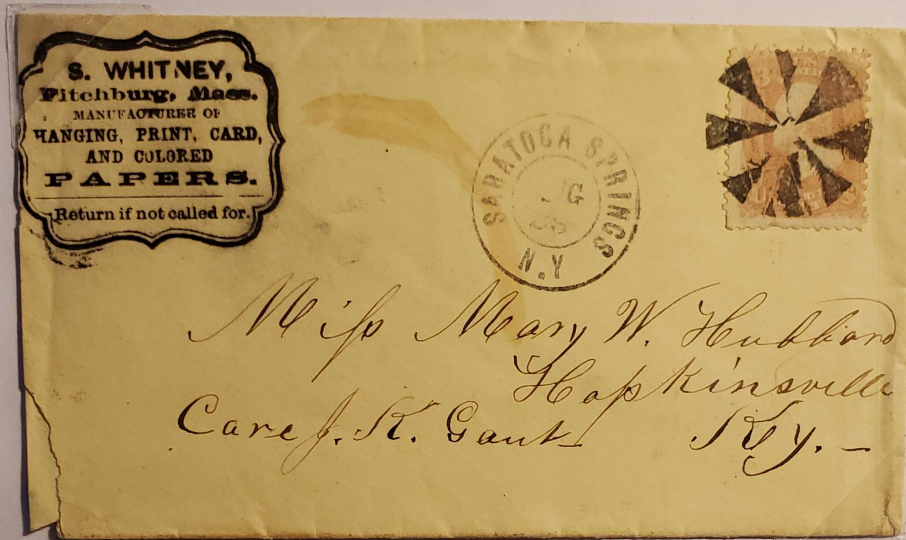


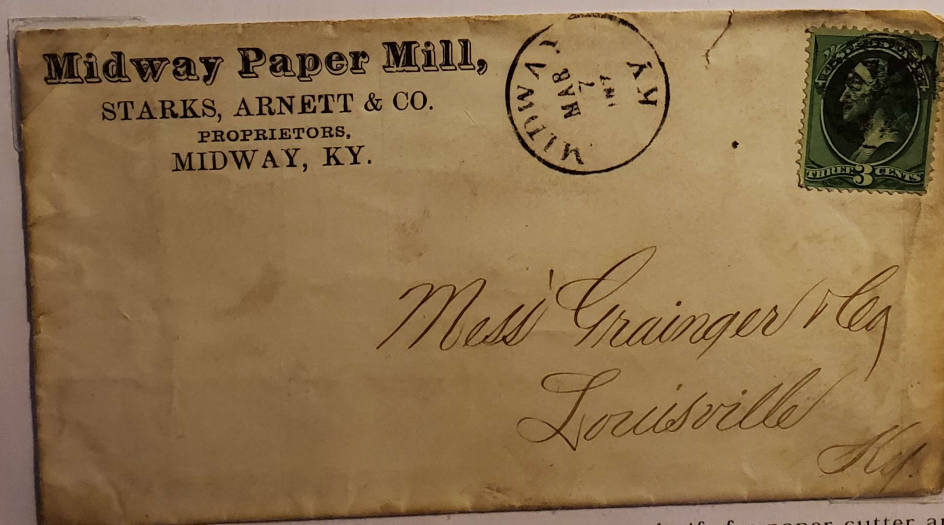
9.7 Northern Paper Mills moved South after the War

(Below) Envelope to Hopkinsville, Ky. Black "Saratoga Springs N.Y. Aug 25" (1866)
30 mm. CDC. Franked by 3-cts. 1861 (dull red).



Corner card addressed to Hopkinsville KY. "Manufacturer of Hanging, Print, Card, and Colored Papers." S. Whitney, Fitchburgh MA, August 28, 1866. (Note: S. Whitney moved his plant to Hopkinsville, KY around 1873.)

(Below) Black Envelope to Louisville, Ky. "Midway Ky. Mar 7 1874" 28 mm CDC. Franked by 3-cts green 1873



Content: "We send you by E(xpress) this evening a knife for paper cutter and some slitters for sharpening." Starks, Arnett & Co., Paper Mill, Midway, Ky. March 4, 1874. Note: This was the former Whitney Mill purchased by Starks, Arnette, & Co., then moved from Massachusetts to Kentucky.

Chapter 10: Boston

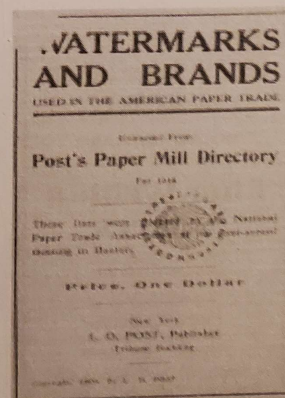
The town of Milton, just outside Boston, had been a bastion of paper-making since colonial times. Further up the Charles River lay the town of Newton Falls, which had numerous paper mills and became something of a proving ground for the latest machinery from England. Postal history of the paper mills are rather scarce, with most concerning Boston's paper-maker warehouses, commission paper warehouses and numerous paper dealers.

