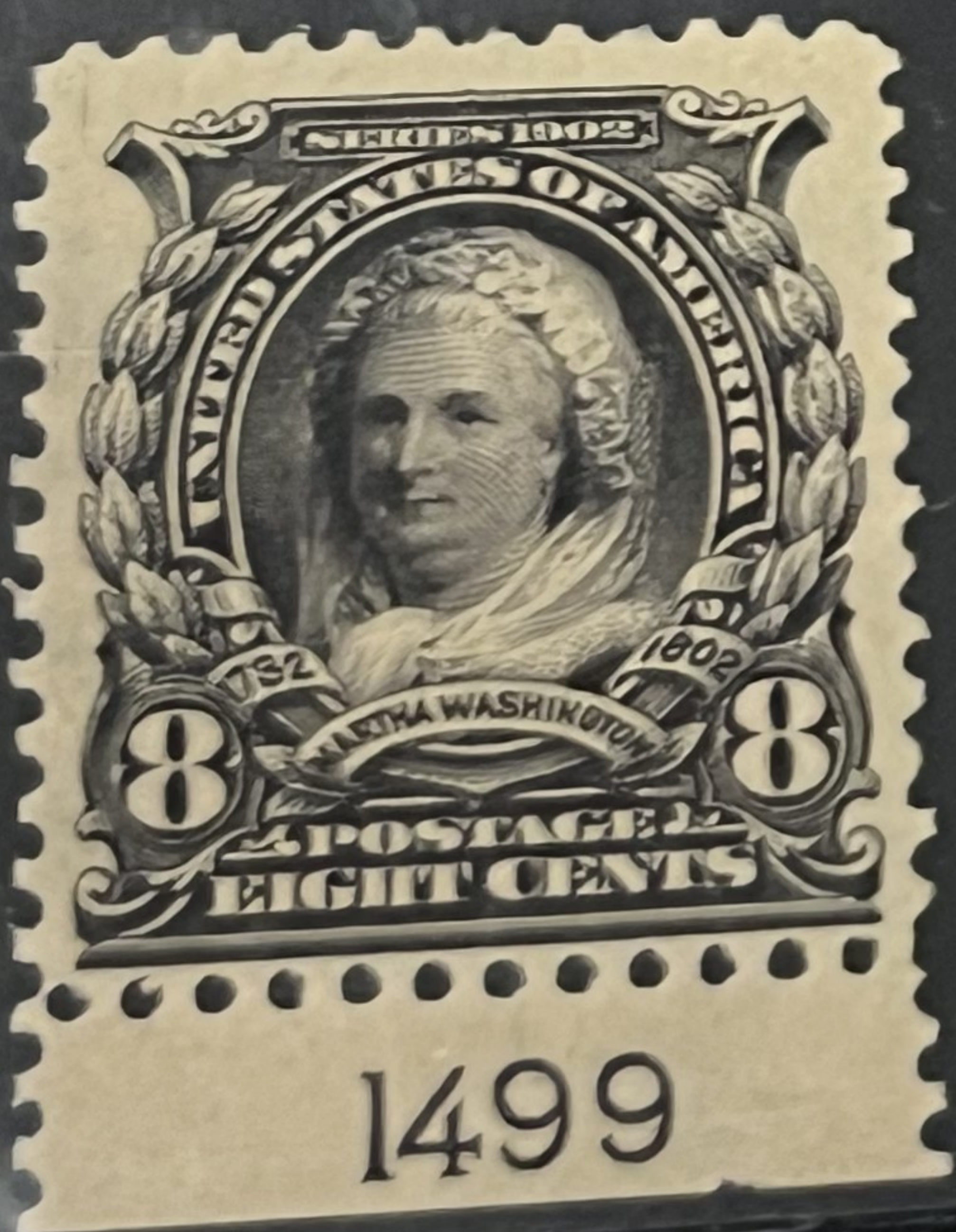
F/VF-OG-NH

Bottom margin plate # single.

JET-BLACK color.

Scott catalog value is \$100.00

CB



part of the
was received
from the
It was over
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in Natal.
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are defac
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and others

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SPECIMENS

1902 8 Cent

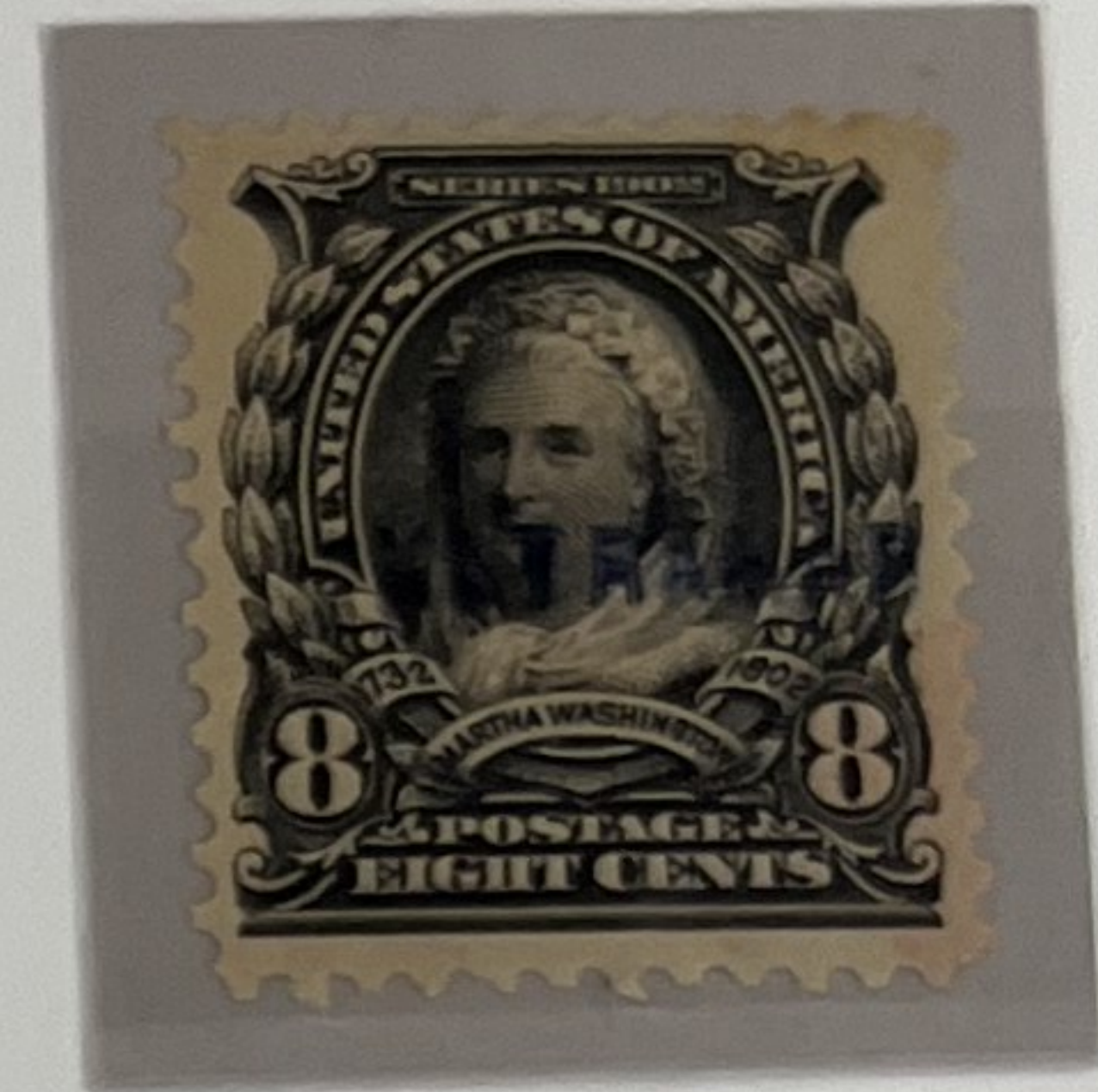
The adjacent stamp has been handstamped "ULTRAMAR" in blue.

Several of the 2nd Bureau stamps were presented by the Universal Postal Union to the Postal Administration of the Portuguese Empire, which overprinted them thus: designating them to "Specimen" status. It is without gum and is certified. Only two known examples of this stamp in collectors' hands.

This stamp to the right is part of the set of 1902 Series that was received by the Natal Government from the U.P.U. in Switzerland. It was overprinted "SPECIMEN" in violet and mounted in an old book in Natal. It is probably unique.

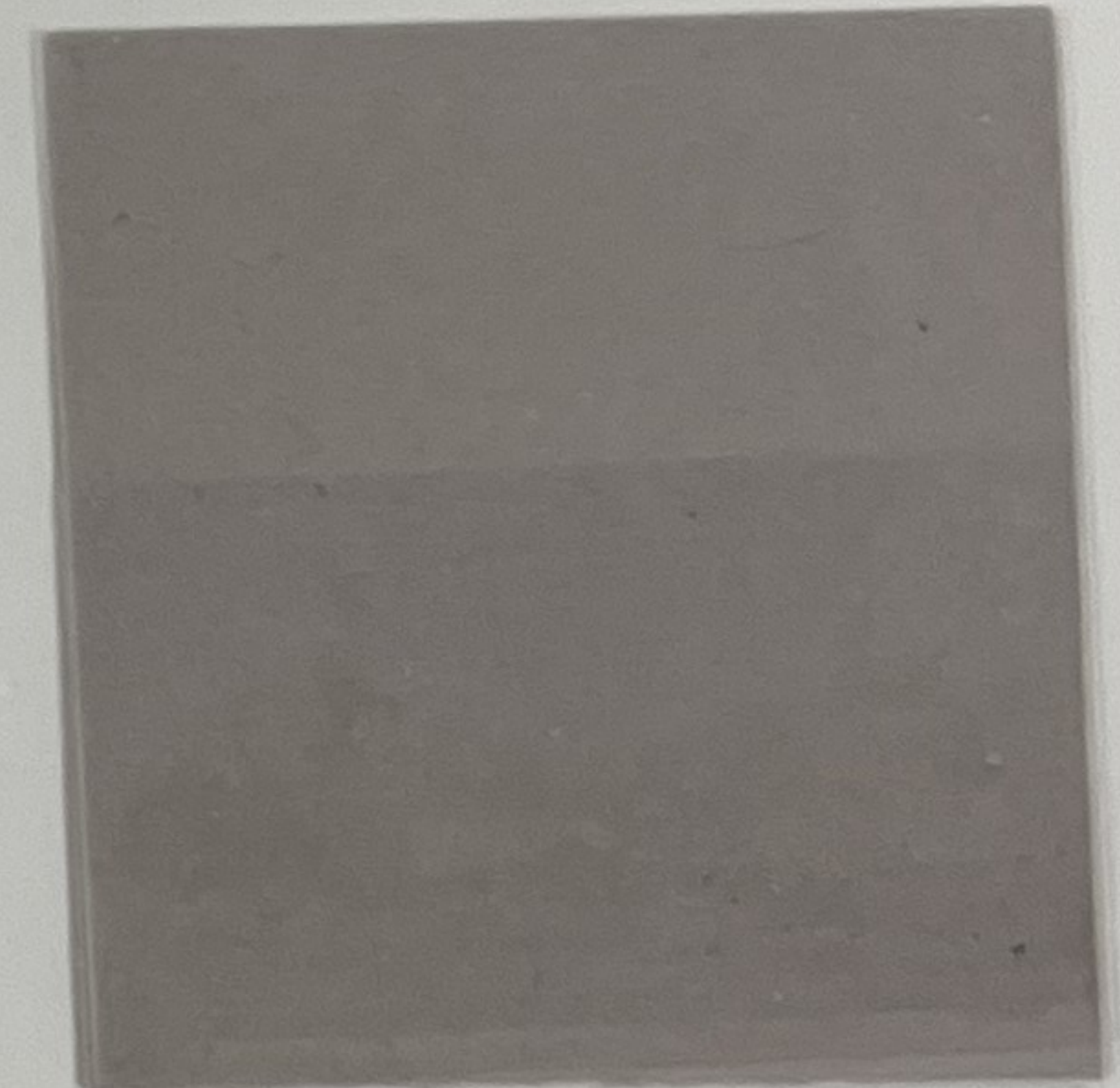
Type "E:" specimen stamps overprinted "specimen" are defaced so they can be used for sample stamps and not for postage. Our postal administration sends them to printers, governments, U.P.U. and others.

ULTRAMAR



PFC

SPECIMEN

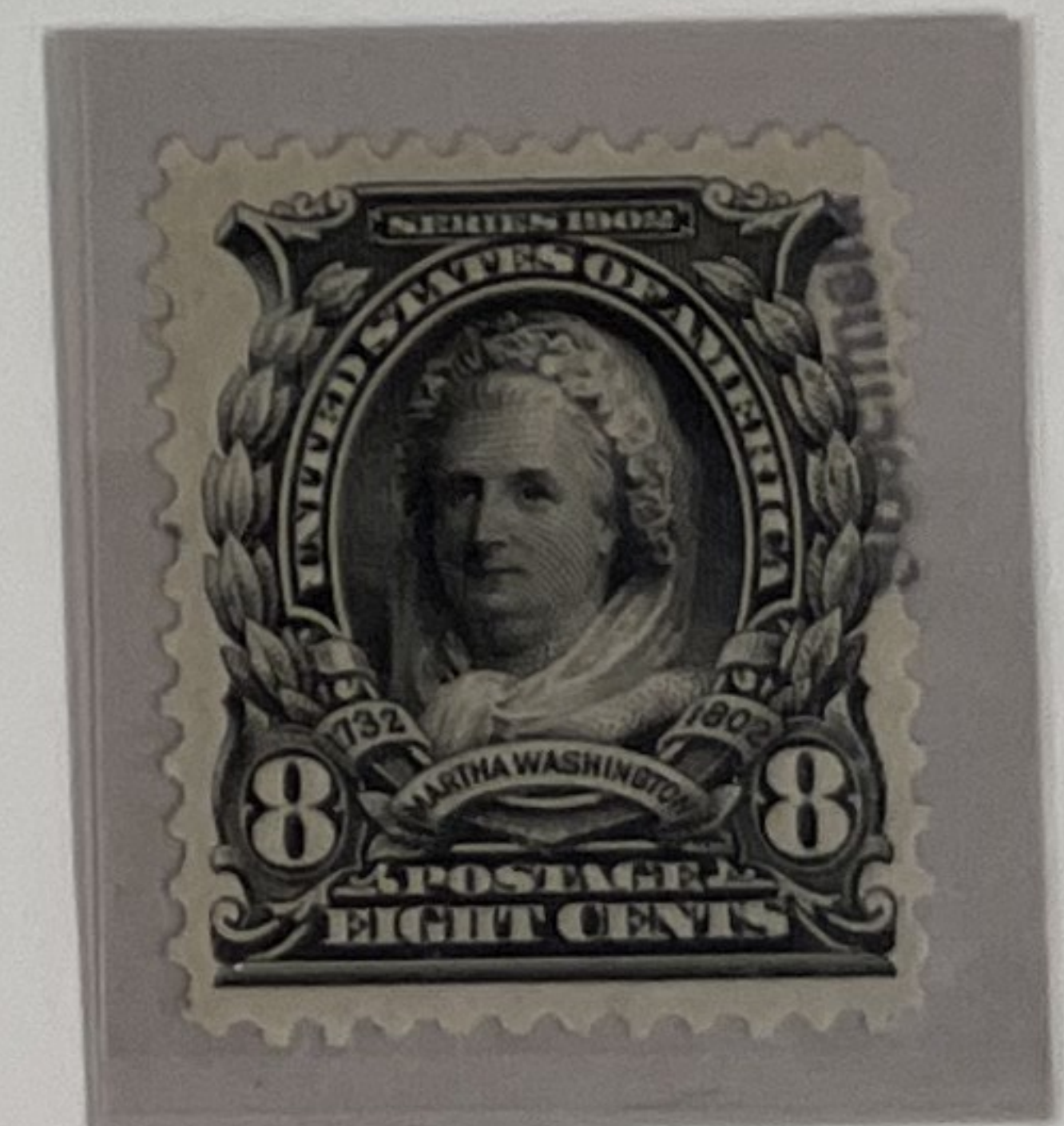


BPA

Specimen.



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Note the double overprint, on the above stamp; one horizontal at bottom & one vertical at top right.

TWO DOUBLE TRANSFERS & A CRACKED PLATE VARIETY

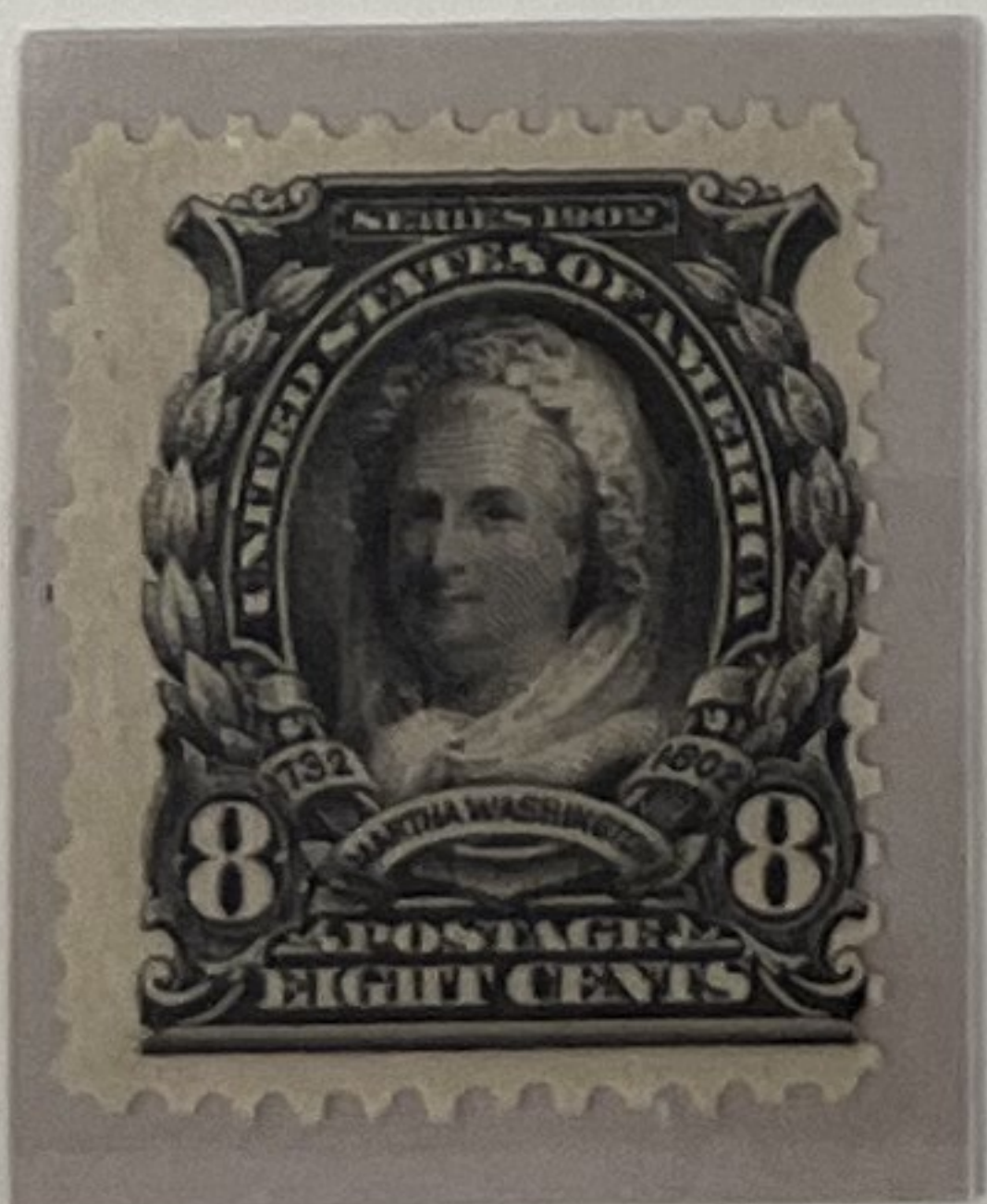
1902 8 cents



PFC

This particular 8 cent stamp on cover is an example of a shifted entry or double transfer caused by the siderographer when he entered the relief. It shows a strong shift which covers much of the lower 1/3rd of the stamp. There is obvious doubling of "1732", left "8", frame lines around "Martha Washington" and some in the two lines of letters at the bottom.

The stamp to the left is the other double transfer mentioned by Max Johl in his description of this stamp of the 1902 Issue. It is the more usual shift of the bottom frame lines.



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The stamp below is the only known example of a cracked plate of the 8 cent 1902 stamp. This type fracture, "Rosette" is usually caused by some object being dropped on the plate.



APSC



PRECANCELED POSTAGE STAMPS – “Precancels”

1902 8 cents

Precanceled postal stamps are stamps that have been canceled before being affixed to the mail matter. The Post Office Dept. has allowed this from the beginning of our postage stamp use. There are many different types and devices used to accomplish the precancelling process. Precanceled stamps were used mostly by large mailers who had permits to do so.



Boston



Northampton



St. Paul



Manchester



Sherman



Waterbury



Cincinnati



Ashland



Philadelphia



Scranton



Milwaukee

Local postmasters could have stamps precanceled by their staffs or hire it done by local print shops. The 8¢ Martha Washington stamp precancels were probably done by the companies who used them under the supervision of the local post offices. By 1923, postmasters could order precancels under certain specifications from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

Perforated Insignia - "Perfins"

1902 8 cents

On May 4, 1908 Postmaster George Von L. Meyer issued an order relaxing the rule on defacement of U.S. Postage Stamps:

"...that for the purpose of identification only, and not for advertising, it shall be permissible to puncture or perforate letters, numerals or other marks ... on U.S. Postage Stamps."

There were some rules as to the size of insignia and the size of holes that were included in the order. The typical use of perfins was on the stamps of business and government mailers, as a security device to prevent pilferage by employees or others. "Perfins" or "Spifs" as they are known in England were first seen there in 1869.

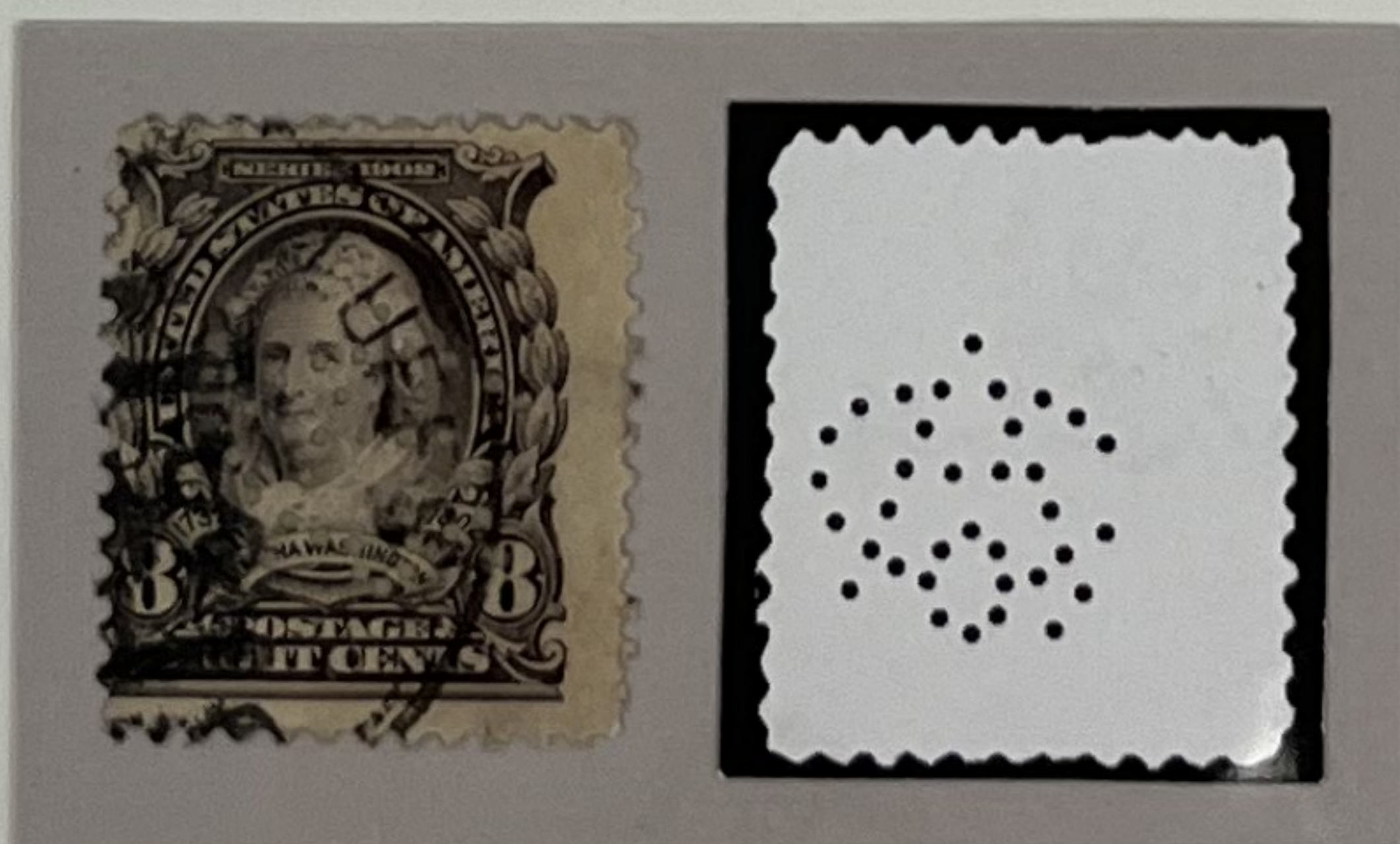
1st Nat'l
Bank
Duluth,
Minnesota



Holeproof
Hosiery Co.
Milwaukee,
Wisconsin



Armour &
Co.
Omaha,
Nebraska



General
Electric
Schnectady,
New York



Southern
Railway
Cincinnati,
Ohio



National
Park
Bank
NYC



THOS. COOK & SON.

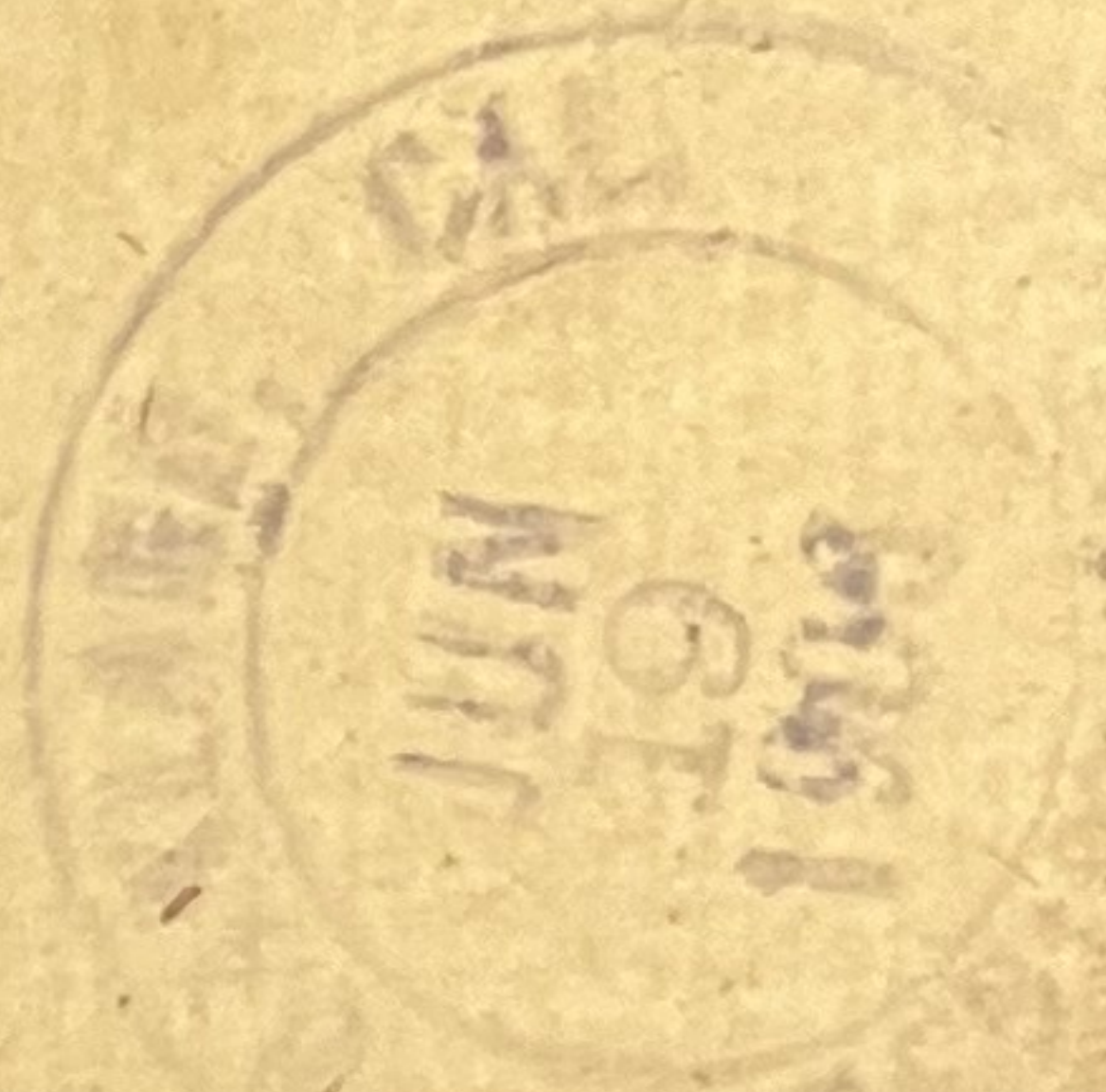
~~61 BROADWAY,~~
~~NEW YORK.~~

410-14th St
OAKLAND

REGISTERED.



15111-
Messrs Thos Cook & Son
27th Sept
103 Queen St



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
R SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
No. 65790

Auckland
N.Z.

~~Reg~~ Letter to ~~San~~ New Zealand.
From ~~San~~ U.S. showing a
San Francisco Registry label -
only 13 of these labels are known
to be used.

