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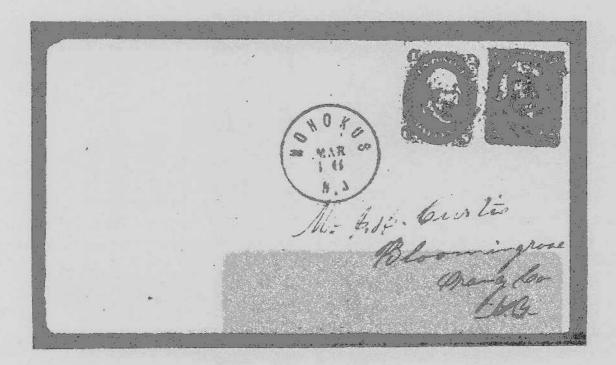
#### A 2 CENT BLACK JACK FROM NEW JERSEY

David Petruzelli

The Black Jack collector in search of domestic usages from every state and territory is destined to meet more than a few obstacles along the way. One of the more frustrating aspects of that hunt is the surprising lack of material from New Jersey. Examples from Newark or Trenton can be found with little difficulty, but beyond the larger offices, those opportunities the Black Jack specialist dreams of are few. Even covers from the aforementioned offices do not exist in quantities sufficient enough to allow for any real selectivity in regards to quality.

Illustrated here is a 2¢ Black Jack from Hohokus in 1864, paying the 3 cent First Class rate in combination with the 1¢ 1861. The Hohokus post office opened in 1859. The American Stampless Cover Catalog lists a black 32mm postmark along with a "Free" handstamp--an exceedingly scarce item. The 26mm postmark on this cover is the type seen usually with the 3¢ 1861, but even this is difficult to come by. Each stamp is canceled by a black target killer, the outer circle on the 1¢ tying the 2¢ Black Jack. The lemon-colored envelope is addressed to Bloomingrove [sic] New York, the receiving date discretely written inside the cover, along the left side flap: March 17, 1864.

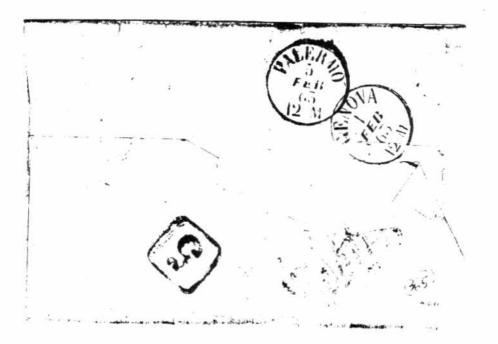
Interestingly enough, the address is in two inks--the addressee's name in blue, the rest in black. Any number of conjectures can be made as to why, but from an aesthetic and philatelic point of view, it appears to be simply a subtle way of emphasizing the two-color use of stamps on this cover.





Covers with the higher denominations of any issue prior to 1893 from New Jersey are not common as we have observed several times in these pages. This, an amber cover, with a pair each of the 1 cent blue and the 10 cent green (Scott 63 and 68), is tied by a red Newark, NJ., a red New York/18 and a boxed P.D. Backstamps of Genova and Palermo complement the Calais transit marking on the face of the cover.

This was lot 365 in Robert Kaufmann's January 2-, 1983 sale No. 26. The French marking gives us the indication of a year date, 1863.



NJPH March 1983 R163 TO CUBA

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Another lot from Robert Kaufmann was this oversized cover to Cuba from Jersey City, 1899. The blue R163 served no apparent postal service but certainly provided a striking appearance. There are two copies of the 2 cent value (Scott 279B) and one copy of the 1 cent (Scott 279).

## West Hoboken, NJ

Usage of the Omaha issue from New Jersey also seems to be less than common. The illustrated pictorial card, below, has a 4 cent value (Scott 287) with the 1 cent green (Scott 279) with Zurich receiving markings.