(Below) Unsealed circular to Boston. Black oval "New York CR" (circular room). Franked by one-cent 1880 blue-grey paying the circular rate.



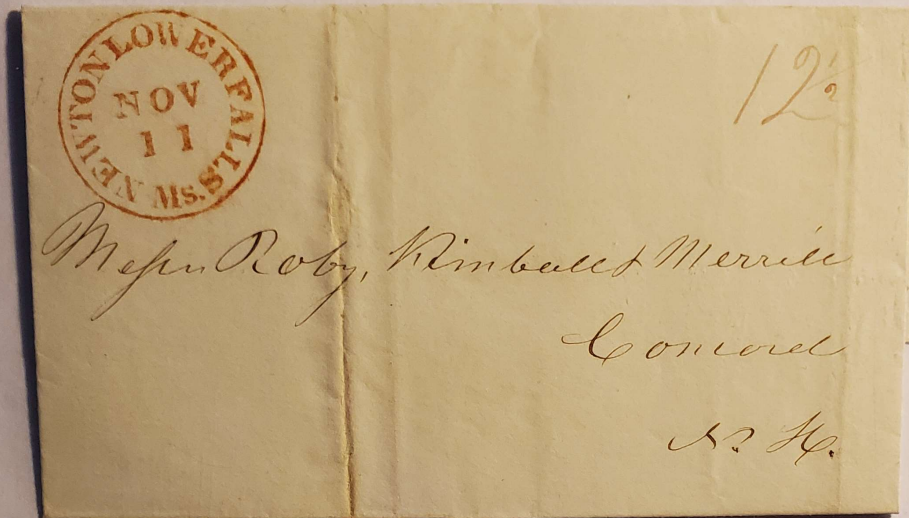
Corner card of 'The Paper Mill and Printing and Stationery World', L.D. Post & Co., Publisher, Park Row, NYC.

(right) Front plate of **Post's Paper Mill Directory**, 1880.



10.1 Orders for Book Paper, Music Paper

(Below) SFL to Concord NH. Red "Newton Lower Falls Ms. Nov. 11" (1840) 30 mm CDC. Manuscript 12 1/2 (cents) rate for mail travelling 80-150 miles.



Docketing, re: Order of paper by Roby, Kimball and Merrill were booksellers of Concord NH. by A. & L.W. Curtis, paper manufacturer, Newton Mass. Nov 10, 1840.

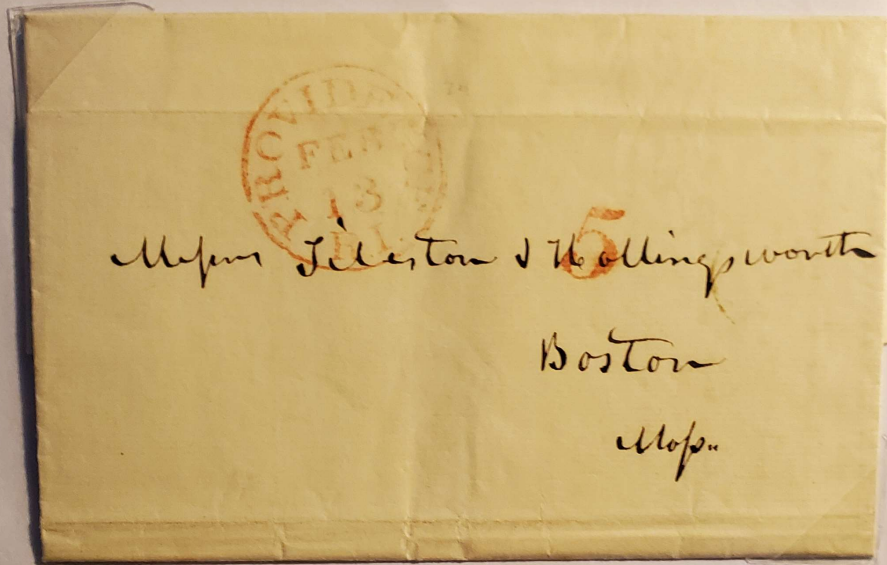
(Below) Red oval "Forwarded by Hales & Co. by Express Service from New York. Matching red boxed "Collect 6 Cents for Hale & Co." SFL to Boston.



