

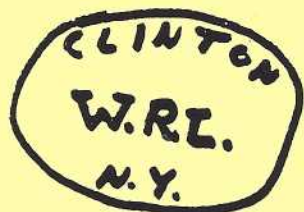


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THE LETTERS - MORE FANCY CANCELS - By Dave Proulx



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When you get this, summer will be almost over. Hope you had a good one. I got a chance to do some work on my Albany County collection and with all my other work the summer just wizzed by. When you are doing things you like, time flies.

I had a chance to get together with a number of collectors over the summer. That is just about the best fun there is. Bill Seifert was always wanting to publish the members directory by counties, so that when you were traveling you would know who to give a call to. Well, we haven't done that, but its a good idea to use your membership roster to contact in person or by mail some of the great people that belong to our society. Try it...you'll like it!

During the summer quite a few of your officers and others have been working on projects that will benefit all of us. While this is certainly work, it is very rewarding work. Why don't you consider helping our society in some way? If you have a special project in mind, or would just like to help out with something, please contact me or any committee person. I guarantee you will be glad that you did! Don't be shy, lets hear from you!

Thanks again to all our wonderful BULLETIN contributors. Keep up the good work. Talk to others who might want to send something in. Big project, or just a clipping, most of our members soak it all right up.

There are several good shows coming up in the Fall and I hope you will send in a NYS PH exhibit. The ESPHS has some very nice awards waiting to be won besides what you get from the local show. Don't think about it...do it!!

Well, enough of what I have to say. What do some of YOU have to say! Don't be shy about sending a letter with anything you might have on your mind. I'll be looking in the mail box for letters, please don't disappoint me!

Jack

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Society News

NEW MEMBERS

The Empire State Postal History Society welcomes to membership the following:

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RESIGNATIONS

A resignation has been received from PAUL ANDERSON of Laguna Hills, California, effective immediately.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Applications for membership have been received from:

Lazaroff, Chris L.

7609 Erie St, Pulaski, NY 13142-1407

Interests: Pulaski, NY (Oswego Co) postal history

References: APS

Robinson, Irving E.

58 Elm St, Oneonta, NY 13820

Interests: Otsego Co. covers & PH

References: ESPHS members Tuttle and Taber

DEATHS

News has reached us of the death of one of our members: JOHN L. GEMMILL of Baldwin Place, NY. Mr. Gemmill was a long-time member of the ESPHS and was interested in the postal history of Westchester and Putnam Counties.

ADDRESS CHANGES

The following members have reported address changes. Only the new address is shown below.

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Box 431, Houston, Texas 77001

JOHN B. LUDIN
1406 N. George St, Rome, NY 13440

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P.O. Box 112005, Miami, FL 33111

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the ESPHS will occur on October 6, 1985 (Sunday) at Karrat's Restaurant, Rt 5 just west of Utica. The usual format will prevail. A postal history bourse will be conducted from approximately

9:00 AM on. A short business meeting will be held at 1:30 PM.

Everyone is urged to attend to partake in the bourse, meet other members, and to involve yourselves in the affairs of the Society. Karrat's offers a fine menu at reasonable prices.

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CINCOPEX, the annual philatelic exhibition of the stamp clubs of Hamilton, Oneida-Sherrill, Rome, Sidney, and Utica, will be conducted on October 5-6, 1985, the same weekend as the ESPHS semi-annual meeting. Anyone planning on attending the meeting might also plan to attend CONCOPEX, and vice versa.

CINCOPEX will be at the CAC club house in Sherrill, NY. Hours are 10 AM - 6 PM on Oct. 5th and 11 AM - 5 PM on Oct. 6th.

FOPEX

The Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany is sponsoring FOPEX '85 on October 26-27, 1985 in meeting room 6 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. FOPEX has proved to be a real show-case for N.Y.S. postal history material as each of the last two shows included enough such exhibits to qualify for the ESPHS silver award.

FOPEX would be honored to again include a strong showing of N.Y.S. postal history, and invites ESPHS members to come forward with their exhibits. A prospectus may be obtained by writing to the ESPHS address.

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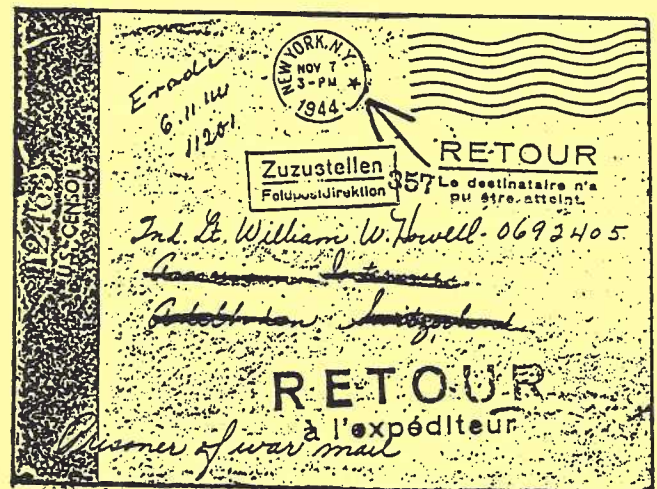
LETTER TO THE EDITOR Stamp Collector Van Dahl Publications

Greetings from one of the Albanys on the West Coast.

A reader sent the enclosed cover to us for our You Asked Column. He asks: "I enclose a photo copy of a cover I have, and wondered if you could give me any information in regards to the New York postmark. The "star" has me puzzled, and I'm wondering if in fact it has anything to do with the fact that it was addressed to an escaped P.O.W. Unfortunately there was no return address on the envelope."

Thank you for your help...Kyle R Jansson, Executive Editor.

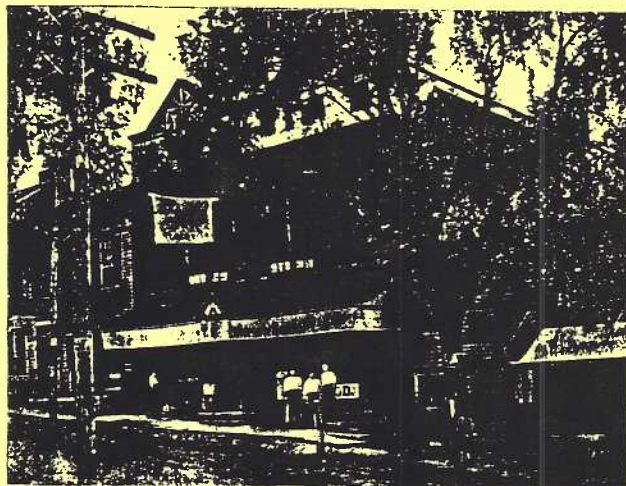
Well...what about it members? Who has the answers? Send them to our ESPHS editor and we will put together an answer for our West Coast friends.



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Postoffice Once 'Hole in the Wall'

Million-Dollar Business of Today Grew
From Hatful of Property Kept
In Stores on Bank Sites

Probably no page in the glamorous history of Syracuse packs more color and romance than that of the Syracuse postoffice.

The postoffice, an unimportant part of Syracuse in the early days, grew with the city until today it is one of the most important phases of our daily life and is truly the natural barometer of business.

Unlike many other Syracuse industries, the postoffice virtually grew with The Journal.

It was a spindly youth of 13 years when the presses of the old Western State Journal, forerunner of the present great Journal, "spanked out" its first newspaper.

Moved in Hat

Today the postoffice does an annual business that reaches close to the million dollar mark while a century ago it was so insignificant that its first postmaster, John Wilkinson, who afterwards became so prominently identified with the commercial and social life of the village and city, took the entire establishment in his hat and moved the office across the street.

Established in 1820, Wilkinson was its first incumbent and for a period of 20 years Syracuse knew no other postmaster than John Wilkinson.

He served under Presidents Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Jackson and Van Buren. When he quit Jan. 25, 1840, it was by resignation, to accept the presidency of the old Utica and Syracuse Railroad.

The first postoffice, literally a hole in the wall, was located in the store of General Granger on the present site of the Syracuse Savings Bank.

One day Postmaster Wilkinson decided a change in location would be advantageous. He picked up the postoffice, with all its belongings, and carried it in his hat across the Erie Canal, then nearing completion, to Durnford's store, standing on the present site of the Onondaga County Savings Bank.

This was the first change in location of the postoffice. For several years it was virtually moved at will, depending somewhat upon the whims of the "boss."

Early Location

The next move, of which there is no recorded date, was into the east end of the old Syracuse House block in E. Genesee st.