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#### A SPEEDY STERLING

10 It not delivered in five days, please return to E. B. STERLING, COLLEGTOR OF AND DEALER IN United States Stamps of all K for Collections Only, P. Q. 801 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY SO, MEAL ESTATE, BANK STOCK AND INSURANCE BROKER. P Seburitles of various kinds bought and sold on Co mission. Standard Adhesive Postage and Stamped Envelope Catalogue. 6th Edition, 1887, 25c. Standard Descriptive Revenue Catalogue. Cih Edition, 1887. 50c. Circulars free

In the January 1976 NJPH, we illustrated an E.B. Sterling corner card from Trenton used with a 2 cent red brown (Scott 210). Sterling was a well-known dealer and one of the giants in the revenues field.

The January 1977 issue contained an article, <u>The Speedy in New Jersey</u>, which outlined the first offices offering special delivery service. Henry Gobie illustrated on page 41 of <u>The Speedy: A History of United</u> <u>States Special Delivery Service</u> a cover quite similar to the one above with the 2 cent red brown (210) and the first special delivery issue (E1). It was struck with a segmented cork killer and has a circular datestamp with TRENTON/APR/11/1AM/N.J.

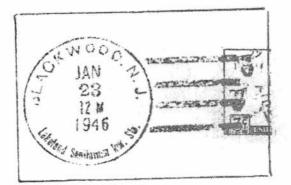
The cover shown above is slightly different cds with a date of Jan 13, 1888 and is addressed to the famous New Jersey collector and dealer Hiram E. Deats. Deats later purchased Sterling's stock and continued to be interested in philately until his death a little over a decade ago.

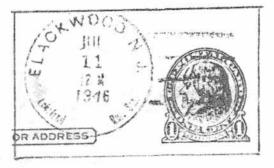
#### BAYONNE CITY DISPATCH

The Kaufmann sale also contained a significant Bayone City Dispatch item, the only one not addressed to Philip La Tourette that we have seen, and the only one on a wrapper. It also is the only example on which the stamp appears to not have been applied with the aid of a templet. Unfortnately, the illustration is too light to be reproduced here. Still, an important piece.

Contrary to the impression that may be created, this issue is not a walking advertisement for Robert Kaufmann. He was most fortunate to bring to the collecting market place some most attractive and significant covers. The editor thought you might be interested in seeing some of them.

# UPDATE TO NEW JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY





Page	43 (CAM)	Ramblewood (Br. Moorestown, 08054) Changed Oc 1, 1980 to Sta.
Page	46 (CAM)	Add Erial (Sta, Sicklerville, 08081) Est Je 1, 1981
	47 (CAM)	Lakeland (Rur. Blackwood, 08012) Fst Oc 1. 1945 Disc 1974 Note: Established as Lakeland Sanitarium (Rur. Blackwood) and changed
		to Lakeland in early 1946
Page	60(ESS)	Fairfield (Br. Caldwell, 07006) Disc My 31, 1979
Page	78 (HUN)	Rocktown Add new period of operation: Fst Ap 12, 1888 PM Jonathan
	de (ven)	N. Taylor Disc Ag 31, 1889 5: Linvale
Page		Sta. B (Sta. Trenton, 06818) Disc Ja 22, 1982
Page	87(MID)	Menlo Park (Sta. Edison, 08817) On Ja 1, 1981 the Zip Code was
		changed to 08837
Page	88(MID)	Add West Carteret (Sta, Carteret, 07008) Est My 1, 1979 Disc My 26, 1982
Page	110(OCE)	Staffordville Disc Oc 29, 1954 S: Nest Creek
	125(SUS)	Add Montague (CPO, Branchville, 07827) Est Ja 24, 1981
	136(WAR)	Stewartsville Station Disc My 24, 1886

The National Archives has completed microfilming the Site Location Reports for the state of New Jersey. These forms submitted by postmasters, giving the location of their post offices and other geographical information, to aid the Post Office Department in the preparation of postal maps. The forms contain the offical name of the post office, with local name or name changes; section, township, range, and meridian in which the post office was located; terminals of the nearest postal route; milage to the adjacent post offices, rivers and creeks; number of feet or rods to the nearest railroad tracks, railroad depot, or highway; and a diagram or map of the location of the post office. The coverage is not complete, most reports are from 1865 to 1946, with a few reports from as early as 1837 and as late as 1950.

