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"BEAVER CREEK"

FIRST POST OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKFIELD, N.Y.

The current village of Brookfield, N.Y. has been known by other names over the years. Located in the East-Central part of the township and in Madison County, the original settlement was first known as "Bailey Corners". It was named after Dr. Eli Bailey who was a physician and the pastor of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church. Not until the 1890's were both the village and Post Office recognized as being under the one name: Brookfield, N.Y.

The first post office known as Brookfield dates from Jan. 1, 1811 with Joseph H. Dwight as Postmaster. However, it was not located in the village of Brookfield. Rather, it was situated on the Madison County side of what is Unadilla Forks, N.Y.; the major portion of this hamlet

being in Otsego County.

However, the first post office in the village of Brookfield, N.Y. was designated "Beaver Creek." Without question it was named after the stream that flows south-easterly through the village and thence to the Unadilla River, joining the river just below the location of the well known "Carr Farm". This farm was settled and occupied by Percival Carr as agent for Lord Edmeston thereby fulfilling the terms of Edmeston's Patent. About opposite the mouth of Beaver Creek is where several American Scouts of the Revolution were ambushed by Mohawk Indians under Joseph Brant. The famous survivor of this attack was Adam Helmer who made his legendary run all the way to German Flats in the Mohawk Valley warning the early

settlers that marauding Indians were on the loose and raiding settlements in the region of Otsego County known as the "New England Settlements".

The Beaver Creek Post Office (the first in Brookfield proper) was established Jan. 21, 1820 with Joseph Clarke as Postmaster. Without doubt the gentleman's family was among the early settlers who gave the name of "Clarkville", to this pioneer settlement, one of the many names it was to bear. The post office continued as Beaver Creek until March 7, 1827 when it was renamed Brookfield with Joseph Clarke continuing as postmaster. On the same date, the post office known as Brookfield was renamed Unadilla Forks. Confusing to say the least to us of to-days generation but apparently taken in stride by those early residents.

The Beaver Creek cover illustrated herein is quite interesting. It is a manuscript cover dated Aug. 9th (1826) and you will note no rate is shown. Rather, the words "postage paid" appear in the upper right corner. Normally, the rate charged and the word "paid" would be shown. Makes you wonder if the postmaster collected the proper rate in this instance. How many other covers are there out there bearing only the notation "postage paid"?

Insofar as is known, this is the earliest manuscript cover for Beaver Creek. Further, it may be the only surviving cover from this post office. Any additional

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

We have received three letters with checks for advertising in the "Trading Post". It was gratifying. Its there for your use, so we hope our membership uses it. This is especially true of our once a year "freebe."

We received a letter from an upstate reader who has a collection of letters on the Civil War years, as well as the years up until 1880. When we get them we will decide how to publish them. However, this will not be until the Spring. One letter was sent and that may have the makings of an interesting short article.

We received a letter from a member James R. Adams who lives in the mid-west. Mr. Adams won a Gold and an APS Research Award at the 1989 Omaha Stamp Show. Mr. Adams exhibited material on the subject "The Development and Administration of the Postal System of NYS." It covered the state's postal history from the statehood period (1785-92) to 1855.

Naturally, this being the type of material we should be putting into the Bulletin, we wrote to ask Mr. Adams if he would be kind enough to share his materials, through an on-going series of articles, with our membership. He has agreed to do so and we hope to run the first of his articles in the Summer '90 issue.

Besides being an award winning exhibitor Mr. Adams is a judge at national shows. He has offered to give out ESPHS applications at shows he attends. We need more members who would be willing to do this. You can get applications from Maris.

For members who are looking for two inch Mylar corners, they are available from the Taylor Made Co., P.O. Box 406, Lima, PA 19037. The cost is \$24 per hundred. This seems expensive, but they are expensive to make and they are practically unobtainable elsewhere.

We are trying to organize a regional meeting in New York City either in February or March. We hope to obtain, through the cooperation of a new member, the use of the Collectors' Club as a meeting place. If things work out, and we won't know if they will until the end of January, all members in the area will be notified directly by mail.

Martin Margulis

ESPHS Dealers!Consider advertising in our BULLETIN!!! If you sell postal history or related items it would be hard to find a publication anywhere delivering more serious collectors per dollar. Also, you will be helping support the society while getting your message across to our readers who are active collectors and buyers. The rates are as follows:

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

You will remember that I requested a split October meeting. I opted to attend the western part held at Waterloo in order to have an opportunity to meet people with whom I would not otherwise have contact. It was a good meeting, attended by 13 members plus some guests. We discussed the value and purpose of meetings, saw a slide presentation of Chatauqua Co. covers and had a show and tell of our individual interests. A very informative presentation was made by Nate Calkins on the subject of Buffalo postal history. It was revealed that the Buffalo Stamp Club will be publishing his monograph on the subject. More than half of those attending brought material for an active bourse.

