

First Class Postage Unpaid

FORM No. 3955.

To Mrs Barbara Ganner

Call at the Post Office, BRINGING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU, for a Special-Delivery Letter, that could not be delivered for the following reason: No one at home

No. of Letter: _____

Date, 9/30/19

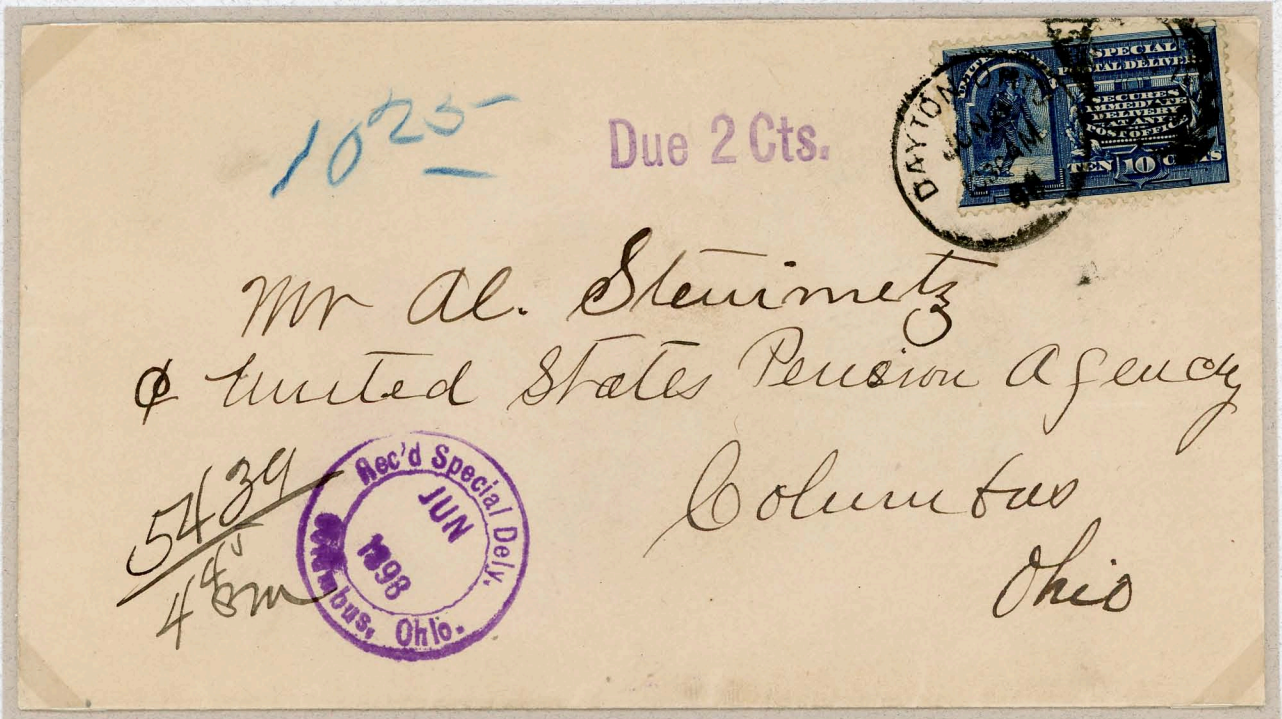
If not called for a delivery by carrier, the addressed, at 830

(This notice may be left at the post-office box, if he has one, or got 5-3550



Post Office non-delivery notice

Pre-canceled postage due, adhesive added



Marked 'due' and given Special Delivery service at Columbus, Oh.

First Class Postage Unpaid



Due 2c, no penalty for not paying first class postage or forwarding
No indication service was provided