There are three or more counties on each roll. The rolls cost \$15.00 each, and can be ordered from the National Archives, Industrial and Social Branch, 8th & Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, D.C. 20408. Tell them which county you want, and enclose a check, payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NNSC).

- John L. Kay -

The following information is for the local history of the county The abbreviations used are as follows: listed.

- Application to establish a post office. (A)
- (AT) Locale where post office was to be established.
- (FN) Former name of post office site.
- (LN) Local name for nost office site.
- (ON) Other name for post office site.
- (PN) Proposed name for post office, more than one name may be given.
- Report of postmaster to the Fourth Asst. Postmaster General con-(R)cerning the location of the post office.

The year given is that of (A) or (R).

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY

Bustleton (AT) Two miles south of Florence R.R. Station 1882(A)

- Chatsworth (LN) Shamong 1895(R)
- Chesterfield (!N) Recklesstown 1888(R)
- 1898(R)Cinnaminson (ON) Westfield
- Dobbins (AT) Florence Station 1887(A)
- Green Bank (AT&PN) Green Bank Glass Works 1850(A)
- Harrisia (AT) Harrisville 1889(A)
- Jenkins (AT&PN) Jenkins Neck 1893(A)
- Maple (AT) Fairview (PN) Fairview or Maple 1891(A)
- New Gretna (AT) Bass River (PN) Bass River or Harmony or 1850(A)New Gretna Oriental (AT) Orient Paisley (AT) Sanitarium 1891(A)
- 1889'A)
- Parry (AT) North Pennsville (PN) Pennsaukin 1880(A)
- 1884(R)Wading River (ON) Bridgeport

# CAMDEN COUNTY

1905(A) Bennett (PN) Bennetsburg 1882(A) Gibbsborough (AT) Gibbsborough (PN) Gibbsboro 1885(A) Kresson (AT) Milford Louden (ON) Jackson **1901**(R) 1873(A) Sicklerville (ON) Sicklertown Snowhill (PN) Snow Hill or East Lawnside 1904(A) 1917(R) Valley Club (ON) Pine Valley

#### CAP' MAY COUNTY

1892(A) Eldora (PN) Altona Eldredge (AT&PN) West Cape May 1897(A) 1901(R) Erma (ON) Bennetts or Bennetts Station Marmora (AT&PN) Ancona (named Marmora, due to similarity 1890(A) with Ancora PD in Camden County Ocean View (AT) Ocean Grove 1872(A) Ottens (AT&PN) North Wildwood (the application was sent to 1906(A) Mr Henry H. Ottens of 121 S. Water st., Phila., Pa.) 1873(A) South Dennis (PN) South Dennisville White (AT&PN) Whitesboro 1903(A) 1889(A) Wildwood (AT) Wildwood Beach 1918(R) Wissahickon Barracks (ON) Cape May Naval Training Camp

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# CUMBERLAND COUNTY

1889(A) Bivalve (AT&PN) Long Reach
1892(A) Cavier (AT) Bayside
1884(R) Dickinson (LN) Centraville
1888(A) Manumuskin (PN) Manumuskin Mills
1870(A) New Boston (PN) Cohansey
1897(A) Othello (PN) North Greenwich
1877(A) Sea View (AT) Bay View (PN) Bay View or Sea Breeze

## ESSEX COUNTY

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1082(A) Grovestend (AT) Grove (PN) Aurthur 1887(A) Maplewood (AT) Prospect 1896(A) Parkview (AT) Hawthorne Heights 1872(A) Roselyn (AT) Centerville 1898(R) Upper Montclair (ON) Town of Montclair 1886(A) Javerly Park (AT&PN) Waverly

# GLOUCESTER COUNTY

1885(A) Downer (AT&PN) Whitney 1890(A) Ferrell (AT) Fairview (PN) Belmont 1894(A) Lansdale (AT&PN) Radix