The Albany meeting was attended by 20 members. A power failure at the site had an impact on the continuity of the occasion. A short meeting was held. On the subject of holding meetings there was no consensus. Also there was no attempt to discuss collecting interests. There was a very active bourse. Where possible I will continue to promote regional meetings. I would prefer them to be informative and educational, as well as collecting opportunities. I would prefer to leave the business of the Society to the Officers and to be the prime topic of the annual meeting. There is scheduled a regional meeting in Albany on Sunday, January 28th. I would like to promote one for the middle of the state as well. The western group is continuing to meet monthly in East Aurora.

Knowing that we need more publicity, I am proposing that the Society have a table at both the 1990 ROPEX and EMPEX shows in order to give us more exposure to New York collectors. This will be taken up with the Directors. There would be a Society meeting planned coincidentally.

Presently there are listed over fifty stamp clubs in NYS, as affiliates of the American Philatelic Society. At least a third of these have annual shows. Here is another means of having exposure to collectors by promoting awards for postal history exhibits. This avenue has not been pursued for several years. I am seeking volunteers. I hope to have awards co-chairmen representing different parts of the state.

On a recent visit to the APS headquarters I reviewed the status of Kay and Smith's "New York State Postal History." We are almost out of the pocket edition of the "Federal Post Offices" reference. Creating the equivalent pocket edition from the newer reference would be desirable. Unfortunately, out of the original printing of 1,000 copies, there still remain over 400. It would seem that we have a challenge here to make NYSPH a collectors item by getting more ESPHS members.

I wish you all a prosperous 1990, full of wonderful collecting opportunities.

TRADING POST

WANTED: Any written, printed or photographic materials pertaining to Minisink, Center Point, Bushville and/or Greenville in Orange County, N.Y. Catherine Ardier, 124 County Route 35, Port Jervis, NY 12771

WANTED: 19th century US covers/cards with CANCELS with any of these words as part of the town name: FURNACE, FOUNDRY, FACTORY, POTTERY, FORGE, BLOOMERY, TANYARD, QUARRY, WORKS, KILN, MINE, MILL, SHOPS, etc. John Whittlesey, Breckenridge Village North, 36500 Euclid Ave., Suite B-666, Willoughby, OH 44094

WANTED: US 1869 issue covers from: New Jersey, Staten Island, Long Island, Block Island, Marthas Vineyard, Nantucket. Brad Arch, 144 Hamilton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011

WANTED: Otsego/Delaware PH. Early India cancels on Victorian issues Scott nos. 2 thru 35. US precancels Scott 1054 onwards. Hulbert, RD #4, Box 4A C, Oneonta, NY 13820

WANTED: Early Saratoga County, NY stampless, particularly Charlton, West Charlton, Ballston X-rds and Milton. John A. Lange Jr., Root Rd, RD #2, Ballston Spa, NY (518) 882-6373

FLORIDA covers wanted. Pre-1900 unusual postmarks of interesting content. Herbert P. McNeal, 520 Lakemont Av. South, Winter PArk, FL 32792

WANTED: BANKNOTE ERA wrappers, NYS fancy cancels, and NYC postal history (all usages). Gary O'Neill, 150 Bass Run Lane, Hamlin, NY 14464

<u>UNUSUAL</u> New York State Postal History <u>WANTED:</u> Pre-1855 stampless, Rates, Routes, Markings, and Usage. Anything unusual, any county, foreign usage, or cross border. Jim Adams, P.O. Box 40792, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240

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BEAVER CREEK (CONT. FROM P.1)

information on covers from Beaver Creek will be welcomed by the writer. Also, how many covers exist with no rate shown bearing only the words "postage paid"?

The content of the letter likewise is most interesting. It bears the dateline of Aug. 7, 1826, Columbus, N.Y., it being an adjoining township. While Columbus had it's own post office at this date, the writer apparently lived closer to or had business in Brookfield and mailed his letter from there. He is resigning his commission as Captain in the 18th Regiment, First Brigade and First Division of Cavalry of the State Militia, because of the consequence of now being outranked.

Obviously, he was "passed by" with some one else promoted over him in rank causing him to offer his resignation. It appears that human nature then was muchlike to-day or, perhaps, even more so. Incidentally, the letter is endorsed by Col. Gillespie, the addressee, who consents to

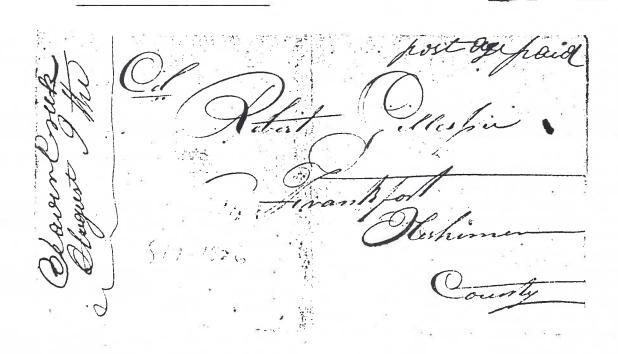
URGENT!!