1512 ☑

5¢ Blue + 8¢ Violet Black, tied by oval handstamp on registered cover to Auckland, New Zealand, purple "Oakland, Cal., Registered, Jun 19, 1906" cds and San Francisco registry exchange label (Scott #FX-SF1b), appropriated transit backstamps, Very Fine, a scarce exchange label with only 13 recorded usages.
Scott No. 304+306 Estimate \$100 - 150

175

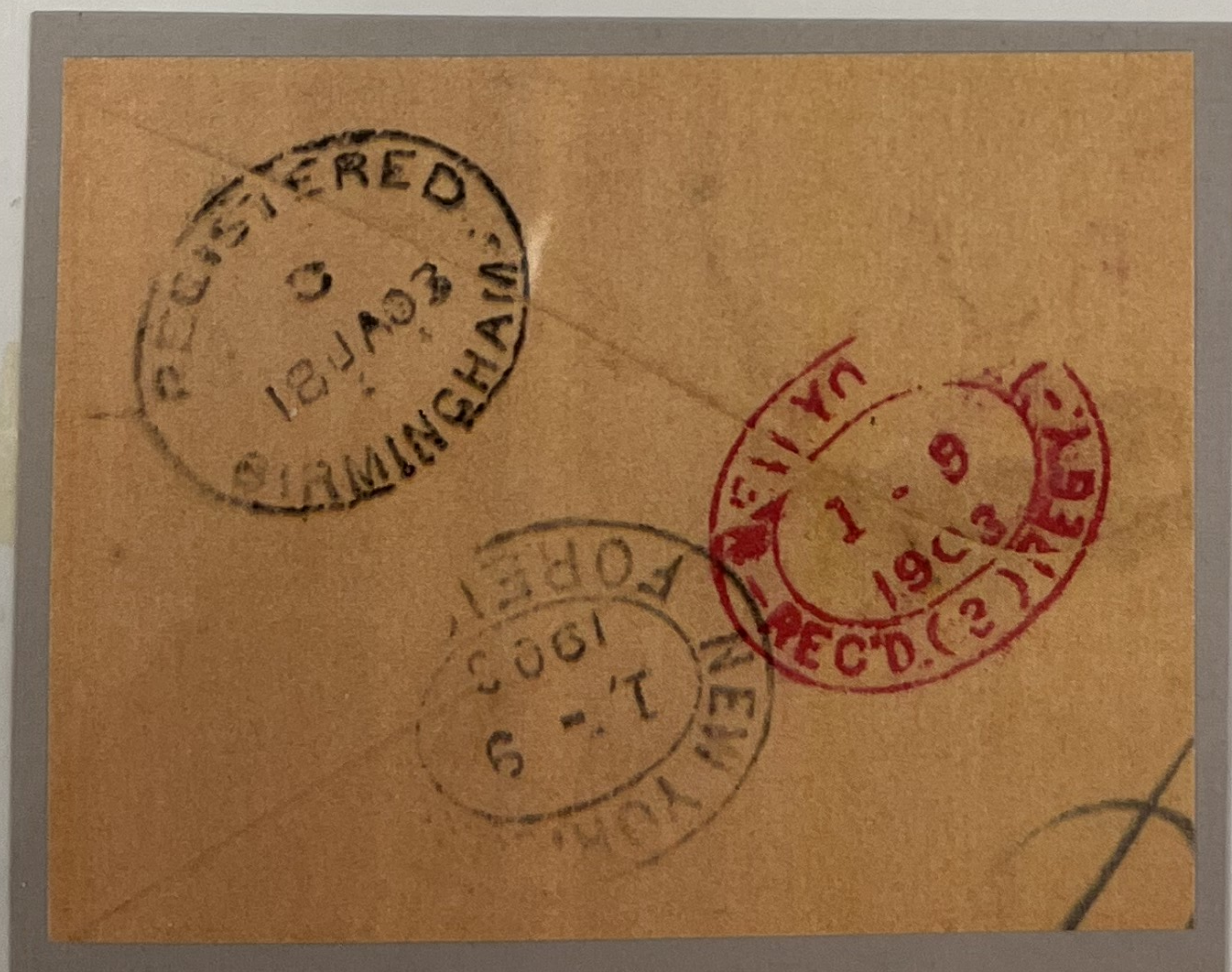
EARLY

USAGE

1902 8 cents



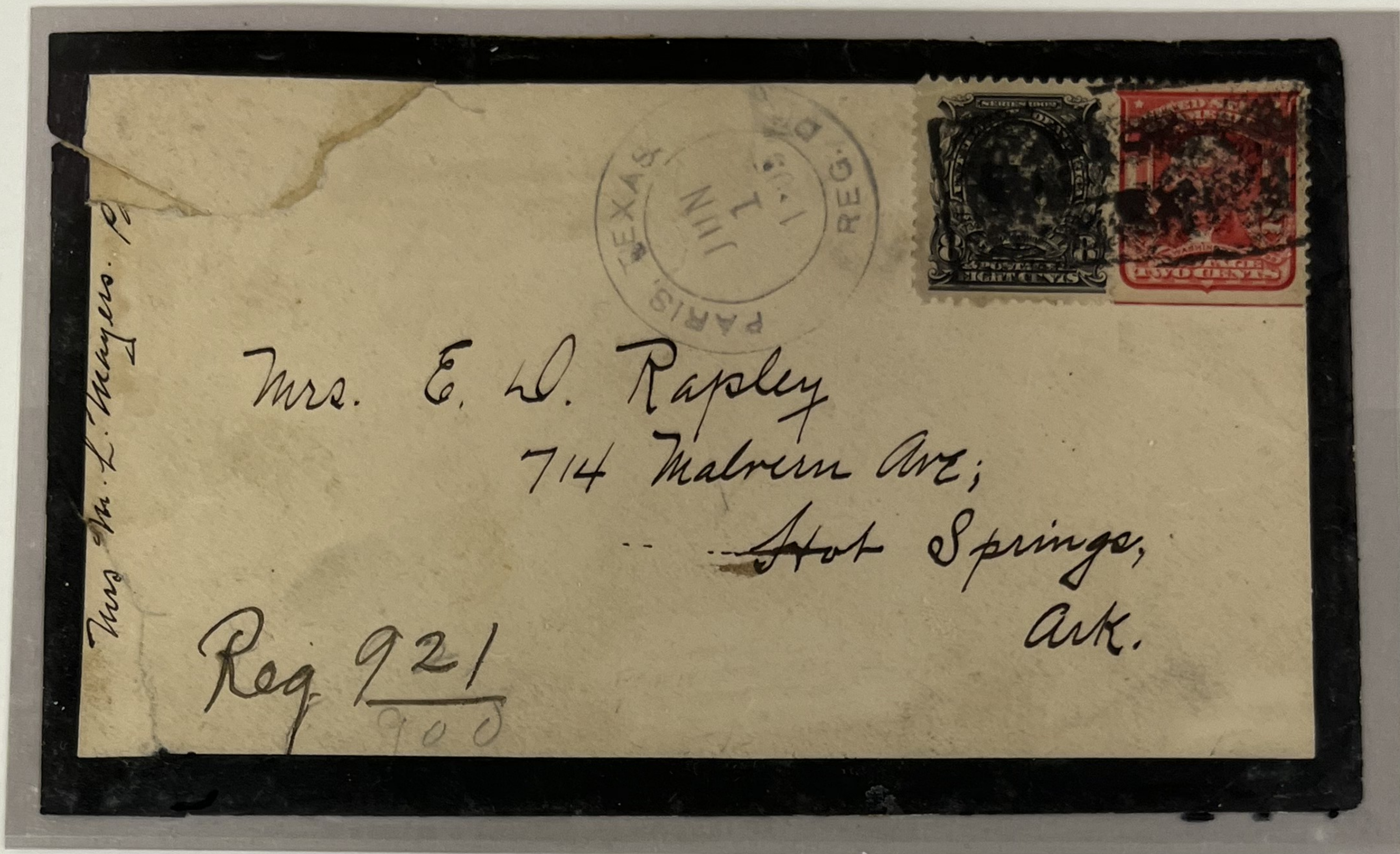
This particular cover (very early usage) shows a registry rate of 8¢ plus 10¢ double surface rate to Europe. The 18¢ rate is paid with a 1902 8¢ Martha Washington stamp and a blue 5¢ Grant stamped envelope of 1894. The back hand stamps indicate the date of mailing, (Jan. 9, 1903) and receiving stamp (Jan. 18, 1903)



Stamped envelopes were first issued on July 1, 1853. They have always been printed by private contractors and have been sold to the public for the postage plus the cost of manufacture. The paper was almost always watermarked. This registered letter to Birmingham, England is an early usage of the 8¢ Martha Washington stamp. The registry rate of 8¢ began in 1893 and continued until 1909 when it was increased to 10¢. During that period the 8¢ Martha Washington stamp was used most often.

REGISTERED & EXPERIMENTAL REG. LABEL

1902 8 cents



“MOURNING COVER”

sent registered mail from Paris, Texas June 1, 1905. 1st class postage paid with a 1903 George Washington 2 cent carmine stamp. Backstamp indicates this “Letter edged in black” was received June 2, 1905 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.



“BOSTON MASS REGISTERED, Dec. 24, 1907”

These labels were used in busy Post Offices from 1907 to 1910. They were issued in gummed sheets of 8. The clerk **PMK** them & then, stuck them on the letter. This form 1549-A was introduced experimentally during the Christmas holiday season 1907 at only a very few post offices. Examples showing a 1907 date are elusive and desirable.

Registered

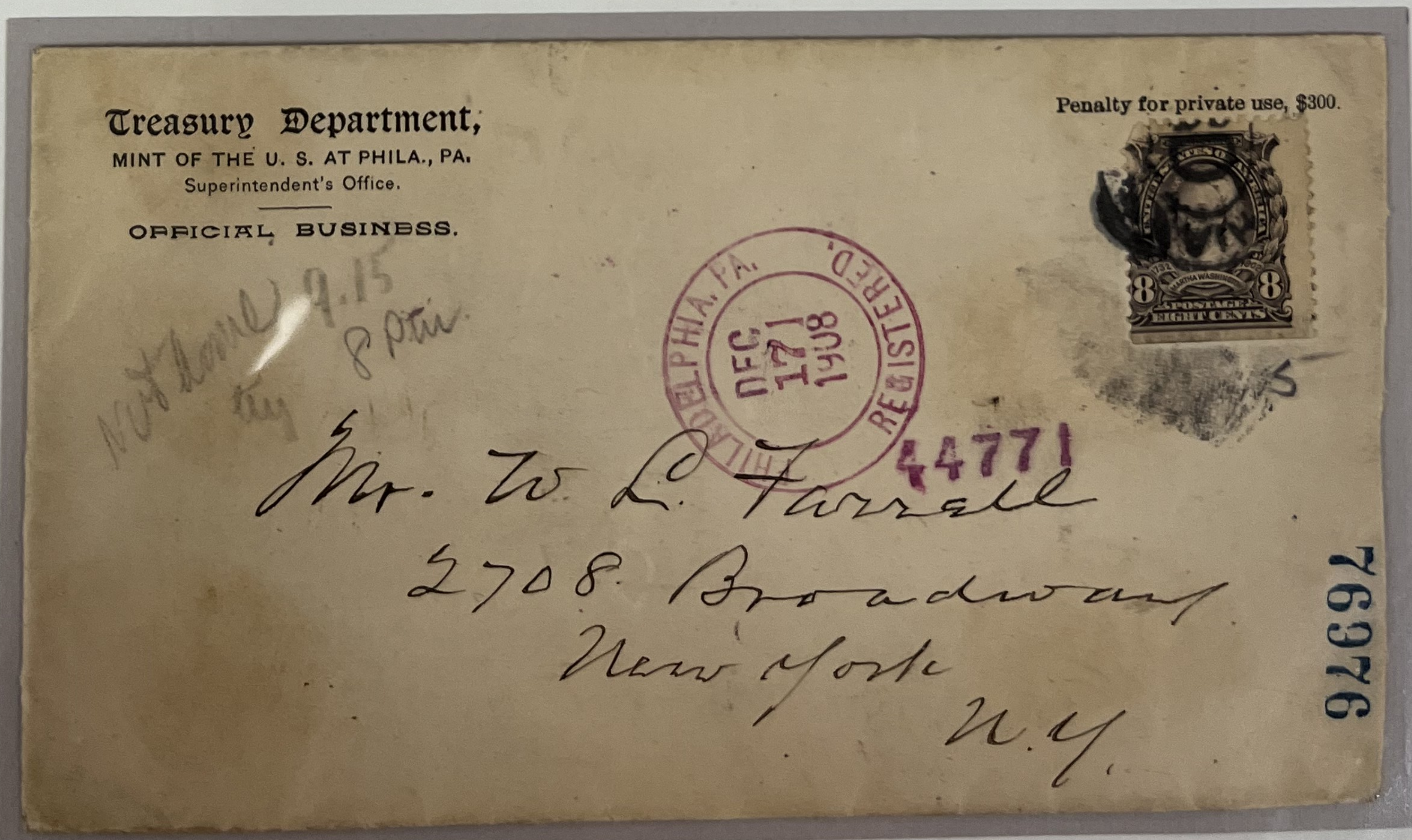
"Penalty"
1902 8 cents

Envelopes

The Department of Interior and Treasury, as other Departments, had to pay the regular fees for postal registry services (Act of March 3, 1873. 17 stat. 542).



The top "penalty franked" envelope was sent registered Aug. 22, 1908 from Watersville, Washington to St. Germaine, Washington. The face of the cover has several handstamps and written notices indicating the recipient could not be located. On the back there are 5 different post office station ovals. The lower cover is wax sealed. It is heavy duty envelope probably used to mail coin proofs from the Philadelphia Mint.



150-

To Santa Ana
Salvador
NO MAIL SENT TO

STEAMER NAMED
RARE MARKING

Went
via New Orleans

HAAS BROTHERS,
100 California Street,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Per S.S. "San Juan"
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
JAN 15 1904

No mail sent
steamer named



Messrs. Dellepiane & Daglio,

Santa Ana,

Salv.,

C.A.

FROM THE DESK OF —
W. A. RADER, DDS

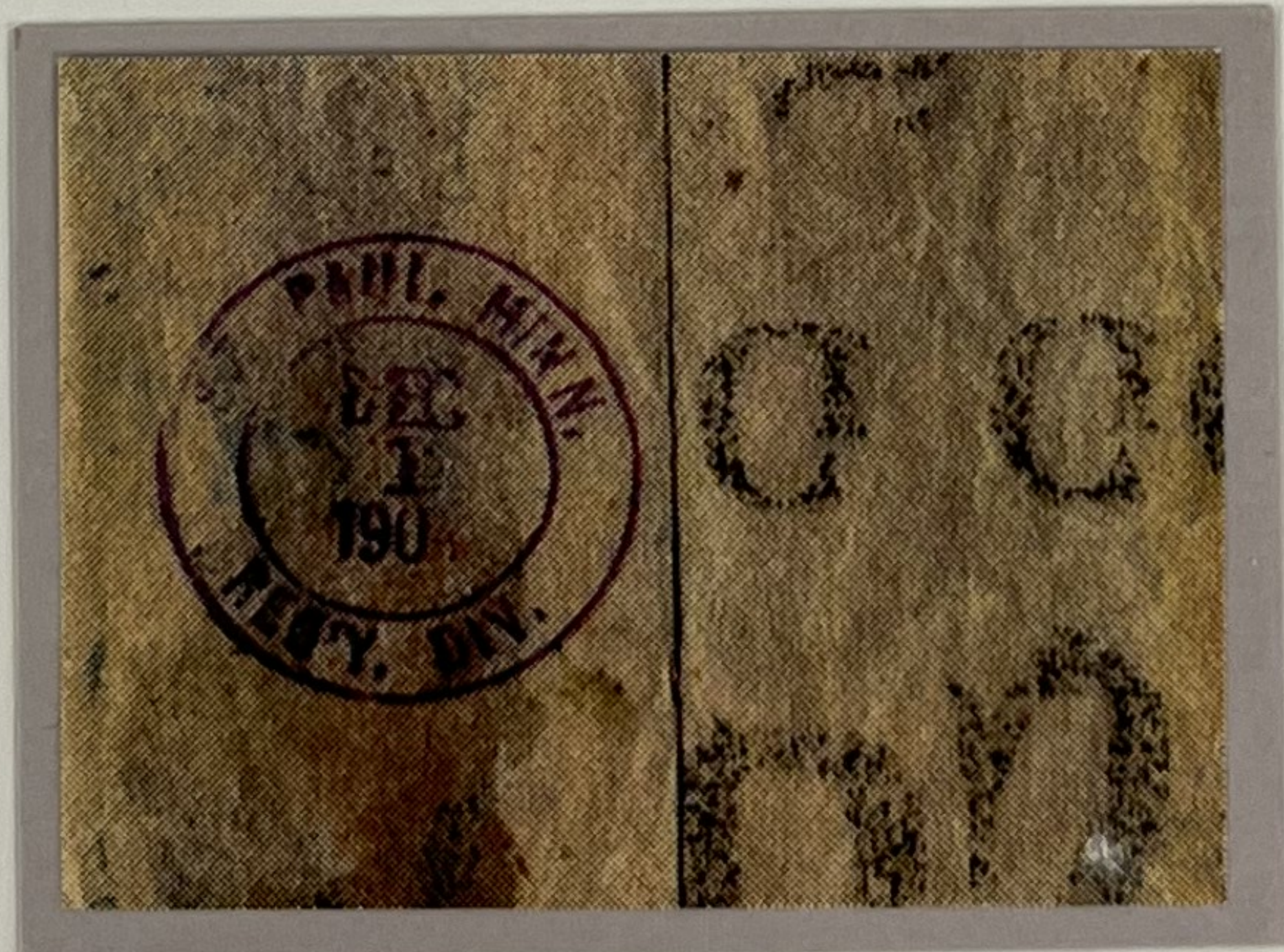
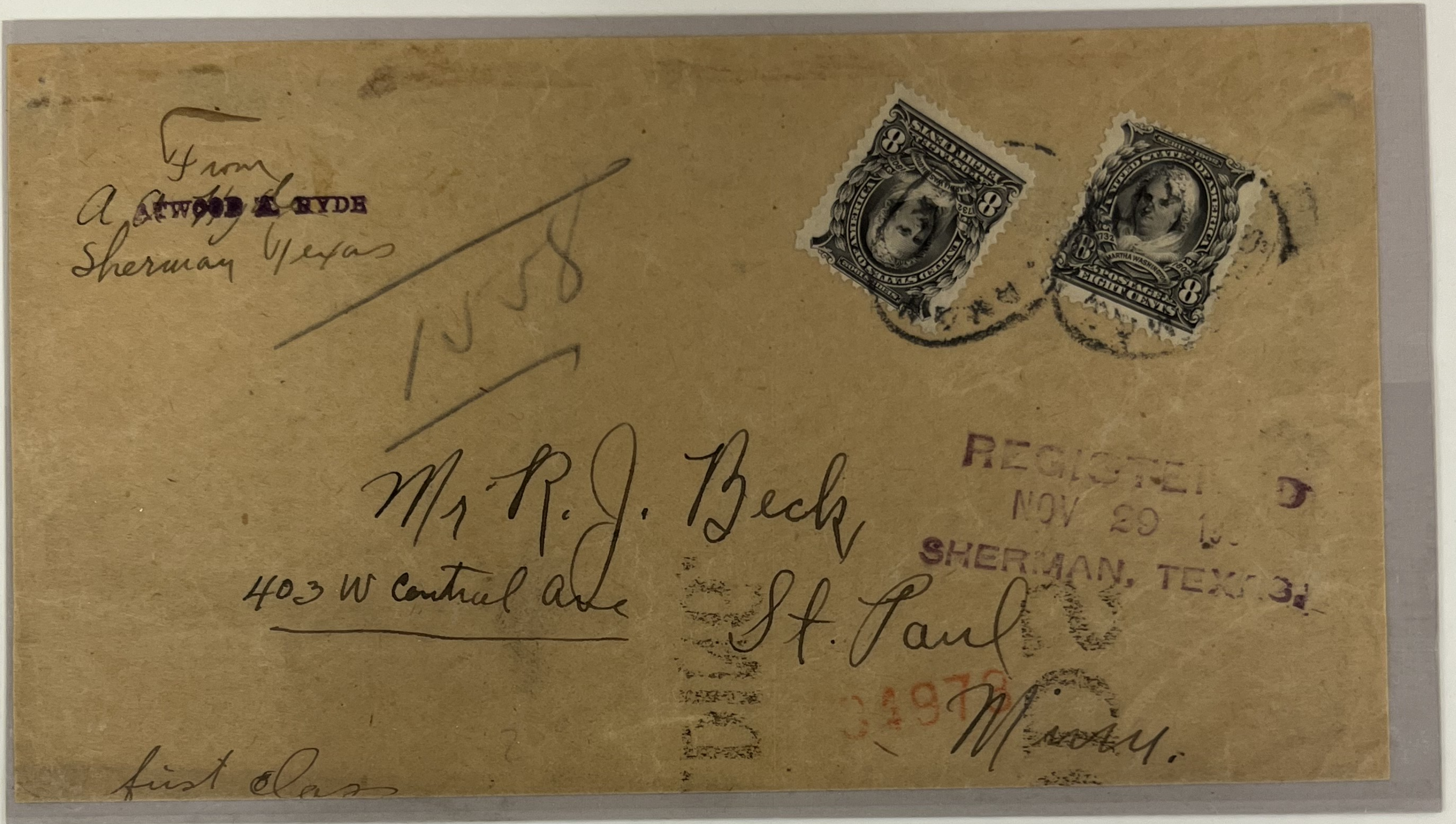
APS 83827
BIA 12539
PSS 7083
PERFIN 3330
AAPE 2310

PHONE
265-9263
51 SADDLE BUTTE DR.
HAVRE, MONTANA 59501

This bundle noted
This letter was to be sent
"surface" to Salvador from
San Francisco but the steamer
didn't take mail or was late or had
already left. It was sent overland
to New Orleans — then to Salvador
The letter shows a fairly unusual
post office hand stamp.

Registered Wrapper Sleeve

1902 8 cents

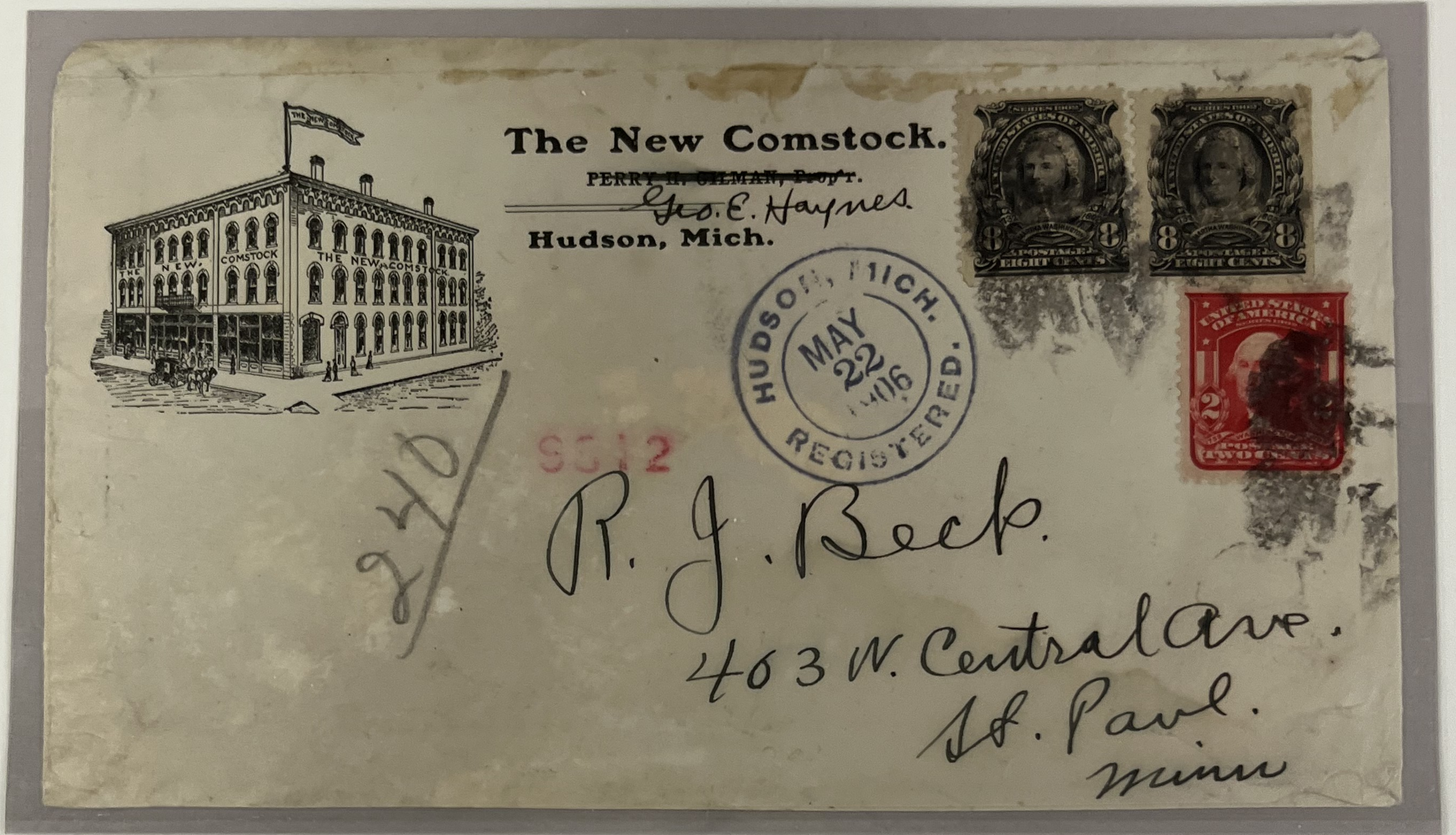


Wrapper sleeve with two 8 cents Martha Washington stamps; registered at Sherman, Texas Nov. 29, 1904; arrived St. Paul, Minn. Dec. 1, 1904.

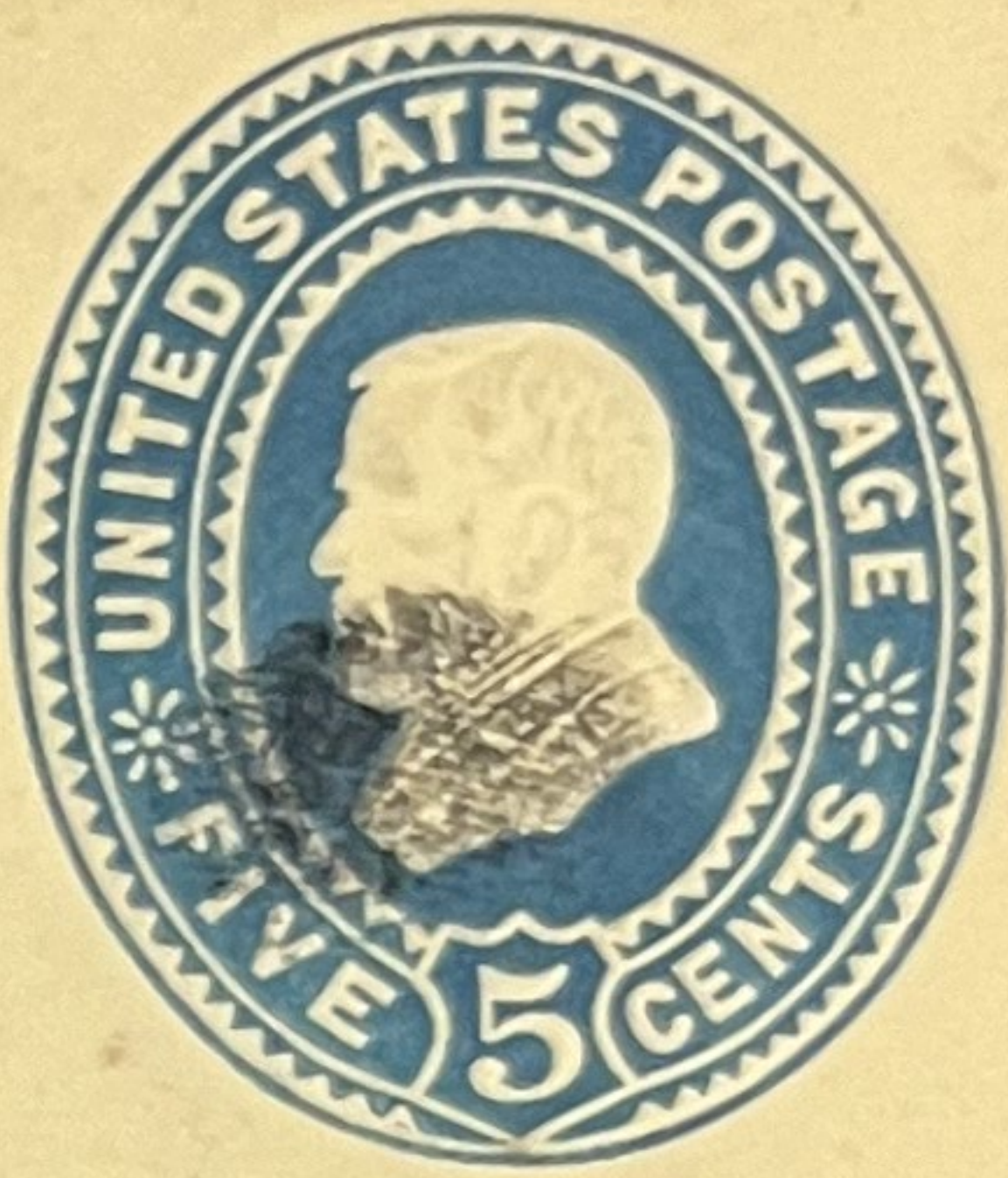
The postal rates here indicated 8 cents for registration and 8 cents for 16 oz. of newspaper or circular. The rate was 1 cents for 2 oz.

Registered Letter – 5 times rate

1902 8 cents



Registered letter showing registry rate of 8 cents and 10 cents extra postage for weight. Registry since 1902 included up to \$25.00 for indemnity.



1191 — 1904 —



Wm. Smith Co.

Fred B. Fuesel
4417 Gibson
St. Louis Mo.