'Col (lect) 2, Railroad Post Office' and no indication service was provided

Printing Varieties

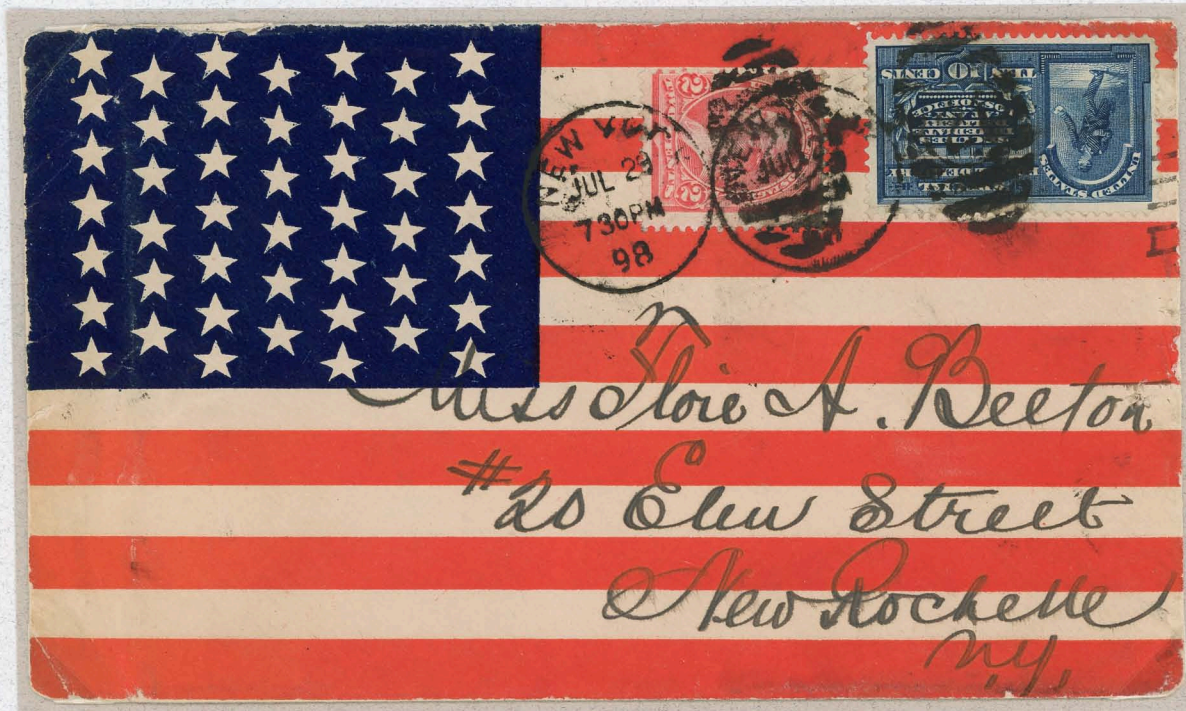


Note non-delivery marking 'CLOSED' from Philadelphia P.O.
'Dots' above delivery man's head variety known only from plate 882



Line through 'Postal Delivery' variety, plate number 1257 or 1260

Domestic Service



Spanish American War patriotic usage to support our troops



Patriotic advertising during the Spanish American War

Postal Card and Wrapper Usage



Tremont to Pottsville, Pa., March 9, 1897
Pottsville, Pa. Rec'd, March 9, 1897



Houston to Galveston, Tx., April 13, 1898
Backstamped Galveston, Tx. Rec'd, April 13, 1898

3 wrappers with Special Delivery service recorded

Domestic Service



Montauk Station, Long Island, N.Y. with R.P.O. cancel on reverse
Camp Wikoff located at Montauk received Spanish American War returnees
Only recorded example of Special Delivery service for this office

Postmaster Directional Markings

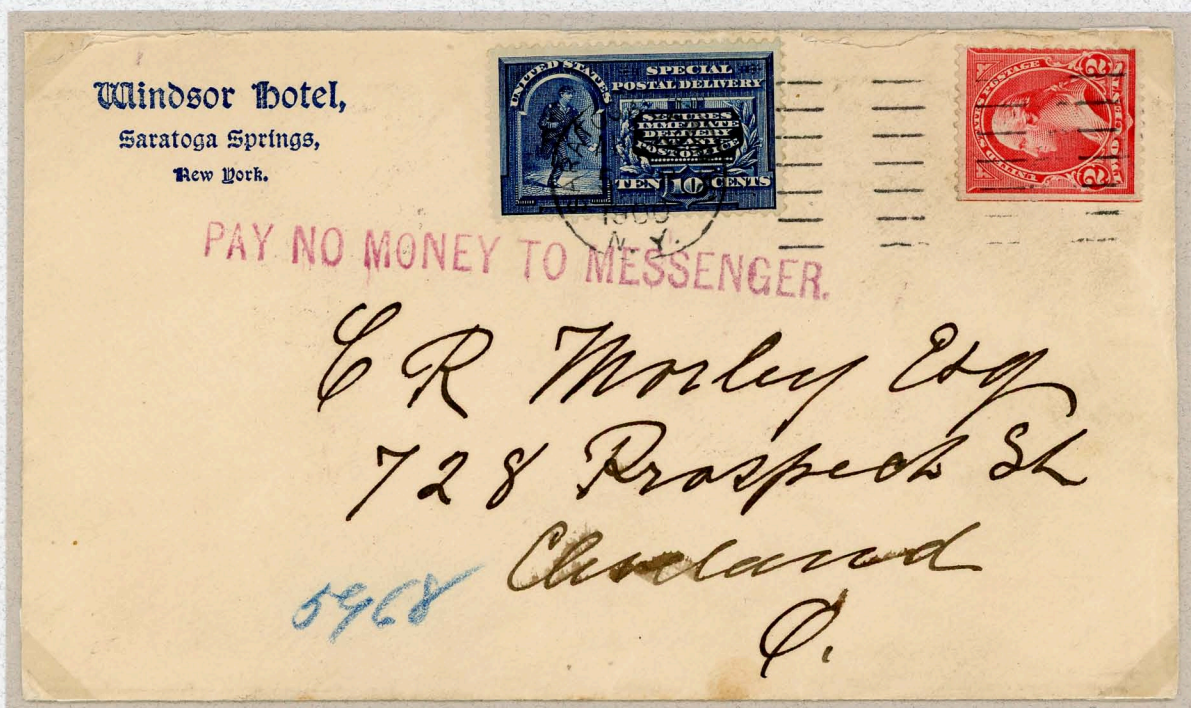


Rear script indicates 'Messenger #19' returned the letter to the office as the addressee had moved