FELLOW MEMBERS:

Many of you have promised to send me material for our very popular auctions but have failed to do so. I know how easy it is to ferget, so I am making this special effort to remind you: PLEASE send me your salable covers. Do not merely send your culls. A glance at the prices realized will show you the reason for this.

Unless a reasonable amount of said salable lots are forthcoming, our next sale (for which I have very few lots) may well be our last!!!

George J. Bernadt





Turn your surplus PH material into CASH...send lots for our auctions to George Bernadt!!!





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SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1984 ESPHS MANUSCRIPT BOOK

by Chet Wilcox

In most cases where a single listing was given previously, and a new early date is being reported, both dates will be shown. In this way it is not necessary to check all the old lists to get the information.

Listings that are underlined indicate additional data being added to a previous listing, such as the rate. Underlined entries can also indicate a correction of errors in previous entries.

TOWN	COUNTY	EARLY		LATE	
ADAMS BASIN				11/12/1877	UX5
ADAMS STATION	ALBANY	01/16/1873	3c BN		
ALBURGH	FRANKLIN	03/06/1882	UX5		
ALFRED CENTER				09/20/1851	5
ALMA		02/10/1858	# 26		
AMITY				01/08/ NYD	# 26
AMSTERDAM				08/27/1849	10
ANAQUASSCOOK		01/03/1837	18-3/4		
				04/11/ NYD	5
ANDES	ERIE	03/07/ NYD	#220		
ARMOR	ERIE	00/0// 112		02/06/1846	
ASTORIA L.I.		03/30/1820	18-1/2		
ATTLEBURY		1808	FREE	1868	# 65
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BARRE		03/09/1841	10-3/4		
BARRINGTON			10-1/0		
BEEKMANTOWN		09/26/1838	12-1/2		
BENTON		05/08/1818	10	07/10/1846	A TING
BENTON CENTER				07/10/1840	FAID 5
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BIG BROOK	ONEIDA	NYD	# 65		
BIG FLATT		04/04/1834			
BIG HOLLOW		02/07/1844	18-3/4		
BLACK RIVER		08/13/1839	10		
BLAUVELTVILLE				02/16/1860	# 26
BLISS	WYOMING	1880	3c BN		
BLOOMFIELD		05/06/1810	20	09/10/1812	17
BLOOMVILLE		07/01/1841			
BLOSSVALE				08/10/1864	# 65
BOGHT				NYD	U10
BOUCKVILLE	MADISON	04/22/1840			
BOVINA VALLEY		02/01/1867	# 65	1879	3c BN
BOYLSTON	OSWEGO	1864	# 65		
BRIDGEWATER	OBWEGO	10/01/1807			
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BUCKBRIDGE		04/24/1839			
BULLVILLE		01/15/1833			
BURLINGTON FLATS		04/07/1832	6	1848	5
BURRS MILLS				1848	5

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	CAIRO		10/28/1863	# 65 PAID 50		
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	CARROLL				1834	PAID 10
	CARTHAGE				02/08/1845	
	CASSVILLE			PAID 10		
	CASTILE		05/07/1825	12-1/2		
	CATHARINE CAZENOVIA		10/11/1834			
	CENTER WHITE CREEK			WAR RATE		
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	CHATAUGHQUE		05/24/1811	20		
	CHIEF WARRIOR	ERIE	06/29/1851	10		
	CHILI		10/12/1835	FREE		
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	CICERO					PAID 3
	CLARKSBURGH	ERIE	06/11/1867	# 65		
	CLIFTON SPRINGS	ONTARIO	NYD	FREE		
	CLINTON				10/28/1814	8
	CLINTONVILLE				1848	
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	CUBA		08/21/1824	12-1/2		
	DALE				03/28/1871	#147
	DARIEN		1833	18-3/4		
	DEARMAN'S	WESTCHESTER	12/14/1853			
	DELTA			PAID 12-1/2		
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EAST JEWETT EAST LEON		01/10/1882	3c BN		-
EAST NEW YORK		10/20/1838		09/07/ NYD	5
EAST PALMYRA EAST PIKE				12/11/ NYD	# 26
EAST SEMPRONIUS	CAYUGA	05/24/1826			
EAST UNADILLA	OTSEGO	08/30/ NYD	# 65	1863	# 65
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EGYPT		05/04/1840		NAD	FREE
ELIZABETHTOWN				1856	FREE
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HENRIETTA		1824		08/06/1830	
HERMON				1887	#210
HILL VIEW	WARREN	08/17/1879	UX5	08/27/1879	UX5
HIMRODS				04/04/ NYD	#114
HONEOYE				10/17/1849	PAID 5
HORNELLSVILLE				11/12/1859	# 26
HOWLET HILL				01/03/1847	10
HULLS CORNERS		1836		02/25/1841	6
HUNTS HOLLOW				03/ /1873	3c BN
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NEW YORK CITY: NINETEENTH CENTURY CANCELLATION FIRSTS By Roger Curran

what a fascinating study of early cancellations New York City (NYC) presents! For example, New York Foreign Mail Cancels of the 1870-76 period have long been the subject of philatelic scholarship and popular exhibits. There is a veritable goldmine of interesting and unusual fancy cancellations from the 1860s, a number of which are considered to be among the most desirable of U.S. fancies — from such items as the bird-on-nest, soldier's head and running man to the "Chittenden eagle" which auction houses like to suggest is virtually in a class by itself. 1/ And then there are patent cancellations where the obliterator was designed to cut into the surface of the stamp. Comparatively speaking, NYC did alot with these interesting cancellations in 1862 and again in 1866.