91244

42 Dudley St

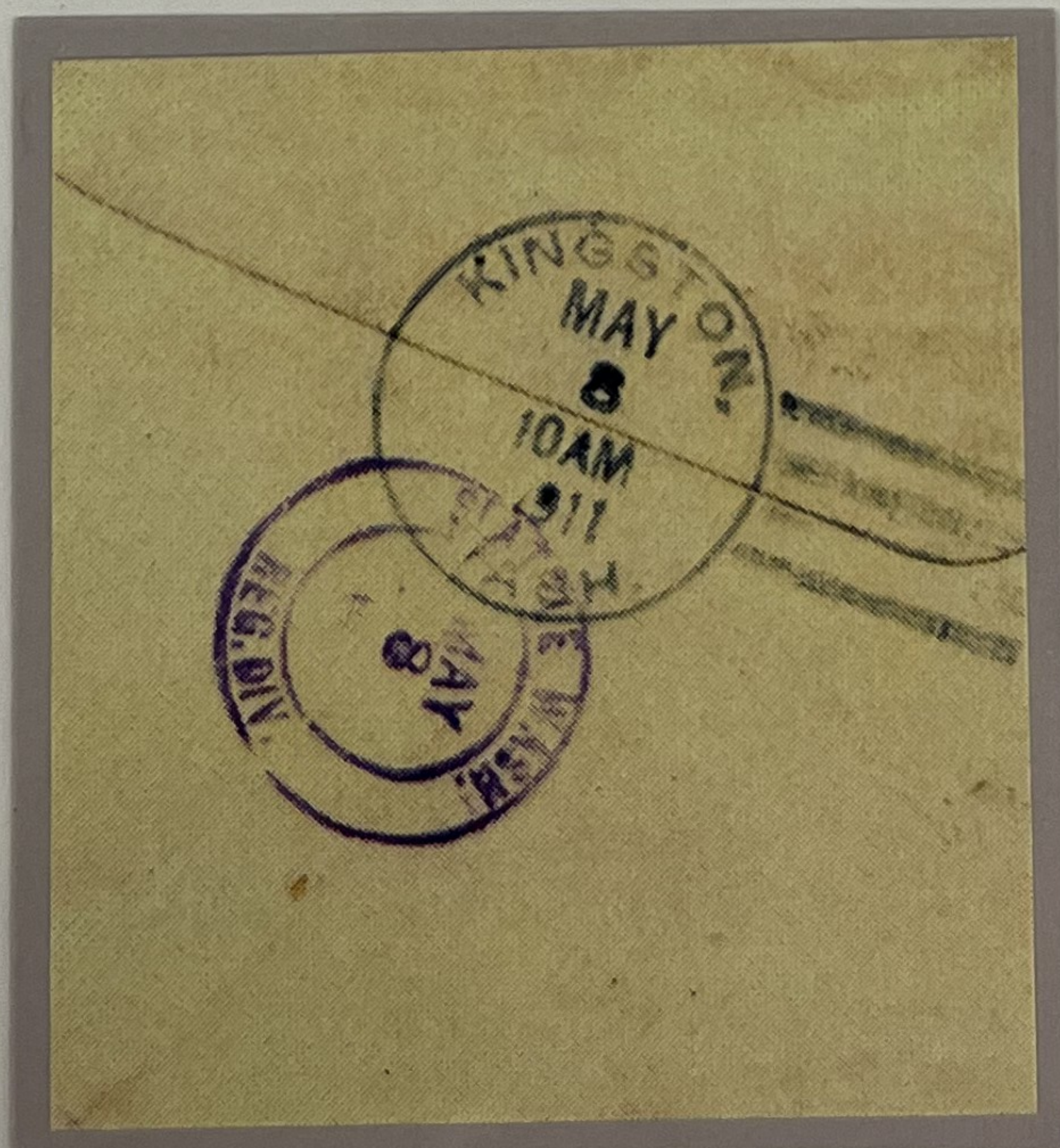
Medford, Mass.

Lot #1344 (308-424396): 8c Violet Black (306), F-VF, not tied on 5c registered entire with illustrated CC for American Stamp Exchange, unusual light "Delivery Number, Registered" circular handstamp, red St. Louis, Mo. 4/18/03 DCDS backstamp ties attractive exposition label, different label on front also tied by cancel, very attractive & unusual, VF cover (see all photos online). ... Est. \$100-150

Registered Letter – 3 times rate

1902 8 cents

The registry rate was raised to 10 cents November 1, 1909 and the indemnity was raised from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Either indemnity didn't cost any extra.



Registered letter from Kingston, Washington to Seattle. Sent May 8, 1911 and arrived Ballard Station (Seattle) May 9, 1911. Rate is paid with 1902 8 cent Martha Washington, 1903 6 cent Garfield on a 1907 - 1916 2 cent carmine George Washington franked envelope.

REGISTERED LETTER & SPECIAL DELIVERY

1902 8 cents



This hotel cover is franked with a 1894 Type III 2 cent stamp, a 1902 black 8 cent stamp (early use) and a 1895 Sp. Del. Stamp.



This letter was registered May 1st, 1906 in San Francisco but wasn't sent until the next day (May 2nd); it was received in Evanston, Illinois May 6 but wasn't delivered until May 7, 1906. Handstamps on the face says: "Fee claimed by the office of 'First Address'". This envelope is franked with the usual stamps for registered 1st class rate plus the 1902 ultramarine 10 cent Special Delivery stamp.

INTERNATIONAL USES – Double Rate

The UPU surface rate established in 1875 for ½ oz. letters was 5 cents.
This rate continued until Oct. 1, 1907.



This cover was mailed Dec. 2, 1903 paying the double 10 cent rate by inter-island mail from U.S. controlled Eastern Samoa to German controlled Western Samoa. Canceled from Pago Pago, capital of Tutuila to Apia, capital of the island Upolo. Received Dec. 3, 1903.



Correspondence from American bank to a Hong Kong bank paying the double rate of 10 cents. Mailed July 15, 1905; arrived August 21, 1905; back handstamp Victoria, Hong Kong.

International Use – Double & Triple Rate

1902 8 cents



A double rated cover mailed from San Francisco through New York to Mauritius. It arrived September 7, 1904.

Lower cover is a triple rated (15 cents) letter to Sidney through San Francisco mailed from Cincinnati. This route took 32 days, arriving the day before Christmas, 1904.

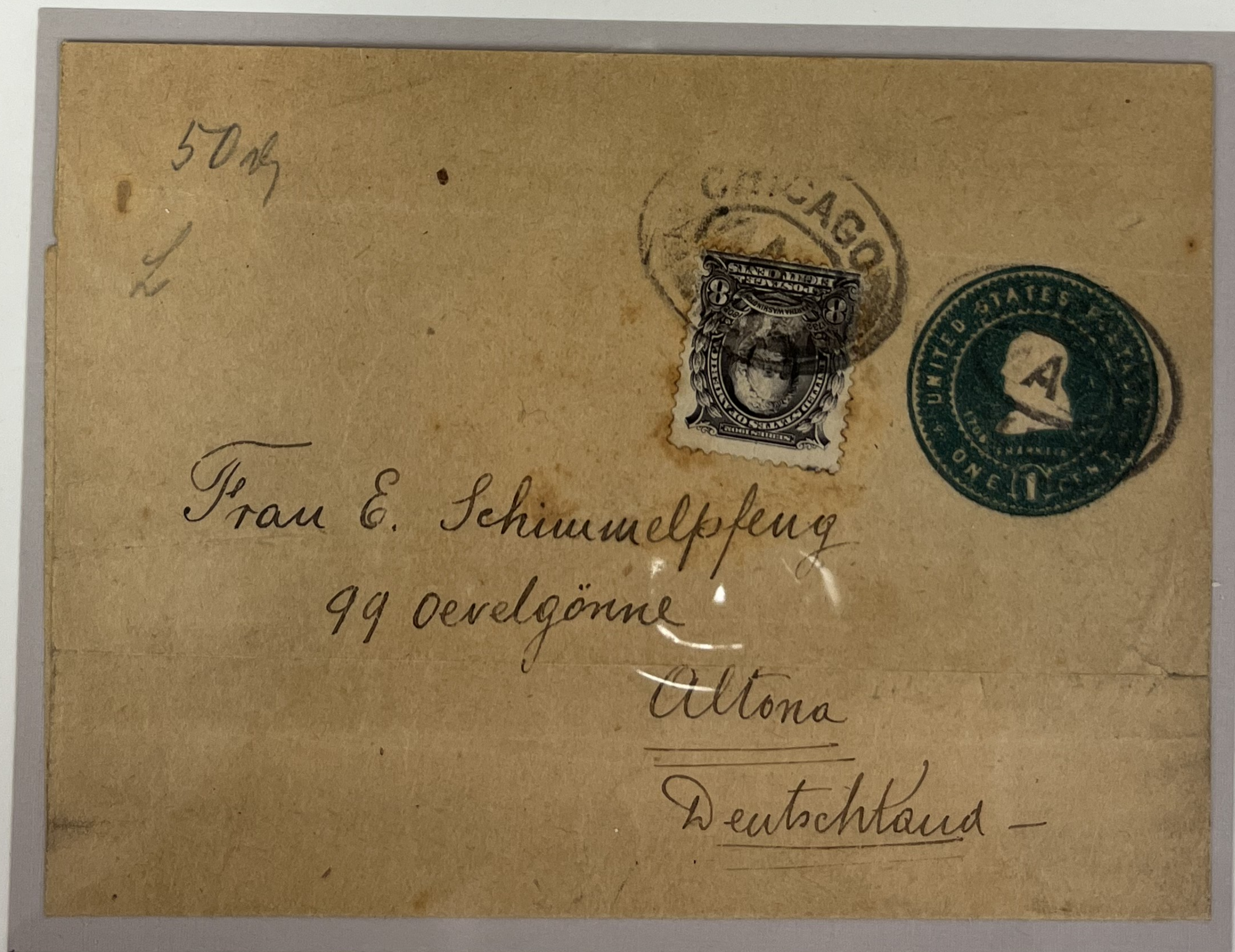


FOREIGN DESTINATION – 1902 HIGH VALUES
FRANKED WRAPPER SLEEVE

1902 8 cents



This small blue linen-lined piece with 8 cent Martha, has with her all of the following 1902 issues: horizontal pair of 15 cent olive green, 50 cent orange, two \$1.00 black, and one \$5.00 dark green tied by multiple strikes of New York/Registry double oval postmarks. The \$7.88 postage total represents a payment of one hundred fifty-six times the 5 cent per ½ oz. Letter rate plus an 8 cent registry fee.



Chicago, Illinois to Altona, Germany circa 1902 - 1909. The 8 cent Martha Washington is tied to the upper right corner of 1903 green 1 cent franked wrapper by a black double Chicago cancel and paying the 1 cent per 2 oz. printed matter rate. (Commercial papers rate for up to 18 oz.)

Foreign Use / Foreign Destination

1902 8 cents



The stamps on this piece of mail were to pay the 1st class & registry rate. The boxed "killer" cancellation was just for registered mail.

1902 – 8 cent Martha Washington and the 1910 – 2 cent carmine George Washington stamp (from the 3rd Bureau Issue) are "on-piece." The cancellation "Vera Cruz, Mexico U.S. Mail Agency" was mailed during U.S. occupation in 1914. President Wilson ordered the U.S. Navy to occupy Vera Cruz April 22, 1914 to stop the landing of a German munitions ship which was to re-supply the army of Mexican revolutionary President Victoriano Huerta.

The registry rate to Canada was 10 cents (April 1, 1879 to Dec. 1, 1925.) The 1st class letter rate has been practically the same to Canada as the domestic rate since 1888. At this time, the return receipt was free. The 4 cent brown Washington stamp is probably from the 1908 3rd Bureau Issue.





To Wild Goose Mining & Trading Co.

NOME, 366

ALASKA

4 Pokes
no 12

From Wild Goose Mining & Trading Co.

COUNCIL, ALASKA

Per S.S. OCEANIC

NOV 10 PM 1899

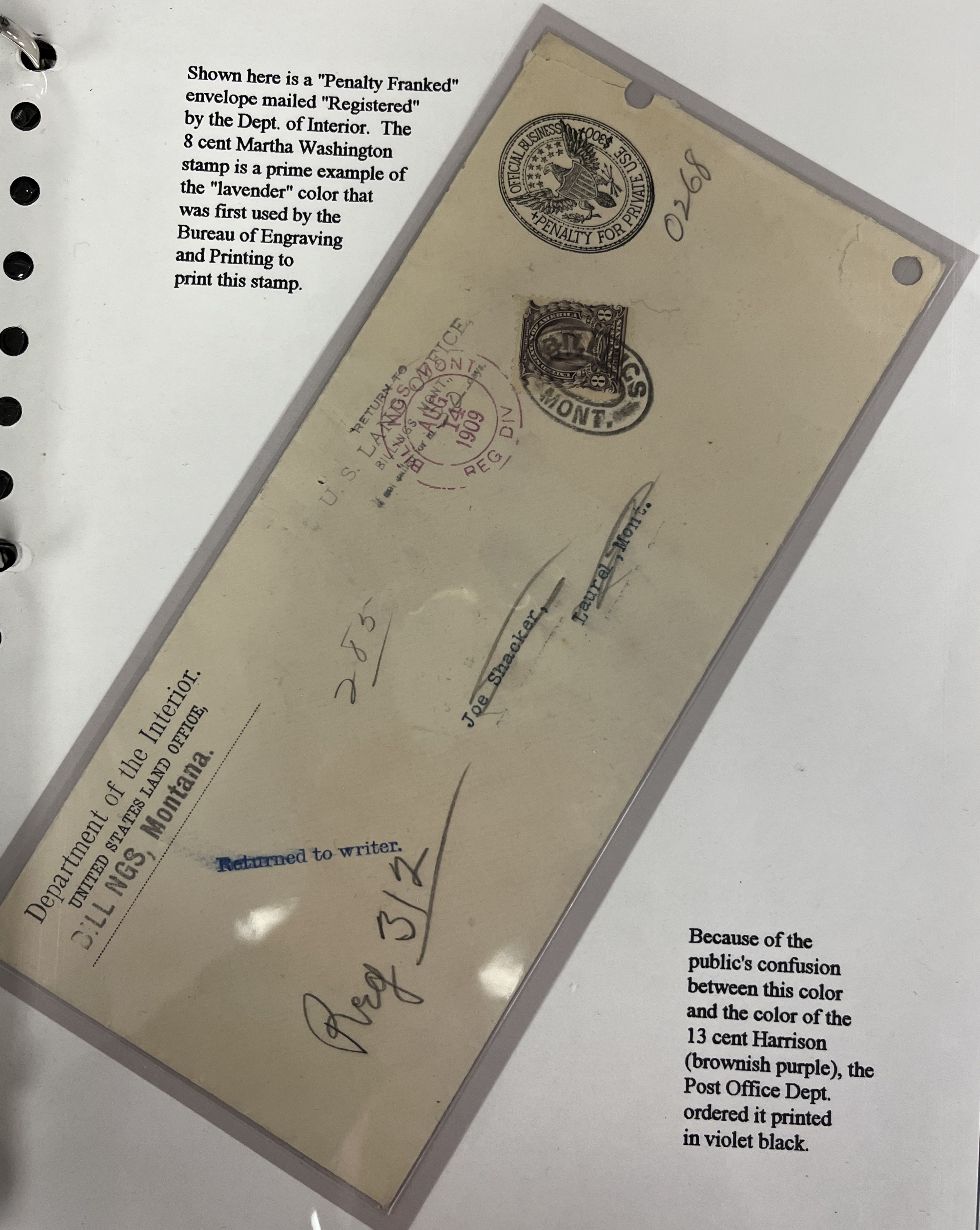


Credit Lyonnais

Havre
France

FROM
The National Park Bank,
OF NEW YORK.

Shown here is a "Penalty Franked" envelope mailed "Registered" by the Dept. of Interior. The 8 cent Martha Washington stamp is a prime example of the "lavender" color that was first used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to print this stamp.



Department of the Interior.
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
BILLINGS, Montana.

Returned to writer.

Reg 3/2

Joe Shaaker,

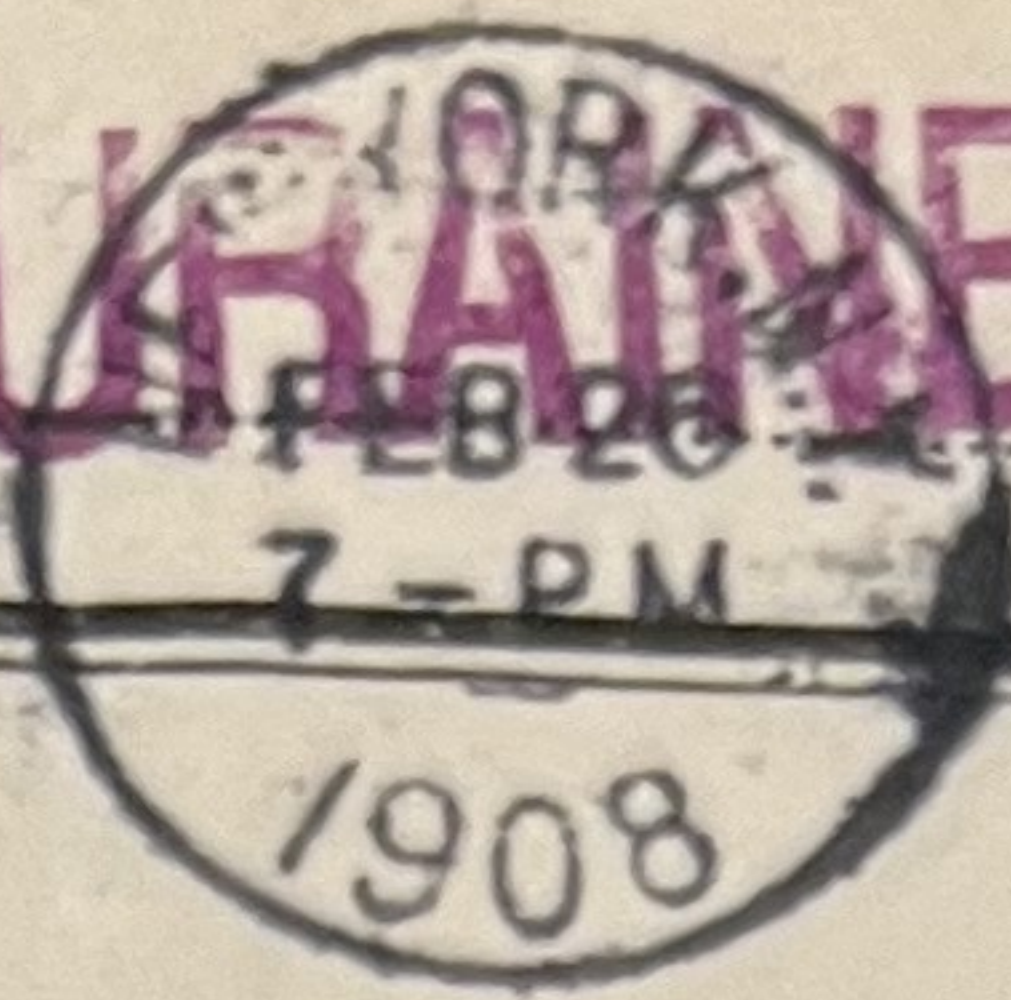
Laurel, Mont.

0268

Because of the public's confusion between this color and the color of the 13 cent Harrison (brownish purple), the Post Office Dept. ordered it printed in violet black.

Per Steamer

LA TOURNAINE



SOCIÉTÉ DE CRÉDIT SUISSE

GENEVA

SWITZERLAND

NEW U P U RATE

1902 8 cents



This cover is an example of the new rate for overseas or foreign letters established by the 6th U.P.U. Congress of 1906 (effective October, 1907). The new rate structure changes two things -- ie: the congress increased the unit weight to 1 ounce and dropped the cost of the 2nd ounce to 3 cents.



This letter shows the 5 cent surface rate for the 1st ounce. and 3 cent rate for the next ounce from Wallaston, Massachusetts Dec. 20, 1908 to Sydney, Australia. Back stamp shows it arrived Jan. 25, 1909 Sydney, (N.S.W.) Australia.



Registered cover to Italy paying the 10 cent double foreign 1st class rate and 8 cent registered rate. This rate is paid with 10 cent Louisiana Purchase stamp and the 8 cent 1902 Martha Washington stamp.



1908 registered Christmas letter to Germany with 1908 Type II American Red Cross Christmas seal. The UPU Madrid Convention of 1920 prohibited the use of these labels (seals) on the face of all international mail.

From Mr. [unclear]
Registered
5008

RECEIVED
SEP 25 1905



The [unclear] [unclear]
Springfield
Mass.

REGISTERED
SEP 23 1894
STATION - K

back

Registered

2



445
SEP 2 1903

6650

G. & C. MERRIAM Co.,

REGISTERED
SEP 1 1903
SUB STA. [unclear]
NEW YORK, P.O.

SPRINGFIELD,

PUBLISHERS OF
WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL
DICTIONARY

MASS.

1484
9. Y. 778

MAKINS & CO., INC.

506 MARKET ST.,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

1318 MARKET ST., OAKLAND, CAL.

125-

REGISTERED.

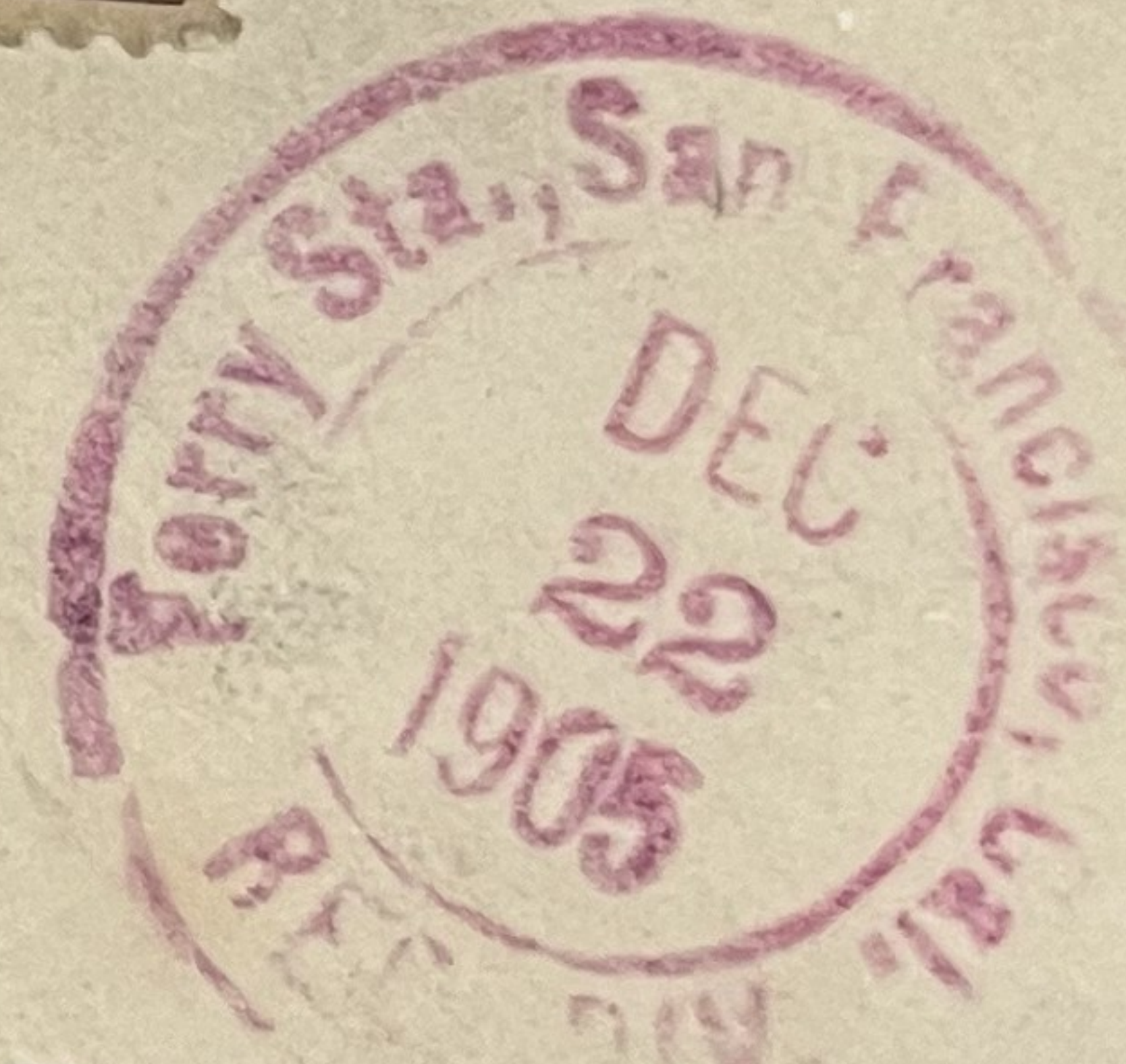


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87913

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J. D. Robertson,

P.O. Box 813.

366 Talbot St.

Dr Thomas

Ont Canada

943
6647



1902 8 cent



Registered letter to Sweden from Brooklyn, N.Y. The postal clerks stamped this information (magenta handstamp) on this piece because the registry "window" was closed.

The lower cover, to Greece, using the same stamps, ie: the 1902 8¢ and the 1902 5¢ stamp paying the international surface rate and the 8¢ registry rate.



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9433



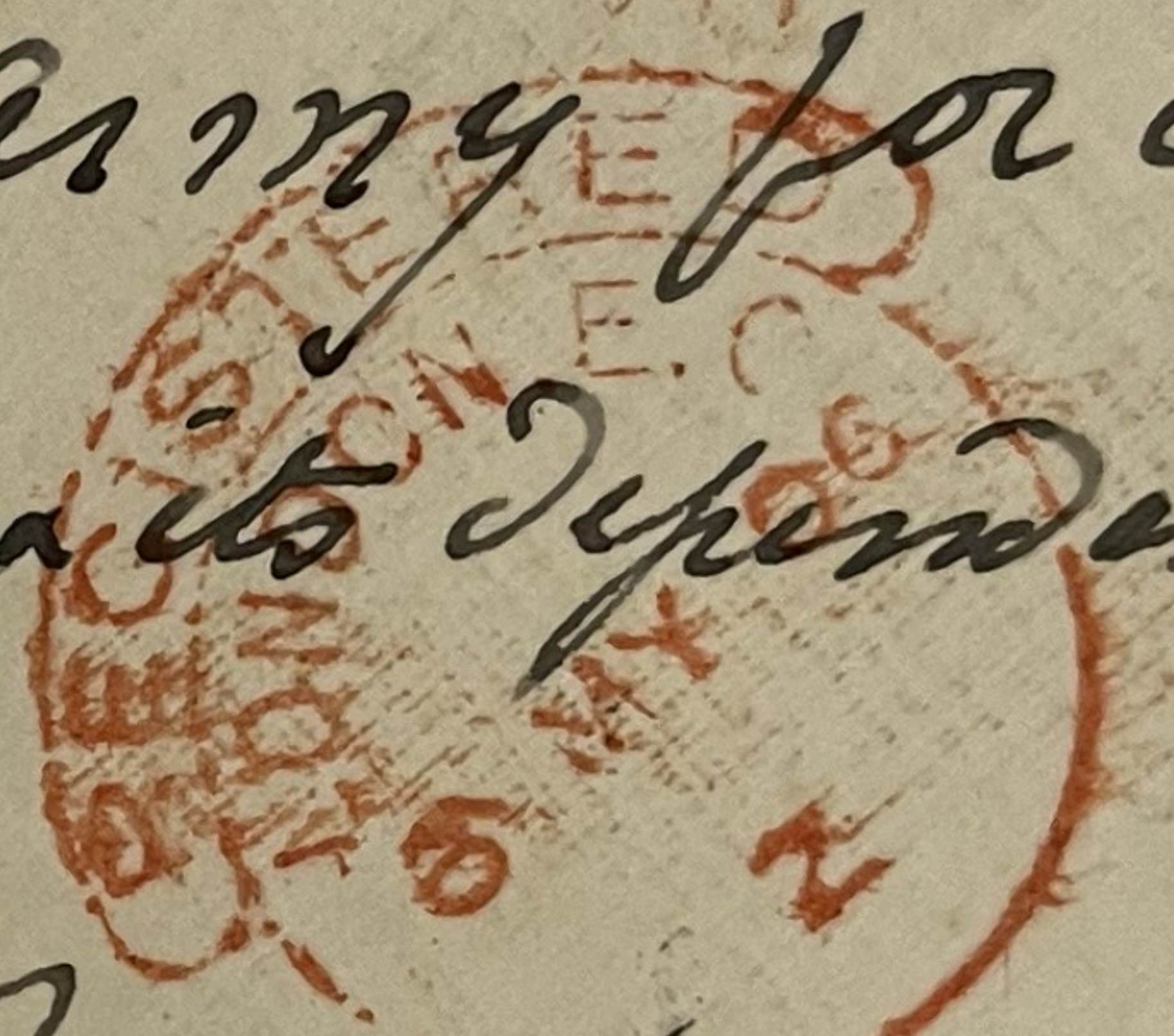
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
R NEW YORK N. Y.
No. 98304
EXCHANGE.