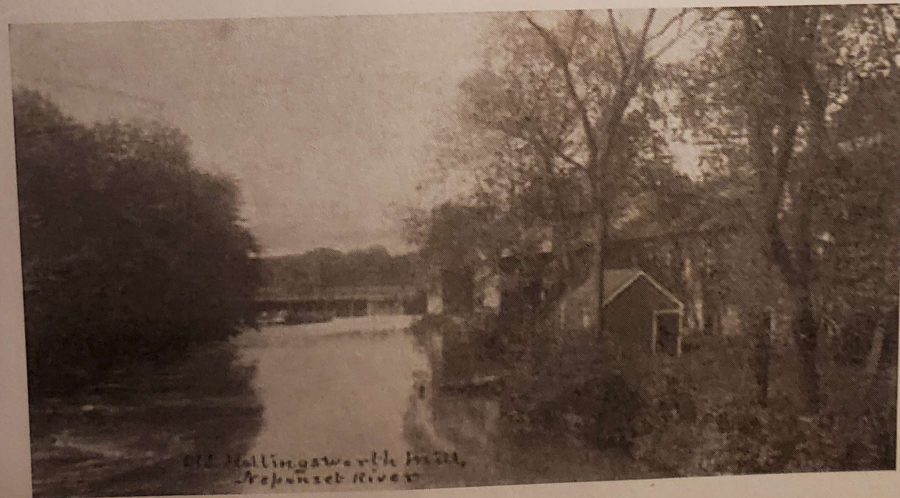
Content: "We are in immediate want of music paper. Pray send some by the propeller Virginia, which we are advised is a regular packet to Boston. Burnap & Babcock, Paper Warehouse, NYC, Apr. 7, 1845.

10.2 Rag Depot in Providence, R.I.

(Below) SFL to Boston. Red Providence R.I. Feb. 13 (1847) 30mm Matching "5" (cents) rate for mail travelling less than 300 mi.



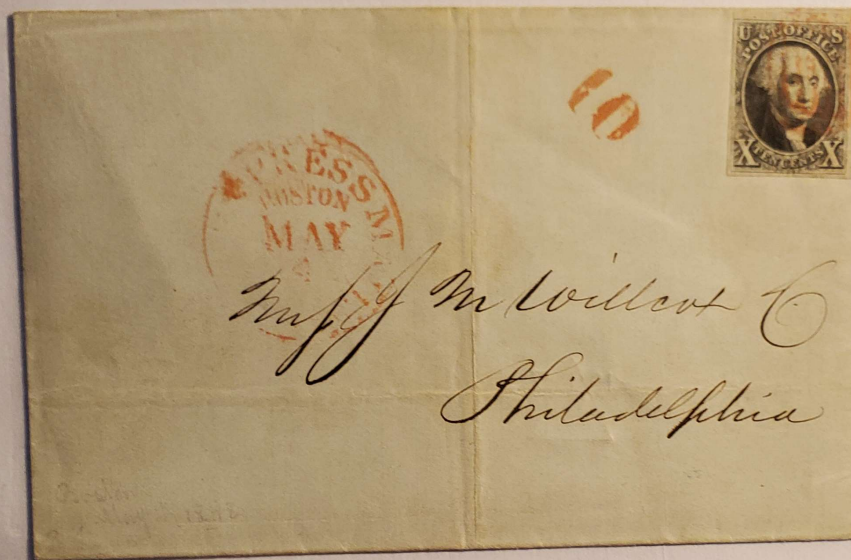
Content: "I will offer you five tons of white rags at 5 3/4 cts delivered at the depot in Providence. What will you pay for could domestic rags?" H.N Richmond, Rag Merchant, NYC. February 13, 1847.



(above) Undated post card. Note: Tilston & Hollingsworth owned all the early 18th century paper mills in Milton including the Dorchester Mill, Eagle Mill. and Neponset Mill (shown).

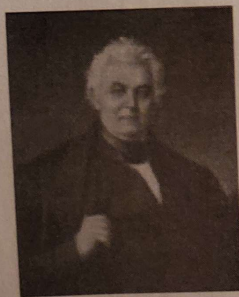
10.3 Willcox Paper Co., Speciality Manufacturer for Bonds, Bank-Notes, Stamps and US Government Treasury Bills

(Below) SFL to Philadelphia. Red Express Mail Boston May 4 (1848) 30mm CDC. Matching '10' (cents) rate for mail travelling greater than 300 mi.. Matching red 7-bar grid killer. Franked by black 10c 1847.



Docketing, re: Order for paper from Grant, Danielle, & Co., paper warehouse, Boston, by J.M. Willcox, paper manufacturer, Philadelphia May 9, 1848.

(This is the only surviving copy of Willcox correspondence known to date)



James M. Willcox, principal owner and postmaster of Ivy Mill, Penn.