But none of the above cancels come within the subject of this article. What we intend to refer to here are "firsts" in terms of cancellation practices of some postal history significance in this country.

The NYPO pioneered the use of adhesive stamps in the U.S. The practices it adopted to obliterate those earliest stamps represent, of course, cancellation "firsts" and this is where we begin. Adhesive postage stamps appeared in England in May 1840 and the basic idea took root on this side of the Atlantic in February 1842 with the establishment of the private City Despatch Post (CDP) in NYC. As a part of its procedure, the CPD sold adhesive "free" stamps to permit letters to be sent postpaid. After about six months this local post was bought out by the NYPO which began operating the U.S. City Despatch Post (USCDP) in August. The USCDP continued the practice of issuing adhesives -- to denote prepayment of drop postage and city It modified a bit the design of the adhesive and the delivery/collection fees. obliterator of the CDP as illustrated in Figure 1.2/ The "U.S" canceler (note the absence of a dot after "S") represents the first obliterator designed and used by a U.S. post office to cancel an adhesive stamp. It was applied with a red ink and strikes are normally very well placed on the stamp.

In July 1845 the domestic postage rates were reduced and simplified to 5¢ per half ounce for distances under 300 miles and 10¢ for over 300 miles. Perhaps it was this new rate structure that encouraged individual postmasters to issue postage stamps because several did so within a few months, creating "postmaster provisional" stamps. These stamps were issued under authority only of the particular post office and were not recognized by other post offices. The first postmaster provisional was issued by New York postmaster Robert H. Morris in July 1845 and the earliest known usage is July 15, 1845. There are several covers bearing this date. The stamp on each was canceled by the well-known New York curved "PAID" illustrated in Figure 2 except for one cover where the stamp was uncanceled. On another cover the stamp was canceled both by the "PAID" and manuscript markings. 3/ Curved "PAID" markings had been used by the NYPO for a number of years before 1845 and, indeed, even when used to cancel the postmaster provisional were also separately applied to the cover indicating to other post offices that the cover was prepaid. Although not designed as an obliterator, the curved "PAID" handstamp does represent the first canceler of a postage stamp issued under authority of a U.S. post office to prepay postage between post offices. I do not know of examples of the curved "PAID" canceling 1847 issue stamps, but it is known canceling a 1¢ 1851 issue stamp and a USCDP stamp.

The curved "PAID" was not the principal canceler of the postmaster provisional. Philip T. Wall, who has made an extensive study of this stamp, reported that 80% of the used copies bear manuscript cancels. 4/ Very interestingly, he reports that this stamp is known canceled by the "U.S" in Figure 1. (There is also a report by Ashbrook of a usage of the "U.S" in black on a stampless cover to Canada in 1852.)5/

While the New York postmaster provisional was in use (1845-7), the NYPO did place into service a grid canceler to obliterate the stamp. It is the well-known square grid, an illustration of which appears as Figure 3.6/ The earliest known use is November 11, 1846 and this grid represents the first postmark in the U.S. designed specifically to cancel stamps paying postage between post offices.7/ At least two versions (basically different bar widths and numbers of bars) were used during the approximately five years that it has been noted.

The first general issue U.S. postage stamps were released by the USPOD in July 1847 and during the four years of their currency, the square grid remained the canceler of choice (but not the only canceler) in NYC. Incidentally, the earliest known uses of 1847 issue stamps appear on a cover from NYC dated July 2 bearing two 10¢ values canceled by the square grid and manuscript markings. Therefore, insofar as we know now, the NYPO was the first post office to cancel 1847 issue stamps and the square grid is the first handstamp canceler applied to such stamps.

The 1851 issue stamps appeared in July and for about six weeks the square grid continued to be the NYC canceler but the ink color was changed from red to black during that time.8/ Then New York adopted the practice, undoubtedly as a time saver, of canceling the stamp with the townmark. The square grid was still used to cancel stamps on letters reaching NYC from other post offices wherein the originating post office overlooked the cancellation task. The latest example known to the writer is a folded letter to NYC datelined Philadelphia, December 13, 1851.