NEW ROCHELLE
APR
26
1906
REGISTERED

To His Excellency Sir Clarke
General of the Army Forces
Governor of Malta and its Dependencies
Valletta
Malta

Via England



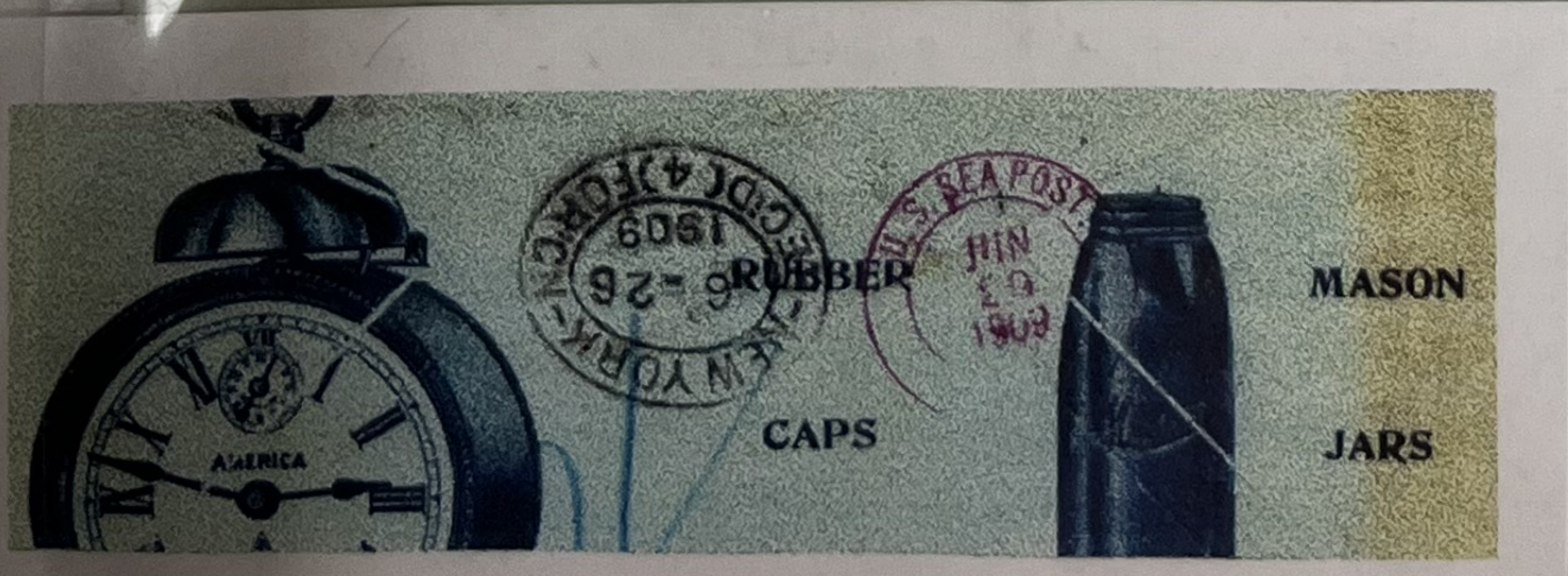
The bottom cover has the usual five cent surface & 8 cent registration rate paid with 1902 issued stamps. Sent from New Rochelle, New York to the Governor of Malta. Malta became part of the British Commonwealth in 1814 and has been self governed since 1921. At this particular time, the Governor resided in Valletta, the capitol.

Registered Foreign Destinations
 Puerto Rico to Paris / German Treaty Rate
 1902 8 cents



Shown above is a double rated registered letter from Puerto Rico to Paris routed through New York, mailed the 7th of July, arrived at Paris July 28, 1905.

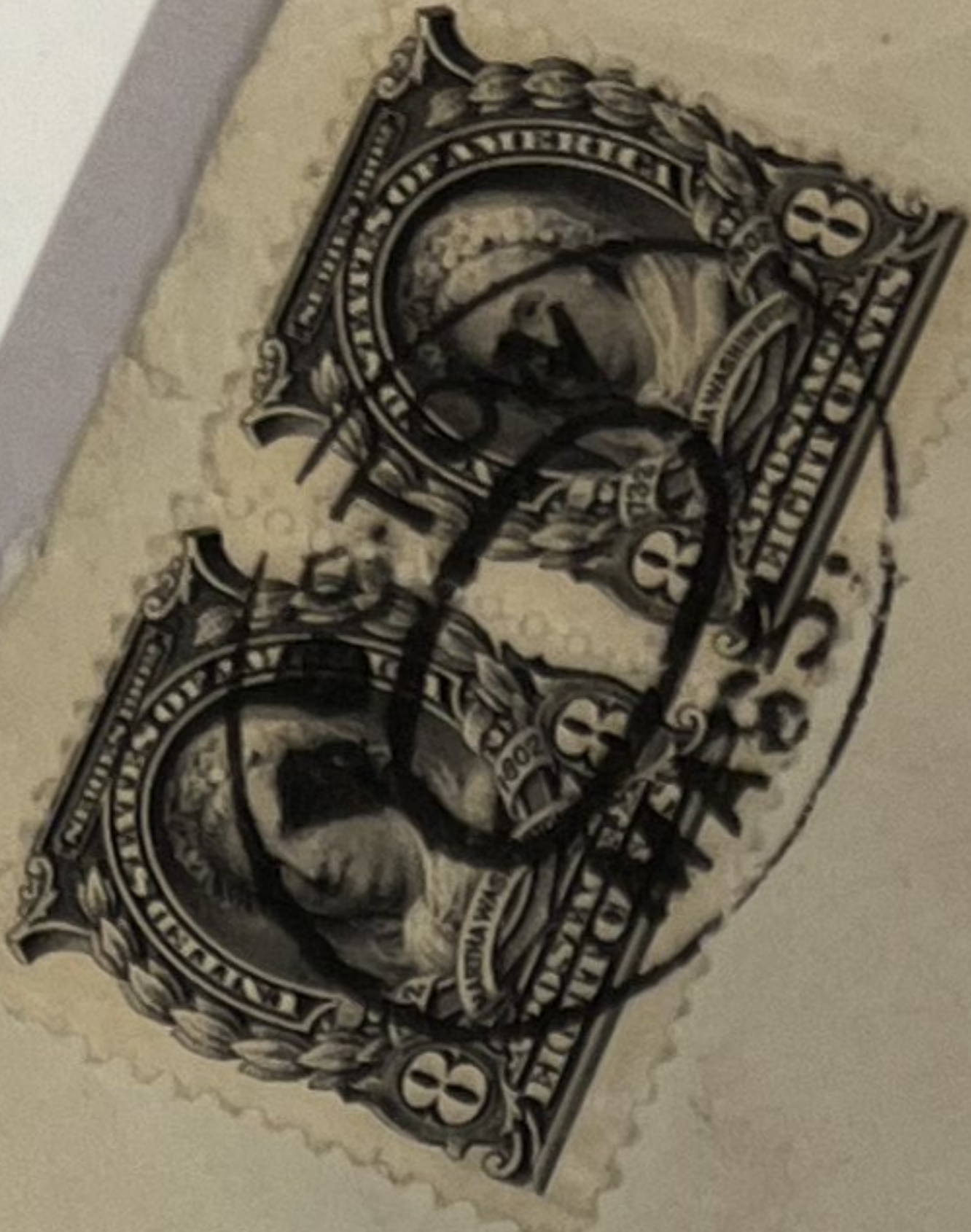
Below is a triple rated (special treaty rate of Jan. 1, 1909) registered letter to Germany. This is the only known use of 1902 8 cent stamp on sea posted cover with this rate. Inset is the reduced image of obverse side.



FOREIGN DESTINATION
"NEW RATE"
REGISTERED

1902 8 CENT

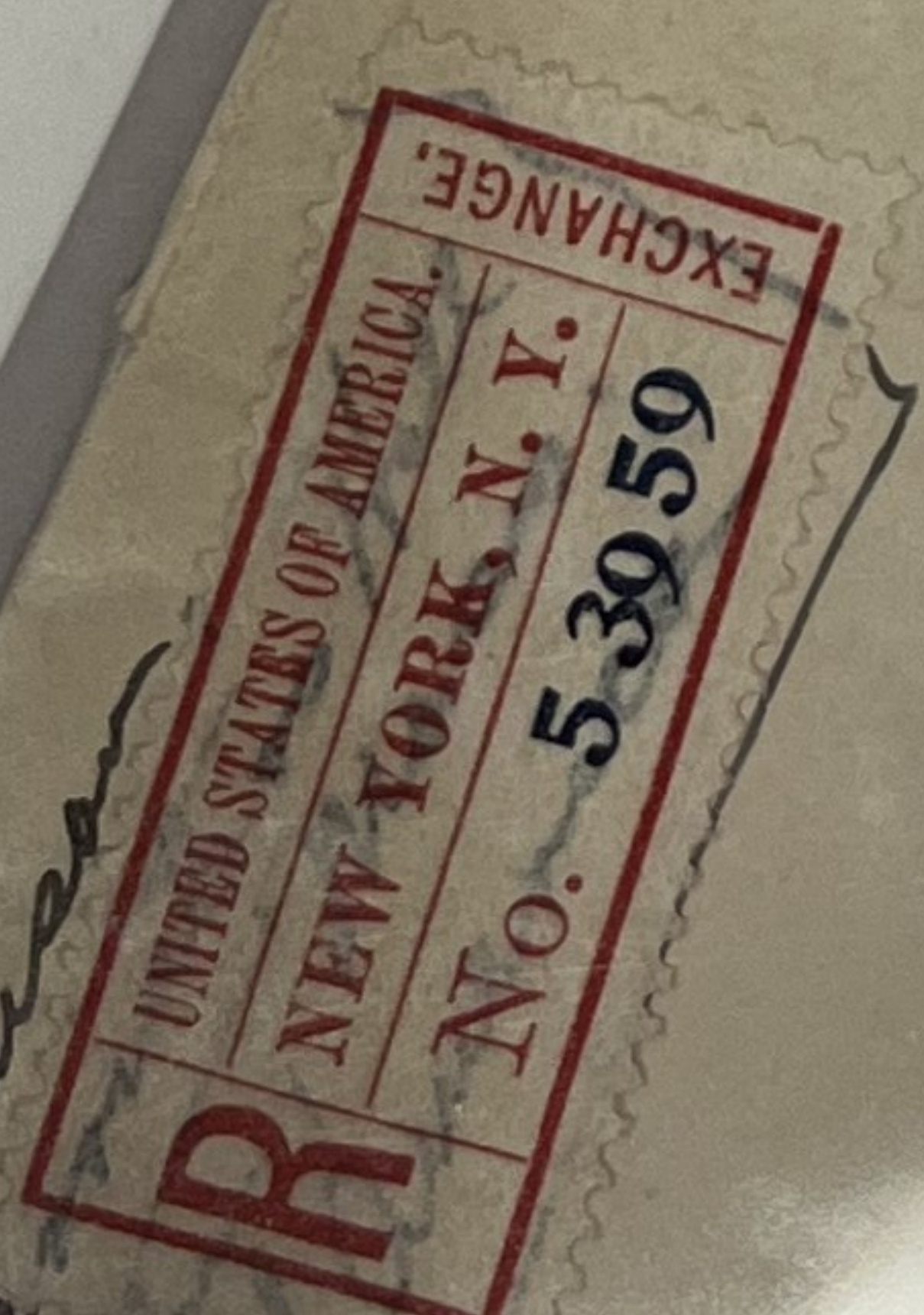
Double Rated
Registered letter
to Europe



26611

(N.B.)

Hyberg,
Engelbrechtsgatan
Stockholm,
Sweden, Europe



31
Fallen A.

John
Boer
N.Y.

Return Receipt
Registered

Registered letter from Boston to Stockholm showing the 5 cent 1st oz., 3 cents for the 2nd oz. rate established by the U.P.U. effective Oct., 1907.

There was a short window of use here because the registry rate was increased to 10 cents Nov. 1, 1909.

There was (*in script*) return receipt demanded – there was no fee for this at that time.

"CANAL ZONE" OVERPRINT

"The Canal Zone", a strip of territory with an area of about 552 square miles following generally the line of the canal, was under jurisdiction of the United States from 1904 to 1979. The Canal Zone Postal Service began operating June 24, 1904 when nine post offices were opened in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal.



PFC

CANAL ZONE

PANAMA



Used Canal
Overprints

These overprinted stamps were first issued July 18, 1904. They were used for approximately six months. There were only 7,932 of the 8 cent Martha Washington stamps issued.

"PHILIPPINES" OVERPRINT

Following the American occupation of the Philippines, May 1, 1898 after Admiral Dewey's fleet entered Manila Bay, an order was issued by the U.S. Postmaster on May 24, 1898 establishing postal facilities with rates similar to domestic rates. U.S. stamps were overprinted "PHILIPPINES" and were placed on sale in Manila June 30, 1898. Regular U.S. stamps had been in use from early March.

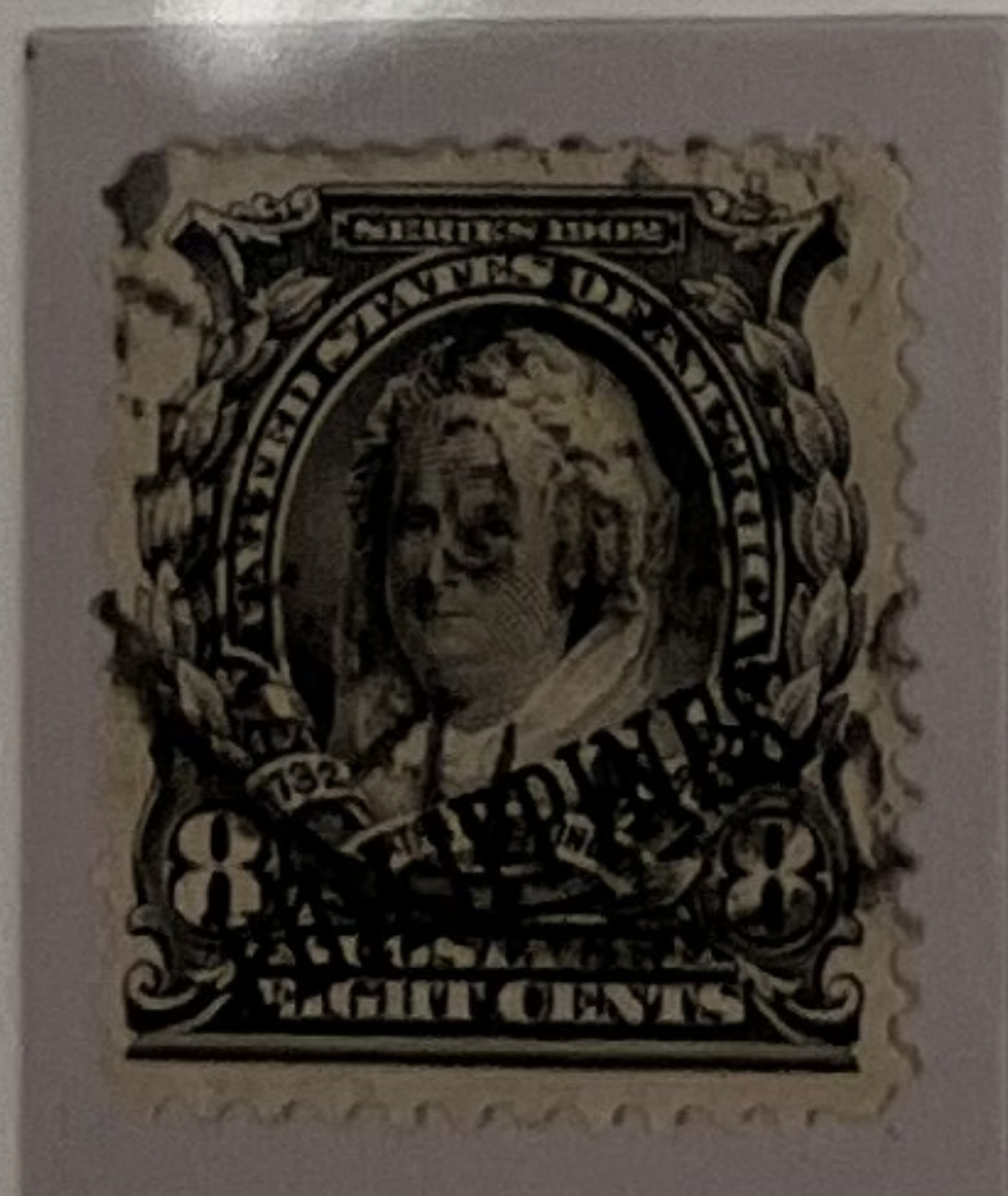


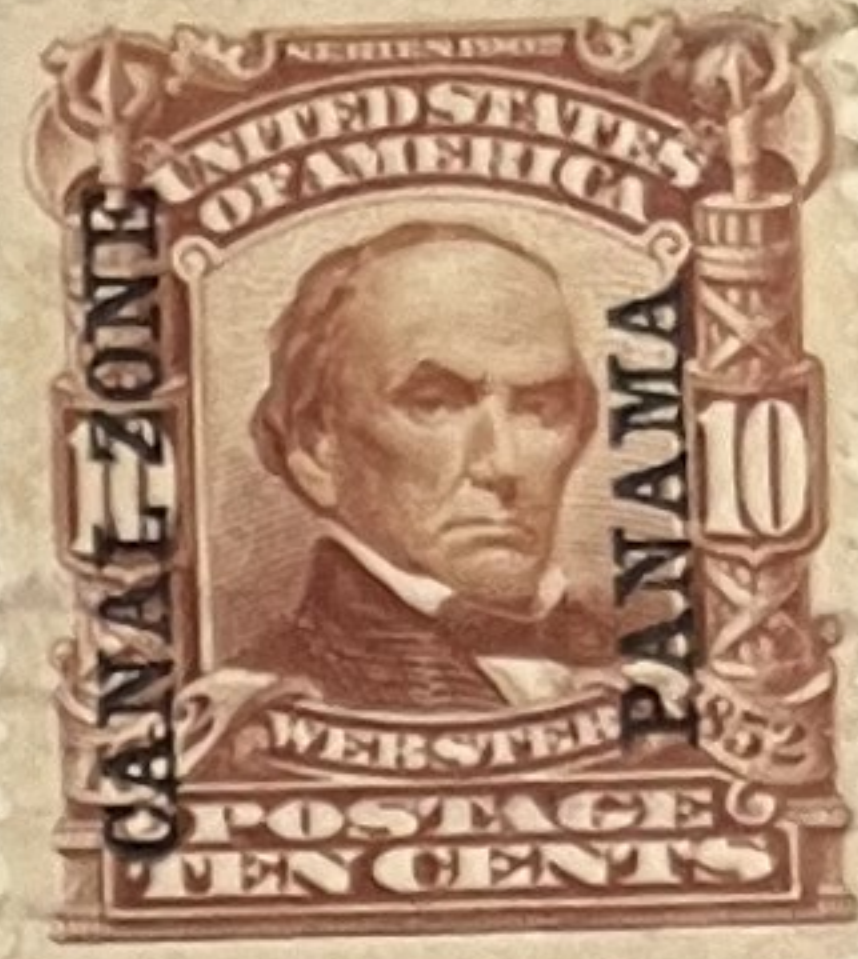
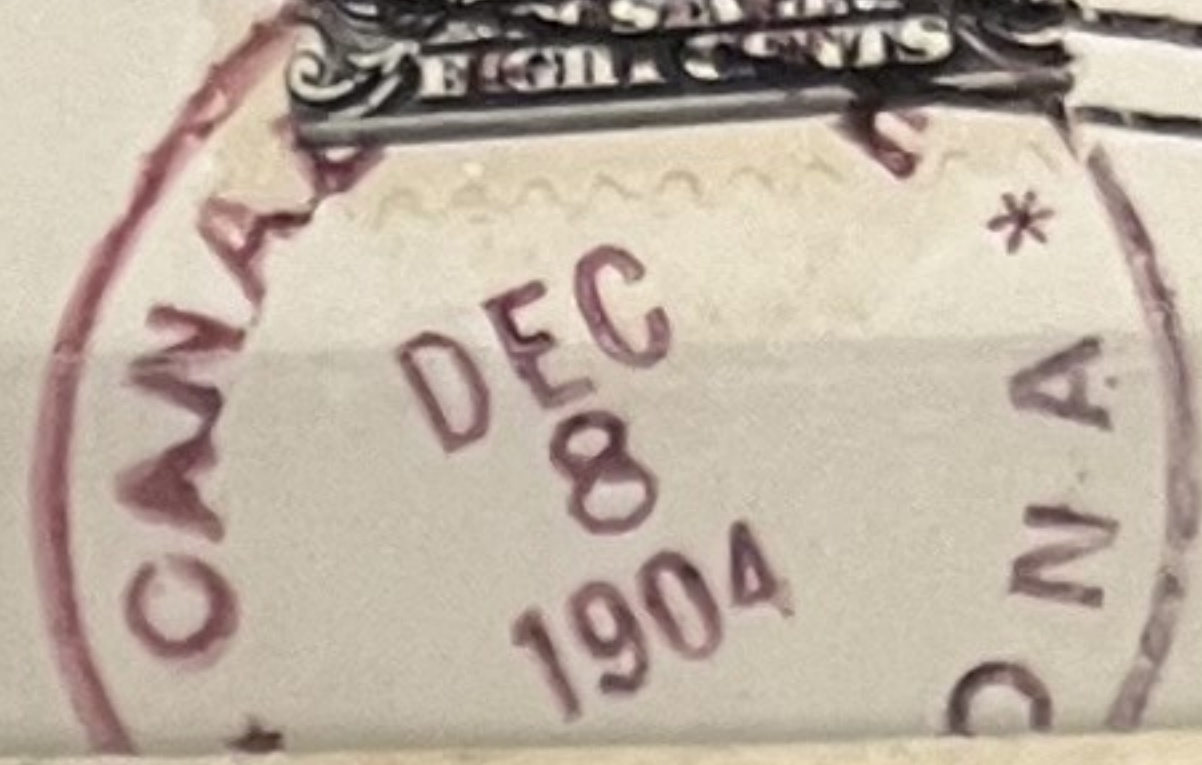
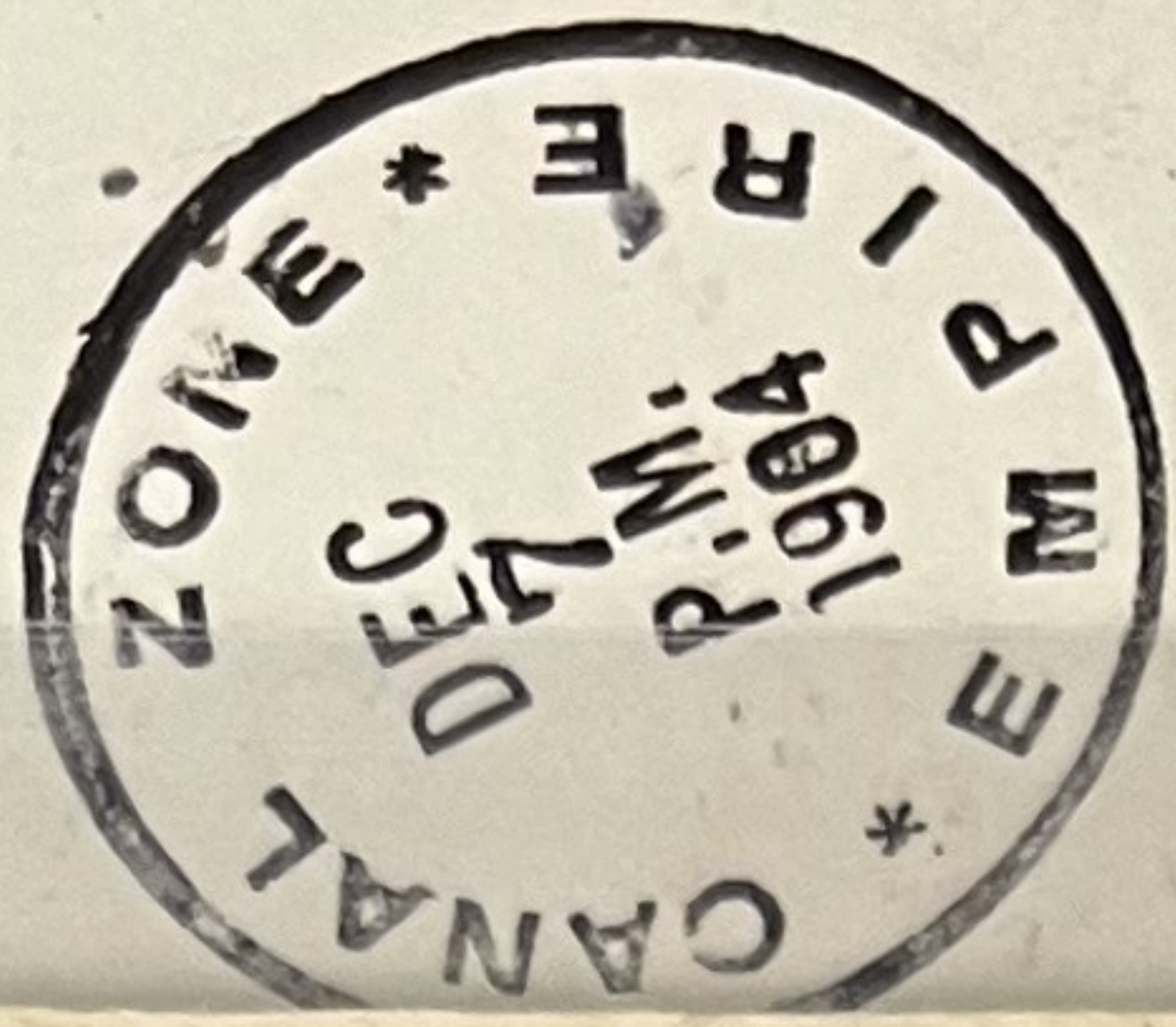
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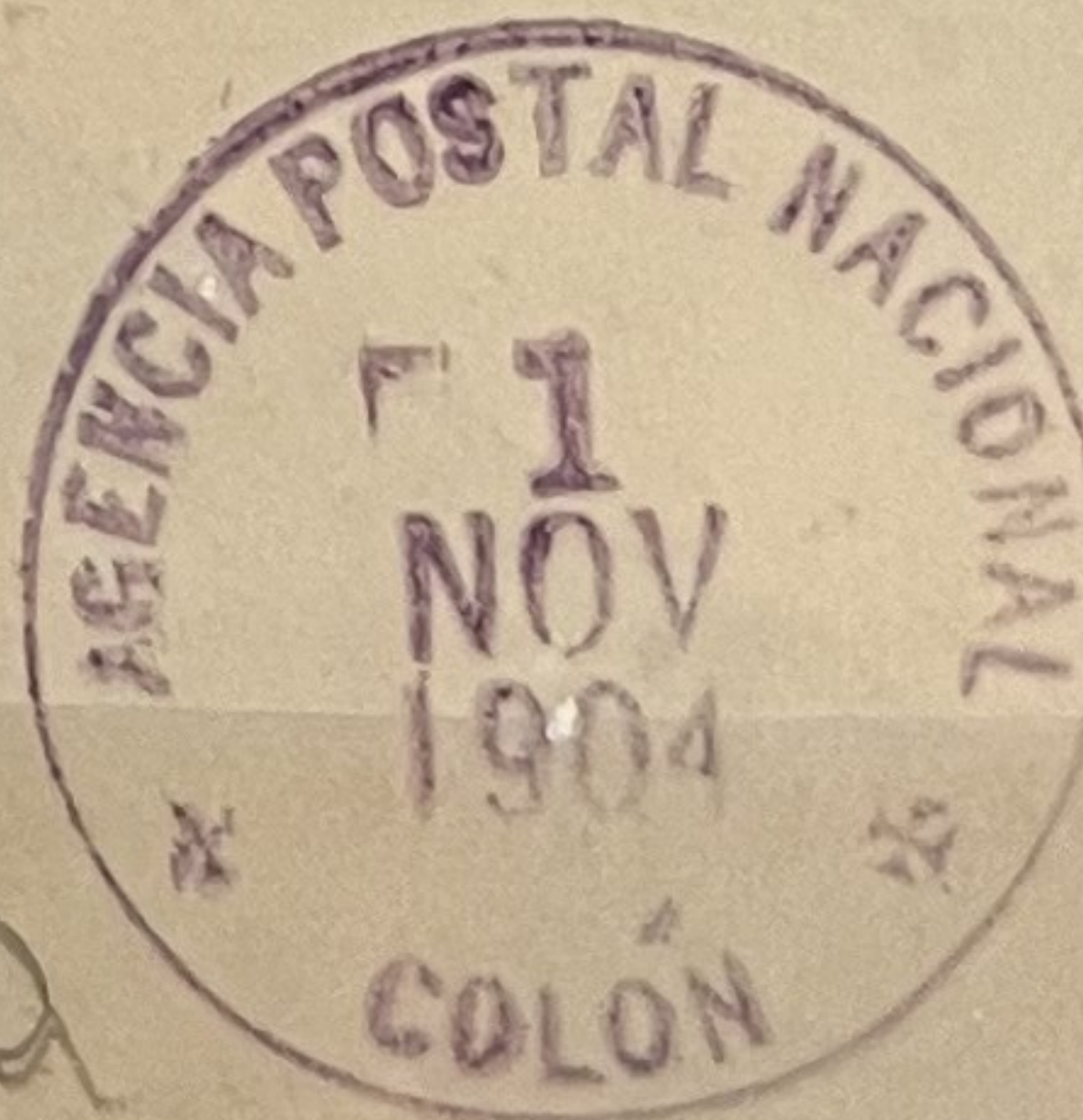
The 8 cent Martha Washington overprint was issued Nov. 1, 1904. The total quantity was 49,033. This stamp became obsolete Sept. 8, 1906 after two years of use. The balance of unsold stamps was destroyed. The plate block of 8 is the largest mint block on record.

USED





Daniel de Castro
Panama
Rep of Pan



1904, 8¢ Violet Black, in combination with 1904, 1¢ green + 2¢ carmine on Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. seal cover (backflap) to Costa Rica, each tied by violet "Colon, Agencia Postal Nacional, Nov 1, 1904" cds and Flag duplexes, receiving backstamp; couple small sealed cover tears at top, still Very Fine and attractive, a very rare 8¢ usage.
Scott No. 7+4-5

Costa Rica

"The 'First' First Lady"

This exhibit is of Martha Washington on postal items of the United States and its Possessions. These stamps were issued between 1902 and 1939 and were good for postage in the United States, Canal Zone and the Philippine Islands.

There are at least three unique items in the collection: i.e.: the Portuguese "Ultramar" overprint of the 1902 8 cent 2nd Bureau issue and the largest recorded number of 8 cent Martha Washington stamps on cover, and the Pitney Bowes "experimental" tagging of the 1 1/2 cent 1938 Martha Washington stamp.

The 2nd Bureau Issue 1902-03 8 cent black Martha Washington stamp marks the first time a lady has been on a regular issue U.S. Stamp. Its excellent design and engraving garnered it rave reviews from the philatelic and public press at the time. The 8 cent rate for registered letters was one of the main uses of this stamp. All of the plate #'s used in the 8 cent 1902 issue are represented here.

There were nine post offices opened in the Canal Zone in June, 1904 and these 8 cent Martha Washington stamps were overprinted "Canal Zone" to be used there. In the Philippines in November of the same year, this same stamp was overprinted "Philippines" and was to be used for the registry rate in the Islands and to the U.S.