It remained there for quite a spell, in fact it was until after Syracuse had become a city and down through the administrations of Postmasters Raynor, Teall and Jackson, that its site was again changed.

Postmaster Sedgwick moved the office into the old Granger block, now the site of the present Sedgwick, Andrews & Kennedy building.

There she stood until the Civil War broke out. Once more the "war postmaster," as Postmaster Sedgwick became known, moved the office across the street into the Bas-



table block, now the site of the State Tower building. This was in 1863.

The Bastable block was ideal, as the postoffice was located in the arcade and was most conveniently accessible. This was demonstrated in that the postoffice remained there for a little better than a quarter of a century when the government building, as the old postoffice at E. Fayette and S. Warren st. was known, was completed.

The government building, now occupied by the works progress administration, not only housed the postoffice department, but also the customs office.

From 1888 the postoffice department remained at the centrally located downtown headquarters until the present Federal building was opened in December of 1928.

Besides Postmaster Patrick H. Agan, who moved the office from the Bastable block to the old postoffice or Government building, the incumbents of the Bastable block office were Postmasters Maynard, Bruce, Chase and Northrup.

Postmaster who have served in Syracuse and dates of their appointment are:

John Wilkinson, Feb. 24, 1820.
Jonas Ewell Jr., Jan. 26, 1840.
Henry Raynor, March 10, 1842.
William W. Teall, July 23, 1845.

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POSTOFFICE EXPANDED FROM SIZE OF A HAT TO MODERN HOME

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William Jackson, April 14, 1849.
Henry J. Sedgwick, May 4, 1853.
Patrick H. Agan, Aug. 27, 1861.
George L. Maynard, April 1, 1866.
Dwight H. Bruce, April 10, 1871.
Austin C. Chase, Jan. 1, 1878.
James M. Gilbert, Feb. 23, 1884.
Milton H. Northrup, April 1, 1888.
Carroll E. Smith, Nov. 1, 1889.
Milton H. Northrup, June 1, Oct. 20, 1893.
Dwight H. Bruce, July 24, 1897.
William Cowie, Jan. 12, 1909.
John J. Kesel, Sept. 16, 1913.
James McLusky, April 4, 1922.
Edmund L. Weston, April 21, 1933.

Free Delivery Started

Of the 19 postmasters Uncle Sam chose to manage his affairs in Syracuse, three were newspapermen, and two of them from The Journal.

First member of the Fourth Estate to handle the guiding reins of the Syracuse postoffice was Dwight H. Bruce, then a member of the

firm of Truair, Carroll & Smith, owners and publishers of the Western State Journal, The Journal's predecessor.

Next to come from newspaper row was Postmaster Northrup, part owner and editor and business manager of the old Syracuse Courier.

Third newspaperman to become "chief" at the postoffice was Carroll E. Smith, city editor and part owner of The Journal.

Back in the packet days and even when The Journal's predecessor was turning out the news in full swing there was no such thing as free delivery of mail.

That just didn't occur. People called at Postmaster Wilkinson's office for the mail as a matter of fact. It was a routine procedure of business to have a clerk or a boy run over and pick up the mail.

In 1870, during the reign of Postmaster Maynard, however, came the star of a new era—free delivery of mail.

Syracuse was growing and the influx of mail increased to such an

extent that Washington decided Syracuse should have carriers.

Four carriers and two clerks were put on the heretofore one-man staff and they handled the mail with ease.

But Syracuse continued to grow. She was a baby growing by leaps and bounds. A large part of her diet was salt and this booming industry brought much business here. Other industries started and people began coming to Syracuse looking for work in the rapidly expanding city.

Sub-stations Opened

Twenty-six years after the first carriers and clerks were engaged, the business increased to such an extent that in 1896 there were 52 carriers delivering mail and 35 clerks employed inside to sort the incoming and outgoing deliveries.

In 1938 the postoffice department employed 172 carriers and 180 clerks plus 20 substitute carriers and 33 substitute clerks, included in this were 27 supervisors.

Besides this there are 41 men and

women employed in the custodial staff and 23 special delivery messengers.

The spread of business necessitated branching out and the N. Salina st. substation was opened. Next came the Colvin station to take care of the needs of the southern section of the city.

Third substation was opened at Elmwood and when the town of Geddes was taken over by the city the Solvay postoffice, then a separate unit having no affiliation with Syracuse, was "annexed."

In 1920 the University section was given a substation and when Eastwood was annexed by Syracuse a substation was opened there.

The Syracuse postoffice has seen many a hectic day but none more so than in the grim days of 1917 and 1918 when Uncle Sam was at war.

Postmaster Kesel was at the helm in Syracuse and designated James J. McNamara, present assistant postmaster, to take charge of the "postoffice" at the fair grounds, known then as the military branch postoffice.

It was the following spring, however, that saw Camp Syracuse operating on a big-time basis. Twenty-seven battalions of 1,000 men each were stationed there. It was known as a recruit camp where the Class 4 men or "defectives" were stationed. Many were oversize, overweight, religious objectors and the like.

There was more actual business at the military branch postoffice in those days than what was handled at the main Syracuse postoffice.

Delivered Soldier Bonus

There were more special delivery letters received at the camp than in Syracuse, and postoffice receipts during the few months the "pins board" postoffice was in operation were in excess of \$84,000.

With the signing of the Armistice "peace" returned to the postoffice department. The military branch was closed and McNamara and his staff returned to the main postoffice, where they resumed their regular duties.

It was a memorable occasion that (Continued on Page 20, Column 2.)

Postoffice History Is Romantic

Expanded from Size of A Hat

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first day of June in 1938 that the first ship to carry the mail to and from Syracuse touched wheels at the airport.

Syracuse airport became the gathering place nightly of hundreds of Syracusans to the field to see the mail off.

Bill Moltrup was the first pilot to fly the mail out of Syracuse. He came in a Pittcairn Mailwing, an open job with a forward and rear cockpit.

The mail that went out of Syracuse by air in those days was negligible, while today the average is in excess of five tons yearly.

Business men, however, were quick to realize the advantages of this high speed delivery and as business increased new and larger ships were put on the line.

Early "Birds"

Among the early birds who flew the mail in and out of Syracuse and whose names were bywords on the lips of the younger generation were Moltrup, Ernie Basham, Cy Bittner, Heath Proctor, Edward Weatherdon and Ernie Dryer.

It was Dryer who was at the controls of a giant Stinson when it became lost in a snowstorm soon after leaving Syracuse one winter night, and came to a halt on the slopes of a snow-covered Adirondack mountain.

After the soldiers' bonus came the social security act, and another major for the postoffice department.

Into the hands of the postoffice officials was placed the responsibility of listing every employer and employee in Syracuse and issuing "account numbers."

Once again the letter carrier had to make a special run on his route delivering account numbers to some 5,160 places of business and 60,000 odd employees.

Made 1937 Census

This occurred Nov. 16, 1936, and after the brunt of the work was completed by the postoffice department the social security board set up a district headquarters here to handle the thousands of accounts.

In the fall of 1937 letter carriers made an unemployment census for Washington and reported some 15,000 persons in Syracuse were either totally or partially unemployed.

Last major feat of the department was the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the first air mail flight in the country.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Joseph Von Hake

Nick Todaro's article on "Free Frank 5 Cent Due", page 8 of June '85 ESPHS BULLETIN, raises a number of questions, and, unless the cover can be dated with certainty, they may never be answered in this instance.

However, this aspect of postmaster free franks is one of the rare (my opinion) of the freaky things that can happen.

I enclose a copy of an article I did for the PPHS HISTORIAN (Nov-Dec 1981, whole No 52).

Though illustrations in it are limited to Pennsylvania covers, it describes the situation accross the nation. I have been looking for such covers for ten years, and you can see I've found very few.

However, the membership of the ESPHS, with some of the massive collections some have, would very likely turn up a dozen or dozens that pertain to New York State.

The only way for them to spot them is for the members to know what was happening, and if our society is a reasonable guide, that means 90% wouldn't know what they are looking at, if they hadn't read about it before.

With that in mind, you have permission to use our article on the subject for the ESPHS BULLETIN.

Contributed by Nick Todaro

THE NOT-SO-FREE POSTMASTERS
FRANKING PRIVILEGE ...1825-1852
by Joe von Hake

The Scranton Rail folded letter from Richard C. Frajola's auction (lot #138 in Nov. 1981), besides representing an addition to the list of recorded rails, now 15 in number, bears an extremely scarce rate.... 5¢ per each quarter ounce or fraction over the first free half ounce.