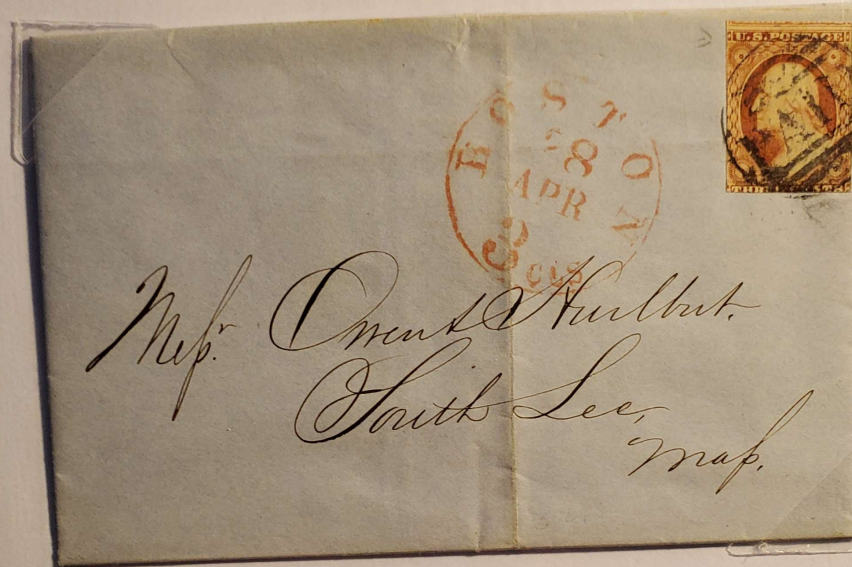


Willcox Ivy Mill (est. 1729) Third oldest paper mill in America. (From "Founders of American Paper Industry; Rittenhouse, DeWees, Brown, Willcox Ivy and Glen Mills", Superior Facts, Vol. 2 No. 6, December, 1928)

(Philatelic Note: **POSTAGE STAMP PAPER** for the U.S. 1847, 1851, and 1857 issues was manufactured by Willcox at the Ivy mill.)

10.4 Order for Case of Blue Flat Cap

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Boston Mass. Apr 28 (1852) 34mm w/ integral 3 cts. CDC. Franked by 3c 1851 (brownish carmine). Large black Boston 'PAID' in grid killer.



Content: "... respecting flat cap. . . . please . . . send us a case of each kind of the blue and if they strike us favorably we might do considerable with them. "Williams, Rice & Kendall, Paper Dealers, 20 Water St., Boston, Mass. April, 27, 1852.

(right) Woodcut engraving of Rice & Kendall warehouse. (from *The Boston Directory for the Year 1852*)



10.5 Mistaken Order for Ruled, not Plain Laid Letter

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Boston Mass. Nov 24 (1852) 32mm CDC. Franked by 3c 1851 (brownish carmine) and oddly affixed by sealing wax <reused stamp?>. Large black Boston 'PAID' in grid killer.



Content: "We was dumfounded to day in opening the case of laid letter to find a plain. Please send a case of ruled immediately, also a case of blue laid com(mercial) note ruled." Jordan March & Co., 129 Milk St. Boston, Mass. Nov 23 1852.



Eban D. Jordan,
Founder Jordan, March
Department Store

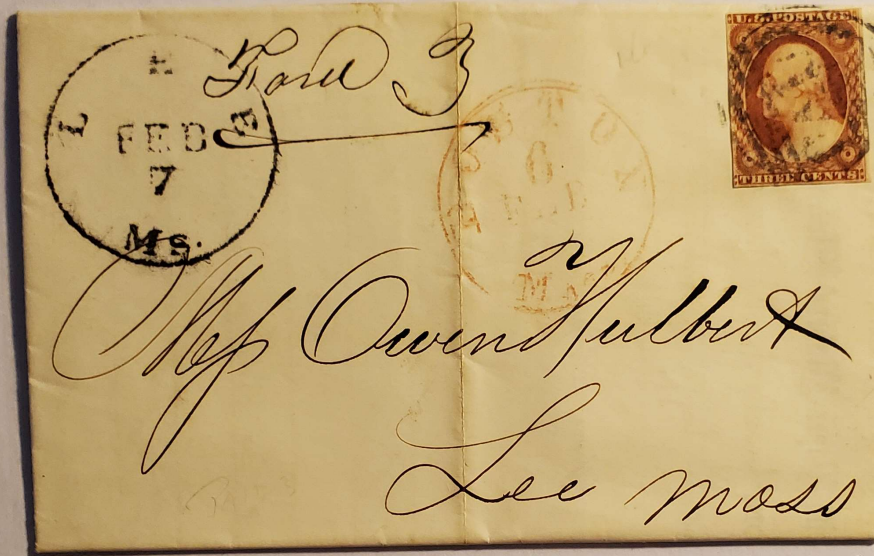
(right) Jordan, March
& Co. Store in the
1850s. (from Jordan,
March & Co. Depart-
ment Store Museum)



(Historical Note: Jordan, March & Co. was the oldest department store in Boston, finally closing in 1991)

10.6 Paper Warehouse Change of Ownership

(Below) SFL to South Lee Mass. Red Boston Mass. Feb 6 (1857) 32mm CDC. Franked by 3c 1851 (deep claret). Large black Boston 'PAID' in grid killer. Missent and forwarded in Lee by black Lee Ms. Feb 7 (1857) 32mm CDC and manuscript 'Ford 3' (cents) postage due.