After a hiatus of approximately 15 years, Martha Washington was again honored as the only woman on the 4th Bureau 1922-25 issue. This 4 cent stamp of yellow brown was used mostly as 1st class postage paying the double rate for letters weighing 2 oz. Originally printed on flat bed presses, this stamp was also printed with curved plates for the rotary press issues of 1923-26 along with the vertical perforation coil. There are several different perforation varieties of this 4 cent stamp and is also one of the 1929 stamps issued with Kansas-Nebraska (Kans. - Nebr.) overprint.

The new design of the Presidential issue of 1938 stamps (5th Bureau Issue), Martha Washington was again privileged as the only woman to be so honored. Contrary to the other two designs, which were taken from an unfinished portrait by Gilbert Stewart, this stamp design is taken from a sculptured bust by Mrs. Thomas Miller. The 1 1/2 cent Martha Washington stamp was issued in bister brown and was used mostly for 1 1/2 cent postage for 3rd class letters and postcards. This design was issued also in vertical and horizontal perforated coil stamps. The last issued stamp of this collection was the September 1st, 1939 "Canal Zone" 1 1/2 cent Martha Washington overprint.

In this exhibit the Martha Washington stamps are utilized in a multitude of ways. The uses vary from normal 1st class domestic use to airmail, special delivery, registered, foreign, and seapost, and then to the unsealed 3rd class and patriotic covers.

The whole exhibit covers the 2nd, 4th & 5th Bureau Issues and spans approximately 45 years of usage and is a philatelic memorial to "The 'First' First Lady", Martha Washington.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
NEW YORK, N. Y.
No. 4 1150
EXCHANGE.



Return Receipt Demanded

Mr. E. J. Sant...

1051 ☒

8c Violet Black (306). Used with 3c Bright Violet and 2c Shield, tied by Chicago Ill. registry ovals and New York registry label on 2c Carmine Entire (U411) to Limuru, British East Africa, five different registered backstamps incl. Foreign Registration department and London, few adherences on back, still Very Fine and scarce destination E. 200-300

2¢ over paid

British East Africa

Protectorate

Sender

MADE IN ENGLAND

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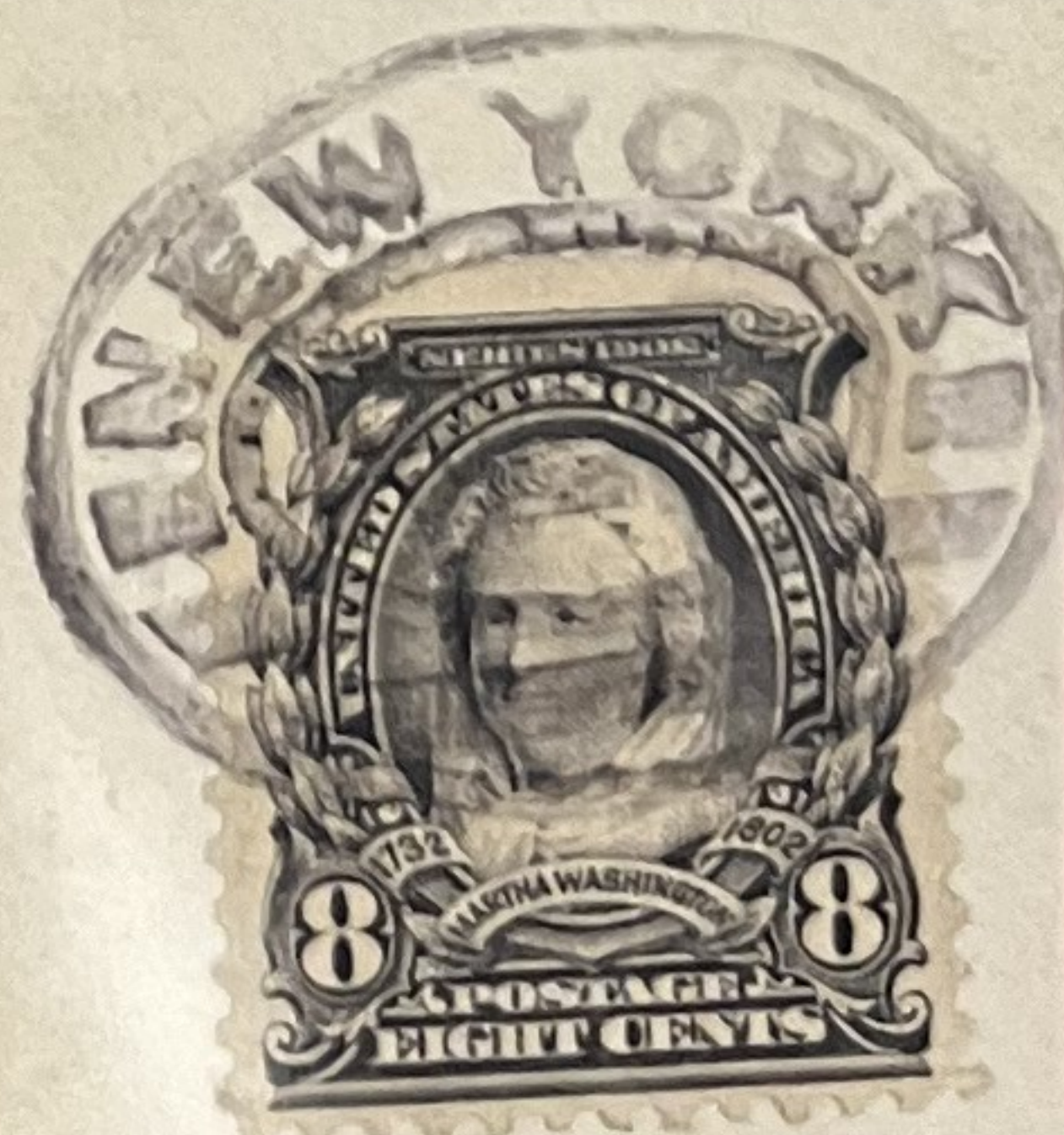
Glenyon Dye Works,
Phillipsdale Branch,
Phillipsdale,
R. I.

REGISTERED
3485 MAY 16 '07
BOSTON, MASS.

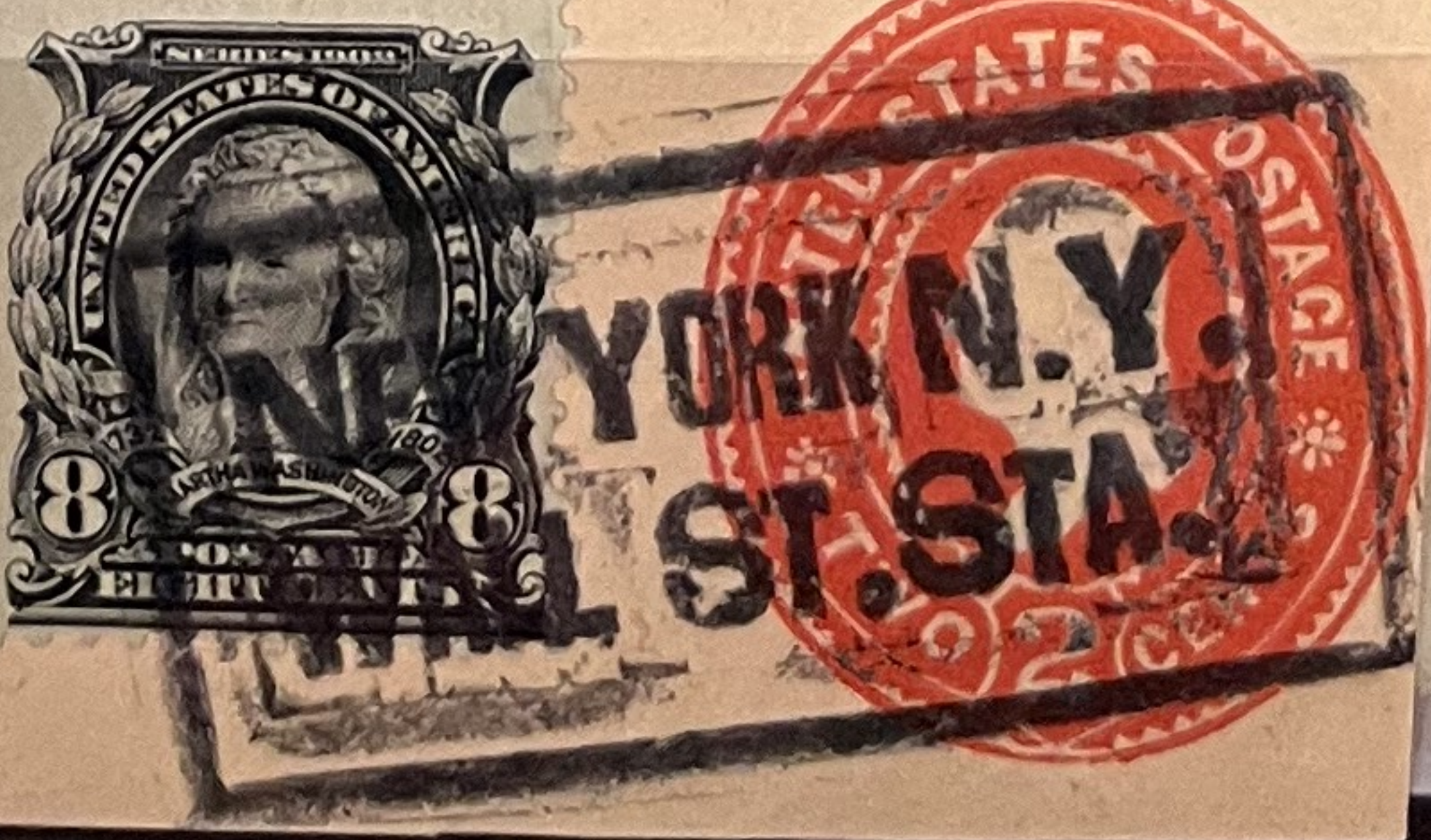


From Thos. M. Goodrich
687 St. Marks Ave
Brooklyn N.Y.

The Preacher
has moved
4190



Mass. M. E. Goodrich
Portland
Oregon

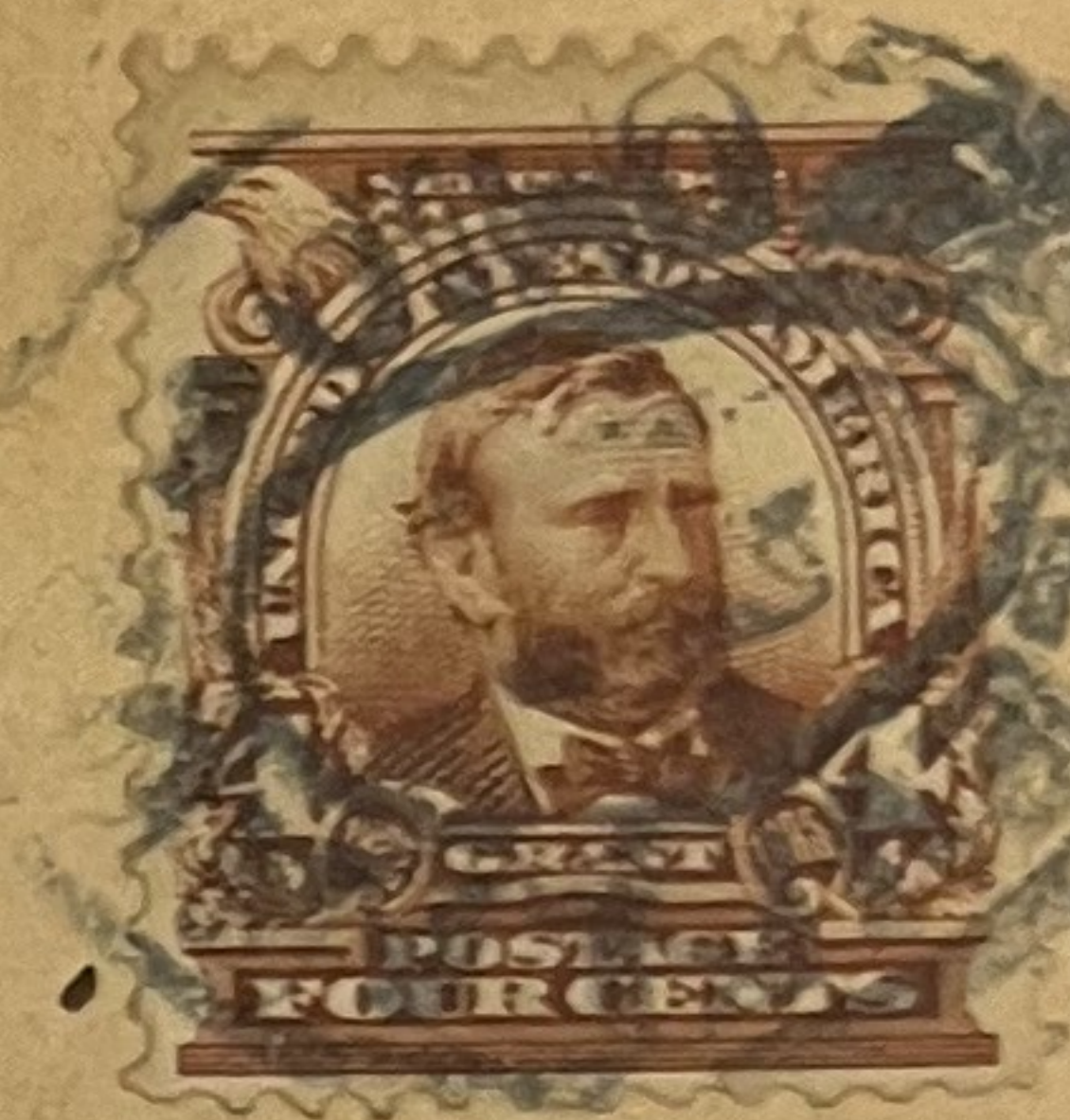
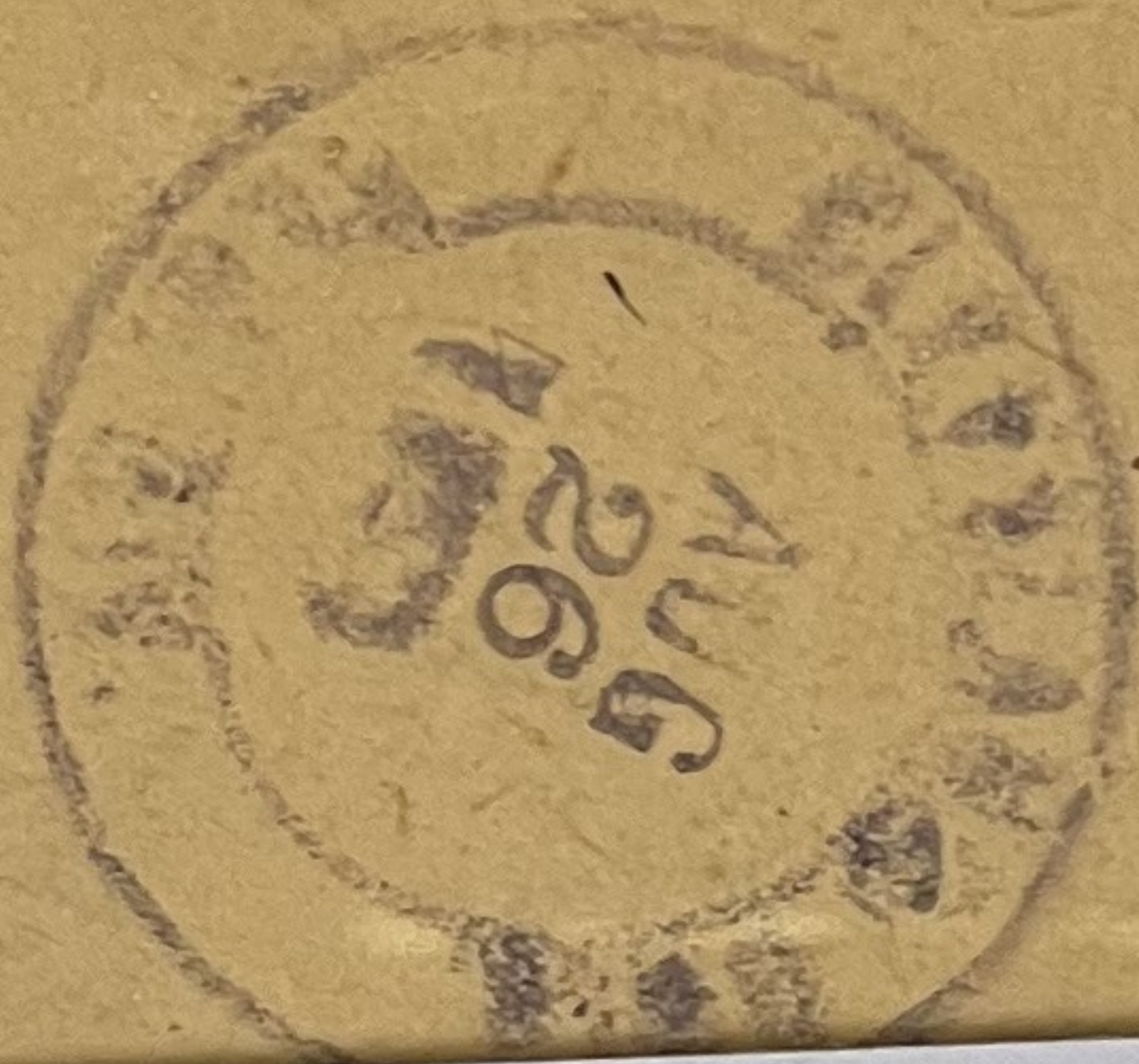


Genl. S. G. Jinks
Leavenworth Kans.



Major Edgar A. Mearns
Surgeon U. S. Army
P. 17

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 3 DAYS
RETURN TO
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
CLEVELAND, O.



After 5 days, return to
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
LUDINGTON, MICH.

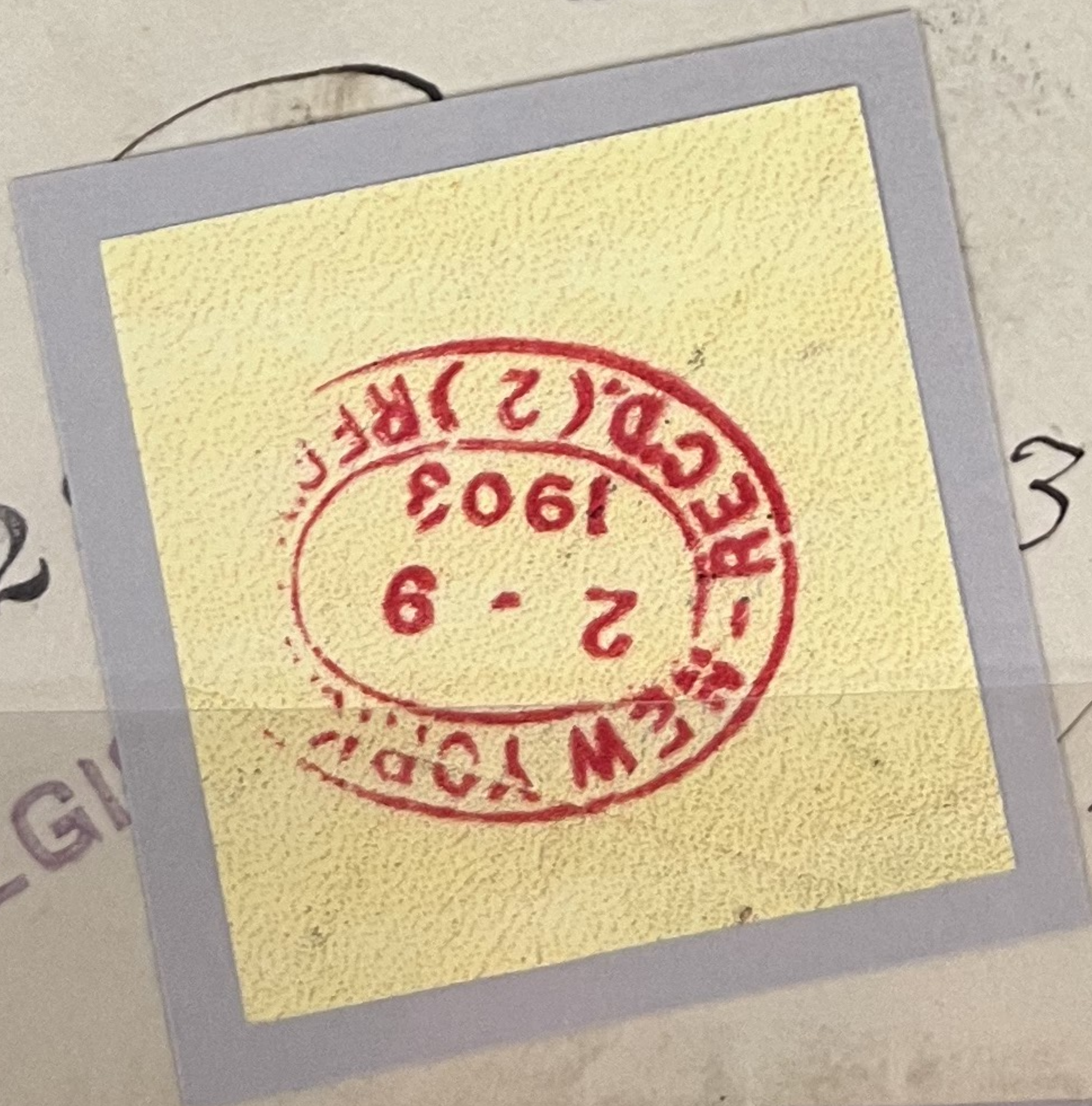
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LUDINGTON, MICH.



REGISTER.

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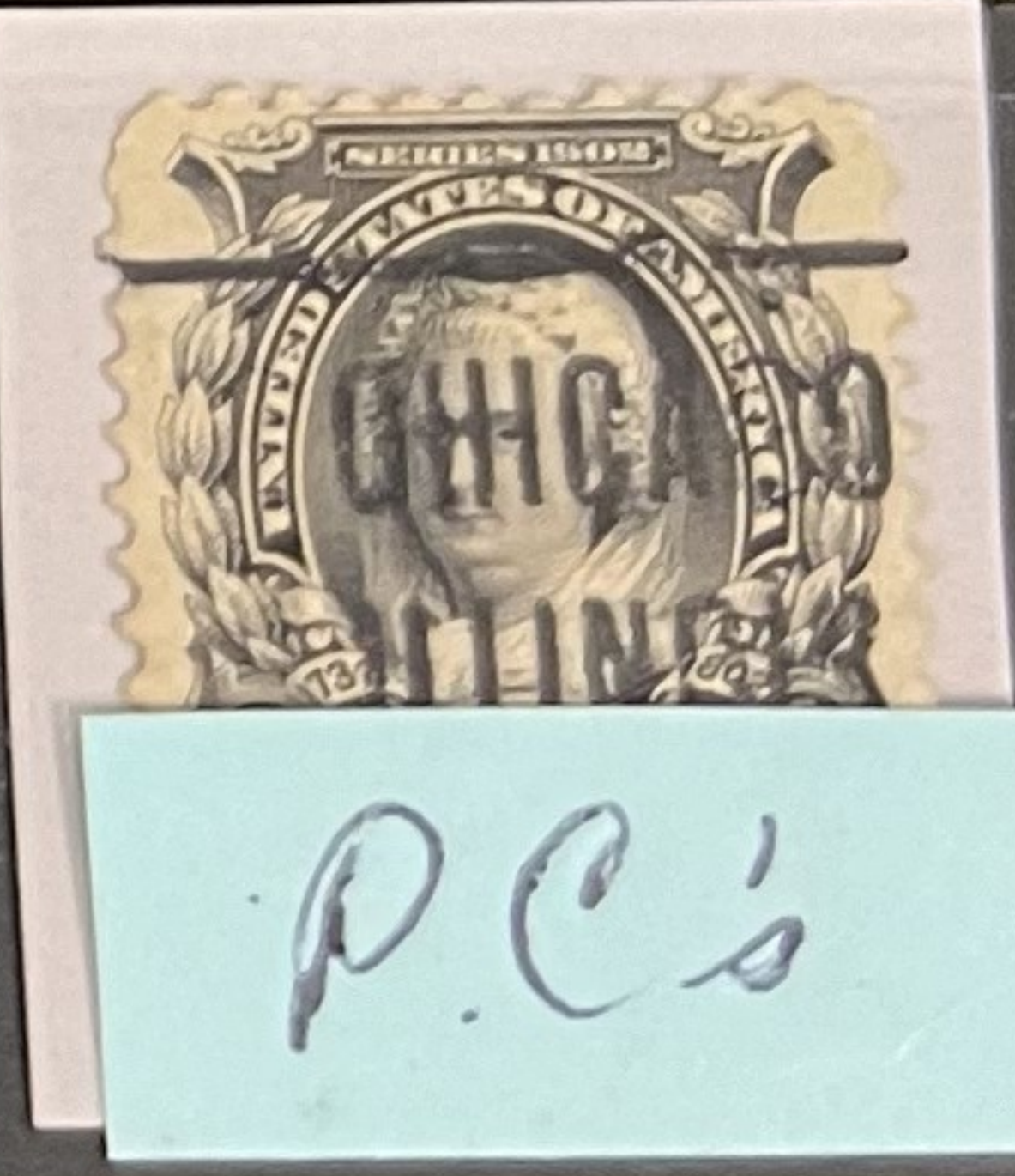
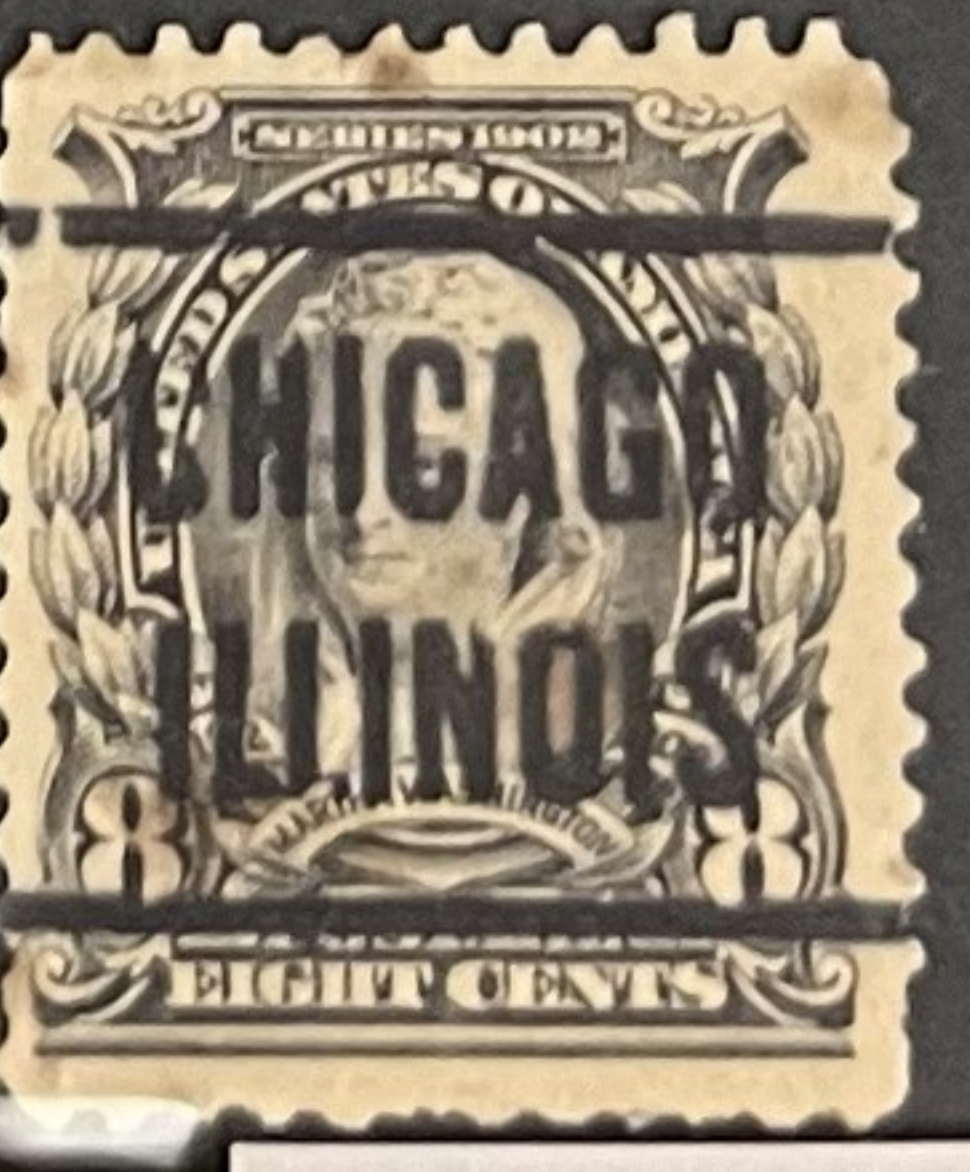
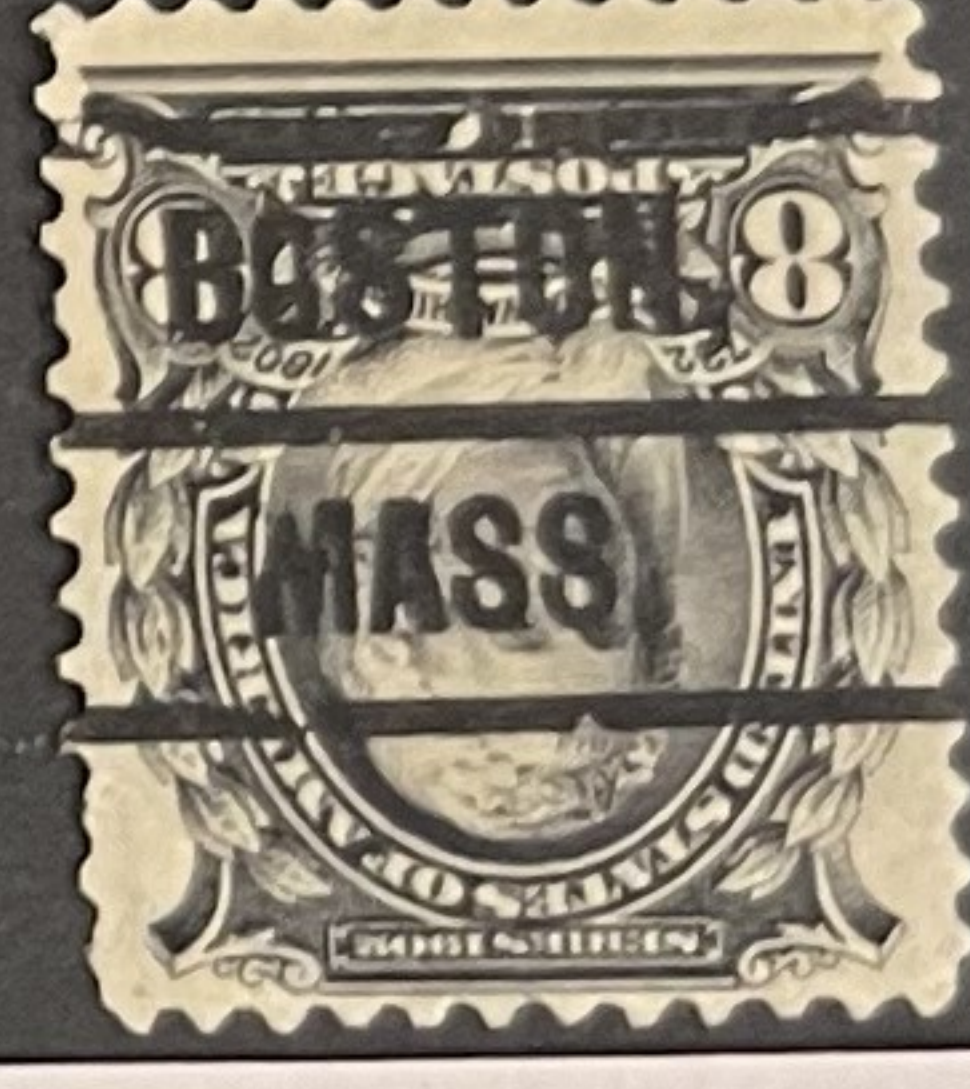
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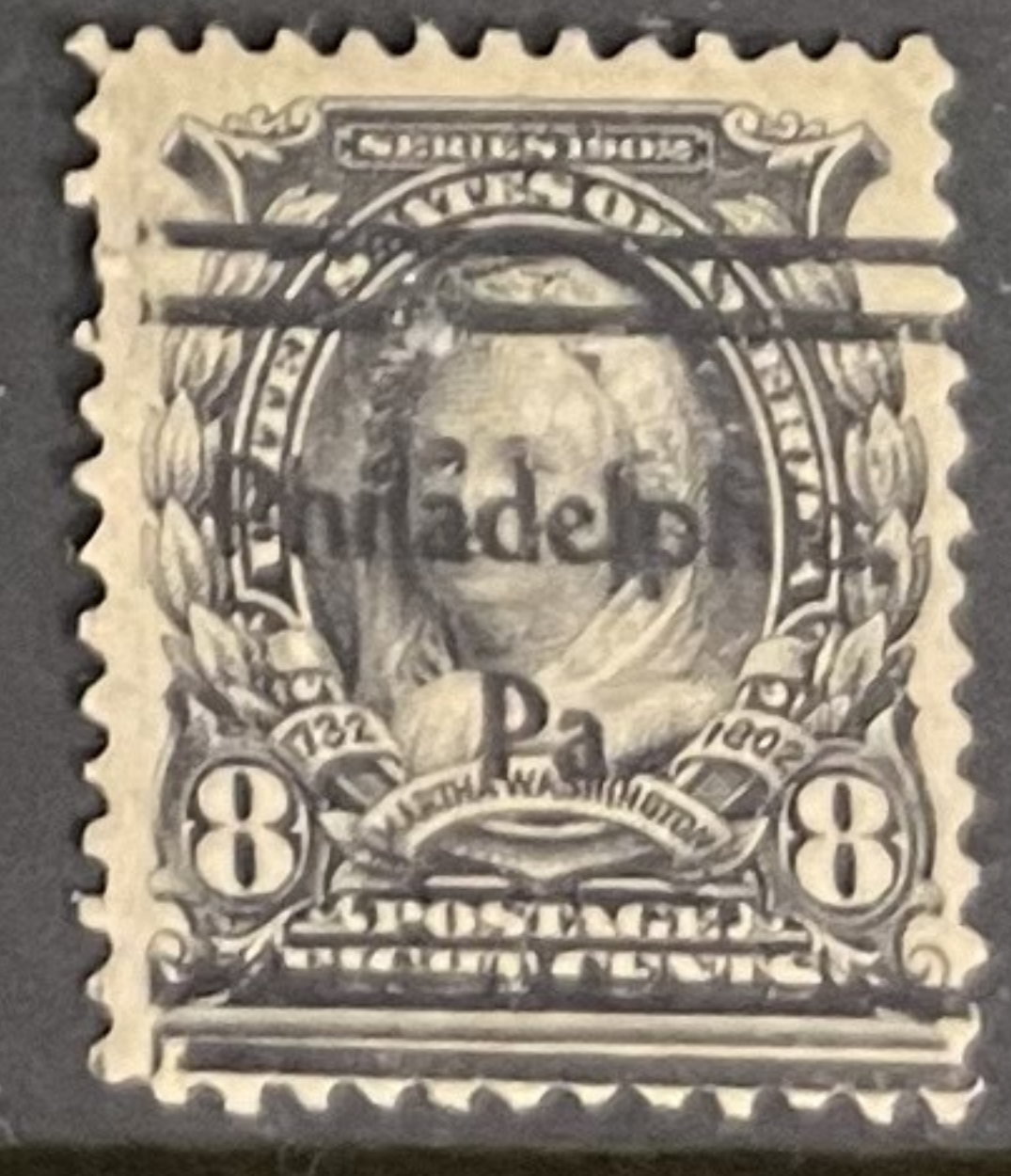
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N.Y.