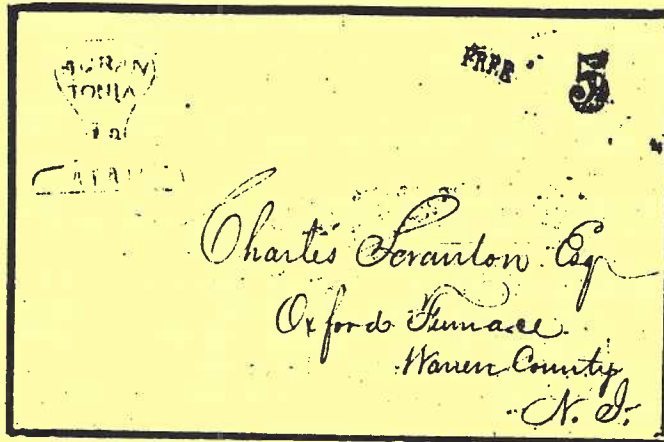


Illustration courtesy Richard C. Frajola

There is an 1850 dateline, which is redundant proof of year as Scranton's existence included just that one April. The letter is a reverse free frank, the addressee being Charles Scranton, postmaster of Oxford Furnace, New Jersey.

The contents pertain to Charles Scranton's financial matters, and there is a page dealing with another party, one George Fennell, wherein Scranton is dealing with Lackawanna Iron Works affairs for which he is a bonafide agent, as that is Charles Scranton's primary business.

This happens to be a free frank privilege rate provided postmasters with under \$200.00 annual compensation by the Postal Act of 1847, effective July 1st.. The act had 8 classes of franking privilege, encompassing several dozen bureaucratic titles in state as well as federal governments.

The Postal Act of 1825 essentially defined the postmaster free franking privilege, calling it "deputy postmaster" that year, and this basic frame continued through the subsequent acts including 1857, but for the suspended period by the Act of 1845 until 1847. Variations occurring mainly dealt with rate revisions and weight units, as well as fines and other penalties for infractions of the law.

In 1847 such postmasters sent and received letters free of charge, provided:

- (1) They weighed under 1/2 ounce.
- (2) They did not contain any non-written material of any sort.
- (3) They did not contain messages primarily for others (spouse, friends, etc.).
- (4) They did not contain information of an agency relationship other than the postmaster's own other bonafide business matters.
- (5) They contained no lists, tickets or information regarding lotteries.
- (6) The postmaster identified himself and his post office and wrote "FREE" on the face of the cover, or the addressee be identified as "P.M." (if at an address other than his own with identification of his own postoffice).

If there was ever a suspicion that a franking privilege was being abused, the dispatching postmaster was to cross out the "free" and make a regular letter charge. In the event the recipient claimed the franking right was valid, the addressee was to open the letter in the presence of the receiving office postmaster for his inspection. If confirmed that the rate should not have been charged, the receiving postoffice was to make the appropriate correction on the "post bill" which accompanied the contents of the locked mail bag.

The feasibility of this system for checking is readily apparent for franks other than those of postmasters. But it would also work on postmaster's mail, and could really only be circumvented by conspiracy of at least two postmasters.

A rate of 5¢ per quarter ounce then applied to any postmaster's free franked letter weighing over $1/2$ ounce which otherwise complied with regulations.

Material outside the regulations would be a direct violation of the franking privilege, and was subject to fines or revocation of the postmaster's commission. (*)

The prescribed overweight charge based on $1/4$ ounce increments made it a poor choice for a postmaster to mail any of his own letters via the frank if they weighed 2 ounces, as the regular civilian rate would be but 10¢ whereas the franked letter would include 15¢ in surcharges. (**) Now it may be more apparent why the not-so-free franks are quite scarce and perhaps rare.

You may occasionally see a "FREE" crossed out and a rate written in. We used to think it was because of an expired postmaster's commission, or perhaps correcting a violation referred to above, but that is not automatically a valid conclusion. It could also be where the overweight situation caused the regular postage rate to be employed as an afterthought but before entry into the mails. If the contents of such a letter were loose or a page detached, the owner of such may never know the answer with certainty.

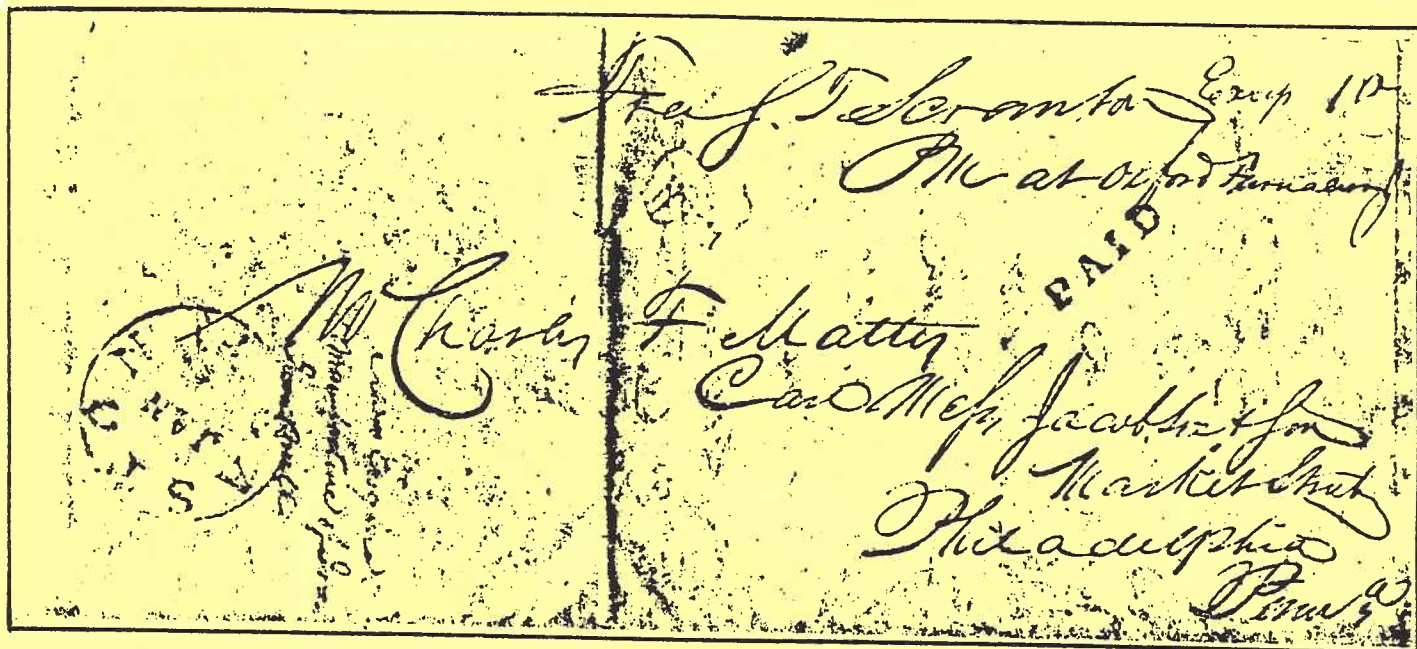
Scrupulous adherence to the rules governing contraband material in free franked letters does seem to us more honored in the breach by those with more political clout than rural postmasters. We have seen many Congressional franked letters where the entire contents were written by the spouse to a friend who in turn had no receiving free frank right.

One notable series of violations involves a Massachusetts State Adjutant General's daughter who used her father's "fancy shield" free frank handstamp on much of her correspondence to girlfriends.

The franking right of postmasters traveled with them. As a corollary, no one was permitted to receive his mail with reverse frank while he was away.

(*) Penalties ranged from \$50.00 for mailing or receiving a lottery ticket under a free frank: Act of 1827, Sect.6, and continued by the Act of 1847.

(**) N.B. We have been using the 300 mile rate for illustrative purposes, and if distances involved are over 300 miles the 10¢ rate would apply.



Above is a combination example of "franked while away from the home post office" and an "excess 10", which happens to be prepaid. It is an 1842 letter and subject to the rate and weight schedules of the Act of 1825. It was mailed from Easton, Pennsylvania, though the franker, Selden Scranton wrote "Free S.T. Scranton/PM at Oxford Furnace NJ".

During the Congressional discussions preparatory to the Act of 1845, with the primary purpose of reducing the basic mail rate to 5¢, the postmasters franking privilege was eliminated, and other categories of free franks sharply curtailed. This was in anticipation of a major decline in postal revenues. (Imagine, a rate reduction before a budget reduction ! Deja vu, anybody?).