(Content) "The undersigned begs leave to inform his friends that he has taken the store formerly occupied by Messrs A. & A. Norton . . . Mr. Albert Norton, will (still) be connected with the store, and be happy to wait upon his old friends and customers." Franklin Leach, Papermakers Warehouse, Boston (and New York) February 1st, 1857.

(right) Advertisement of Leach, stationer. (from *The Boston Directory for the Year 1852*)

ESTABLISHED 1811 ONE PRICE ONLY

J. LEACH,

Stationer, Printer & Blank Book Mfr,
Letter, Note, Foolscap, Bill and Legal Cap.
Standard American and Spring Back Diaries on Hand
all the Year.

Wholesale
and
Retail
of
ALL KINDS OF
TYPE
WRITING
PAPERS,
Ribbons
and
Cardstock
Paper.

All Kinds of Esterbrook's, Gillott's, Perry's,
Spencerian, Ball Pointed & Washington
Meditation Steel Pens.

LEACH'S FALCON AND LAW PENS.

10.7 Envelope Manufacturers

(Below) Envelope to Pantucket, R.I. Red Boston Mass. Jan 12 (1858) 30mm CDC. Franked by 3c 1851 (deep claret). Large black Boston 'PAID' in grid killer.



Embossed corner card: "Stationers and Manufacturers of Envelopes." Cutter, Tower & Co., Manufacturers, Corner Federal & Congress St. Boston, Mass. January 12, (1858).



(above) Advertisement of Cutter, Tower & Co. (from Geyer's Stationer: Devoted to the Interests of the Stationery ..., Volume 53, April, 1912)

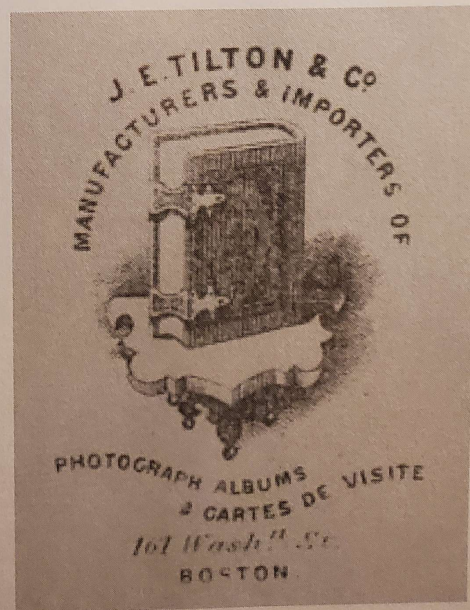
10.8 Stamping of Customer Initials on Envelopes

(Below) Envelope to Alton, Ill. Black Boston Mass. Jul 1 (1868) 302mm
CDC. Franked by 3c 1867 (claret). Black cut cork killer. Blue W.L. Flagg
Jul 7, 1868 merchant mark.



Advertising envelope: "Initial Stamping done without extra charge" Tilton & Co., Publisher, Stationer, Photographer, 161 Washington St. Boston, Mass. July 1, 1868.

(right) Advertisement of Tilton & Co., (from **American Publishers' Circular and Literary Gazette**, Volume 5, No. 1, January, 1859.)

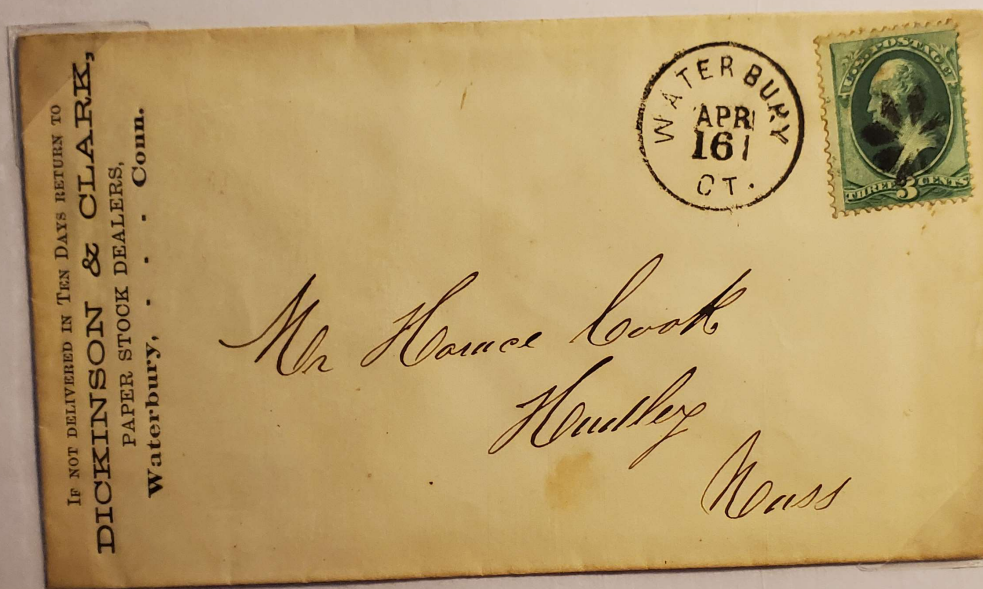


Chapter 11: Connecticut & New England

Most postal history of this region is related to paper machinery and paper mills. Connecticut had been responsible for most of the American innovations in paper machines and associated equipment. The paper mills of New England were thus the direct beneficiary of this activity.