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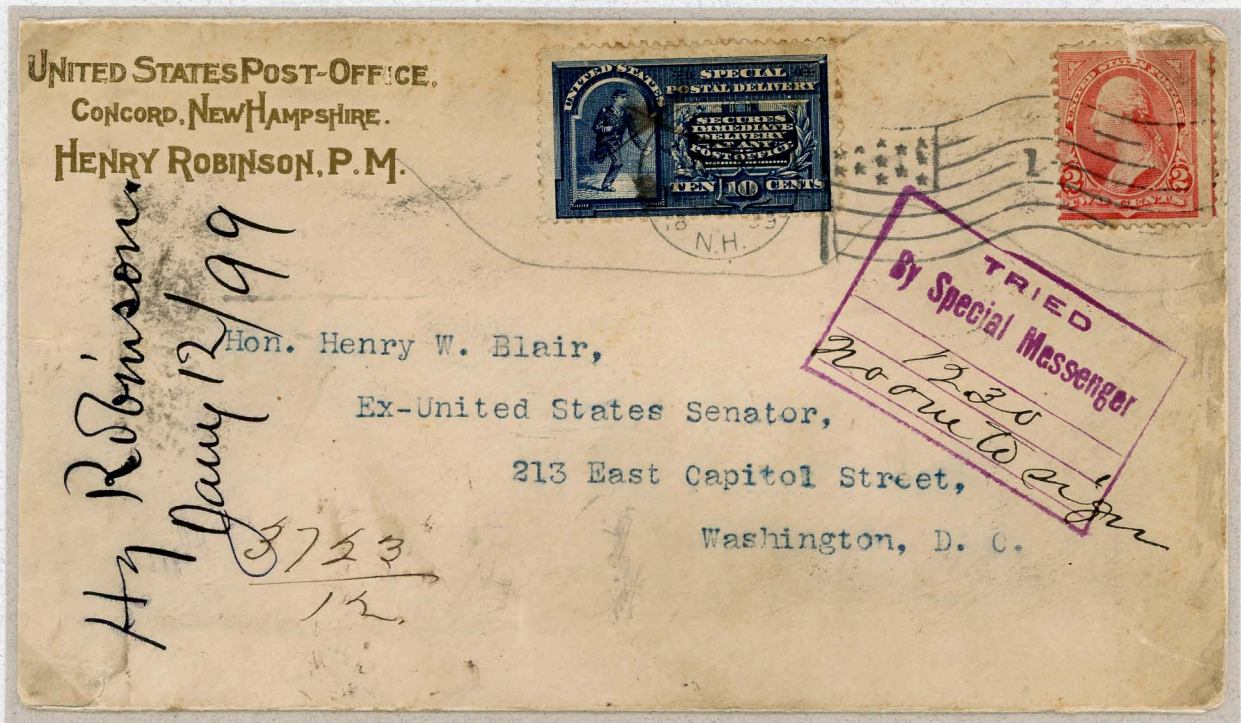


'NOTICE No Charges On This Mail' advised recipient against paying additional fees