# HUDSON COUNTY

1921(R) Arlington (LN) Kearney 1882(R) Bergen Point (LN) Bayonne City 1901(A) Christie (AT) Homestead 1871(A) Homestead (AT) Homestead Park 1894(A) Taurus (PN) Bridgend

## HUNTERDON COUNTY

1886(A) Asbury Station (AT) South Asbury 1893(A) Bissell (ON) Apgar's Corners 1887(A) Grover (AT&PN) Head Quarters 1894(A) Huffdale (AT&PN) Dak Summit 1889(A) Linvale (AT) Reedsville (PN) Reedville 1897(A) Ludlow (AT&PN) Asbury Station 1901(R) Ravenrock (ON) Bulls Island 1884(A) Warren Paper Mills (PN) Bidwell 1885(R) (LN) Hughesville 1895(R) Whitehouse (ON) Mechanicsville

#### MERCER COUNTY

1898(R) Robbinsville (ON) Newtown 1882(A) Trenton Jct. (PN) Birmingham or Trento Jct 1888(R) (ON) Birmingham

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## OCFAN COUNTY

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Bamber (PN) Bamber Station
1873(A)
         Barnegat City (ON) Barnegat Inlet
1882(R)
         Bayville (LN) Potter Creek
1870(R)
1883(A)
         Berryville (AT&PN) Whitesville
         Brookville (AT) Millville
1883(A)
         Chadwick (AT&PN) Chadwicks
1882(A)
         Culver (PN) Long Branch City
Graham (AT) Graham Store
1891(A)
1885(A)
         Hyson (AT) New Prospect (PN) Prospect
1902(A)
1894(R)
         Lanoka (LN) Cedar Creek
         Legler (ON) Homestead Farms
1922(A)
         Mayetta (DN) Cedar Run
1890(R)
1879(A)
         Osborn (PN) Seaview
         Pasadena (PN) Wheatland
1903(A)
1867(A) Whiting (PN) Whytyng
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PASSAIC COUNTY

Allwood (AT PN) Somerset		
Cooper (PN) Cooper station 1898(R)	( ON )	Sterling Forest
Erskine (ON) Beardville		
Haledon (PN) Haledon Village		
Moe (AT) Greenwood Jummit		
North Paterson (PN) Goffle		
Orion (AT&PN) Union Valley		
Union Valley (AT&PN) Postville		
Valkyrie (PN) Delawanna		
	Cooper (PN) Cooper Station 1898(R) Erskine (DN) Beardville Haledon (PN) Haledon Village Moe (AT) Greenwood Summit North Paterson (PN) Goffle Orion (AT&PN) Union Valley Union Valley (AT&PN) Postville	Cooper (PN) Cooper Station 1898(R) (ON) Erskine (ON) Beardville Haledon (PN) Haledon Village Moe (AT) Greenwood Summit North Paterson (PN) Goffle Orion (AT&PN) Union Valley Union Valley (AT&PN) Postville

## SALEM COUNTY

1884(A)	Aldine (AT) Belmont
1871(R)	Pentonville (LN) Middletown
1898(R)	Pittsgrove (ON) Pole Town
18/9(A)	Shirley (AT) Swings Corner

## SOM RSET COUNTY

1886(A) Bloomington (AT) South Bound Brook
1894(A) Avena (AT) Midway
1895(A) Gallia (AT&PN) Mount Bethel
1886(A) Gladstone (AT&PN) Upper Peapack
1887(R) South Branch (ON) Branchville
1899(A) Watchung (AT) Washingtonville
1915(R) Zion (FN) Rock Mills

#### MONMOUTH COUNTY

1889(R)	Avon ByThe Sea (LN) Neptune City
1884(A)	Baird (AT) Marietta
1882(A)	Bradevelt (AT&PN) Churchdale
1888(A)	Bradley Beach (AT) Ocean Park
1874(R)	Cream Ridge (LN) Fillmore