Most all USPO stamp, stationery and postal card paper was made in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

(Below) Envelope to Hundley, Mass. Black Waterbury, Ct. Apr 16 (1871).
Franked by 3-cts green 1870 (DT). Black circle of diamonds killer.



Corner card of Dickinson & Clark, Paper Stock Dealers." Waterbury CT.
April 16 (1871).

DICKINSON & CLARK,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Paper Stock and Old Metals, Wooden and Glass Wares, Matches, Brooms,
Brushes, &c. Manufacturers of Tin, Brass and Copper Wares of all descriptions.
COR. GRAND and SOUTH MAIN STREETS, WATERBURY, CONN.
Cash Paid for Paper Stock and Old Junk.

(above) Advertisement of Dickinson & Clark (from *Waterbury City Directory of 1877*)

11.1 Borrowing Money to Expand a Paper Mill

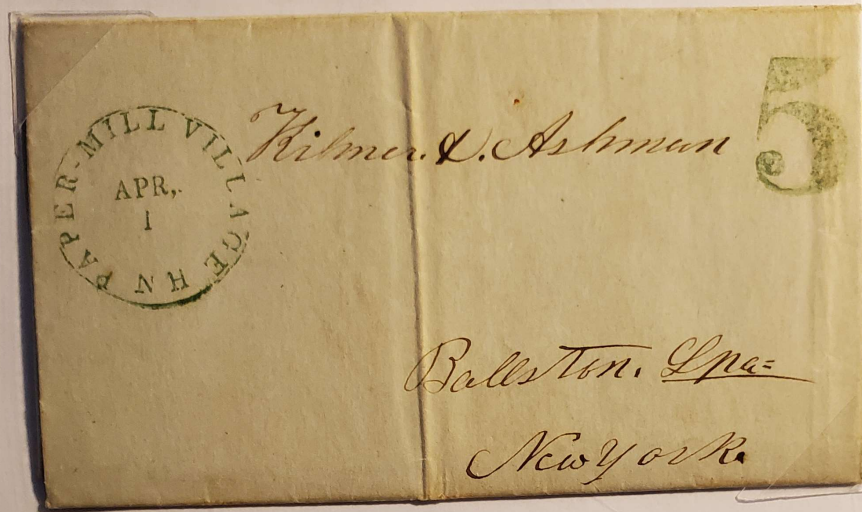
(Below) SFL to New York. Manuscript "Single Paid." Magenta Northhampton Mass JuL 27 (1838) 34mm CDC with matching curved 'pointing hand PAID.' Magenta manuscript '18 3/4' (cents) for mail traveling 150-400mi.



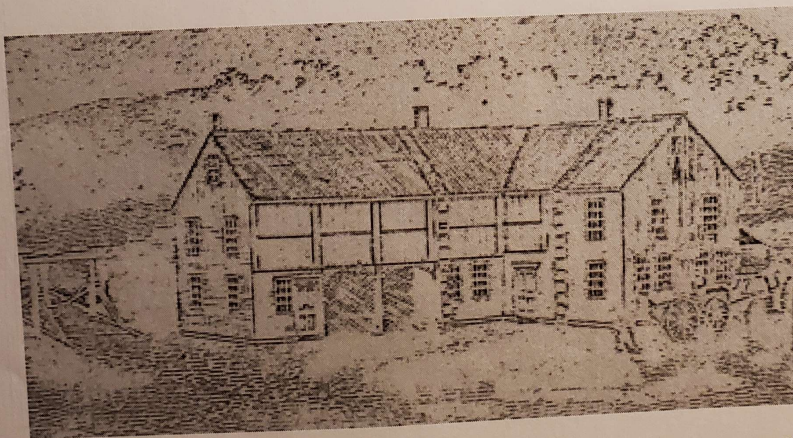
Content: "When we met a few days since I mentioned to you that the 'Northhampton Paper Mills' were desirous of borrowing the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars. . . . Can we obtain a loan of \$10,000 on our mill machinery & real estate worth \$40,000?" J.H. Butler, paper-maker, Northhampton, Mass. July 27, 1838.

11.2 Paper Machine Operator Negotiating for Job and Wages

(Below) SFL to Balston Spa, New York. Green "Paper Mill Village Apr 1 (1848) 34 mm CDC." Matching 5' (cents) postage for for mail travelling less than 300mi.