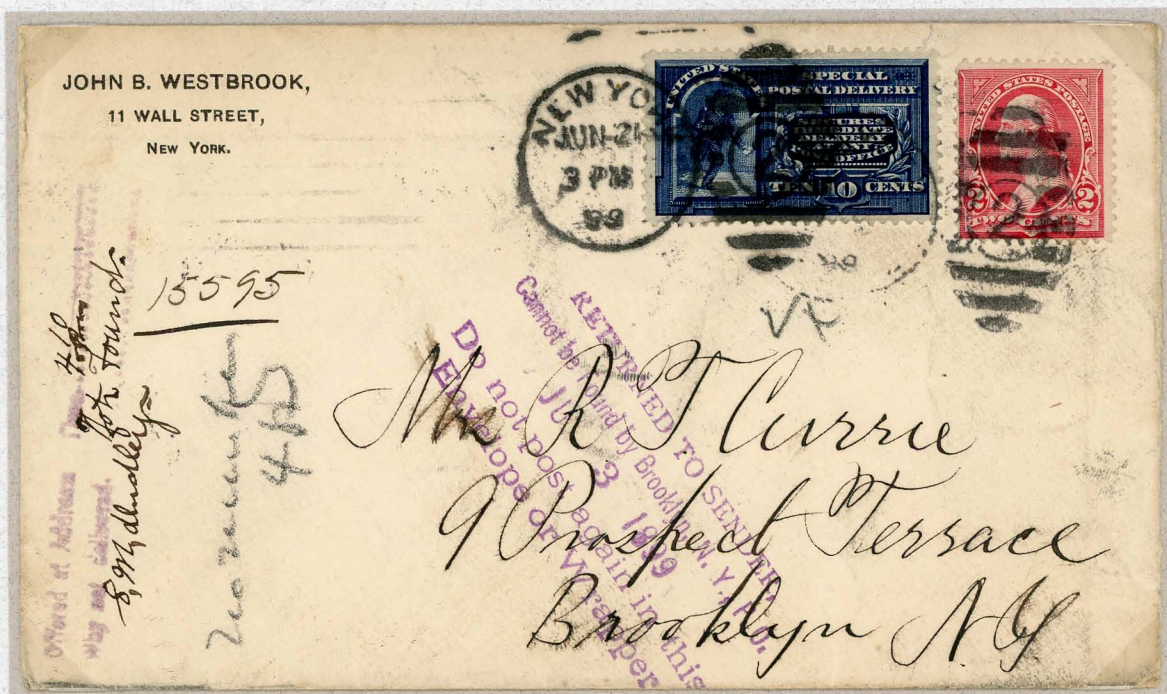


'PAY NO MONEY TO MESSENGER' used approximately 1898 to early 1901

Postmaster Directional Markings



Delivery to Senate 'Tried' but no answer, may be a private communication from the postmaster as no free frank was utilized



'Returned to sender' marking, 'Not found' and do not reuse envelope' Service fee had been earned from the Special Delivery stamp

Pan-American Exposition



Buffalo, N.Y. to Lancaster, Pa., June 20, 1901

Backstamped Lancaster, Pa., June 21, 1901

Pan-American Railway Post Office



Buffalo, N.Y. to Cincinnati, Oh., June 15, 1901

Backstamped Pan-American Railway Post Office, June 15, 1901

Cincinnati, Oh., June 16, 1901

Only recorded example

UPU Postal Congress Mail



Local delivery within Washington, D.C., May 9, 1897

Manuscript "Timbre de service à domicile par express" (Stamp for expresser service to home)

Washington 'L' barred cancel on official UPU Postal Congress stationery

Collection Wagon



Raleigh, N.C. to Winchester, Va., Jan. 26, 1898 (Penna Midland Railway, Office of Vice-President)

Backstamped Washington, D.C. Transit '2', Jan. 27, 1898

Collection and Distribution, Wagon No. 1, Trip 5 and Trip 6

Winchester, Va., Rec'd, 7AM, Jan 28, 1898

Railroad Post Office Service



Detroit and Grand Rapids R.P.O. Train 102 to Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 2, 1895
Backstamped Detroit and Chicago, R.P.O. and Milwaukee received at 11PM

R.P.O. Drop Box Service



Deposited in Special Delivery drop box at railway station and dispatched on the next train
Backstamped Boston, Springfield and New York R.P.O., February 26, 1895
Springfield, Ma. to New York, N.Y., February 27, 1895

Multiple Delivery Attempts



Petersburg to Richmond, Va., Jun 20, 1902
 Forwarded from Richmond to Chase City, Va., Jun 20, 1902
 Second Special Delivery stamp applied for second delivery attempt



Cincinnati, Oh. to Baltimore, Md., Feb 17, 1900
 2¢ letter rate, 8¢ registration fee
 Forwarded within the city to another street address
 Second Special Delivery stamp applied for second delivery attempt

Multiple Delivery Attempts



Wilkes-Barre, Pa. to Brooklyn, N.Y., May 4, 1901

Forwarded from Brooklyn, N.Y. to Highlands, N.J., May 4, 1901

Second Special Delivery stamp and 2¢ postage applied for second delivery attempt

Only recorded example

Officially Opened and Re-sealed



New York, N.Y. to Hightstown, N.J., June 9, 1902

Official Post Office seal with handstamp "RECEIVED IN BAD ORDER, N.Y.P.O. 2D DIV."

Domestic Forwarding



Forwarded without additional fee, Boston clock type 'D'

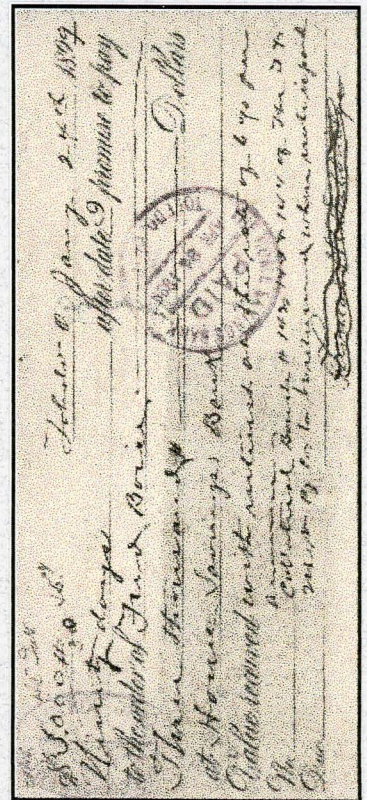


2¢ forwarding fee added in San Francisco
Forwarded to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where Special Delivery fee was claimed