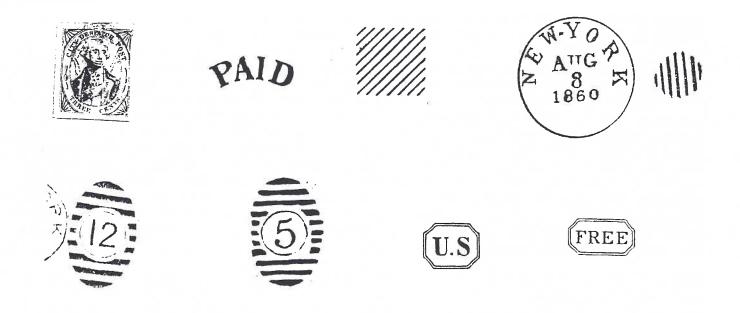
The NYC townmark remained the exclusive canceler throughout the rest of the 1850's. On July 23, 1860 a supplemental postal regulation was issued which forbade the use of the townmark as the canceler. This created great consternation at the NYPO. After a few days of the double handstamping workload, NY postmaster John Dix began using a duplex townmark and grid canceler. He so advised the USPOD in Washington and was informed that using his duplex was a patent infringement and Dix thereupon entered into an agreement with the inventor to employ such a device. Figure 4 is a tracing by the late Arthur Bond of his earliest known use of a New York duplex townmark and canceler device. 9/ Although such a duplex had been patented in 1859 and used experimentally in Troy, NY in 1859, the first regular use of this type of duplex began in NYC. After the July 1860 regulation was issued, the duplex townmark and canceler quickly became very popular in the U.S.

We now move to the 1870's and the introduction of the manufactured metal ellipse canceler. This ellipse is of special interest because it became by far and away the most popular obliterator type in use in this country just prior to the "machine age" of cancellations. The first regular use of such ellipses in the U.S. began in NYC in 1876 with the earliest reported date being May 3, 1876.10/ Figure 5 is an example. Interestingly, NYC had experimented before with a manufactured metal ellipse canceler, at least in late 1874 and early 1875. The earliest reported date is December 2?, 1874. (The second numeral in the date is illegible.)11/ A tracing of the 11-bar ellipse is shown in Figure 6. The same ellipse design with a "6" in the center has been recorded used in NYC from May 22, 1877 to August 31, 1877.12/

This completes our brief survey of NYC cancellation "firsts". It has always interested me that the NYPO was not more the pioneer of machine cancels, either with initial experimental efforts or in the regular, continuous use of machine cancellations. But these "firsts" belong to other post offices. Who, now, will add to the subject? Information on any of the following points, for example, would be of interest:

- (1) Are any 1847 issue stamps known canceled by the curved PAID?
- (2) Other than the 1¢ 1851 issue, are there 1851 or later issue stamps known so canceled?
- (3) Is the square grid noted used before November 11, 1846 or later than December 13/14, 1851?
- (4) Are other uses noted of the "U.S" on stampless mail to Canada in the 1850's, and are there any late uses of this canceler of any sort beyond those mentioned above?
- (5) Are there examples of the NYC duplex townmark and grid known before August 8, 1860?
- (6) Are there examples of the 11-bar ellipse used earlier than December 20, 1874?
- (7) Are there examples of the 9-bar ellipse known used earlier than May 3, 1876?

Reports and comments relating to these questions or any aspect of this article will be appreciated and may be addressed to the editor or to the writer directly at 8803 Mead Street, Bethesda, MD 20817.





FOOTNOTES

- 1. Hubert Skinner and Amos Eno, United States Cancellations 1845-1869; see tracings PA-B9, PH-F72, PH-F49, PT-E18.
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TERRITORIAL-Slightly ragged #65 tied by DENVER CITY/MD/C.T. CDS to F buff ENV...!

O/c #65 barely tied by FREE to sl aged buff ENV weak GEORGETOWN CDS-Stamp may have been added 38. BLEEKER/HD/N.Y. in bold 32m CDS w HS FREE & msc Frank of MG Hunt,PM on F+ brown ENV!!! 39 2 FLSs-SKANEATELES/MD/.N.Y.(periods hi) all let-sm in o-r 27½m CDS w cont dated 1828 THE HIVE. 2nd has 31m o-r CAMDEN/MD/N.Y. Both CDSs are 4. as glue signs around stamp. Sold as is! #65 well cent & w selvedge at top neatly tied by 40. lightly struck on slightly aged covers...