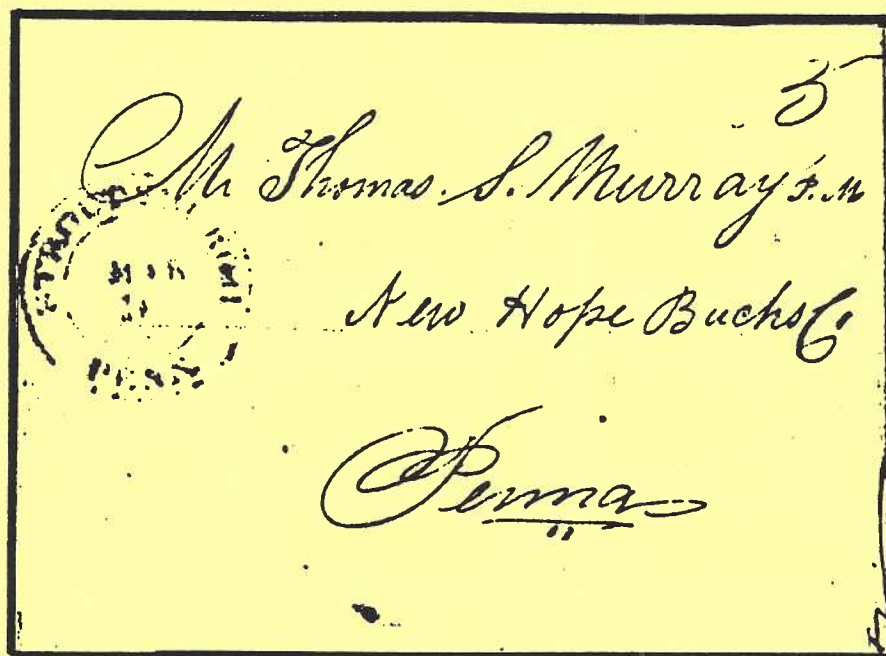
However, between July 1st. 1845 and June 31st. 1847, exactly two years, 7,044 postmasters resigned or died. (P.O.D. Auditors Report of Nov.27,1847). This represented a personnel turnover of 25% per year.

Mortality in an expanding population, and we admit we don't have a life expectancy table for the period, could not have exceeded 1% annually, unless appointments were limited to those with one foot in the grave.

The Township of Mount Pleasant, Wayne County, PA, discloses mean population of 1,700 and a total mortality of 68 in the five years ending in 1847; a death rate of 1/125 per year. The township history notes that children under the age of 19 accounted for 30% of the total mortality. (*)

The conclusions became obvious; postmasters earning under \$200 per year in commissions regarded the free frank privilege as part of their emolument, and denied this perk, were resigning in droves. Thus, the Act of 1847 reinstated their privilege, but with a stiff 5¢ per 1/4 ounce rate for all over 1/2 ounce. Abuse of the frank would automatically cost a postmaster more to mail a letter than by sending it with normal postage, if the letter exceeded 2 ounces.

(*) History of the Township of Mount Pleasant, 1855: a discourse by Rev. Samuel Whaley; pub. by M.W.Dodd, 59 Chambers St., NYC.



Above is an 1852 letter from Stroudsburgh, Penn, where a 5¢ charge was made to an addressee who was a postmaster at New Hope, PA. The postmaster at the origin knew the letter exceeded 1/2 ounce, so no purpose would be served by marking it "FREE". As it was sent as an unpaid (during the 3¢ prepaid era) the penalty rate was used.

The addressee, though a postmaster, would have to show such a payment made in his records, as the fact it was a charged letter would appear on the "post bill". Though the town of New Hope could also have made the list of towns where the postmaster lost the free-frank because his salary or commissions now exceeded \$200.00 per year.

We leave that question to a Bucks County historian.

You might check your own free-franked covers and discover the crossed out "FREE's" and additional rating marks add a dimension of interest not previously noted.

References: Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States of America, 1825 through 1852, and Post Master General Reports (1847); reprinted by Theron Wierenga, Holland, Michigan.

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By William Seifert

It's hard to believe that over 15 years have past since the postal strike of 1970 and the birth of the Albany Letter Express. For two days, March 23rd and 24th, the express service operated legally and provided letter service as first class mail was not delivered by the U.S.P.O.D.

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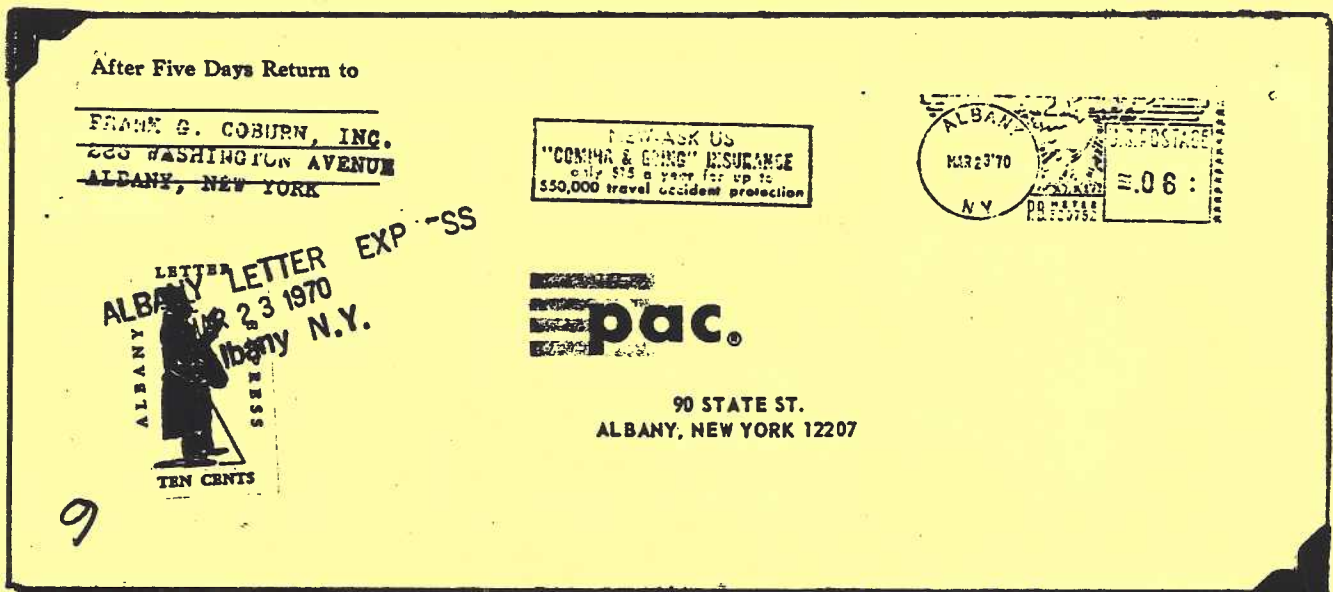
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Second and last day of use. Note professional paid stamp used on all second day and souvenir covers. These are much more plentiful but still had to come by. Note all covers have US postage cancelled by the Albany Letter Express

PAID CANCELS ON 3¢ 1861 STAMP FROM NEW YORK STATE
by: Chester Wilcox

This is a tabulation of the PAID markings used in New York State on the 3¢ 1861 stamp that are known to me. A few of the markings are on the grilled stamps of the same design. This is still a limited study and more than triples the number in Dr. Knowles' article published in the February 1981 Bulletin, an indication that there must be many more still unreported.

The listing is divided into three groups. The first group shows the types reported by George Linn in his book, "The PAID Markings on the 3¢ U. S. Stamp of 1861". The second group shows other types for which tracings are available. The third group shows other uses with as much information as is available for them.

Thanks are extended to the following people for their help with this tabulation: Arthur E. Beane Jr., Donald Garrett, Jim Hopkins and Howard Marks. Special thanks are extended to George and Evelyn Lewis for making tracings of some of the markings and for supplying transparencies of all of the markings.

Three of the markings are on the covers and not on the stamps. They are included because of their use on covers containing the 3¢ 1861 stamp. The markings are New York PAID IN OVAL, PAID 15 IN CIRCLE (barely tied) and Plattsburgh TOWN, STATE and DATED PAID.