Official Mail Service



Illegal Revenue Usage



Illegal revenue use on check, this is the largest known used multiple

Check face

Non-delivery Carrier Marking

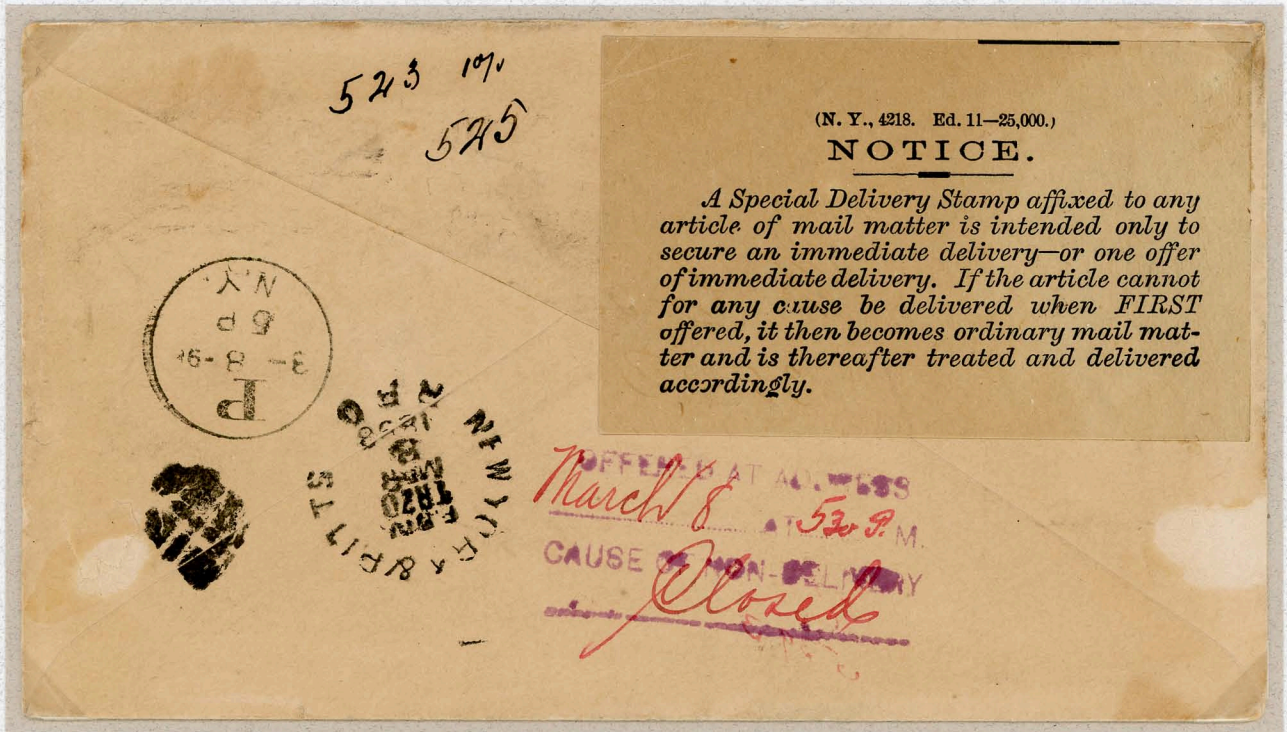


Not delivered due to 'Office Closed'



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Non-delivery Carrier Marking



Youngstown, Oh. to New York, N.Y., March 7, 1898
New York & Pittsburgh R.P.O., Train 20, March 8, 1898
New York receiving mark March 8, 1898; 5 P.M.
Not delivered due to 'Office Closed', March 8, 1898; 5:30 P.M.