2 items-Clear COLD SPRING/MD/N.Y. in 35m CDS w HS
PAID/3-in-cir on sl aged br ENV. 2nd has v ft
33m o-r CDS of SUFFOLK C H/MD/N.Y. on lg ENV.
Tiny bold 22m CDS-GENEVA/MD on F FLS-No cont but round neg cross-hatched cork kil;same repeated twice at lower left of VF ENV ,w HARTFORD CONN CDS--Docketted vert, across cent of face. Also has v ft HELD FOR /POSTAGE at upper right: #65 w s-o-n lg MS PAID kil on VF orange ENV w blue MITCHELL/MD/IOWA CDS/--Neat!!! 6. 41. docketted 1820...A v nice cover!!! ORAMEL/MD/N.Y. in clear31m CDS w HS PAID/3-in-cir 42. 7 #65 tied by fancy blue Geometric kil w blue LOUISVILLE, KY CDS to F+ sl aged ENV--Nice!!
Huge PAID(26x8m) s-o-n of pr of #65s. On VF yel
ENV w KENNEBUNKPORT ME. cds (just off at top) on somewhat aged brown ENV. OVID/MD/N.Y in 30m blue CDS w HS PAID/3 in fancy 8. rectangle on small ENV... Faint REDWOOD/MD/N.Y.(NY fancy) in o-r 28m CDS w #65 w s-o-n cork SHIELD kil(S & E #PS-S15) on VF 9 sm ENV w CAMBRIDGE, MASS CDS---NEAT!!! HS PAID/3 in cir on F+ ENV 2 items w lt strikes-PETERBORO/MD/N.H. w HS PAID 10. #65 w blue s-o-n 5-in-cir & msc 1861 on VF ENV w & msc 3 (some extraneous writing into CDS) blue HILL/MD/M.H. CDS!!! 2nd has UNADILLA FORKS/MD/N.Y. (3 let miss) w HS PAID(arc)/3 on VF ENV .. 2 items-SACKETTS HARBOR/MD/N.Y. in 1t 30m o-r CDS 3 covs w #65s-2 hav partial cork kils on VF ENVs 1844. 2nd has clear blue 32m CDS TROY N.Y./MD/ 3rd is somewhat soiled & worn w HS ADVERTISED & CDS of ADRIAN, MICH ... 5cts. PAID/3-in-cir ties #65 to F(some minor tears at 12. ALBANY & BUFFALO/MD/R.R.(RR inv) in blue lightly struck 32m CDS on F 1847 FLS dateInd Syracuse U.S. EXPRESS MAIL/N.YORK/MD/N.Y. in o-r 30m TypeI top) ENV w BEDFORD PA./MD/PAID CDS #65(not tied) w grid kil & WARREN,O CDS on VF sm 13. ENV. Also has ADVERTISED/MD/1 CENT in Dbl Oval #65 tied by br GREEN RICHMOND, VA CDS to VF ENV!! (N.under X) w HS 5 on 1845 FLS-ffs thru CDS & 5.Addr to Erastus Corning. SamlEwing letter HUDSON RIVER HAIL--Msc B(for Boat) & 18 on F 2 #65 covs w RR mkgs. 1 tied by sm CHICAGO TO DUNLIETH CDS to VF ENV--Other tied by 1g PROV 14. 1820 FLS. NYC to Albany & STONINGTON/MD/R.R. to F+ ENV!!!
#65 w tiny s-o-n PAID & tied by VT. CDS to VF CHILICOTHE/MD/O. in o-r 30m CDS w msc 12% on 15. somewhat aged 1841 FLS. 51. 16. EAST GREENWICH/MD/R.I.in 30m CDS w attached small ,clean ENV .. 183/4 rate on slightly stained 1836 FLS-some ff breaks, still nice! Cont long letter. 52. #114-F cent-tied by tar kil to F sm ENV w fancy printed Addr Boxes on face. 1855 CANADIAN stpls w lg FAID./3-in-cir & undecipherable U.C. DCDS + bkstp of 17. 2 covs w #114s-usual cent-1 tied by tar kil to F 53. (sm stain) yel ENV w KINGSBERRY, NY CDS--Other FORT DOVER/MDY/U.C. All on sl wrinkled ENV. has HOLLEY, NY CDS on F+ ENV.. -AMENIA U S NY & 5 on somewhat worn 1849 54 3- 3c gr BN covs-1 has bold neg H in solid cir 18. FLS. Cont long letter datelined Amenia Union MSC--ELIZABETHTOWN NY & 12% on s1 worn 1834 FLS but sm corn of stamp torn off in opening.2nd has lg OVAL cc of GREENVILLE S.C. MERCHANT &3rd 19. has Lawyers cc of OSCEOLA, HO w CDS of same + CDS CLARKSBURGH, W VA from whence forwarded... Some breaks of inner folds..
MSC- HALF MOON/NY & 6 on somewhat worn & soiled 20. 1841 FLS..Cont datelined Middletown.. MSC-OXBOW NY & 6 on F(ffs) slaged 1832 FLS MSC-RICHFORD & 12% on somewhat stained 1830 FLS 55. 3 items-2 are 3c gr ENTs of which 1 has 1g neg L & other lg neg 6 both w NYC CDSs.-3rd is #UX9 w lg P in center of Oval grid-& NYC CDS 22 Contains long interesting letter.. 56. 3 ALBANY items-1 has lg fancy cachet SCHERMERHORN & SON w GRIFFINS & DOG, etc. (closed tear thru same) w 1900 ALBANY cds tying 2c red. 2nd has 23. As above but dated 1829!!! lg illus of TEN EYKE HOTEL w St. SCENE & 1917 MSC-WAWARSING/MD & 12-for double rate since cov. 24. CDS-3rd has 1940 ALBANY AIR MAIL cds on flight contains 2 sheets & a total of 3 lets-VF FLS. HSC-R ROAD & 12% on VF 1840 FLS--Contain long cov w ALBANY HOSPITAL cc... 25. Lovely v fancy overall ADV cov of C J HASTINGS, BUFFALO, NY w 1885 duplex canc of BUFFALO tying VF 2c br BN to VF ENV---A GEM!!! fascinating letter signed S Chase!!! #10 w 3 close marg & top panel cut off w s-o-n NEW-YORK/DEC 23 CDS on VF FLS w long let.. Pen canc #10 3+ marg from Pl#0 or 2E. w C.Chase 28. ADV cov w lg illus of BUNCH OF GRAPES & cc The NIAGARA WHITE GRAPE Co.,/LOCKPORT,NY on VF ENV 58. 27. w pr 1cblue BN tied by 1886 LOCKPORT CDS.NICE! notes on reverse.Long let in crosshatch writ Overall illus green ADV cov of GEO.F.GANTZ & CO. w pict. of BARRELS of CHEMICALS, ETC. & NYC 59. #11-4marg-w s-o-n Jun 10 in WASHINGTON DC CDS on 28. 1853 Addr Sheet.2- %in tears on face. #26 tied by grill to F+ ENV w bold blue(sl smear-CDS & fancy kil tying #65.--VF AnotherGEM ADV cov w lg blue illus of HAMMOND TYPEWRITER w 29 ed) 36m CDS-JOHNSON'S CREEK/MD/N Y.. 60. 1886 NYC CDS tying 2c br BN to VF ENV!!