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1886(A)
             Deal (PN) Ocean Ville
     1889(A)
             Dupont (AT&PN) Belmont
     1886(A)
             Ely (AT&PN) Charleston Springs
     1879(A)
             Fennet (AT&PN) Tennent
             Freneau (AT) Mount Pleasant
     1889(A)
    1885(R)
             Hamilton (LN) Old Trap Tavern
     1898(R)
             Highlands (ON) Highlands of Navesink
     1904(A)
             Holmeson (PN) Holmeson or Holmont
     1886(A)
             Howellton (AT) Howells Station
     1884(A)
             Keansburgh (AT) Granville
             Key East (LN) Neptune City
     1884(R)
     1887(R)
             Lake Como (LN) Sea Plain
             Lincroft (AT) Leedsville
     1891(A)
             Locust (AT) Redemont (PN) Redemont or Locust Point
     1893(A)
             Newell (AT) Newell (PN) Nelson
     18B3(A)
             New Sharon (LN) Sharon
     1894(R)
             Oceanic (AT) Port Washington
     1871(A)
             Parkerville (AT) Parkerville (PN) Rumson
     1874(A)
             Southard (AT) Bethel
     1880(A)
             Villa Park (AT) Villa Park (PN) West Spring Lake
     1892(A)
             Wayside (AT) Centreville (PN) Chestnut Plains or Kings-
     1890(A)
                 wood or Wayside
     1885(A) West Long Branch (AT) Branchburgh
MORRIS COUNTY
     1881(A)
              Butler (AT) West Bloomingdale
              Hopatcong (LN) Lake Hopatcong
     1880(R)
     1885(A)
             Landing (PN) Hopatcong Landing
     1876(A)
              Lathrop (AT) Morris Plains
     1897(R)
             Long Hill (ON) Myersville
     1886(A)
             Marcella (AT) Greenville
     1894(R)
             Mount Freedom (ON) Walnut Grove
     1883(A)
              Parker (AT) Unionville (PN) Hill Top or Troy or Randall
                 or Parker
              Ralston (PN) Roxiticus or Villis
     1892(A)
             Stony Brook (PN) Pequannock
     1867(A)
     1882(A)
             Tabor (AT) Mount Tabor
             Troy Hills (AT) Troy
     1886(A)
SUSSEX COUNTY
              Beaver Lake (AT) Two Bridges
     1905(A)
              Bevans (ON) Peters Valley
     1898(R)
                      (AT&PN) Culvers Lake
     1903(A)
              Culvers
     1915(R)
              Cutoff (ON) Greensville
              Edison (AT&PN) Ogden
     1891(A)
     1896(A)
              Evander (AT&PN) Somserset Inn
              Glenwood (AT&PN) North Vernon
     186B(A)
              Greendell (ON) Greensville
     1915(R)
              Halsey (AT&PN) Washingtonville
     1887(A)
              Hopatcong (PN) West Hopatcong
     1917(A)
              Houses (AT) Woodruff Gap (PN) House's Corner
     1882(A)
              Kampe (AT) Cherry Bridge
     1887(A)
             Kavs (AT) Two Bridges
     1886(A)
             Lincoln (LN) Greensville
     1871(R)
              McAfee Valley (AT&PN) Hardiston
     1868(A)
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1871(R) Monroe (UN) Monroe Lorner 1897(R) Papakating (ON) Pellettown 1915(R) Franquility (ON) Kenedytown 1897(A) Marbasse (AT) Eden Farm 1877(A) Wykertown (PN) Laurel Hill

## UNION COUNTY

1895(R)	Baltusrol (IN) Mountainside
1888(A)	Berkley Heights (PN) Berkeley Heights
1898(A)	Kenilworth (AT&PN) New Orange

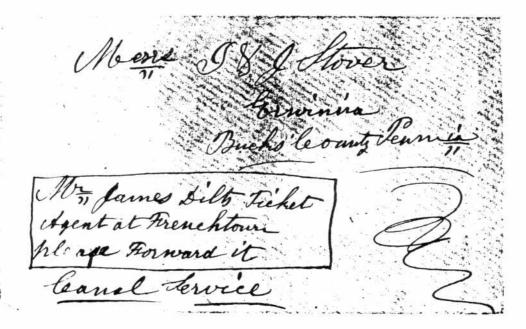
## WARREN COUNTY

1900(R) Brainards (ON) Martins Creek 1901(R) Calno (ON) Dimmick's Ferry 1886(A) Cooksville (AT) Vilas (PN) Cooksville or Cooks 1889(A) Cornish (AT) Little York (PN) Summerfield or Buislon 1890(R) Delaware Gap (LN) Dumfield 1880(R) Hazen (LN) Oxford Church

-John L. Kay-

Mr. Kay presented the first listing of Difficult-to-Find Post Offices in New Jersey in the March 1977 issue of NJPH.