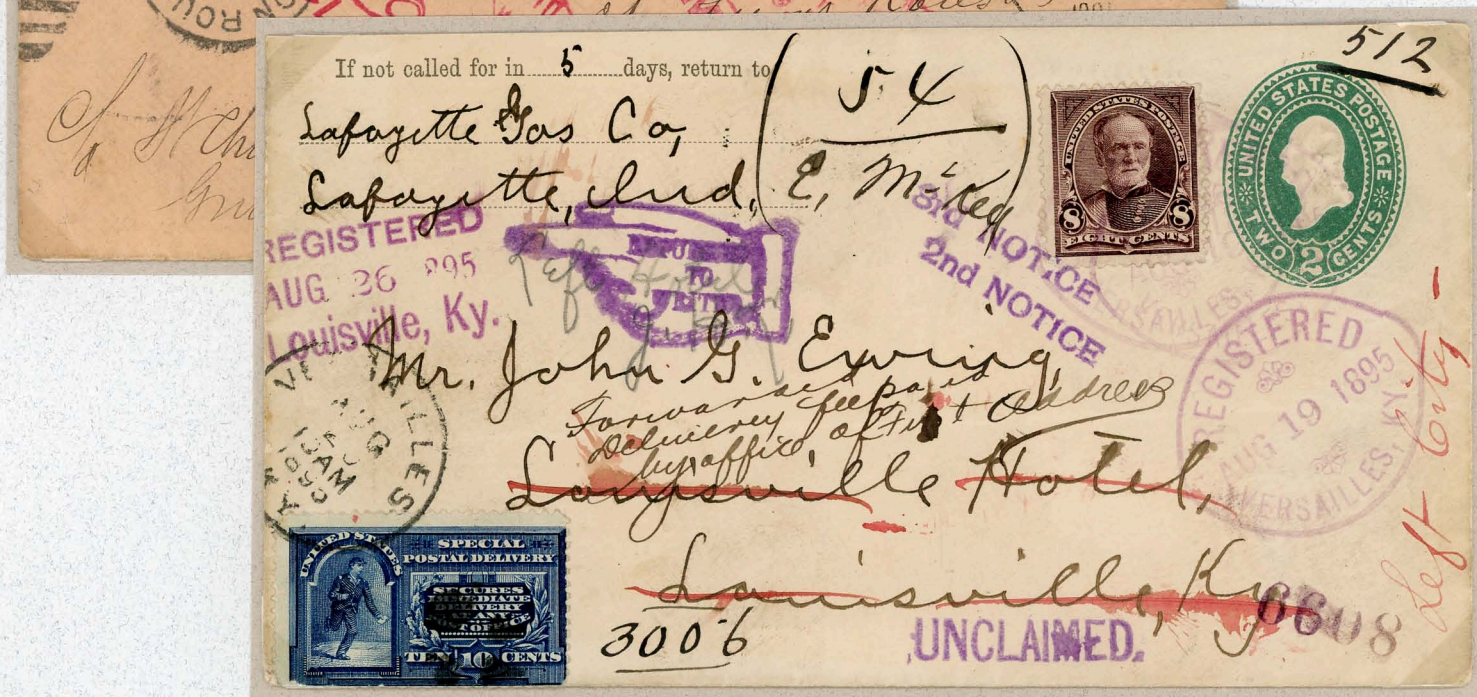


Port Huron, to Detroit, Mi., March 9, 1899
Special Delivery attempted at "240 and 243 Park", March 11
Not delivered due to 'Residence Changed'
Manuscript: "Left no add(ress) 99"
Handstamps: "Not in Directory"; "Unclaimed"; "Returned to Writer"

Unclaimed



Unclaimed letter, fee not claimed as forwarding was not provided at New Orleans Post Office



2¢ First class postage and 8¢ registration provided no indemnity
Special Delivery stamp added at office of first address, canceled at Versailles, Il.



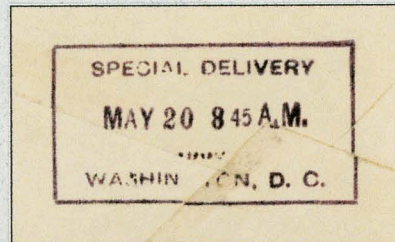
Paxton, Il. to Detroit, Mi., April 2, 1896 with "SIGNATURE REFUSED" hand stamp
Only recorded example

Receiving Markings



Detroit, Mi. local service August 10, 1895

Special Delivery oval handstamp with time of delivery in manuscript



New York, N.Y. to Washington, D.C., May 19, 1902

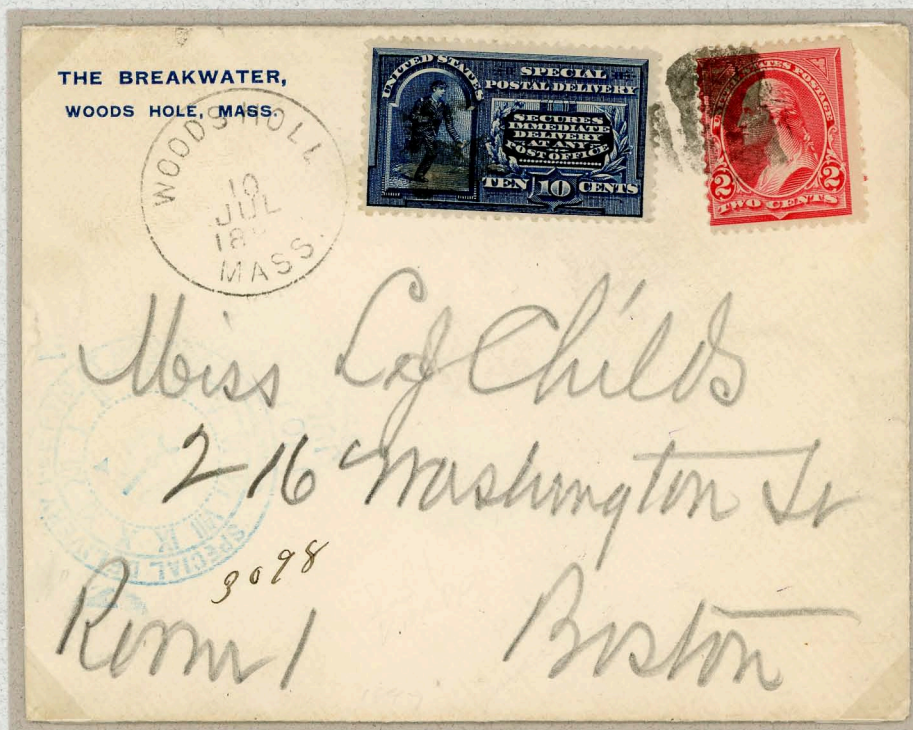
Addressed to the Supreme Court c/o the Marshall's Office