Overall ADV cov w lg illus of ICE CUTTING on lake captioned THE ONLY CO. STORING/ROCKLAND LAKE 30 3 items-1 has #26 tied by 1t STOCKPORT STATION, NY CDS to F+ENV-Other 2 have #65s(1 corner miss)
PURDY'S STATION,NY(cont War Bride let) Last
has KINGSTON,NY CDS... ICE. VF ENV has 1885 NYC eds tying2c br BN!!!! Tied by fancy cork kil to VF ENV-Has DCDS of BROOKLYN, NY & cc of LONG ISLAND HIST SOCIETY! Red illus cc picturing sketch of INDIAN HEAD etc.
VF ENV has 1885 NYC canc tying pr 2c blue BNs!
ADV cov w lg illus of GRAND PIANO w huge WEBER above & WEBER PIANO WAREROOMS below same on VF
ENV. Has 2c br BN tied by 1885 NYC cancel.GEM! 31. 32. #65 tied by PATENT PUNCH kil & BUFFALO, NY CDS to F+ orange-buff ENV. 33 4 ENVs w #65s-all have cork kils-on F-VF covers. Overall blue ADV cov w fancy cc-of NURSERYMEN etc ROCHESTER, NY. has 1c blue BN tied by dark blue 2 F+ ENVs w #65s-Both have unusual kils-1 w cir-34. cled hollow STAR of UNION SPRINGS, NY other has cork kil to VF ENV----LOVELY!!! deep purple oval grid---A nice lot!!! #65 w lg bold s-o-n 3 on neat yel.ENV w CDS of 35. WILLIAMSON, N.Y. -- Skinner & Enos #NS-C7---! ADV cov-LG illus of COW, branded TRADE MARK cap-tioned 1g UTICA DAIRY above & MILK DEPOT/AND/ 96. Pale o-r BOSTON, MASS CDS ties sl o/c pr #63s to MANUFACTORY etc, below. 1888 UTICA NY CDS ties 3c gr BN to VF ENV w BUFFALO rec CDS. Illus U.S.CENTENNIAL of 1876 cov-Brown picture of VF buff ENV..Nice!! PATRIOTIC-DCDS CINCINNATI,O. ties pr #83s(1 has s/e & is folded over Env at top) to severly stained ENV-Has cachet of soldier hugging LIBERTY standing in arch containing cap.-PRO-CLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND.-+ other

illus-on VF ENV w 1c blue & 2c werm BNs.V RARE

girl.-A 3rd Stamp has been torn off cover

causing hole in same.

ADV cov of BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS w illus of GIRL in In the fol 10 lots of DOANE cancs, EKU; LKU & NEW In the fol 10 lots of DOANE cancs, EKU; LKU & NEW are relative to JACK HAEFELI'S listings in the LA POSTA March issue. All are NYS & on F-VF PCs!! AMPERSAND Type 2/3 Aug 4 05 DPO EKU... HOLLYWOOD Type 2/1 Jan 25 08 DPO LKU... OLD CHATHAM Type 2/4 Mar 11 05 NEW... PLAINVILLE Type 2/7 Jan 9 06 NEW... PRESHO Type 2/2 JUL 9 07 DPO NEW... SPRAKERS Type 3/5 May 27 07 EKU TIOGA CENTER Type2/4 Dec 22 08 EKU... USHERS Type 2/1 Jul 18 12 NEW... WAITS Type 2/1 Mar 9 11 DPO LKU... ANCIENT GREEK DRESS standing in garden. Has lg magenta 35m CDS-BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA./SEP20 1881/PHILLIP F BROWN, Prop. w 1c bl BN.V nice!! ADV cov-Has brown illus of JOINERS' RAFID CLAMP, 68. so captioned; etc., etc. w 1894 mach canc of CINCINNATI on VF 2c COLUMBIAN ENT. -- Unusual!!! #UX10 w multi-col picture of building at WORLD'S 69. COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION(Series 1 Design 3) Has 86. added 1c COLUMBIAN stamp -to Germany---VF! VF 3c + 2c Col.#s231-232 on F+ ENV to AUSTRIA!! #J23 Post. Due tied to VF ENV # Hotel cc + HS DUE 2 & 2c Col #231 tied by 1893 SPRINGFIELD.MASS 87 70. 88 WAITS Type 2/1 Mar 9 11 DPO LKU... 2 strikes on 1 PC-TYRONE Type 3/3 Aug 11 08.NEW 89. cds. 2c Post Due is tied by New Bedford cds.. 2-5c Col.#234s tied by 1893 NYC cds to VF ENV to & RAYVILLE Type 3/1 Aug 13 06 DPO NEW 2-RC CO1.*Z545 tied by 1093 NIC CGS to YF ENY to AUSTRIA. Has neat blue Vienna backstamp....