LINN TYPES

- GOTHIC I Dayton (blue)
- GOTHIC IV Cowlesville, Oblong (#94)
- GOTHIC V West Burlington
- GOTHIC VI Livingstonville
- GOTHIC VII Jay, Solsville (red)
- GOTHIC VIII Bristol, Canaan 4 Corners, Charlotte, Delphi, Great valley, Plessis, Sand Bank, Stockton, Vienna, Yorkshire Centre
- ROMAN I Bellona, Benton, Champlain, Clarence, Corning, Durhamville (blue), Fredonia, Holley (#94), Kings Ferry, Walton, West Troy
- ROMAN II Greig, Hastings Upon Hudson, Macedon, North Lawrence, Peru, Scott, Wilson (#94 blue)
- ROMAN IV Canajoharie
- ROMAN V Honeoye, Hornellsville, Mt. Kisco, New Berlin, North Shore, Perry, Watkins, Weedsport, Westerlo, West Troy, Woodhull
- ROMAN VI Allegany, Crescent
- ROMAN XVI Massena

LINN TYPES

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 GOTHIC TYPE I GOTHIC TYPE IV GOTHIC TYPE V GOTHIC TYPE VI GOTHIC TYPE VII GOTHIC TYPE VIII

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 ROMAN TYPE I ROMAN TYPE II ROMAN TYPE IV ROMAN TYPE V ROMAN TYPE VI ROMAN TYPE XVI

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 OVAL TYPE I OVAL TYPE III CIRCLE TYPE I CIRCLE TYPE IV 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE I 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE III

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE V 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE VIII 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE XXI 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE XXVI 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE XXVIII 3 IN CIRCLE TYPE XXXI

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 3 IN ARC TYPE I FANCY PAID TYPE II TOWN - STATE - DATE TYPE I TOWN - STATE - DATE TYPE II PAID MANUSCRIPT

TYPES UNLISTED IN LINN

PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 Brooklyn, N.Y. (Similar) Chicago Forks, N.Y. Clayton, N.Y. McConnellsville, N.Y. New York, N.Y.
 PAID PAID PAID PAID PAID
 New York, N.Y. Ohioville, N.Y. Oswego, N.Y. Springfield, N.Y. Wadhams Mills, N.Y.

PAID IN OVAL I Cold Brook

PAID IN OVAL III Fredonia, Newburgh, North Stockholm, Stony Brook

PAID IN CIRCLE I Ithaca, Ogdensburgh, Oswego, Rome, Wellsville

PAID IN CIRCLE IV Genoa

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE I Clinton, Rushville (black, blue)

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE III Cohocton, North Brookfield

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE V Cameron

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE VIII Bridgeport (#94), Moira, Red Falls, Williamson,
Willsborough (black, blue)

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE XXI Ceres, Fair Haven, Marion, Plessis, Valley Falls,
Vernon Centre

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE XXVI Stamford

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE XXVIII Bouckville

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE XXXI Jefferson, Red Creek, Sherwoods, South Amenia

PAID 3 IN ARC I Factoryville, Peru

FANCY II Blooming Grove

TOWN, STATE and DATED PAID I Fishkill Landing

TOWN, STATE and DATED PAID II Plattsburgh

MANUSCRIPT East Hounsfield

TYPES UNLISTED IN LINN

GOTHIC McConnellsville, Ohioville

PAID IN OVAL New York (blue), North Stockholm

PAID IN CIRCLE Brooklyn, Clayton

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE Wadhams Mills

PAID 10 IN CIRCLE Chenango Forks

PAID 15 IN CIRCLE New York (red)

TOWN, STATE and DATED PAID Springfield

PAID IN SCROLL Oswego

UNKNOWN TYPES

PAID Canandaigua, Clayville, Gowanda, Greene, Ovid, Pembroke, Tonawanda,
Victory Mills, Wales Centre

BOXED PAID Avon

PAID IN CIRCLE Camden, Orient

PD IN CIRCLE Sparrowbush

PAID 3 IN CIRCLE Remsen, South New Berlin (blue, green), Watertown

TOWN, STATE and DATED PAID Addison

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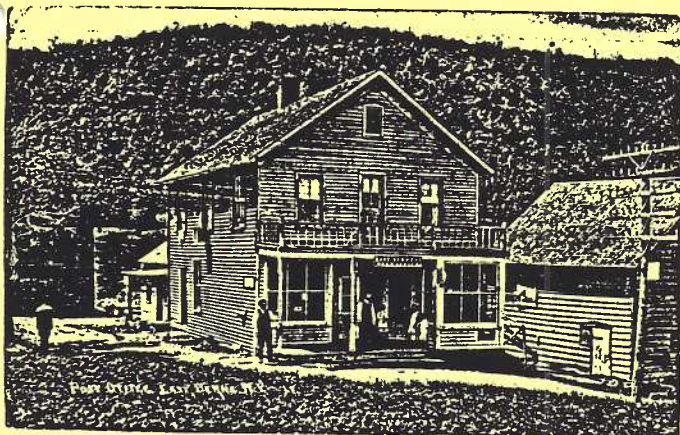
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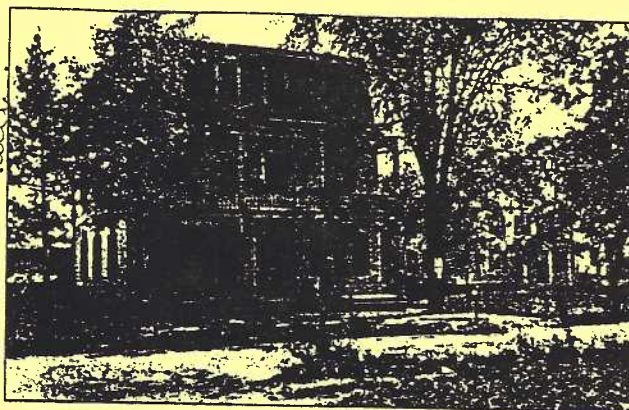
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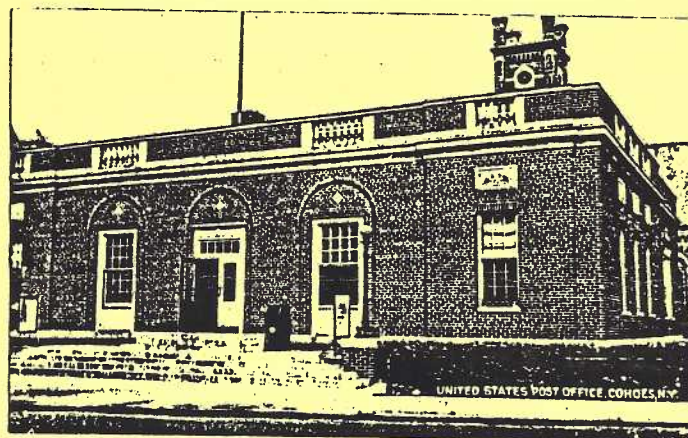
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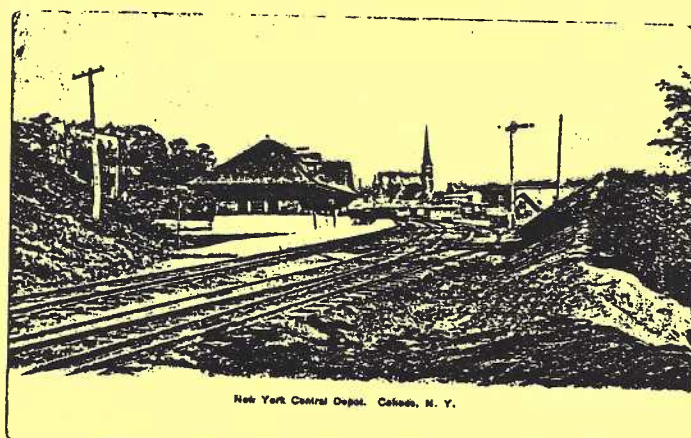
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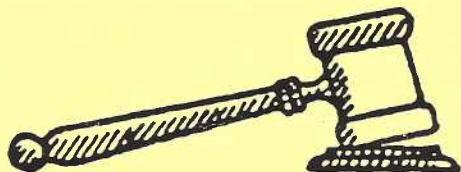
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3A. 1.25	27. 4.25	53. NB	78. 1.50
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4. NB	29. NB	55. 1.25	80. 1.25
5. NB	30. 1.25	56. 1.25	81. 1.00
6. 16.00	31. 2.25	57. NB	82. 2.25
7. 3.25	32. 3.50	58. NB	83. 9.00
8. 2.50	33. 21.00	59. 3.75	84. 2.75
9. 13.00	34. NB	60. 3.25	85. 3.25
10. 36.00	35. NB	61. 2.00	86. 5.00
11. 10.50	36. 1.00	61A. 6.50	87. 7.00
12. 2.75	37. 9.00	62. 9.50	88. 6.00
13. NB	38. 3.50	63. 3.00	89. 7.00
14. 215.00	39. 4.75	64. NB	90. 2.25
15. 1.25	40. 14.50	65. 15.50	91. 1.00
16. 4.25	41. 10.50	66. 11.00	92. NB
16A. 13.00	42. 6.50	67. 3.25	93. 2.25
17. 6.00	43. 5.00	68. NB	94. 2.75
18. 5.50	44. 6.50	69. NB	95. 2.00
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- 1778 REV WAR item- NYC to BROOKHAVEN (L.T.) No Postal Markings as NYC was in hands of the BRITISH at this time! Addn to Jonas Hawkins. Commercial note from T.eman & cook- A VF, slightly aged FLS----
- MILLARD FILMORE Autograph--on tax inquiry. Has red 28m CDS-ALBANY/DEC22/ NV -2 HS 2(Drop Letter Rate) on F+(ffs) 1847 FLS...
- 2 stpls covs- 1.CANANDAIGUA/MAR3/N.Y. in red 30m CDS with HS(tiny 6m) 5 in 18m Oval on VF 1846 FLS- 2.PHELPS/DEC18/N.Y. in lg bold 33m CDS with HS 5 on F+, slightly foxed ENV-Conts.
- Bold red CANTON/MAR24/N.Y.(stencil cut) in 31m CDS with HS PAID & lg(16m) 10 on lg some-what aged FLS. (1846)
- BRATTLEBORO/FEB10/Vt in red 29m CDS with lg 14m HS 5 on VF 1848 FLS....