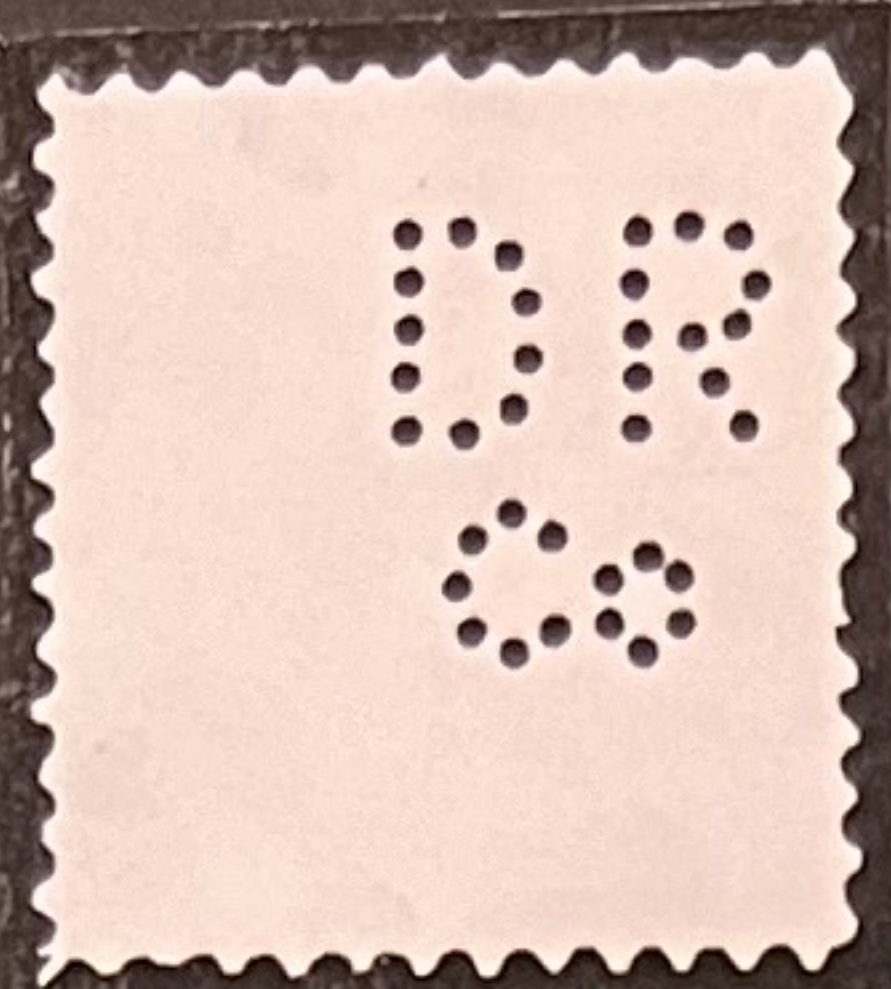
2431 Nome Alaska 1912 Registered Parcel Tag to Wild Goose Mining & Trading Co. bearing twelve 8¢ Black (306) & two 2¢ Carmine (375), fty. VE (DU)

To Wild Goose Mining & Trading Co
NOME,
Polk
No. 12
From Wild Goose Mining & Trading Co
COUNCIL, ALASKA

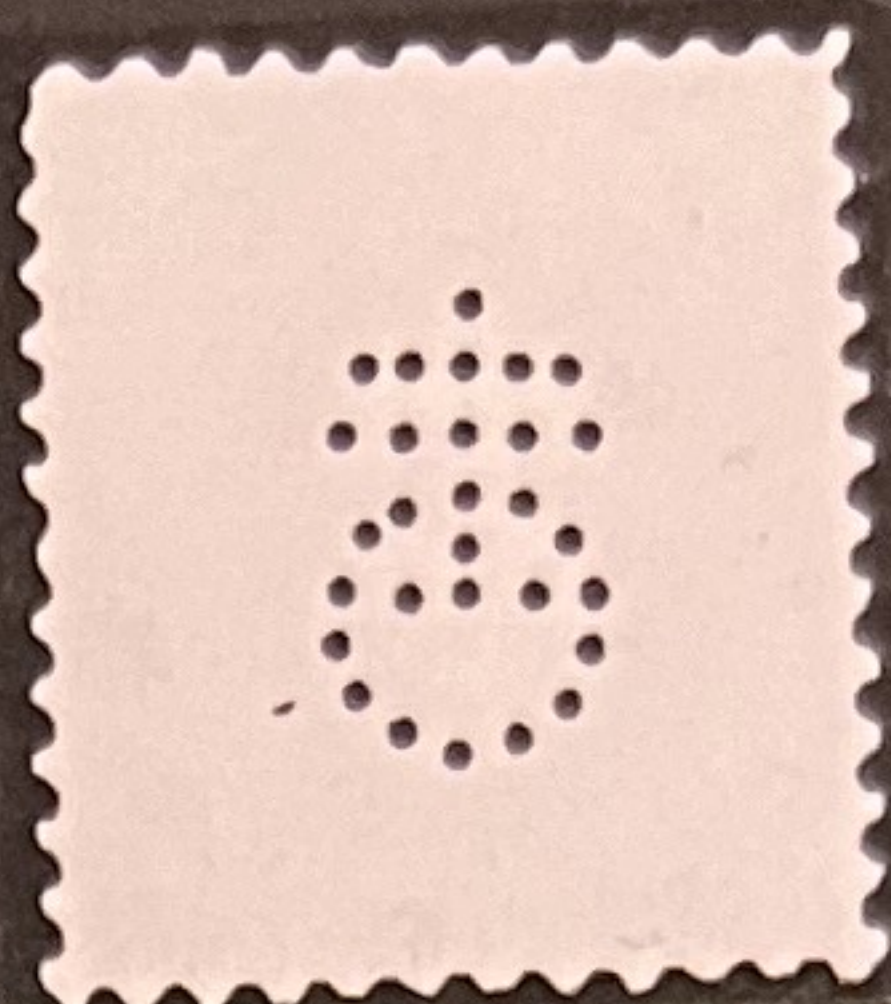


P.C's





Diamond
Rubber Co.
Akron, Ohio



Elbert
Hubbard
"Colophone"
East Aurora,
New York



California
National
Bank
Sacramento,
California



M 279

C-228
Calif. Nat'l
Bank
NB
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Diamond
Rubber Co.
Akron OH.
D. R. Co
D-95

S-207
Southern
Railway
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RY
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1st Nat'l
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Milwaukee
H-83 WI
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Armour +
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Peter
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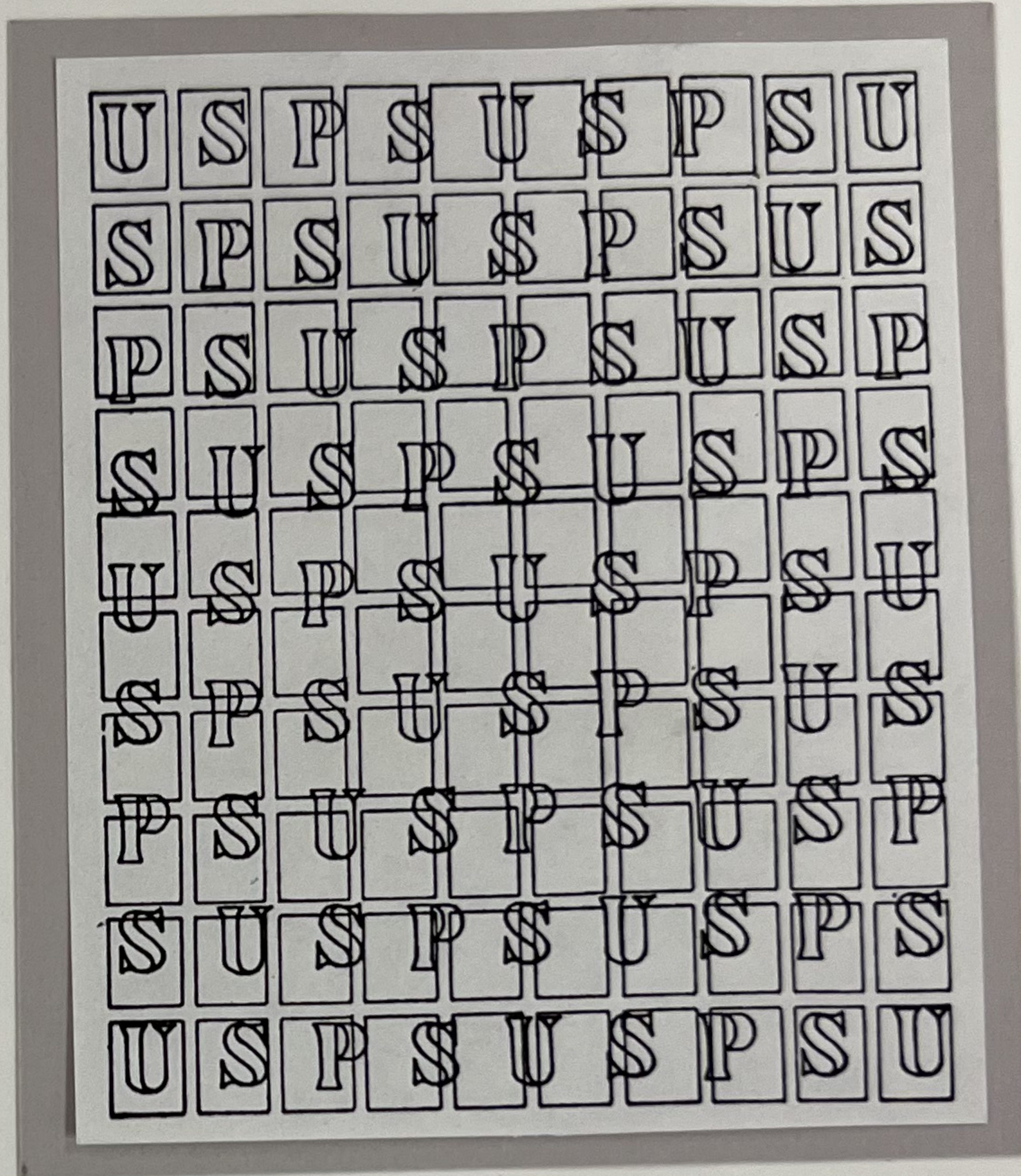
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Pittsburg
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GE

S-138
Simmons
Hardware Co
SH
Co
St. Louis
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The double line watermark shown here in miniature is very similar to the layout of the watermarks on the panes of 100 of the 1902 Martha Washington 8 cent stamps.



Used stamps showing color variation.

After 5 days, return to
THE CLEVELAND STONE CO.,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Geo H. Worthington



REGISTERED

FEB 8 1904

STATION No. 10,

CLEVELAND, OHIO 874

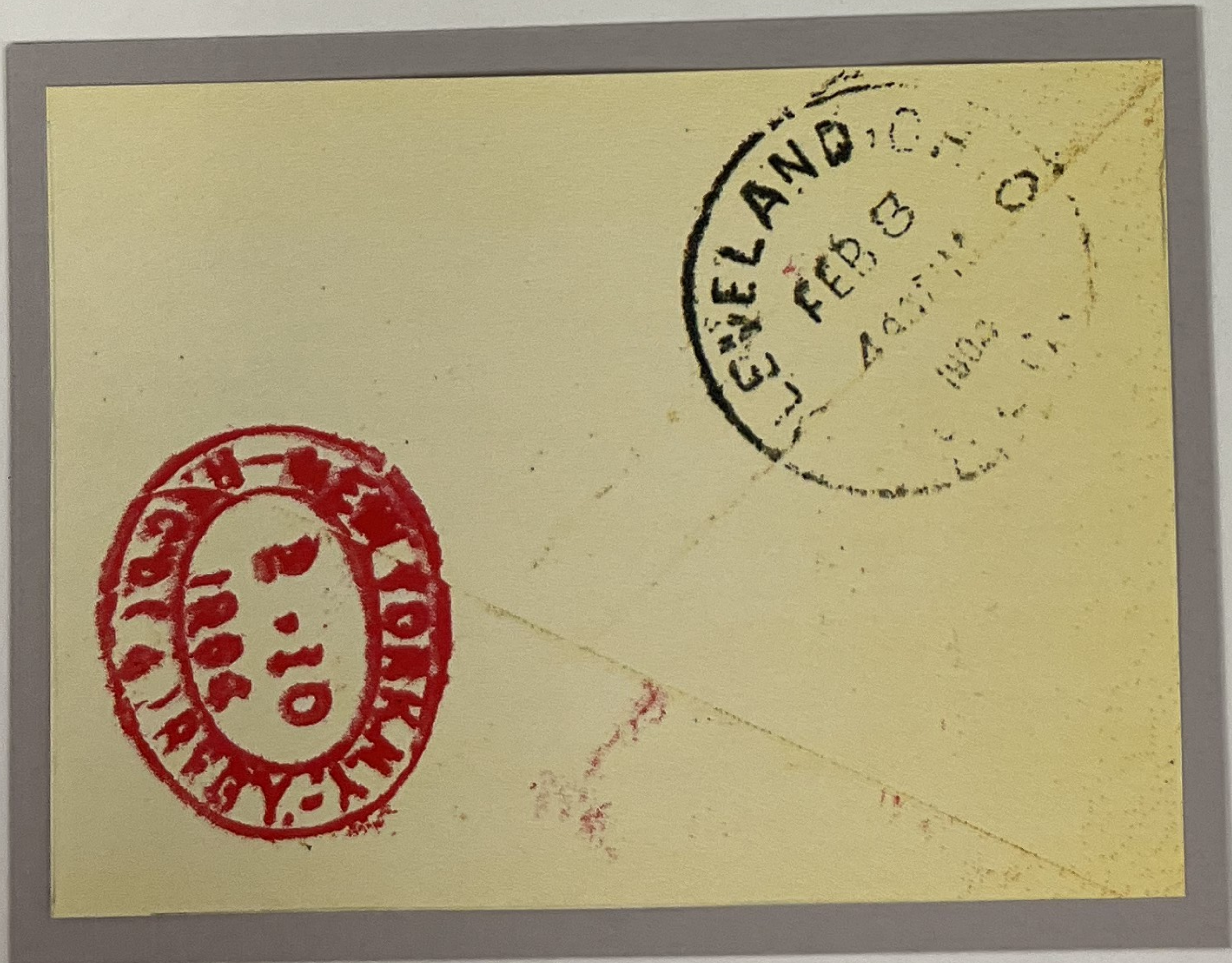
Mess Burger & Co.,

53 Nassau-st,

New York City.

NY

25299



Registered letter sent February 8, 1904 from Cleveland, Ohio to New York, N.Y. Backstamped both Cleveland and receiving New York Station Feb. 10, 1904. 1st Class postage paid by 1903 George Washington franked envelope and 8 cent 1902 Martha Washington stamp.

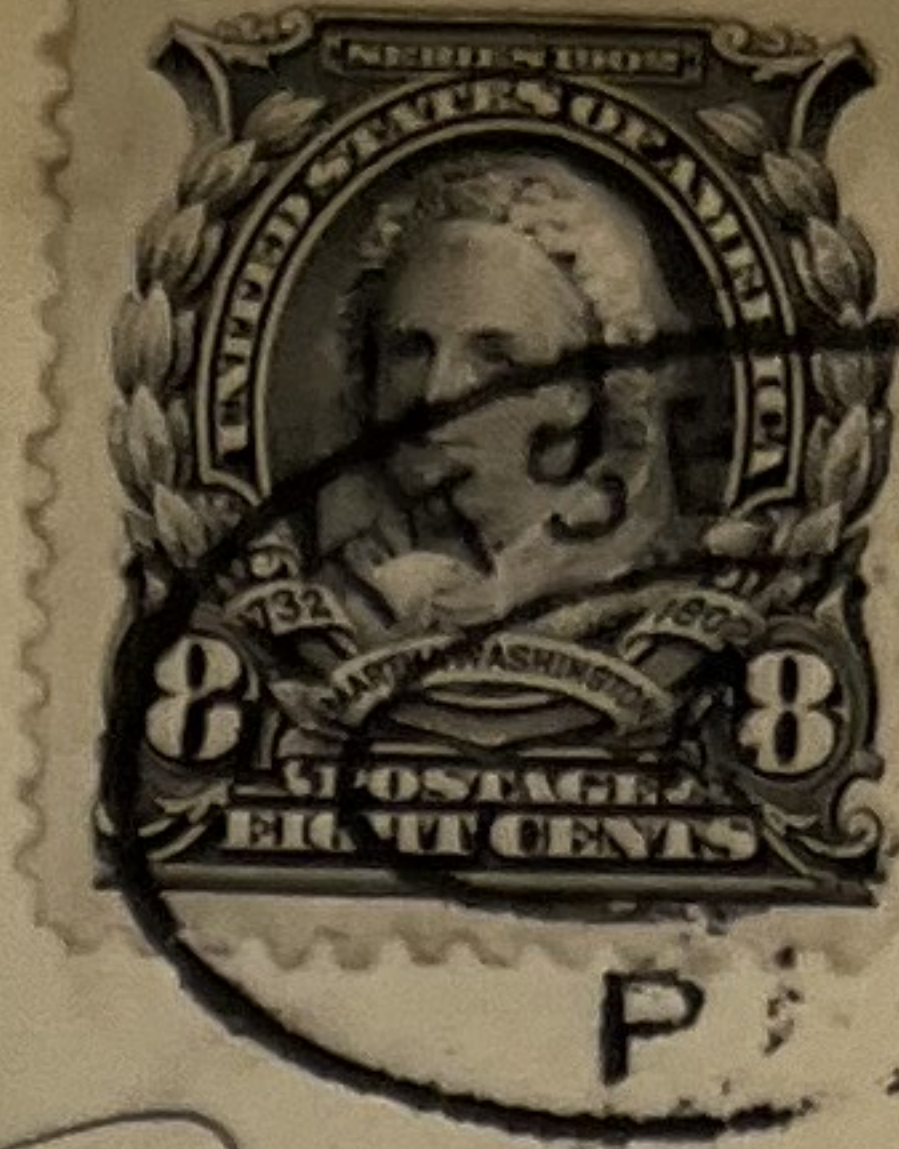


MONONGAHELA HOUSE
... PITTSBURGH, PA. ...

J. B. KELLEY
MANAGER

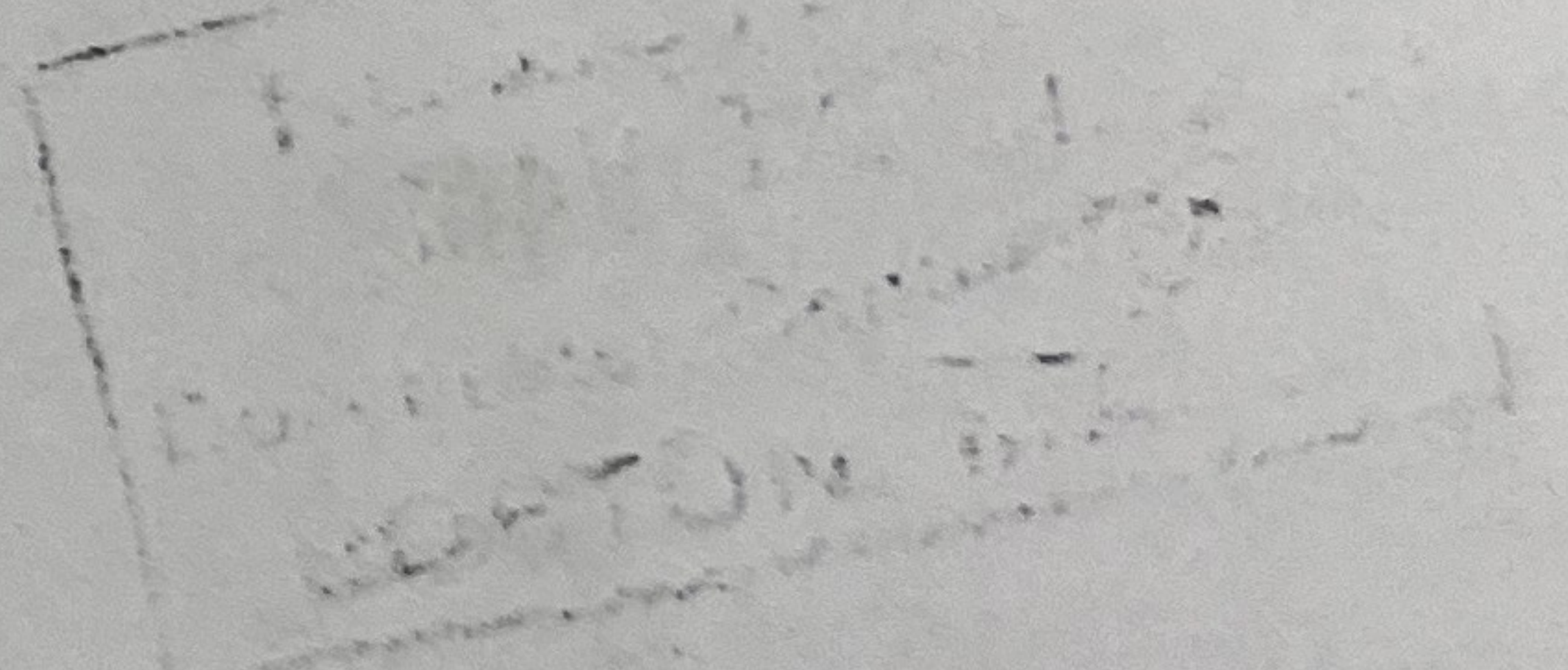
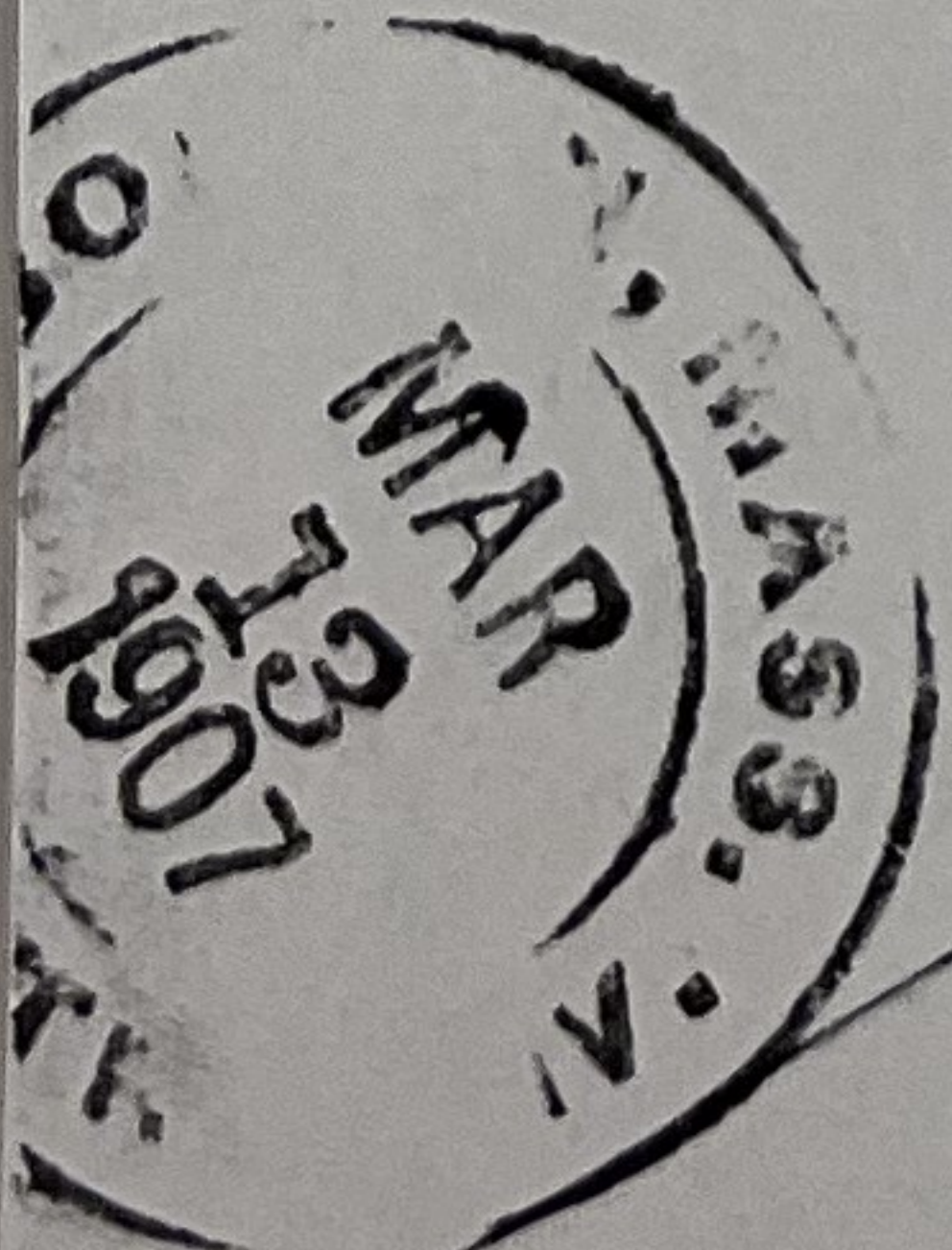
R. J. Gordon
Gen. Del. East Liberty
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Mr. R. J. Gordon,
76620
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Dorchester
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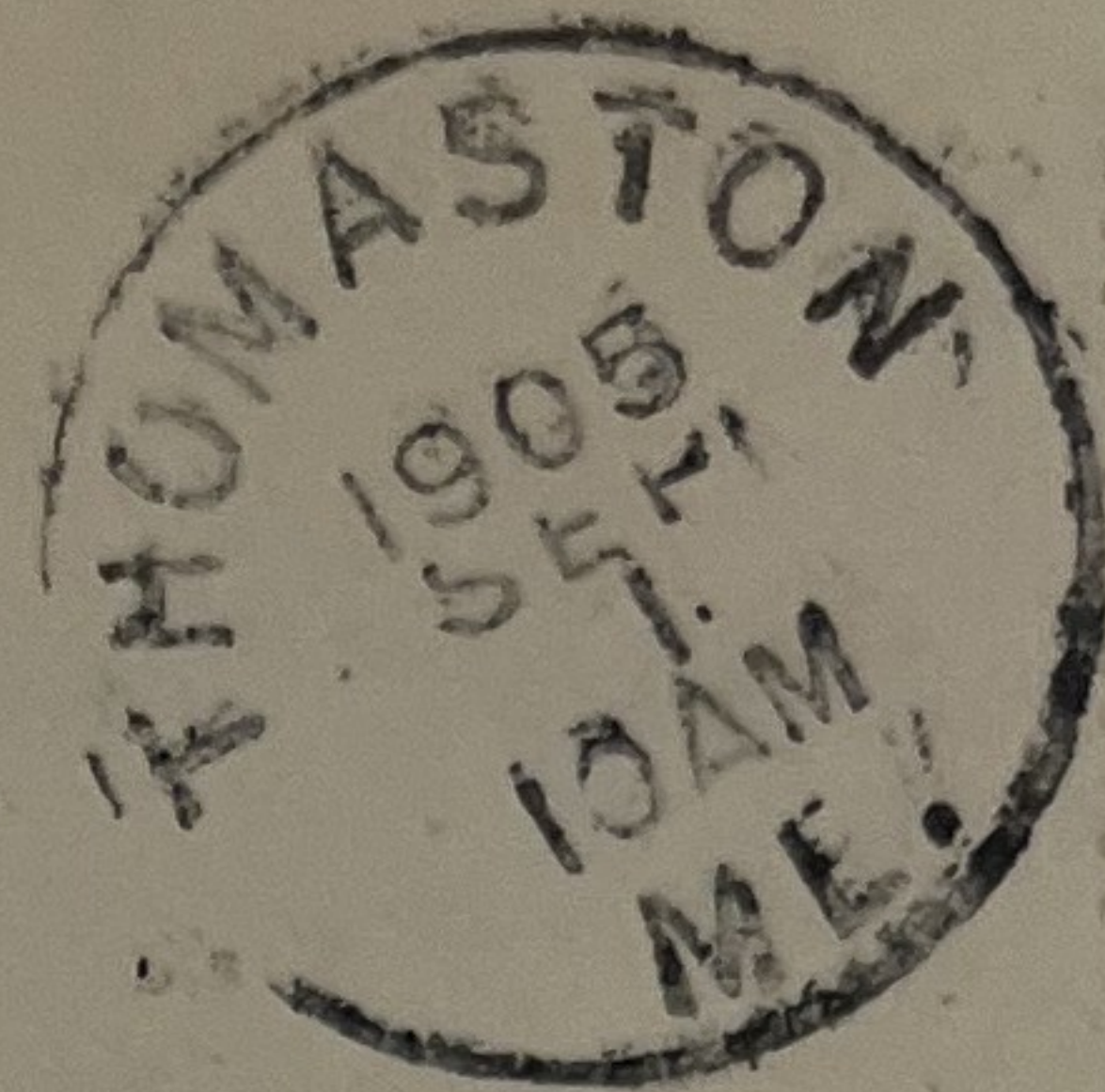
REGISTERED
MAR 12 1907
East Liberty Station,
PITTSBURGH, PA.