#### ANOTHER STOVER CANAL SERVICE



Illustrated here is another canal service cover addressed to the Stovers similar to that shown by Charles Towle. Perhaps the name of the agent James Dilts will help with the investigation. No back markings on this one so there is no help there.

- Norman Brassler -

# NEWTON 1847

## Donald L. MacPeek

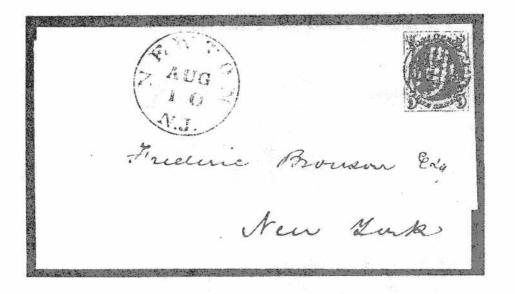
As a member of NJPHS, I am always keeping my eye peeled for unusual and remarkable items pertaining to New Jersey. Thus, I was very much attracted to lot 42 in Richard Wolffer's (San Francisco) sale of September 8-9, 1982 which contained the Newton, NJ cover illustrated here. It includes a copy of Scott 1a, the grayish brown shade, with large even margins all around on a folded letter, with a well-nigh perfect red grid killer strike, just tying the stamp to the cover. The large red circular datestamp of Newton is dated August 10th and is internally dated 1850.

Robert Truax, in an article reprinted in NJPH, November 1973 gave the number of 5 cent 1847 stamps sent to Newton as 300 in 1849 and 400 in 1850. There were none of the 10 cent value sent to Newton. I have not checked the Hart-MacDonald list of 1847 covers to determine the dates of usage and numbers of surviving covers.

A more beautiful New Jersey cover I've never seen! Estimated to sell at between \$2500-\$3000, it brought \$2200. The cover was illustrated in both black/ white and in color.

My interest in Sussex County stems from being born in Andover and a resident of Newton from 1937 to 1941.

while Sussex County material of this vintage is by no means common, this cover is outstanding!



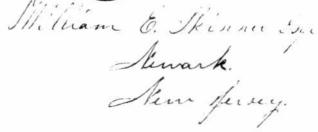
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In response to the listing of New Jersey rural free delivery markings reported last year, Norman Brassler noted that he has examples of RFD Belle Mead, a no. 1 from Millstone in 1906, a no. 3 from Marlton in 1905, a no. 2 from Moorestown in 1903, and a type B from Old Bridge, 1909. He has another Kleins Mills and is seeking a small Paterson shield. If you can assist, contact the editor. NEWTON's SHIELD Cancel

- August 1867 -

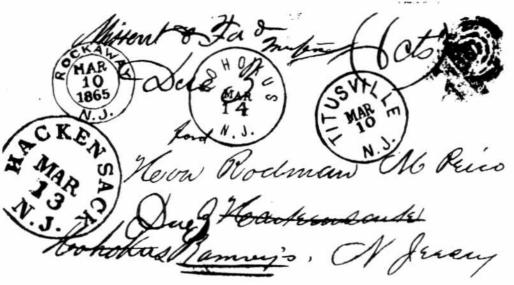
Brad Arch





Unquestionably more difficult to find than the Paterson Shields, only two examples has so far come to my attention. Both used during the first few days of August 1867 on 3¢ 1861 issue stamps.