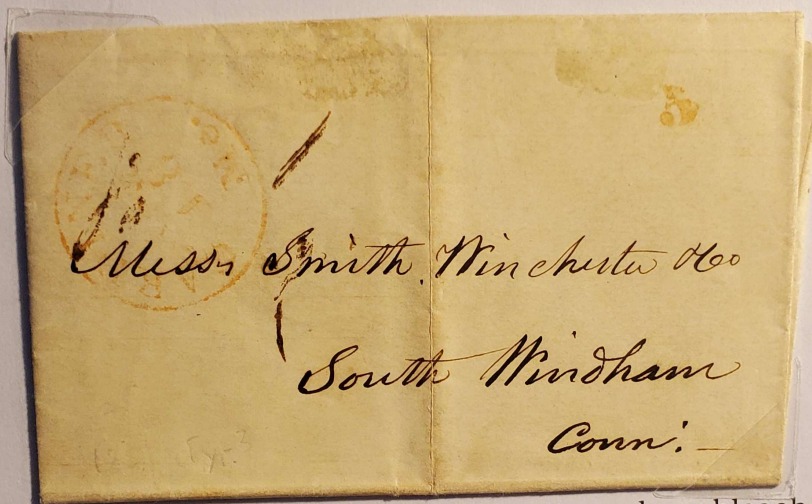
Content: ". . . Mr. Gibbens informed you that I wished a situation on the machine. I wrote him of my situation here, and what wages I receive -- which is \$7.00 per week." J Bingley Blake, machine operator, March 31, 1848.



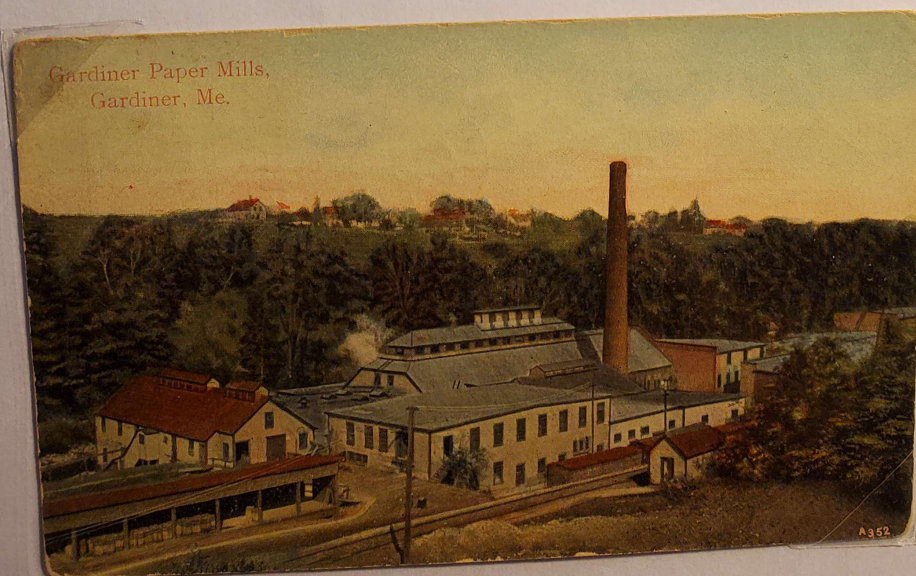
(above) Woodcut engraving of the former hand-made paper mill at Paper Mill Village (detail from ream label (circa 1840))

11.3 Shipping Mill Machinery from Connecticut to Maine via Boston

(Below) SFL to South Windham, Ct. Red "Gardiner Me. Apr 18 (1851) 30mm. CDC. Matching "5" (cents) rate for mail travelling less than 300mi.



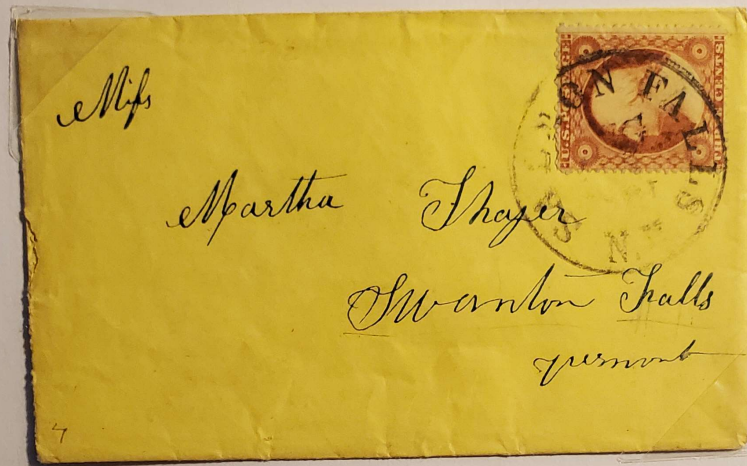
Content: "Amost a fortnight since we wrote you to send our bleach cylinder to Boston care of E. Might . . . since which we have heard nothing from you or the cylinder." Richards & Hoskins, paper manufacturer, Gardiner ME, , April 17th, 1851.