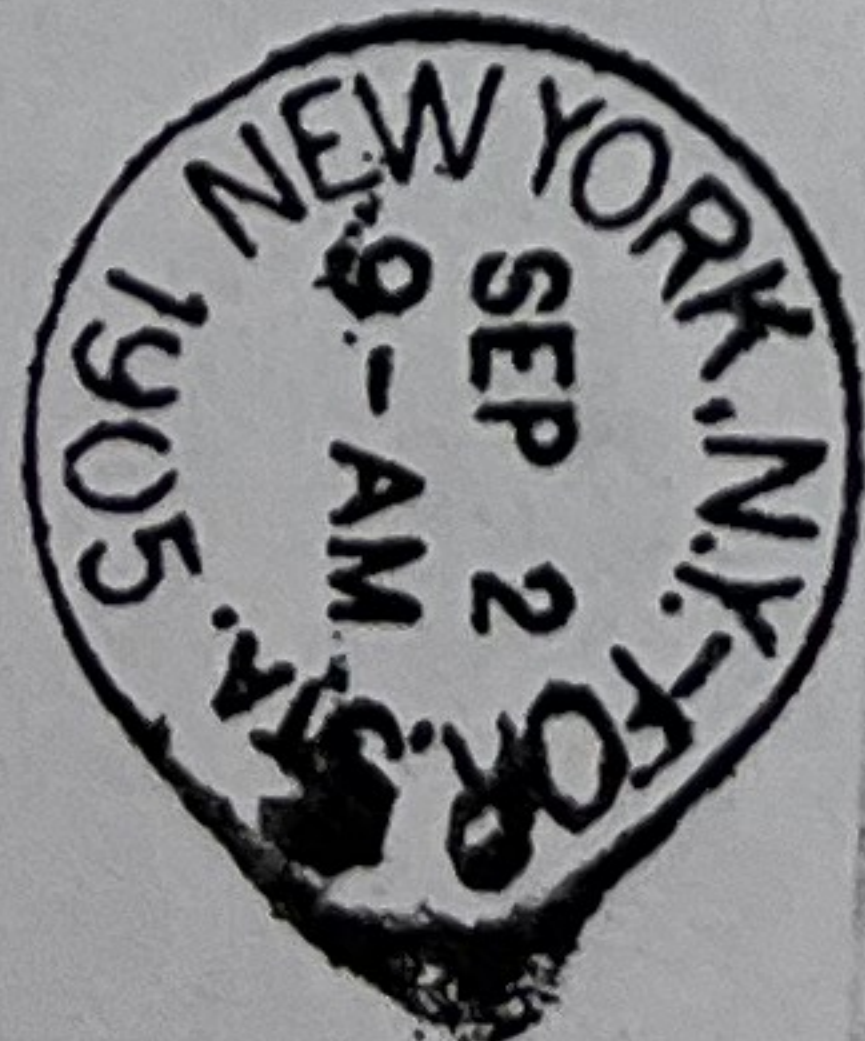
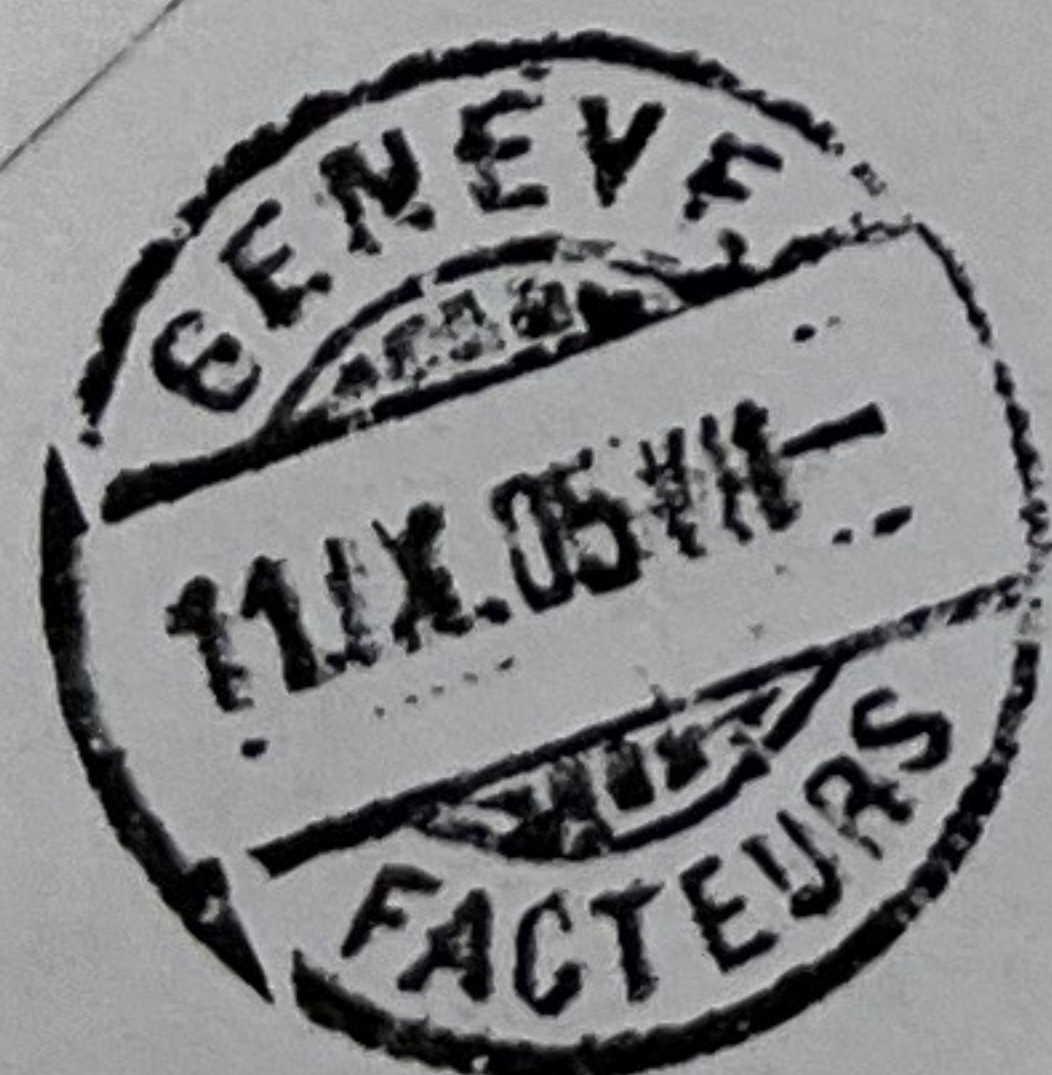
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Wish I could
afford to take few shares
of Dr. Lewis say 500.
out at South Bend
R

Registered cover franked with 8 cents Martha Washington and 1903 George Washington paying 1st class postage & registry. Handstamped East Liberty Station, Pittsburgh, Pa. 3-12-07. Back handstamped Boston and also Dorchester Center, Boston, Ma. March 13th & 14th, 1907.

After 5 days, return to
J. A. CREIGHTON & CO.,
THOMASTON, MAINE.



Miss Alice George
40 Quai des Saun Vives
Geneva
Switzerland



International posted letter to
Switzerland paying the double
5 cent rate. Mailed from Maine
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Forwarding Station the 2nd; arrived
Geneva Sept. 11, 1905.

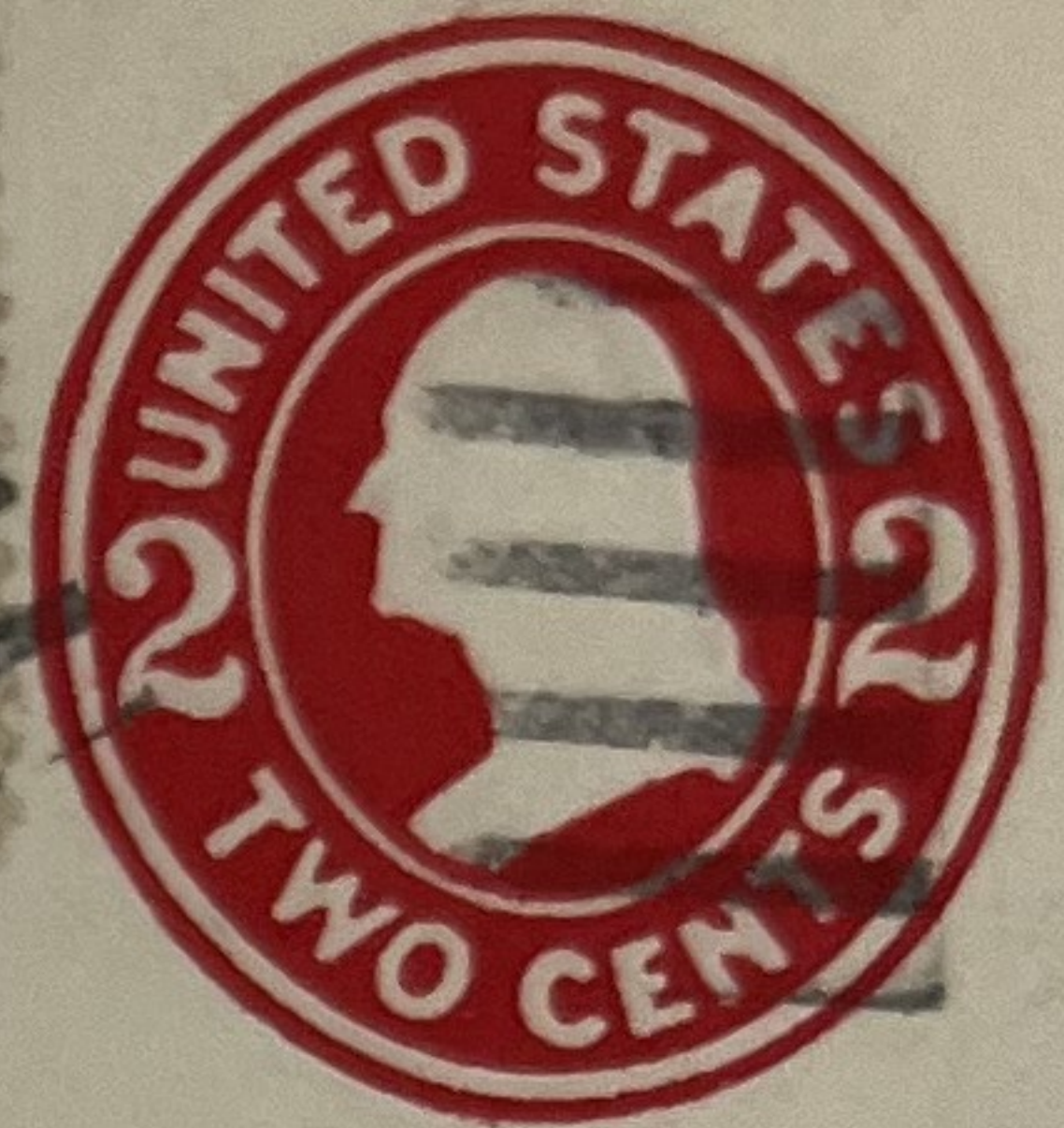
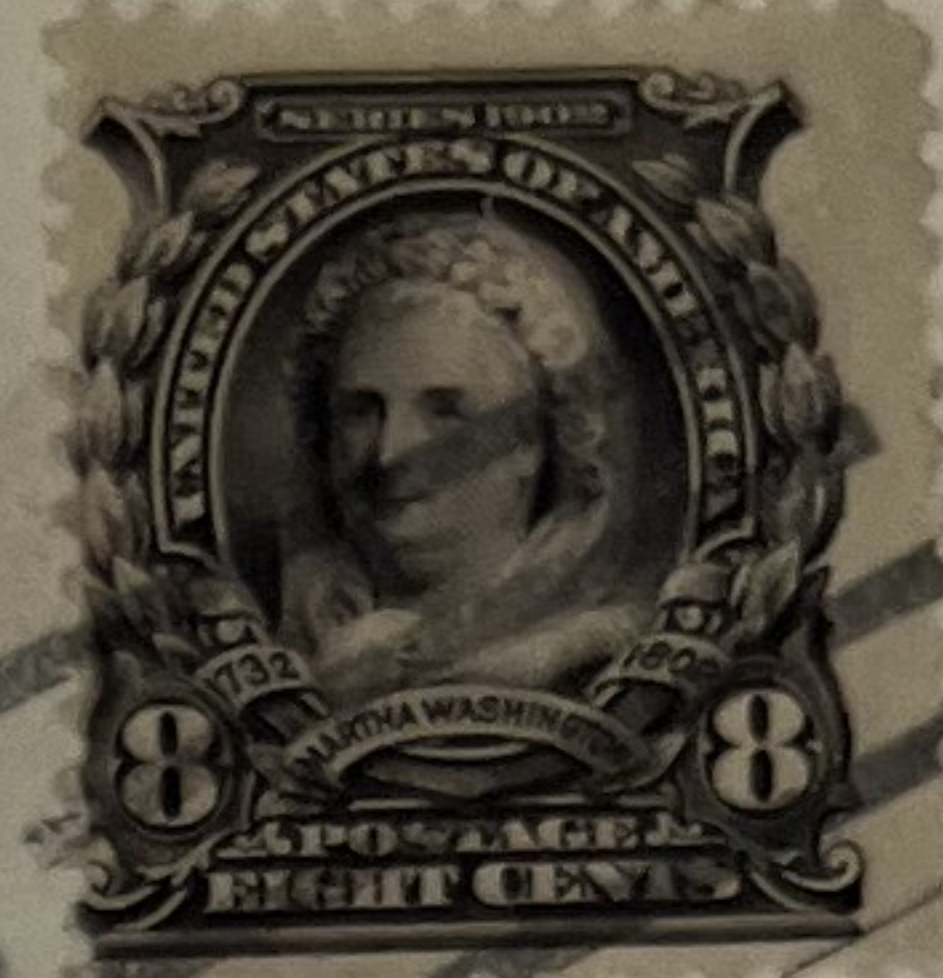
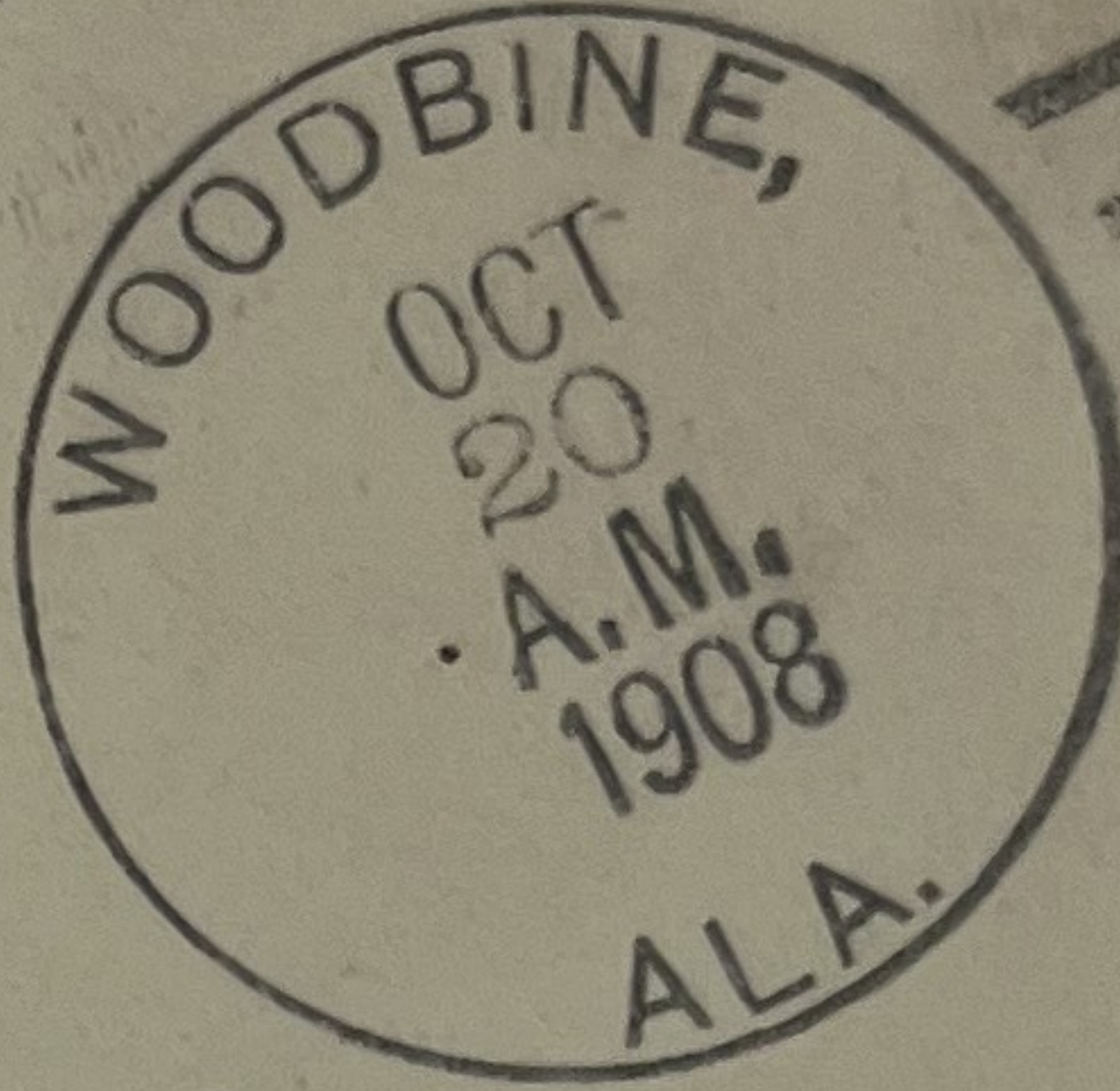
After 5 days, return to

~~WICKER PARK STATION,~~

WOODBINE, ALA.

S.G. Hughes.

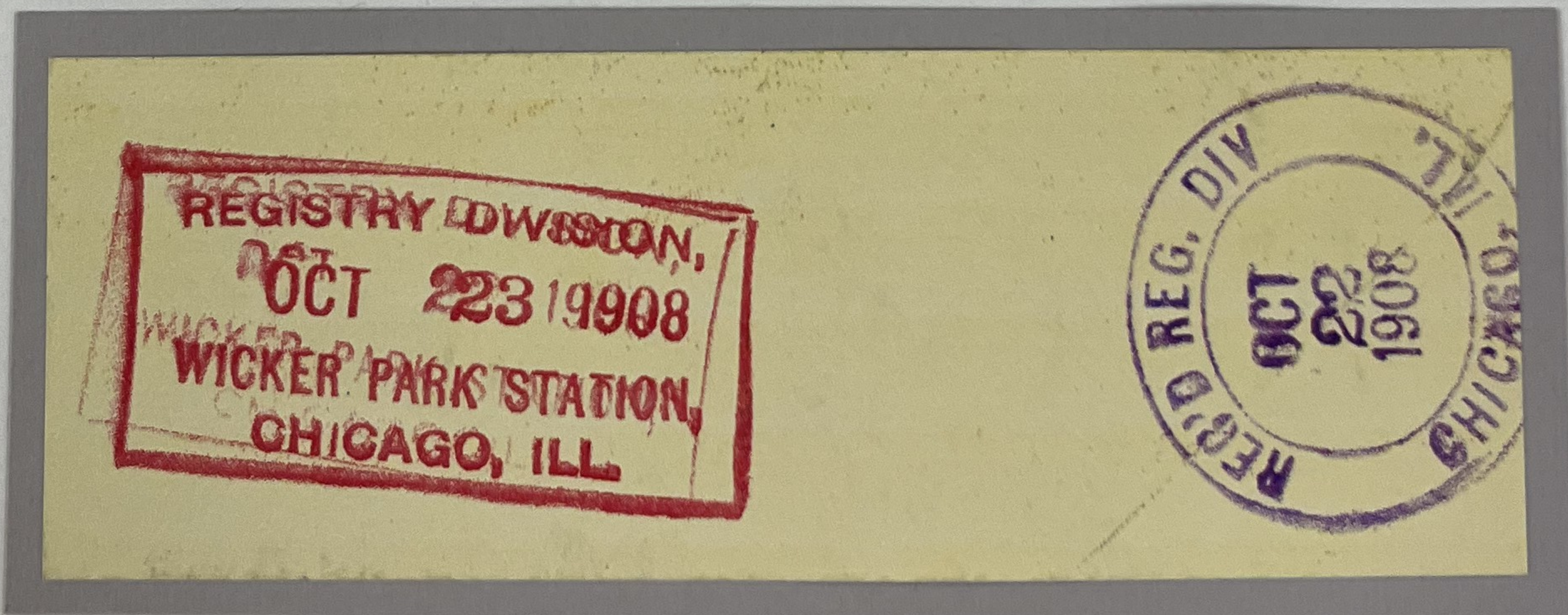
Reg. # 129.



69685

Felt & Tarrant Mfg. Co.,
Chicago,
Ill.

856 to 872 N. Paulina St.



Registered letter from Woodbine, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois sent Oct. 20, 1908. There are two receiving backstamps, both in the Chicago area: one in purple and one in carmine. Postage is 8 cent Martha Washington on a 1907-1916 2 cent carmine George Washington franked envelope.

1902 (lavender) 8 cent Martha Washington stamp with 1907 Jamestown Exposition
5 cent Pocahontas commemorative stamp illustrating the 5 cent 1/2 oz. surface international rate
and the 8 cent registry rate.

Note: The "red" foreign mail registry was a label or "etiquette" placed on most registered mail
for foreign delivery.

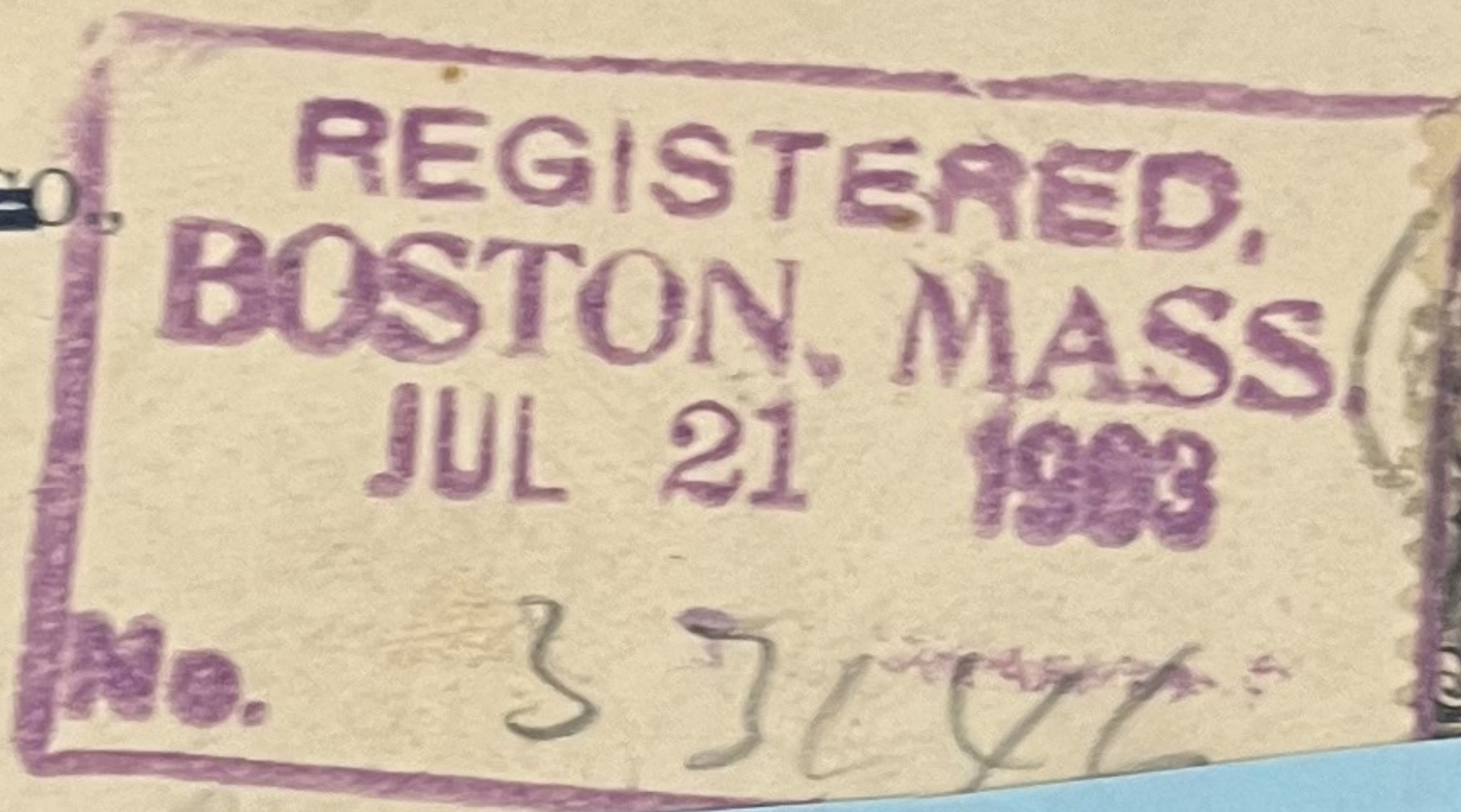
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~~ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.~~

~~100 NEW YORK ST.~~

~~NEW YORK N.Y.~~

FRANK P. BROWN,
339 Washington Street,
BOSTON MASS



Early use to Canada

East Toronto

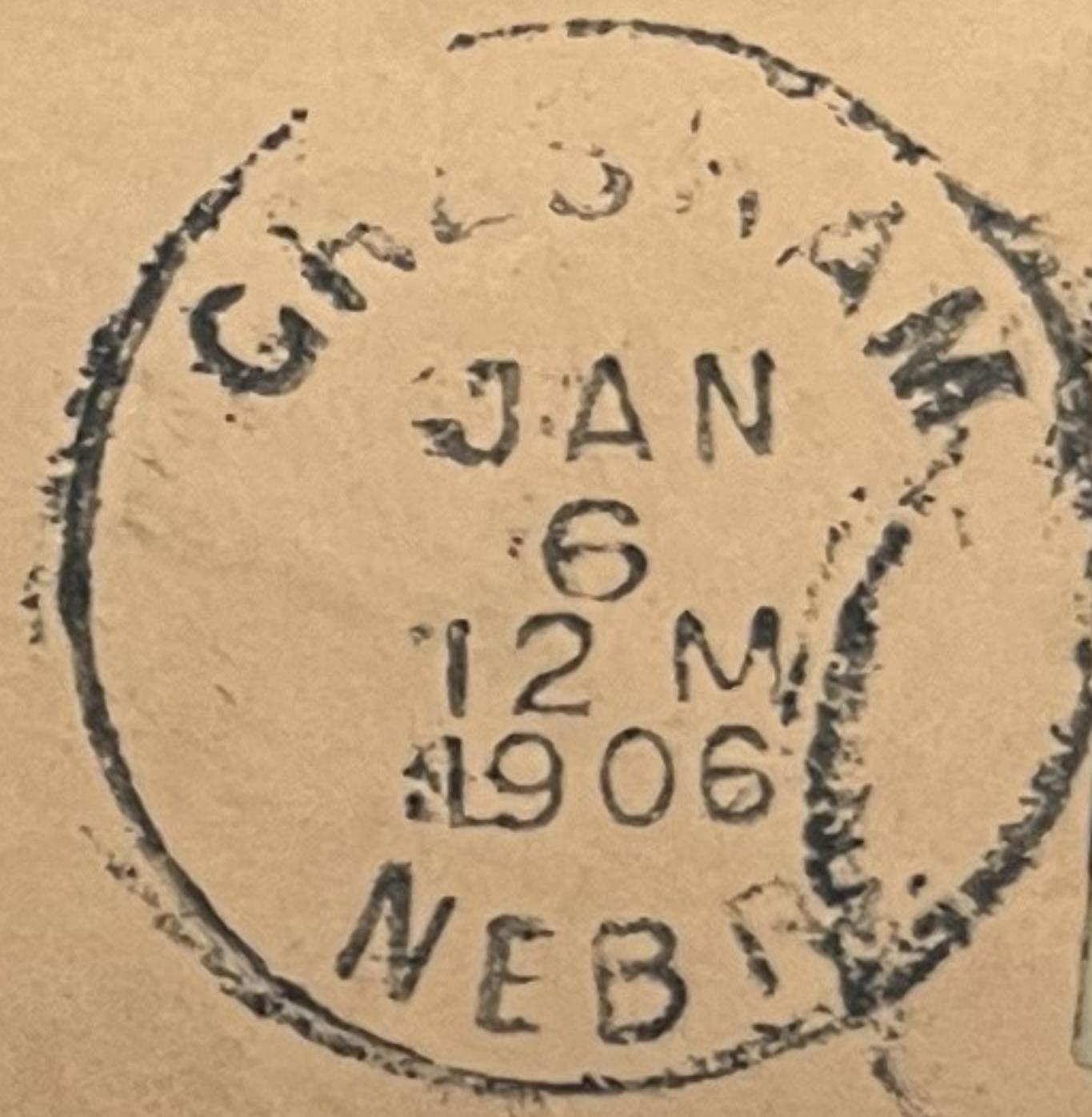
For Mr. J. J. McHale

Ontario

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Henry G. Graham,

GRESHAM, NEBR.