A Triple Forwarded Cover Brad Arch



TITUSVILLE	-	March	10,	1865	origin, addressed to Hackensack.
ROCKAWAY	-	March	10,	1865	"Missent" in manuscript.
HACKENSACK	-	March	13,	1865	"Missent & For'd/Due 3" and "Hohokus" added.
HOHOKUS	-	cros	sed	out,	"Due 3/Ramsey's" & "6 cts" added, "Hohokus" all in manuscript; and apparently finally the addressee in Ramsey with 6¢ postage due.

# ON CHANGING A POST OFFICE NAME

## Gerard Neufeld

What follows is the text of a letter sent to the "Hon. George Sykes Esq./ at Washington/In the District of Coumbia/ In Haste" postmarked with a black Camden circular datestamp. The grammar and spelling have not been updated.

#### Evasham, 12 Mo, 1st 1844

# Respected friend,

I understand there has been an Application to Change the name of evesham Post Office to the Name of Marlton; I Request thee to have the Matter delayed until thee heares from me; We want the Name Changed also; but not the name of Marlton; We want the name Willsborough, that is the Original name; and a few of the C  $\_$  a few years ago, got together & changed the name without our knowledge or Concent, I intended sending on a Petition as soon as I could after you met; I think it verrey likely thay may send on a Petition from what Swain told me the other evening; he also shewed me thy letter; I did not think of it--when I saw thee or I should have mentioned it to thee; thee: is entirely excusable not knowing the Situation we were in about it; I spole to a Friend of mine during the Recess of Congress, to speak to the Postmaster But I do not know whether he has or not, but I particularly Request thee to see the Post Master General & get him to Postpone any Action on it until he hears from me, I will send on a Petition as soon as I can. I think nearly if not all our friends will go for our name, in preference to Marleton there is but few that likes the name of Marlton; pleas to attend to it immedeately And as soon as possible thee will hear from me on the Subject, I have lost my Soninlaw A fine young man; And my Daughter lays quite ill at present; (and of Course will Cause a Delay on my part) which is a Great Affliction to us, he was a Good friend of thine.

I remain Verery Respectfully thine Zebedee M. Wills

The folded letter is docketed as having been received "12th Mo. 7th 1844" and answered "12th Mo. 19th 1844."

what Representative Sykes replied to his Quaker correspondent we do not know. However, we do know that on August 6, 1845, Evesham post office became Marlton, the name still in use today. Marlton's first postmaster was Samuel Swain, possibly the same "Swain" mentioned in the letter.

Marlton is named for the naturally occuring phosphate rock deposits, marl, which lie in the area and which were mined in the last century as a source of fertilizer.

Kay and Smith show an establishment date for Evesham of April 1808. Evesham Township still exists just to the south of Marlton in Burlington County.



#### INDEPENDENT STATE USAGE TO NEW JERSEY

James Walker

mife bil. Redfield Glouchester new Jersey

At first glance, the reader might wonder why a cover with a New Jersey address as it's only qualification should be the subject of an article in this journal.

Close examination reveals a Scott no. 26 tied by a black Natchez, Mississippi circular datestamp of January 16, 1861. What is interesting about the postmark is that Mississippi seceeded from the Union on January 9th, exactly one week before this cover was mailed. Mississippi was the second state to leave the Union following South Carolina, which seceeded on December 20, 1860. The Confederacy was not officially formed until February 4, 1861 with Mississippi being one of the original six states.

Armed with these facts, the cover's significance becomes more apparent, sometimes described as a "Confederate Provisional" cover. The term is not completely accurate since the United States government never officially recognized the secession and hostilities had not yet begun so the other frequently encountered term "Across the Lines" was not applicable since there were no lines to cross!

A more accurate description of this cover would be Independent State usage to a Northern city. In Mississippi's case, this period lasted only 26 days.

According to August Dietz, the authority on Confederate postal history, this usage is scarcer than foreign, local, or that between seceeded states.

In light of this information, this cover certainly warrants a closer look by most postal history collectos, and the fact that the Northern city happens to be Gloucester, New Jersey only serves to heighten our interest.

Unfortunately, I have no information concerning the adressee. If anyone reading this article can provide information about the Redfield family, I would appreciate hearing from you.

# **RARE RECORD FLIGHTS**

## AMELIA EARHART