6. 2 FLSs- WASHINGTON CITY/TAN2/D.C. in or-red. 31m CDS with HS PAID & msc 25on F, slightly soiled 1844 FLS.-2. HALLOWELL/TUN19/M9 in or-red 30m CDS with msc 6 on F(ffs) 1843 FLS...
7. VF 1860 FLS with printed cont. re: Postal Service complaints.-Has WASHINGTON CITY, D.C./FEB26 1860/FREE in 33m CDS with TREASURY DEPARTMENT/U.S. COAST SURVEY OFFICE, etc & Frank of W R Palmer..V v unusual P.H. item!!!
8. MSG- ORLEANS, NY/Apr 12 & Paid 6 on VF(ff) 1845 FLS.....Nice letter....
9. MSC- UNADILIA NY/8 March & 12 on F+, slightly aged FLS datelined FRANKLIN 1831-V v Nice!!!
10. MSC- DERBY VT/17. Sept & Paid 10 on VF(ffs) 1840 FLS--Pol. Let. signed by Lemuel Richmond add to E. Fairbanks at St. Johnsbury----
11. MSC- NORTH HARTLAND VT/Feb15th with F pen-canc. #26 on F+ Lady's ENV with flap embossed with Silver & Gold trim---lovely!!!
12. Ave #26-pen-canc.(not tied) with bold NORTH HAW-ERSTRAW/N.Y. in 36m CDS & msc missent & Ford on somewhat bedraggled & soiled ENV...
13. 2 SCHENECTADY, NY items-1. CDS ties almost F #11 to slightly aged ENV..2. DCDS & tar kil ties #65 to somewhat foxed ENV....
14. 3 ENVS in Ave cond with #11s all tied by WARREN-SBURGH, NY CDSs - 1 has margin copy...
15. 5 ENTIRES-2 are #U9 with blue WILKIN, NY & ALRAWY, NY(black) CDSs--3 are #U10 with CHINA, NY; ITW-ACA, NY & rimless BUFFALO, NY CDSs--All are F+ & 1 has cont.---A choice Lot!!!
16. 6 #U10 Entires-All NYS-RINGHAMTON(weak); GLENN'S FALLS(HAS CONT); GOUVERNUR(weak); OSWEGO; PALMYRA & HOMER--Ave to VF....
17. CLAYVILLE, JUL15/N.Y. & s-o-n 4x16m HS PAID(slightly slanted let.) on VF 365 on F ENV-Cont.
18. SPECTACULAR POST. HIST.--RETURN LETTER OFFICE ITEM WITH ENCLOSURE - Outer Cov is Official P.O.D. Return letter off. ENV with printed instructions to PM at left & printed DUE 3 CENTS AT RIGHT(just into, in opening env.) Also has red 23m DCDS-SENT/NOV16/1865---Enclosure is VF ENV with 3c #65 & CDS(weak) of CLIFTON PARK, NY + msc ADVERTISED Sept1st/1865/NOT CALLED FOR & add to CHARLTON, NY & bkstd. CHARLTON/NOV1/N.Y.--Outer ENV add to CLIFTON PARK, is slightly worn & irregular at right from opening--RARE SARATOGA item!!!
19. 3 #68s(10c greens) + 2 #65s tied to lg F(ff) yel ENV(much docketting on face) by NYC CDS & cork kil. Addr. to U.S. District Court at PH-TIA. so obviously carried legal docs. Unusu!!
20. o/c #26 tied by cork kil to F ENV with E.BOSTON M9/JAN14 1859/PAID--CDS docketed in ink on face. Still nice!!
21. 2 #U35 ENTS- Both have outlined STAR-TN-Circle kills but diff. UNION SPRINGS, NY CDSs- F-VF--
22. 3 covs with #65s- 2 have ccs of FIRST NAT. BANK of MOUNT JOY, PA in fancy rectangles & MOUNT JOY CDSs- 3rd has or-red 25m CDS of BOSTON & black HS PAID-in-rect tying stamp. All F-VF.
23. 2 covs with GRILLED #94s- 1 tied by DCDS of GRAND RAPIDS, Mich & other has greenish-blue CDS-LYME, Ct.-Both are F+ ENVs!!!!
24. 2 s-o-n PAID HSs on 2 covs with #65s--DUBLIN, N.H. on VF ENV & ENFIELD, MS CDS on slaged ENV.
25. 2 covs with #65s & Unusual ccs-1 has VINELAND/ JAN15/N.J. in 30m CDS + cc "TO ALL WANTING FARMS./New Settlement of VINELAND, etc., etc." on left side of ENV at lower left is vert. PR-INTED-VINELAND P.O./N.J.-all on sl. aged yel. ENV--2nd has NEW BRITAIN/JAN14/CT. in 34m CDS & cc-MALLEABLE IRON WORKS/NEW BRITAIN CT. 8ct. etc.- on VF ENV---A nice pair of covs...
26. 3 MIDDLEBURY, VT covs with DCDSs-2 are in blue & 2 have 1863 yr dates- All with #65s tied.
27. 2 o/c #114s tied by TROY, NY CDSs to nice sm cr-oss border cov-bkstd-Clinton, UC 1879-Late use.
28. F #169 6cBNdn.F Front--Printed addr. to NAT. UL-STER COUNTY BANK with 1880 NYC CDS.
29. 3c POST. DUE-F #J3 pen-canc- & 3cgr BN tied by 1880 CDS of BROOKLYN, NY-Also has purple HS Due 3 Cents. Probably applied at SARATOGA SP-RINGS as bksp of same is in identical color as due HS on face----V early P.D. Stamp use!!!
30. 10c #209 tied to F+ #U222 ENT by purple SL HS-REGISTERED,/MAR8 1887/WILKES BARRE, PA. & msc "Via England"-Also has NYC Regis. Label & various bksp- To Germany-5c post+10c regis.
31. o/c15c #189 tied to F+ legal size ENV by 1882 NYC CDS & kil-Also has msc "Per Steamer Via England & cc of INVESTMENT & SECURITY EXCH-ANGE + German bksp- V. v. scarce on cov!!!!
32. 2 VERMONT 3c BN covs-JAMAICA, VT with nice violet CDS.-2nd-CDS of NORTH WILLISTON, VT with cc of BROWN & SON/BUTTERTUBS, etc+conts-Both VF!
33. #049 tied by blue BURLINGTON, VT CDS tar kil to F+ yel ENV with "OFFICIAL/This ENV is to be used only for/ PO Business"-Printed in LL corner--Cont printed receipt for REGISTERED Packages!!! Lovely & unusual!!!
34. VF 1c Post. Due #J22 on 1c Columbian Ent. tied by UTICA, NY Rec'd CDS & affixed over RICH-FIELD SPRINGS, NY CDS(to where originally ad-dr.) & forwarded to UTICA, NY! Try & find one!
35. MOIRA, FRANKLIN CO.,/SEP24 1881/N.Y. in clear DCDS with 3c gr BN & fancy cc of MOIRA HOUSE+ +bold HS FORWARDED in 25x6m box-Stamp has pre-affixed closed tear--A v. unusual item!!!
36. NORTH HAMDEN, DELAWARE CO.,/JUN17 1885/N.Y. in lg DLDCDS(outer line serrated)-Also has DL OCTAGONAL DS of WALTON, NY both on same side of VF REGIS. PACKAGE RECEIPT-Rev. sign. by PM!
37. 4c #303 + #307 tied by Oval NYC REGIS. kil with magenta DCDS 1906 REGIS. HS all on some-what worn legal size ENV with BANK OF MANHAT-TAN CO. cc. Revs. has lg magenta rect. HS-NEW YORK/REG.-Unusual example of 8c Regis fee + 8x times 1st class postage(16c) so correct 24c.
38. ADV COV-Almost overall fancy-ALBANY NURSERY/ John Wilson./FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREES SHRBS & FLOWERS etc. with 1861 ALBANY, NY CDS ty-ing(?) poor 10c #35 to F slightly worn or-ange ENV to CANADA- Has bksp-SOLD "AS IS"!!!
39. ADV COV-Red & blue SCHOEELKOPF & MATTEWS./196/ BROWN'S PATENT PROCESS/BUFFALO, NY -in fancy 4m circle under- MCKINLAY & CO/ALBANY, NY cc-has 1908 ALBANY, NY CDS on 2c red ENT. Conts-3 pieces-2 with illus lhd- Lovely!!
40. 2 lg ADV COVs-Both identical except for slight-ly diff color.-Almost overall-THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME/WHEN WARMED WITH THE/VANCE BOILER/etc., etc.-with illus of VANCE BOILER at left- Both have 2c reds of 1898 tied by GENEVA, NY CDSs. Somewhat worn ENVs(ff)---
41. ADV COV-Almost Overall(+ back flap) adv of WATERBURY RUBBER CO with 4 illustrations + vert. cc-49 Warren St., NY/Sole m'f'rs & Owners of all the/SPHINCTER GRIP/Gal'v'd Steel Armored Hose Patents, etc." Has 1c #219 (circular rate) tied by tar kil. SPECTACULAR!
42. 3 covs- 2 with unusual ccs(1 brown with 2 1c #219s tied by ROCHESTER, NY 1892 CDS)-3rd has 1c blue BN (Circ. rate) tied by BOSTON 1883 CDS & BOSTON FISH BUREAU cc-All on slightly worn ENVs....
43. ADV COV-Has lg cc-LUNT MOSS/COMPANY/BOSTON, MS. & fancy "POWER" in 62x20m RIBBON across top. Has #319 tied by 1907 BOSTON mach canc. Cont. 2 pieces-1 with illus letterhead----
44. Fancy red & blue cc- ESTABLISHED 1864 NEECED MALIS & Coat of Arms + along side-cc of CHASE & SANBORN/Importers./BOSTON, MASS & 1902 fancy FLAG canc. of BOSTON tying 2c red of 1898 to F+ ENV.----