2 covs-1 has 1c TRANS-MISS #285 tied by NYC 1898
NYC Flag canc to neat F+ ENV.2nd has 2c TRANSMISS #286 tied by ROCHESTER MACH CANC-Latter
has 1g illus of 5 story BUILDING cap. W.P.DAVIS
MACHINE CO./ROCHESTER,N.Y....NEAT!!! 2 forign items-1 is 1854 stpls 1st to PARIS on 73 then to VIENNA--Many exotic HSs & rates.2nd is 1932 ENGLISH let w several HSs including RETOUR; UNCLAIMED; NOT IN DIRECTORY, etc CANADIAN Stamp Dlrs cacheted ENV used during CANADIAN Stamp Dirs cacheted ENV used during POSTAL STRIKE w JUAN DE FUCA 25c local for conveying to U.S.& put into U.S.MAILS. 1974.
R.R. EXHIBIT card used from U.S.Railway P.O. CAR at 1939 NY WORLDS FAIR-WORLDS FAIR R.P.O. Lg RED & BLUE fancy MT. WASHINGTON SUMMIT HOUSE across top of sl soiled F ENV w 2c #279B w S-O-n simplified MALTESE CROSS kil & partial MOUNT WASHINGTON, NY CDS-Attractive!!! canc neatly ties #651 commem. UNUSUAL!!!
1942 WWII PATRIOTIC authenticated from Sp-AM WAR PATRIOTIC w Overall red, white & blue 45 STAR U.S. FLAG on VF ENV w 2 #279s(1 sl 75. 94. FDRs coll & addr to him at WHITE HOUSE--NICE 1st Day Flight new 10c air rate. Neat cov has dam in opening) tied by Oval 1898 mach canc 9.5 of DAYTON, OHIO 10c#C7 tied by 1927 NYC duplex canc 2 covs-1 has 5c PAN-AM commem #297 on tiny F ENV 9 covs w #65s some fancy cork kils 1 HS DUE 3 tied by s1 BUFFALO, NY canc-to France-2nd has 96. 1c & 2c PAN-AMs(1c dam) + 2c red def.all tied by BUFFALO s1 mach canc w d1 triangle adv 1901 97. 96. 1 has cont. 1 straddle copy All F-VF... 5 VF covs w #65s w strikes of greater than average interest!!!
A lot of 10 covs 9 w 2c & 3c gr BNs + 1 #65Latter has Balloon cane of PORTLANDVILLE,NY on
somewhat rough ENV-All BN covs are of more
than ordinary interest!!! EXPO in center of killer bars!!!! 5c#297+2c#295(2)+1c#294 PAN-AM commems(#297 sl dam) all on VF blue ENV to ITALY w NYC can&cc. 3 items w STAR kils-1 has s/e s-o-n STAR on 3c gr 78 BN w MACHIAS,/MDY/+N.Y.+ in 1t DCDS on sl soil 11 Columbian commem. covs-1 has 1c-7 have 2c & 3 are 2c Entires--Condition poor to F... 1879 ENV-Others are #UX9(somewhat stained & worn) w 1889 barred ov kil w STAR of BRIGHTON, COLLECTION of 100 + covs. Mostly BN Period thru 1909 & incl 1 F+ pre-stamp ENV..All but 8 (BROOKLYN,NY-all BNs) are NYC w heavy emphasis NY & #UX14(sl aged) w encircled STAR & 1898 CDS of NAPOLI, NY --- All strikes are light .. 4 items w STAR kils-2 on #UX5s both violet (SALAon various 1c;2c & 3cBN stamps & entires. Cond varies from G-VF. Several have CCs & int kils! MANCA, NY & FRIENDSHIP, NY) & 2 on #UX7-1 magenta(GREAT VALLEY, NY) other w Oval ELLICOTTVILLE All are mounted in soft cov loose leaf binder! NY DS--All are F sl aged Post Cards. Anice lot

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F+ #UX5 PC w neat purple N-in-circle killer!!!

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