Special Delivery box handstamp with date and time manually adjusted

Clock Marking

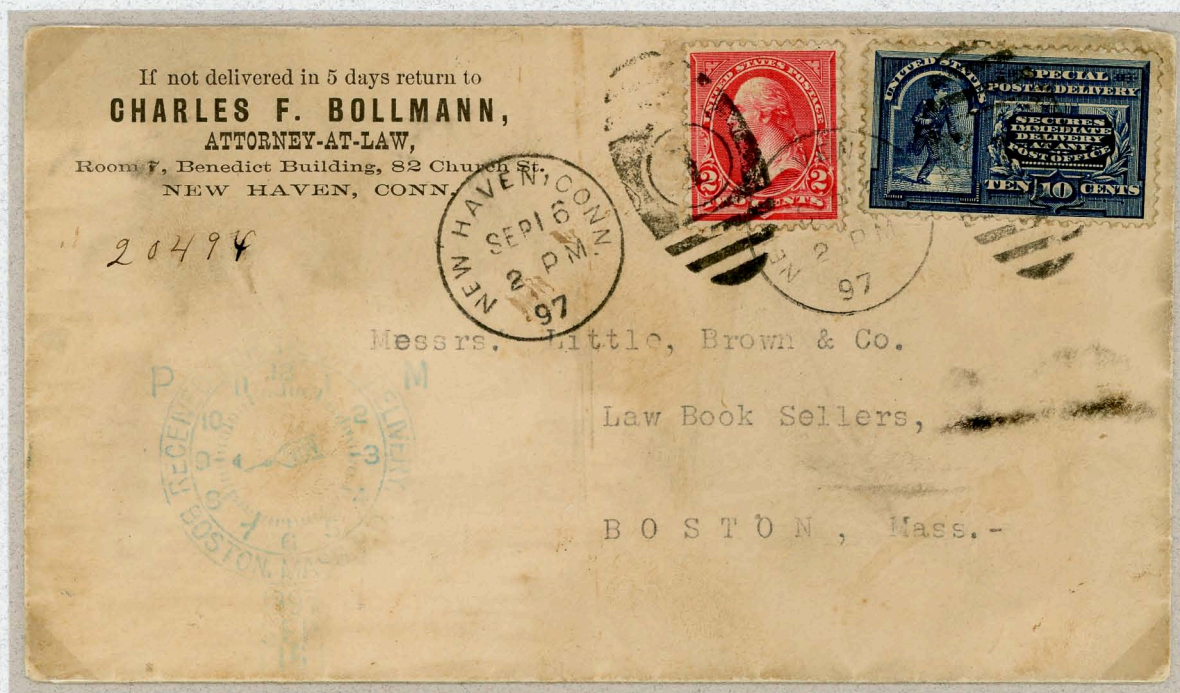


Earliest known use of Boston clock type 'B', January 14, 1896



Latest known use of Boston clock type 'B', July 10, 1897

Clock Marking



Earliest known use of Boston clock type 'C', September 16, 1897



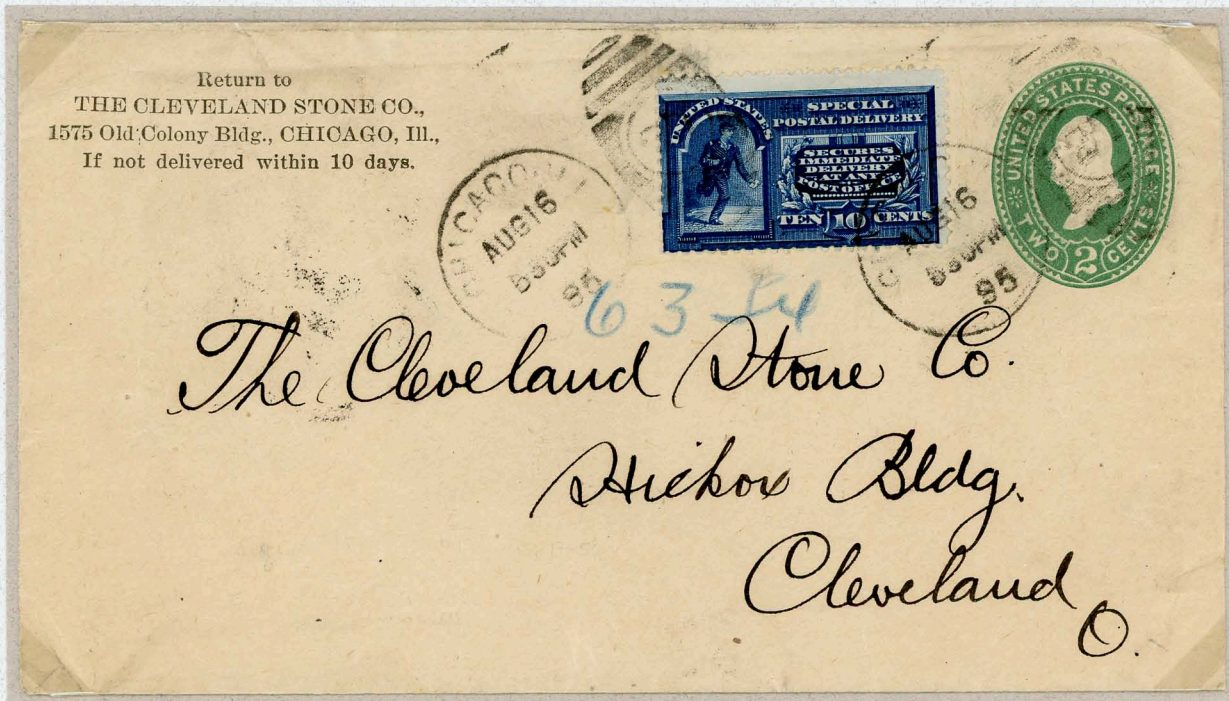
Boston clock type 'C', December 25, 1897, Christmas Day

Address Assistance



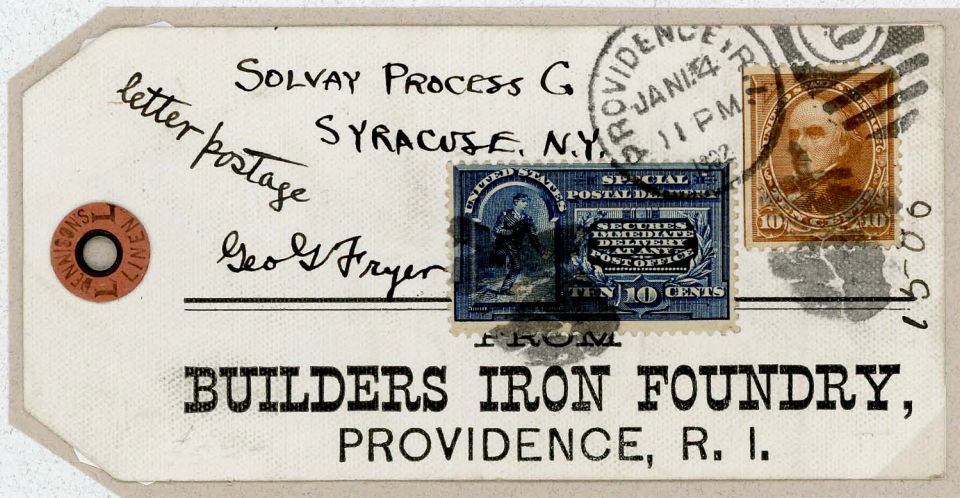
Washington, D.C. to Cambridgeport, Ma., June 7, 1895
Handstamped "Address Deficiency supplied by Washington, U.S.P.O."

Last Day of Use



Chicago, Ill. to Cleveland, Oh., Aug 16, 1895
Last day of use of 1894 issue - first day of use of 1895 issue

Letter Rate Parcel



Syracuse, N.Y. to Providence, R.I., January 14, 1902
First class letter postage rate 5 oz. (10¢), Special Delivery (10¢)
No weight limitations applied to Special Delivery service until April 15, 1925

Territorial Origin



Capron to Alva, Oklahoma Territory, October 22, 1905



Sitka, Ak. to San Francisco, Ca., April 20, 1907
San Francisco, Ca. receiving clock backstamp dated April 21, 1907

Late Usage



Line through 'Postal Delivery' variety, plate 1257 or 1260



Canadian cachet used in United States, Boston, Ma. to Providence, R.I.

10 CENTS

At special delivery post office, per letter, no weight restriction

October 1 1885 through September 30 1886

Effective October 1 1885, special delivery service became available at 555 Special Delivery post offices. A special delivery stamp featuring a running delivery boy inscribed SECURES DELIVERY AT ANY SPECIAL DELIVERY OFFICE was issued for this purpose.



Posted Chicago August 3 1896 to St. Paul addressed to a travelling salesman
c/o a hotel. Handwritten endorsement "Via Special Delivery."

Entered as SD letter "699" upon receipt at St. Paul.

Delivery not successful and returned September 20 per
RETURNED TO WRITER handstamps and Saint Paul postmarks.

Additional handstamp **HOTEL LETTER** and improvised pointing finger in ink.