45. ADV COV-Left 1/3 of F+ ENV has illus of MARINE ENGINE-with DETROIT ENGINE WORKS, etc/ Cable Addr."MOTOR CAR" Detroit. Has 1909 Mach. canc. of DETROIT, MICH tying TWO CENT WASH. HEAD- Cont 2 pgs with illus Lthd----
46. ADV COV-Lg fancy, across the top, illus-CHICK'S /LUMBER, /MILL/SILVER LAKE, NH with 1909 QDS: canc of same tying TWO CENT WASH HEAD (slightly dam, in opening) on F+ ENV. Has Conts!
47. FANCY GREEN cc- Illus of TREE with BEE on one side & WASH on other with verse below-"SEE the wasp & the Bee/1 drawing poison & the/ other drawing honey from the same tree"Has 1915 FLAG canc of CAMBRIDGE, MS TYING 14: WASH HEAD to VF ENV--Very pretty cov.---
48. Lg illus cc of SPROUT WALDRON & CO./FRENCH BURR & EMERY ROCK MILLS, etc-with illus of MACHINE & 1892 CDS of MUNCY, PA.-Has 2¢ #219D on VF ENV.-----
49. 2 RUTLAND, VT covs with 2 diff lg fancy ccs of E.D. KEYES & CO./GROGERS, etc.etc. & 3¢ gr BNS Both F(1 has a few fly specks) Nice pr. of ENVs!
50. 2 RUTLAND, VT covs with diff ccs of the RUTLAND FAIR/etc. with 2¢ WASH HEAD tied by diff RUTLAND CANS, (1 FLAG)-Both VF ENVs-A nice pair!
51. ADV COV-Lg red & green Illus of Sack of PURINA CHOWS below cc of BURDITT BROS/etc./RUTLAND, VT.-Also illus of string of animals-SHEEP; COY; MULE; PIG & CHICKENS along bottom of F ENV-Revs. has overall red & gr Adv of PURINA PLAN. Has 2¢ WASH HEAD tied by RUTLAND QDS!!!
52. Commercial ANTARTICA cov-Has cc GIMBEL BROS./ 33rd & Edway/N.Y., NY with blue NRA EAGLE ill- us. below & BYRD stamp tied by 1935 LITTLE AM- CDS.Revs. has official cachet-BYRD ANTARTIC EXPED. II/ etc./2nd Collection/MAIL & PEN- GUINS. All on VF ENV. Unusual!!!!
53. ADV & TROLLEY CAR cov-Lg(1/3 cov), red illus of pr. of HORSES pulling STEAM FIRE ENGINE with-INSURANCE/G.M. RUSSELL/WILMINGTON, VT. above & DEERFIELD VALLEY/INSURANCE AGENCY below-Has 2¢ 1898 red tied by clear 1901 BOSTON FLAG canc with BOSTON/CIRCUIT/RPO in same. On F slightly aged ENV-A v. v. unusual combination cover!!!!
54. R.F.O.--CLEVELAND O/R.P.O. in wavy line mach canc with 1916 CLEVELAND, O CDS on slightly aged PPC showing HOTEL STATLER, Detroit, M.
55. SOUTH WEST/CIRCUIT/R.P.O. in 1898 Trip 1 PHILA. FLAG canc on F(sm closed tear at top rt just into CDS) ENV.!!!!
56. EAST/=SIDE./R.P.O. in ROCHESTER/TRIP 8/1898/ N.Y. FLAG canc on VF ENV with Oval RECEIVED/1 & BUFFALO, NY CDS on revs----NICE!!!
57. Complete, properly folded GRANT Letter Sheet - not postally, but with letter written on the inside datelined LEBENON, Dec 11, 1888- F+, slightly aged -----Series 3----
58. RECEIVED/TA/ PACKAGE BOX COLLECTION within wave lines of GRAND CENTRAL STA 1912 canc Ties 1¢ WASH HEAD to F+ PPC of State Capitol ALBANY, NY--V hard to find POST.HIST. mkg.!!
59. Another scarce & unusual P.H. mkg.-POSTAGE STAMP /---/LOST IN/TRANSIT/ NEW YORK P.O.- in magenta 30m HS with cc-MAYOR'S OFFICE/GIRARD, ALA. & 1910 CDS of GIRARD + Oval-NEW YORK/ UD in DODS-F(flap missing + sm piece just in- to top of HS.-----!!!!
60. CONKLIN STATION/JUN 29/N.Y. in magenta CDS with black tar kil on #UX7 PC F but soiled on revs.
61. NEHASANE/APR 30 P.M. 1954 in purple CDS with 4 bars tying 2¢ Prexy---LAST DAY OF P.O.- V scarce HAMILTON COUNTY item!!!!
62. R.F.D./APR 17 1908 A.M./WEST HENRIETTA, N.Y. & 4 bars with 3 in center-on VF Greeting Card--
63. R.F.D./AUG 4 P.M. 1910/MADRID SPRINGS, N.Y. & 4 bars on VF Birthday Card----
64. R.F.D./DEC 31 1909/FORESTVILLE, N.Y. & 4 bars with 5 in center-on F slightly aged New Yrs Card. Unusual last day of year canc....
65. R.F.D./NOV 27 1907 P.M./BOLTON LANDING, N.Y. + 1¢ MONT CLAIR, N.J. FLAG -canc-on F+ embossed THANKSGIVING Card showing TURKEY & SAILING SHIP--Pastel multi-colors--V nice!!!!
66. Unlisted DOANE Type I canc- MOUNT IVY/AP 14 PM 1906/N.Y. with 2 in bars-ties #300- F+ with GOOD GROUNDS recd. CDS also on face-ROCK.CO.!
67. #401(perf 10 PAN-PAC 1¢) tied by REYNOLDSVILLE, NY 4 bar CDS to VF Greeting Card.Scarce so!!!
68. FDC of BOTH SARATOGA & VERMONT 2¢ Commems. on a single F+, uncached ENV with 1927 ALBANY, N.Y. CDS---Scarce thus!!!
69. 3 covs-1: FDC of STEUBEN 2¢ red on F+ uncached ENV with NYC mach canc..2: WHITE PLAINS 2¢ red on F+ ENV with WHITE PLAINS 1926 CDS & 3- 3¢ gr BN with lg PARISHVILLE, NY CDS on F yellow ENvelope/
70. FDC-30¢ TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRMAIL #C24-on VF uncached ENV..Has NYC CDS...
71. FDC-#735 Imperf(single from sheet)-with lovely dark blue NAT. STAMP EXHIB. cachet & NYC CDS on VF ENV.....!
72. V.V. RARE Flight cov--In 1925 the over 1500 mile Airmail rate was reduced to 20¢-on all CONTRACT Routes--However, the rate for non-contract flights remained at 24¢--This fact has been overlooked by almost all Airmail flight cov collectors both then & now. (I do not believe it was caught by even the editors of the AIRMAIL Cat.--Here is a VF ENV with a pr. of 11¢ #563 + #629(=24¢) with a purple HS-VIA AIR MAIL -msc, tied by 1927 CDS of SAN FRANCISCO & bkstpd PHILA. to where addr. Almost invisible fold in ENV only.A GEM++!!
73. 1st FL/JUNE 1, 1928/SCHENECTADY/N.Y. & illus of Plane over Canal/AIRMAIL C.A.M. 20/ALBANY - BUFFALO- in purple cachet(struck twice) + SCHENECTADY/JUN 1 5PM 1928/N.Y. mach canc tying #C10--Also has cc GREETINGS VIA/FIRST AERIAL MAIL/FROM SCHENECTADY/HOTEL VAN CURLER-on VF Airmail ENV--bkstpd- NICE!!!
74. HS FIRST FLIGHT/PAN AM. AIRWAYS/TRINIDAD-NEW YORK/DIRECT in purple box with 2¢ & 12¢ GEO. VI stamps of TRINIDAD-TOBAGO-canc by PORT OF SPAIN, TINIDAD G.P.O. 1946 CDS-bkst. NYC!!!
75. U.S.S./JAN 4 AM 1934/NORTHAMPTON in CDS with U. S.S.MACON/SIGHTED-between kil bars tying 2¢ WASH BI-CENT.-Also has printed fancy cachet of U.S.S.NORTHAMPTON & is autographed by J. R.McRAULS, pilot, etc. + cc-U.S.S.NORTHAMPTON'S VS9 SQUADRON PLANES/sighted the Enemy Scout/ the U.S.S.MACON(ZRS-5)/at 6:45 AM, etc, etc--- Bkst. SAN PEDRO NAVAL STA. -A lovely FLEET EX- ERSISES cov on VF ENV-----!!!!
76. R.R. item-2¢ black HARDING tied by EDMESTON & SIDNEY/OCT 15 1923/R.P.O. CDS to VF ENV....
77. 2 lg WEATHER FORECAST Cards with HS Weather forecasts on revs. Both have WALTON, NY CDS & printed U.S.DEPT of AGRIC./WEATHER BUREAU/ OFFICIAL BUSINESS penalty message & cc-IM- MEDIATE/U.S. WEATHER REPORT/By authority of the P.O.D., etc. etc.-Each slightly dam. at 1 corner---A v. unusual POSTAL HISTORY item!!!
78. U.S. ENT overprinted PHILIPPINES(Phil.#U10) with CDS-MANILA, P.I./AUG 28 5:30P/1905 & ve- rt. bars-Has BROOKLYN, NY/REC'D/OCT 2 1:30 PM 1905/BATH BEACH STA. on revs.F, sl aged, ENT.
79. U.S. ENT overprinted PHILIPPINES(Phil.#U17) with CAMP STOTSENBERG, FEB 17 1904/P.I. in purpleDCDS(str. twice) on VF, clean(ff) ENT.!
80. W I-AM REDCROSS PC pictureing group of sol- diers on truck-captioned-"In an American CA- AMP"-No post. mkg. but annotated "Somewhere in France/1919/Beaupre"-Minor edge irreg...