Dr. S. C. Stanton,

Masonic Temple,

Chicago, Ill.

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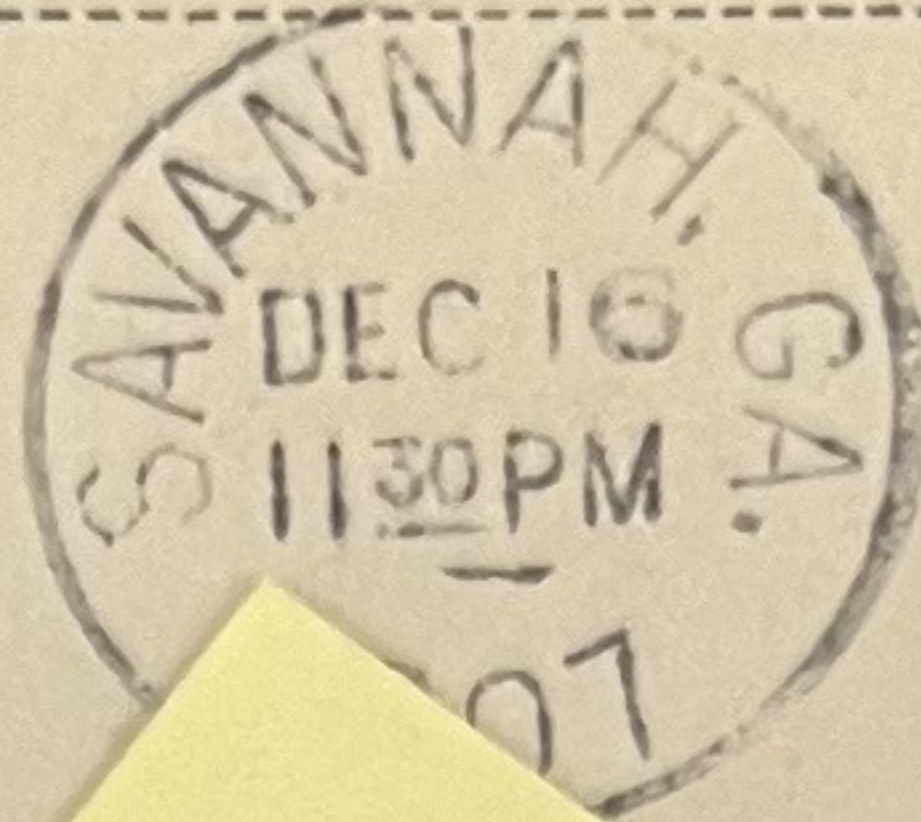
18017mth/ck Fort Dodge, Iowa to Gorgenberg, Germany 1909. Scott 306 and 335 tied to the lower left corner of cover by two partial black double line oval FORT DODGE hand-stamps, for a combined ranking of 13 cents. Partial black double line FORT DODGE REGISTERED JUL 27 1909 CDS in the lower left corner, and red an blue on white NEW YORK EXCHANGE registration label affixed adjacent. Partial black double line NEW YORK transit hand-stamp with one of 3 Scott OX11s affixed over, and sealing the back flap. Partial magenta two line RECEIVED AT NEW YORK P.O.....UNSEALED, with the bottom line also obscured by the official seal. All three seals with violet "REGISTRY" precancel, which is unlisted in Perkal and Kazman (Adam and Seyour - The Post Office Seals of the U.S.) Blue colored pencil registration number on the bottom. Mixed issues usage involving post office seals in the condition to be expected for this category of cover. \$150.00



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AMERICAN NAVAL STORES Co.
SAVANNAH, GA.

Per S. S.



Double rate

Messrs. Roesen er,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
NEW YORK, N. Y.
No. 34674
EXCHANGE.

REGISTERED,
JUL 20 1904
6 P.M.
ELGIN, ILL.



*Prof. Girolamo Tagliano
P. Rodolfini 18.*

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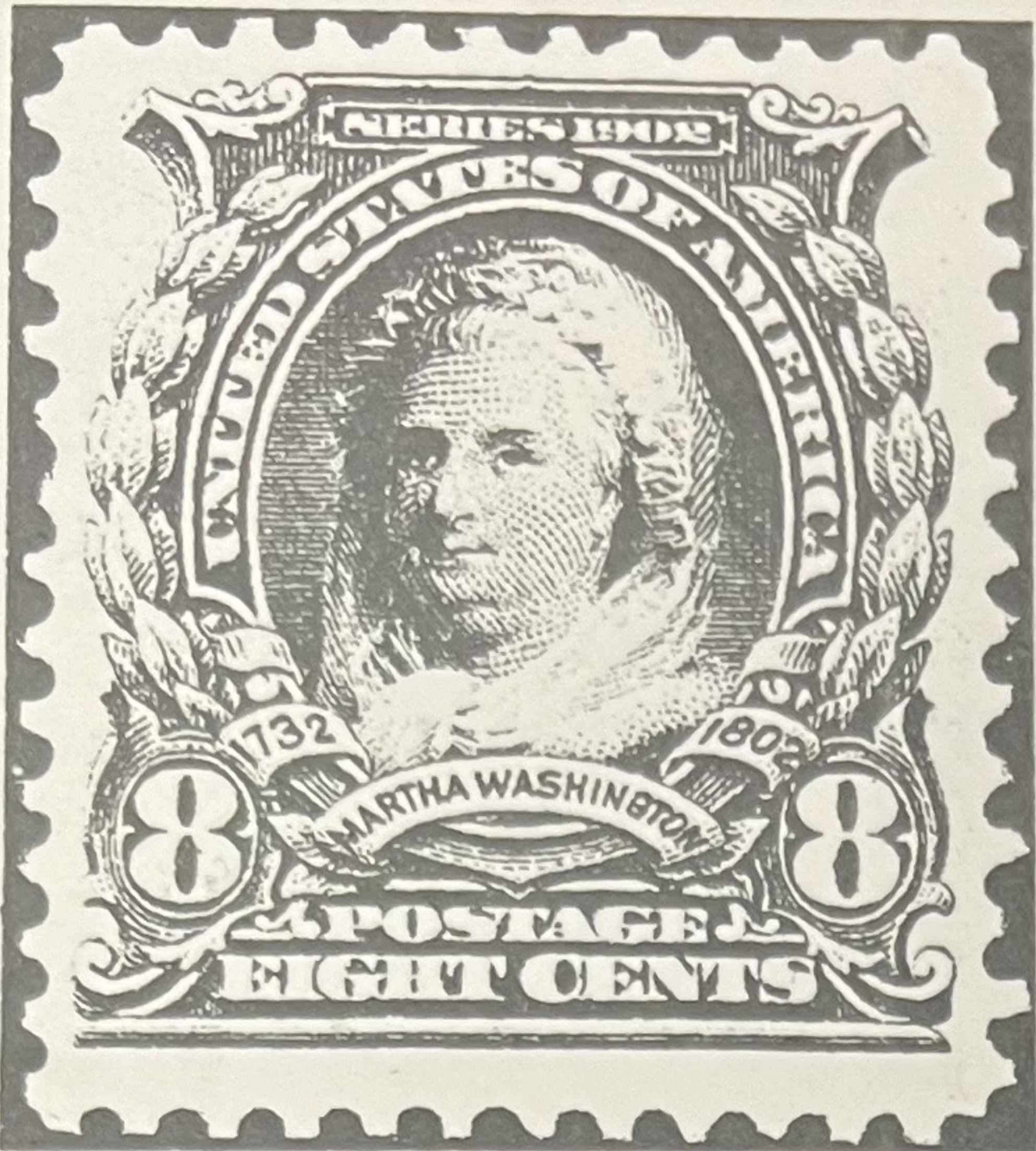
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Registered Covers 306,326, to Italy, Elgin, IL JUL/20/1904
boxed Purple pmk w/ killers tie stamps to env, addr Firenze Italy, w/ New York
Exchange Regist label at L, unusual franking, Purple S/L "Registered Mail" h/s at
LL, VF (PH)...\$80

Europe

POSTCARD

america '02

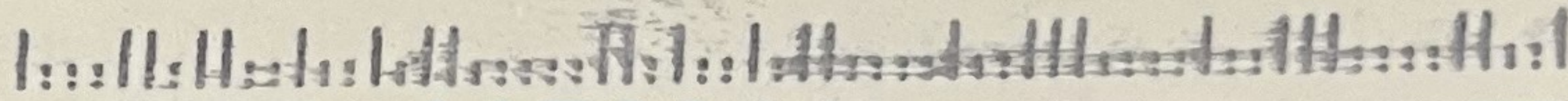


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State Collage, PA 16803-8040
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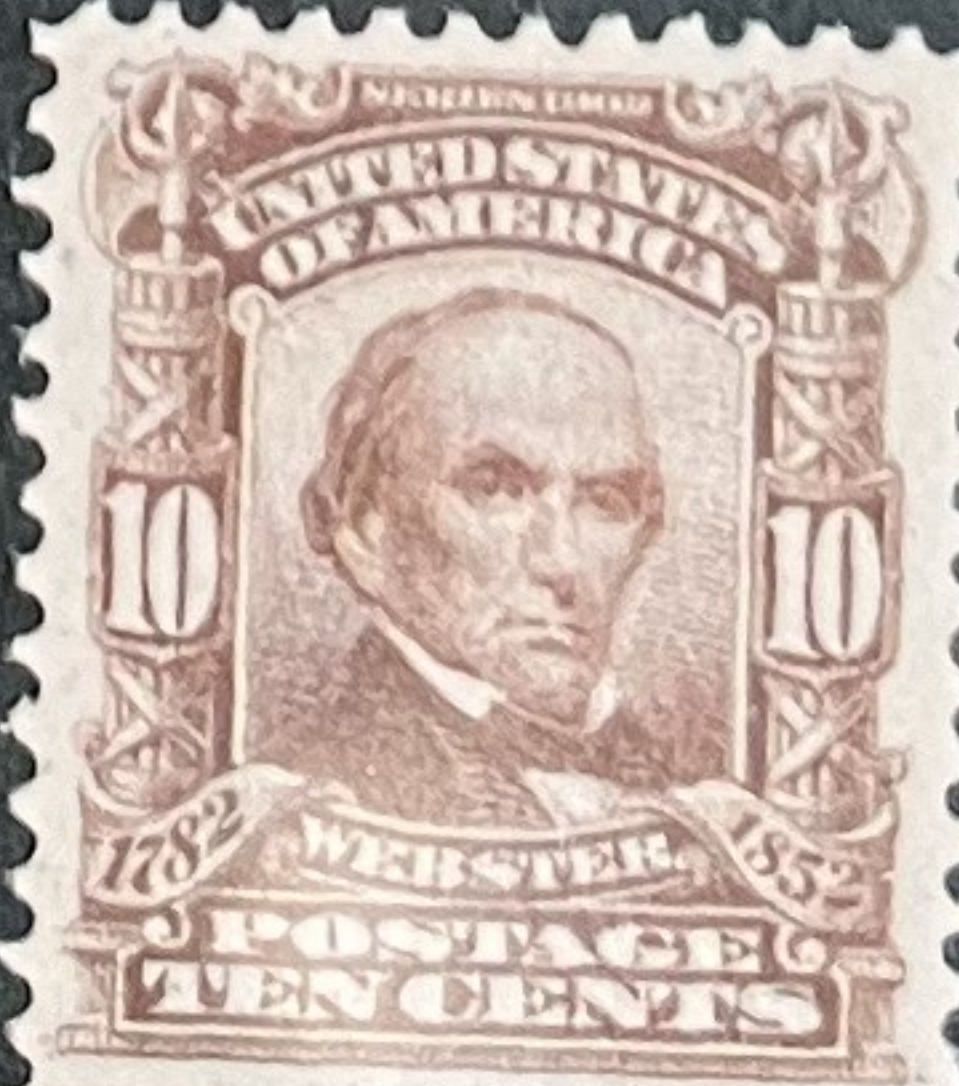
The U. S. Study Group, JPS

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AIRMAIL



Martha Dandridge Custis Washington 1731 - 1802

"FIRST" FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES

A Short Biographical Sketch

also,

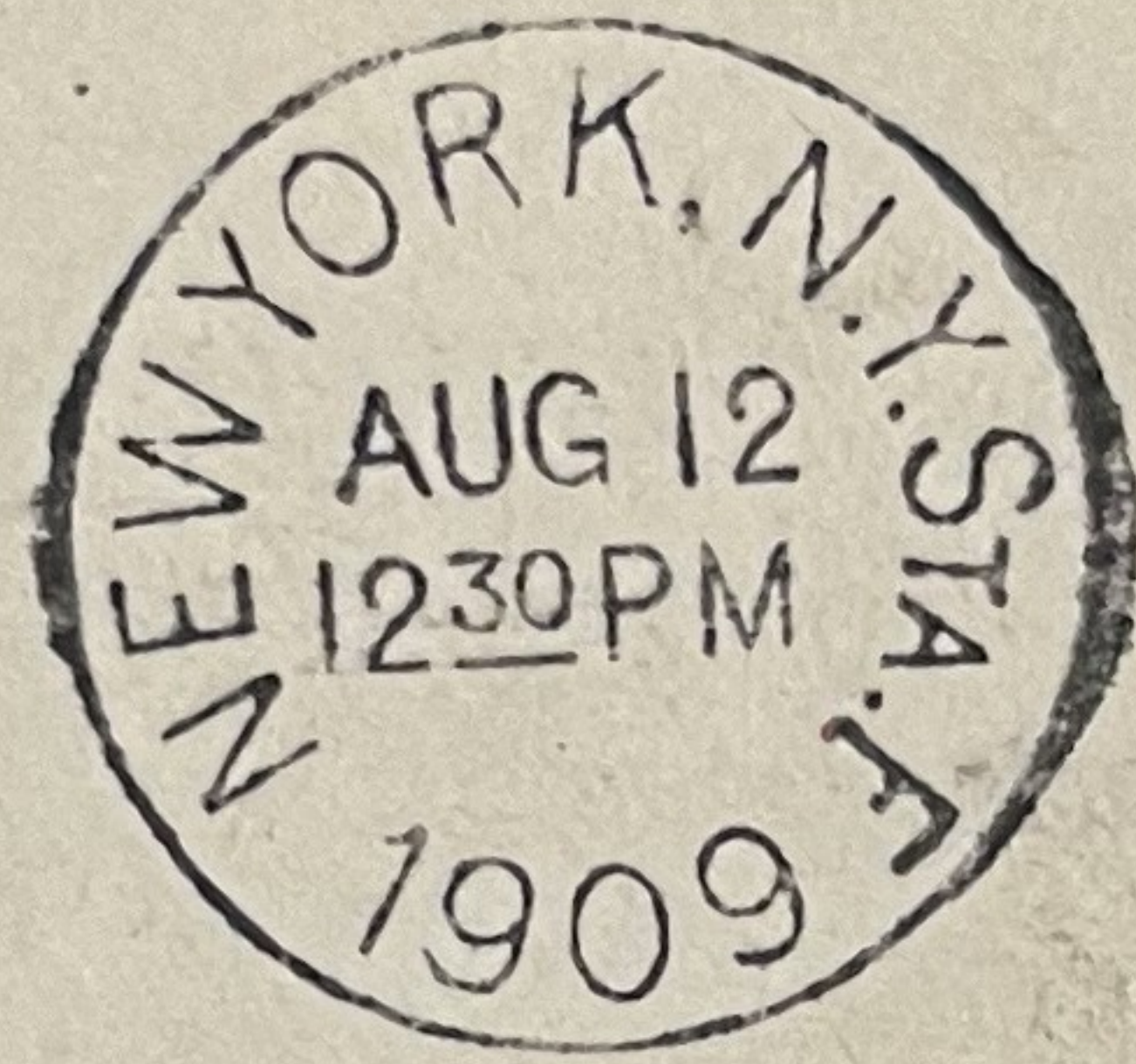
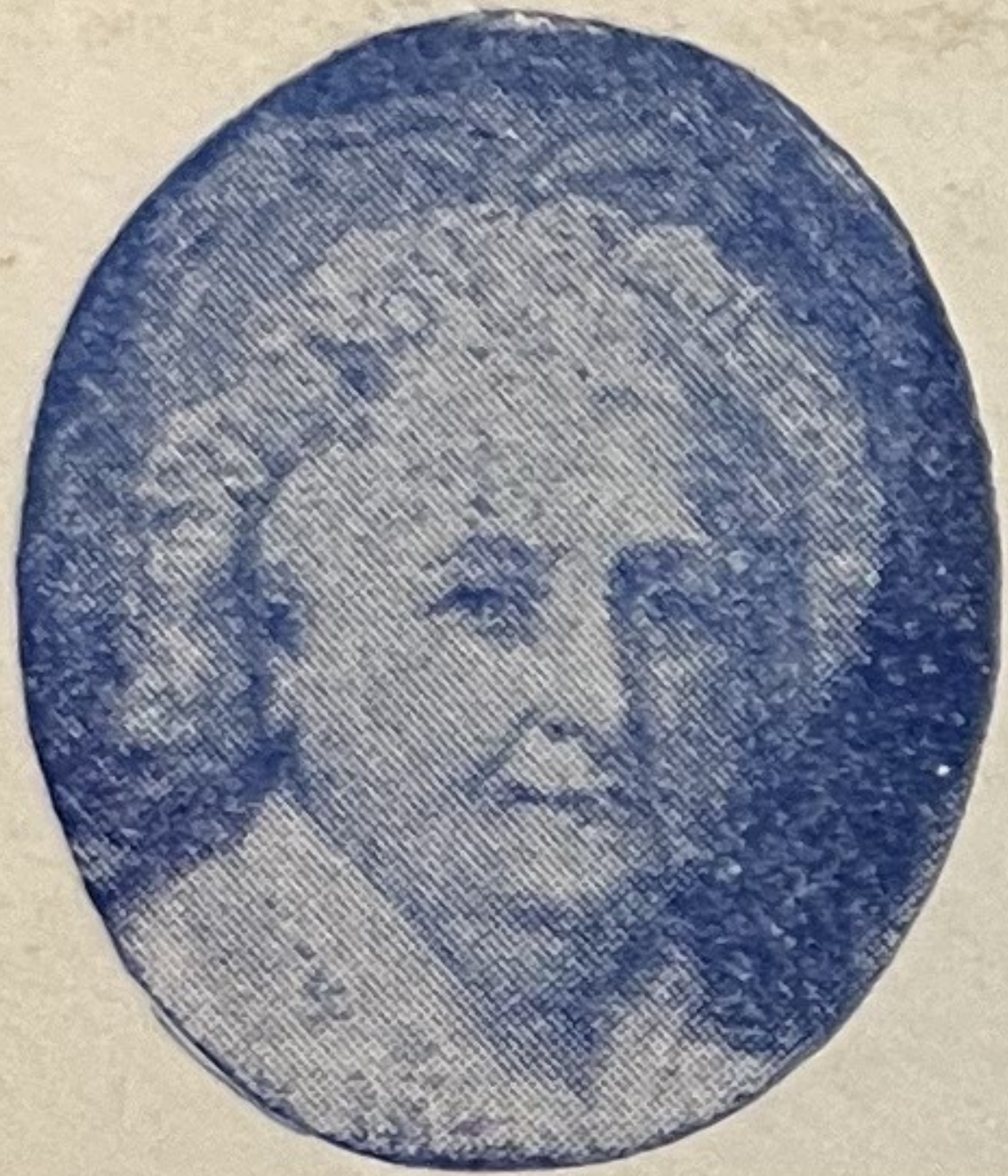
and more importantly to the Philatelist,

a collection of postage stamps

and covers

portraying the United States, its possessions

and Martha Washington.



Hotel Martha Washington

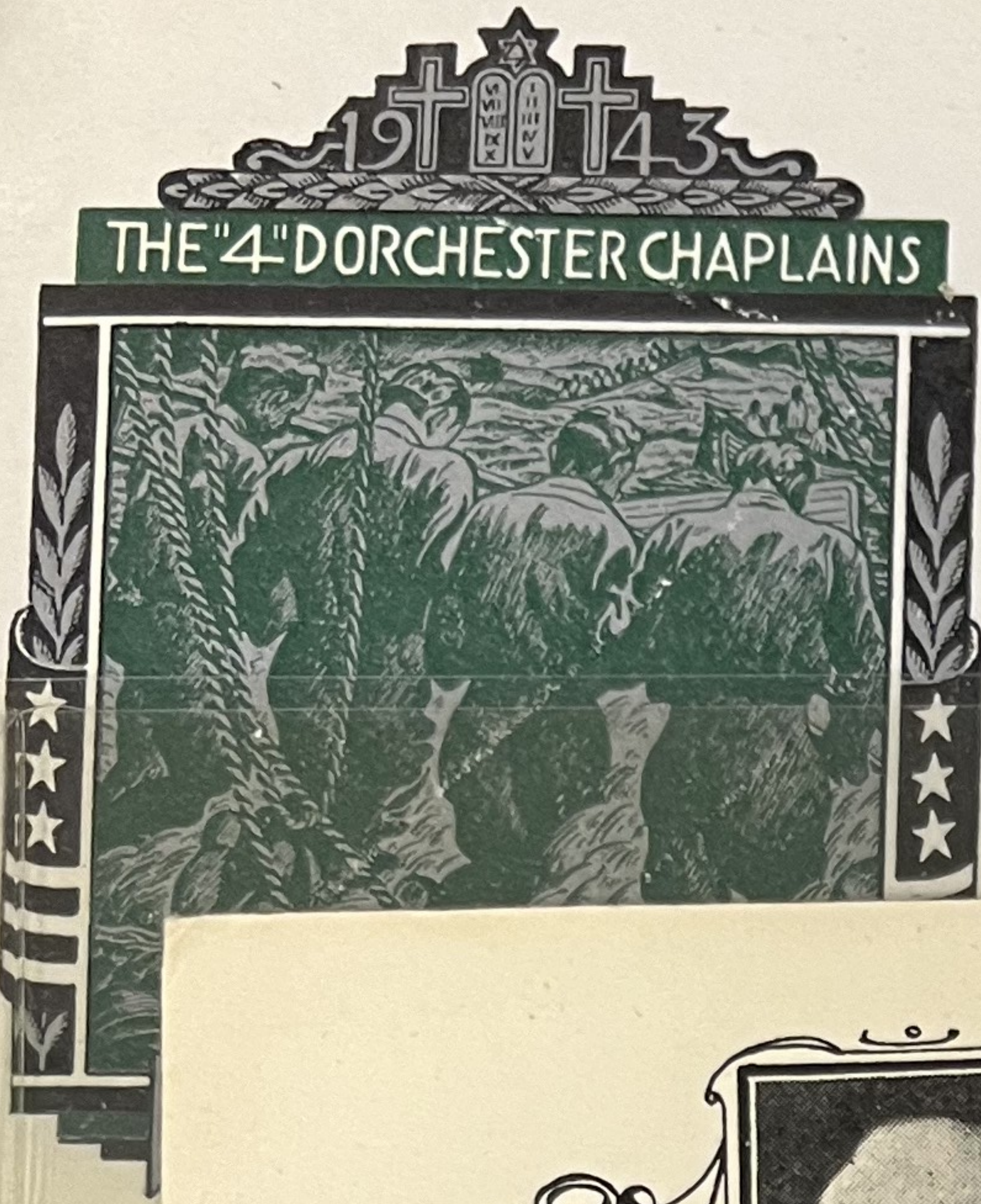
29 East 29th Street

New York

A. W. EAGER

*Mrs. J. G. McFetridge
515 Franklin Ave*

HOTEL MARTHA WASHINGTON.
Obverse side states: "The only hotel
in the world exclusively for women."



Martha Washington Stamp Club
 79... 2...



20645

GEORGE WASHINGTON
 MARTHA, HIS WIFE MARY, HIS MOTHER



TOMB OF
 GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON
 MT. VERNON, VA.



WASHINGTON AT YORKTOWN.

My Greetings on Washington's Birthday.



hday.



WASHINGTON ENTERING NEW YORK



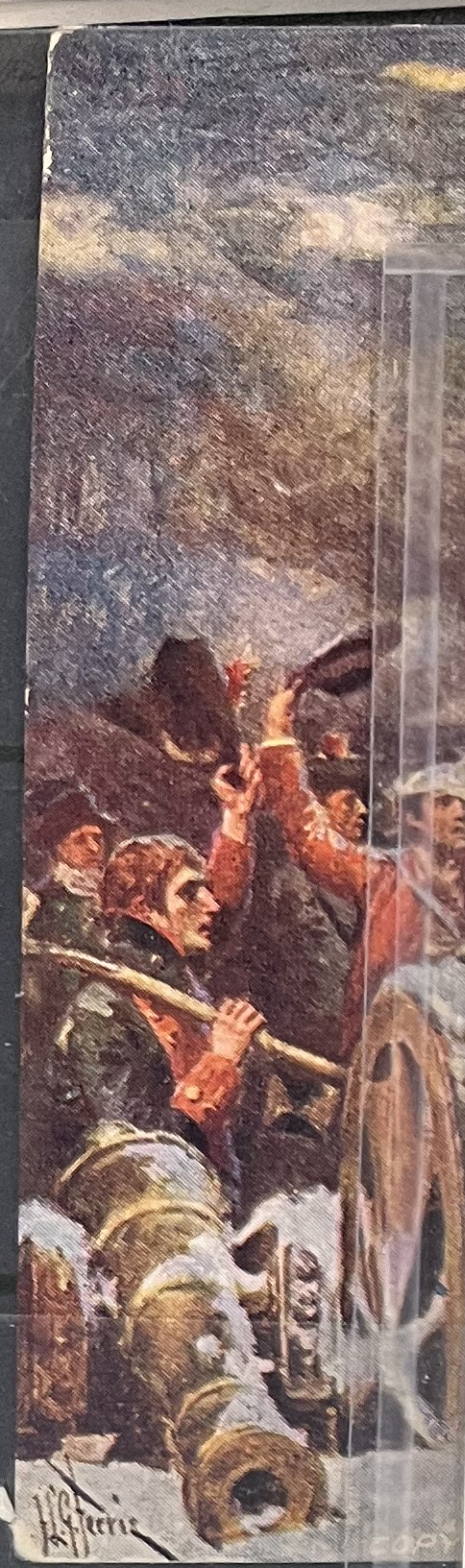
WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE.

Three Cheers for George Washington!

“Patriotic” embossed ‘Tuck’ card
Washington’s Birthday \$25.00



WASHINGTON'S HOME LIFE AT MOUNT VERNON.



Washington
THE FATHER OF HIS...
COUNTRY...





First Ladies Stamps & Coin
Martha Washington
This is the offer you sent for
(FW) It is yours to keep!
Mystic Stamp, Camden, NY 13316

Mystic Stamp Co., Camden, NY 13316
America's Leading Stamp Dealer

Martha Washington