Gardiner Mill

11.4 Woman Worker at Stationery Manufacturing Plant

(Below) Envelope to Swanton Falls, Vt. Black "Salmon Falls NH Aug 15, 1859" 33mm. CDC. Franked by 3-cts. 1857 (claret) paying first class rate.



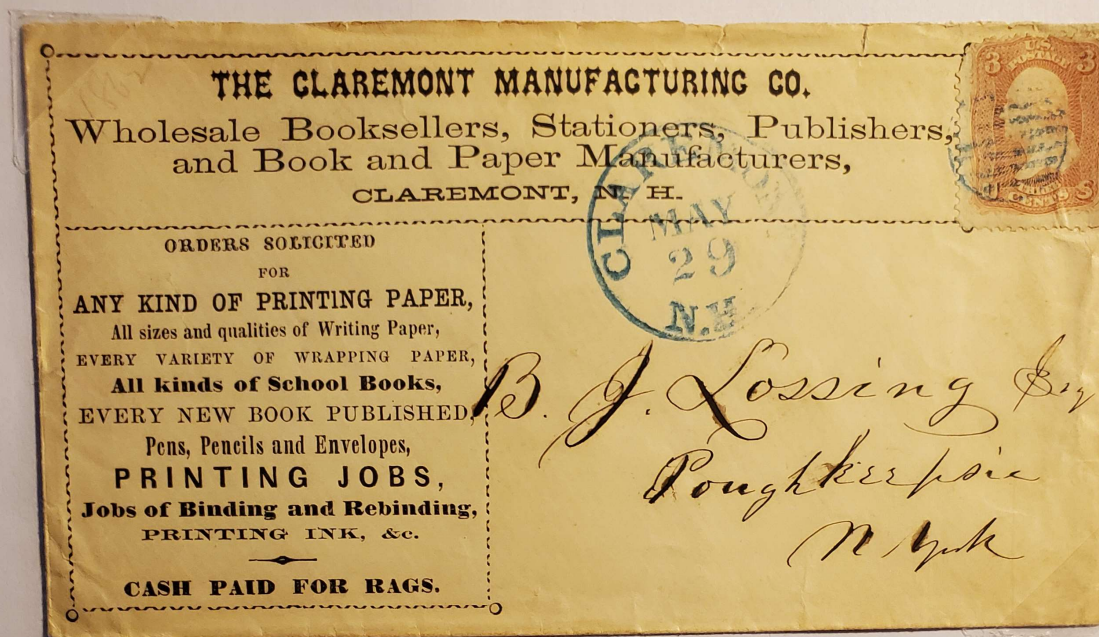
Content: "You will notice the picture on the first page of this paper, it's our mill, a very natural view." Hannah, paper mill worker, Salmon Falls NH, August 15, 1859.



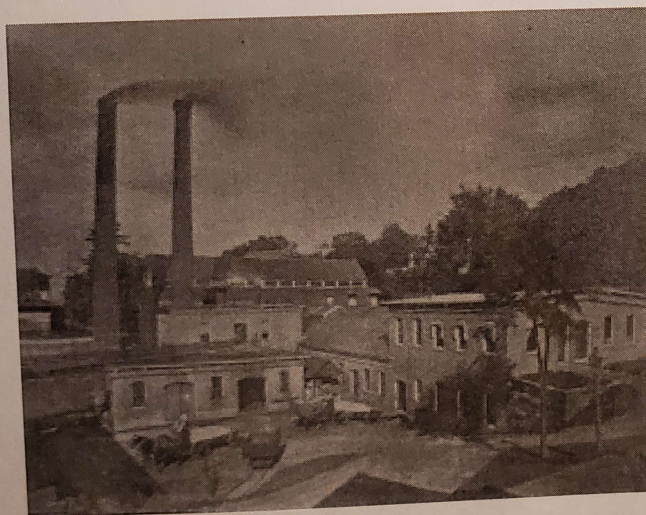
(above) Detail from letterhead of enclosed stationery w/notes

11.5 Wholesalers of Stationery and Book Paper

(Below) Envelope to Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Blue "Claremont, NH May 29 (1862)" 30mm. CDC. Franked by 3-cts. 1861 (rose red) paying first class rate.



Advertising envelope: "Orders solicited for any kind of printing paper, all sizes and qualities of writing paper, every variety of wrapping paper . . . CASH PAID FOR RAGS." Advertising envelope of Claremont Manufacturing Co., Postmarked May 29, 1862.



(above) Photo of Sugar River Mill, Claremont NH
(Courtesy Claremont Historical Society)