81. W I PPO-Photo of troops being reviewed + Band at FORT SLOCUM, NY-Has NEW ROCHELLE, NY 1917 FLAG canc containing therein-FCRT SLOCUM/MILITARY BRANCH tying 2¢ WASH HEAD--VF-SHORT LIVED PO Branch!!!!
82. 2¢ red BRADDOCK commm. tied by GUAM/JUL16 5PM 1940/GUAM, CDS & bars with HS 37m DC-WAR DEPARTMENT/POSTED ON THE/HIGH SEAS/JUL15 1940/U.S.A.T./U.S. GRANT/ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE--Unusual to say the least-VF ENV-bkstd.....
83. 5 W II Airmail censored covs-1943-45-PORTO RICO; HAWAII. & 3 NAVY or ARMY POS-A nice lot!!!
84. Another Lot of 5 covs similar to, but different from above--Both lots great for War Cov Coll.
85. 4 covs with HUDSON-FULTON commems-1 PC & 3 ENV--Latter 3 with YONKERS, NY 1909 CDSs-Card has 1909 NYC CDS to FRANCE with correct 2¢ rate!!
86. 6 covs with diff 2¢ red commems on F-VF ENVs.-1913 to 1932.
87. 4 REGIS. covs-1913-22-All with interesting stamp combinations incl. 10¢ FRANK HEAD on re-valued ENT-another combination on 4¢ ENT-yet another with pr 7¢ WASH HEADS-etc.All on slightly aged ENVs or ENTs-F
88. 3 REGIS. covs-1931; 1934 & 1940- 1 has 17¢ WILSON single, others with int. combs. of stamps--VF--
89. 5 REGIS covs-1944-47-with int. combs. of PREXY stamps. All on F-VF ENVs---
90. Set of 4 VF & clean legal size ENVs with 4 diff red, white & blue cachets of MAYFIELD, FULTON CO. N.Y. BI-CENT. celebration--All have JULY 4, 1976 MAYFIELD CDSs-3 have BI-CENT commems.
91. 25 mostly early(1899-1921) FOREIGN PPCs--STR. SETTLEMENTS; TURKEY; MONACO; INDIA; FR. ALGERIA; etc., etc. Mostly F to VF!!!!
92. ALBANIAN cov.-Has 50 & 10qind(2) stamps tied by 1923 CDS to VF ENV....
93. ARGENTINA-HAS 4 marg #1 on F(horiz f) Addr. SHEET of FL-Nicely tied by blurred CDS!!!
94. 2 CZECHOSLOVAKIAN covs-Both REGIS. with 4 margined imperf #8 stamps tied by MOSOCZ & MI-AVA 1919 CDSs + Regis. labels of same on F slightly aged ENVs---
95. 3 DUTCH INDIES items-1 F slightly foxed 10¢ ENT with BANJOEMAS 1883 CDS(v. early use) + SL HS FOERBULINGO & various HS INDOISIAN or CHINESE CHOPS on both face & revs---2. VF unused 1st issue Reply Card(both fs) & 3. VF 5¢ blue, mint PC...
96. 1916 FINLAND censored cov with RUSSIA #66 tied by bold ABO-TURKU/9 VIII 16/*ABO*-CDS & 12/7/16 TORNEA CDS tying CENSOR SEAL--Regis Label on somewhat worn ENV--V. V. UNUSUAL!!!!
97. 2 BALTIC NATIONS items-LITHUANIA #170 tied by bold MARIJAMPOLE 1923 CDS to F+ENV--2:VF WRAPPER with 5 & 10p stamps of FINLAND tied by 1925(?) CDS + HS ENEMY OCCUPIED in 74x13m box + 20 in an 18m circle--Scarce!!!!!!
98. FRENCH stpls 1846 FLS-F(ff) with PAID/3 SP 3/1846 in or-red dashed circle CDS + PARIS/4 SEPT 46/60 in sm dcds & HB PD in box & blue 12 in circle---
99. GERMAN stpls. 1857 FLS-Heavy vert. ff & somewhat soiled-Has CHARLOTTEBURG/8 6 *11-12 in 37x12m box + HS 5/10 & msc 2 +NY US Pkt CDS....
100. URUGUAY- 11diff early Ave.-F, PCs-1 used(1900) Commem Card+4 have favor canc & 5 are MINT!

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