

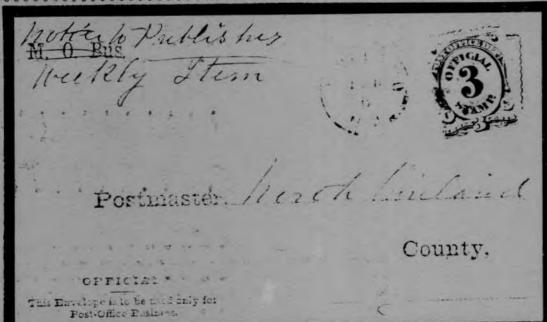
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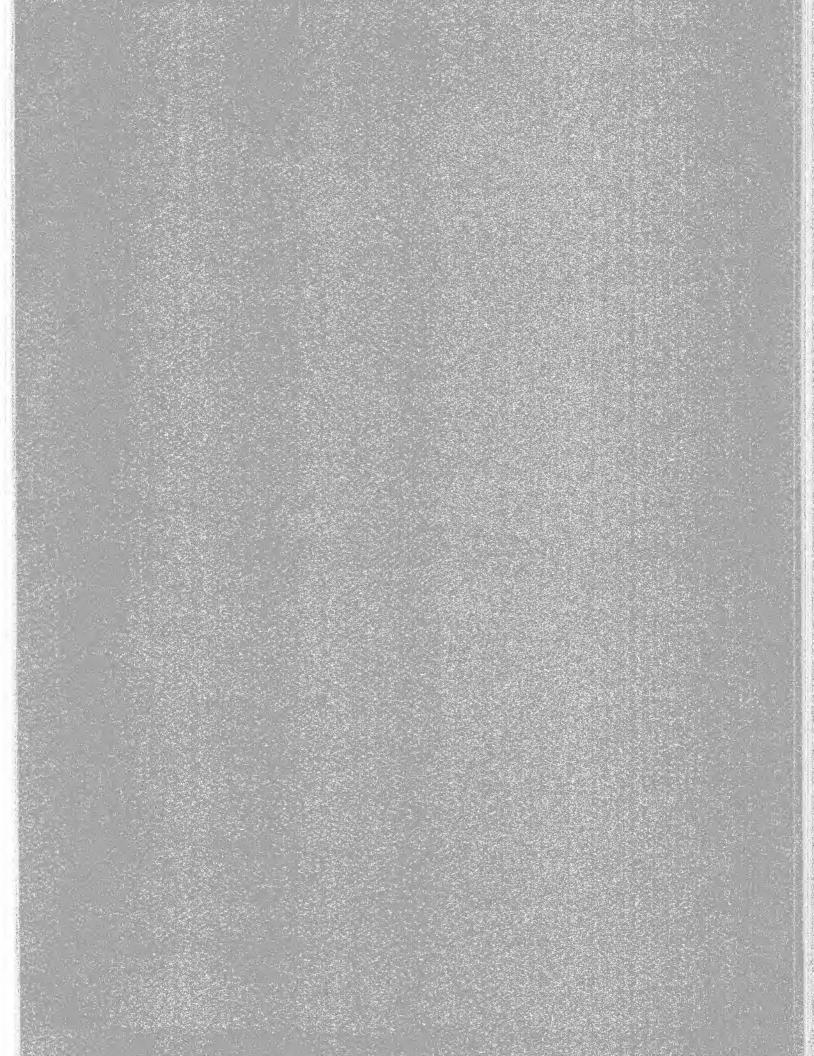


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MY WISH COMES TRUE BLACK HORSE, NEW JERSEY

William C. Coles, Jr.

I believe that each of us interested in New Jersey postal history has at least one town whose postmark we particularly want and hope someday to see it and, if possible, to acquire. Sometimes that cover is not expensive but elusive. My town marking desired is Black Horse, New Jersey.

About the time I discovered the correspondence of Congressman George Sykes of Columbus, New Jersey, I found that there had been an earlier name for this country town. Columbus is about six miles outside of Mount Holly, in Burlington County, on US 206 (of course, route 206 did not exist then).

Black Horse was established on October 1, 1806 and was served by the Mount Holly mail route. It must have been the last stop on the route for there was at that time almost nothing but pine lands beyond it. In that day it would have taken the mail carrier two hours or more by horse and wagon to cover the distance to Black Horse. It was all farmland and woods along the way with an occasional small farmhouse near the muddy road full of ruts.

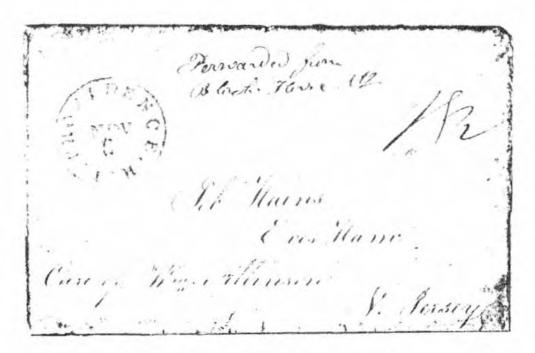
Much searching and questioning among my friends of that area, and cover dealers, produced nothing. Most had never heard of Black Horse. One reason was that it had a very short life of only 21 years, having been changed to Columbus on December 14, 1827.

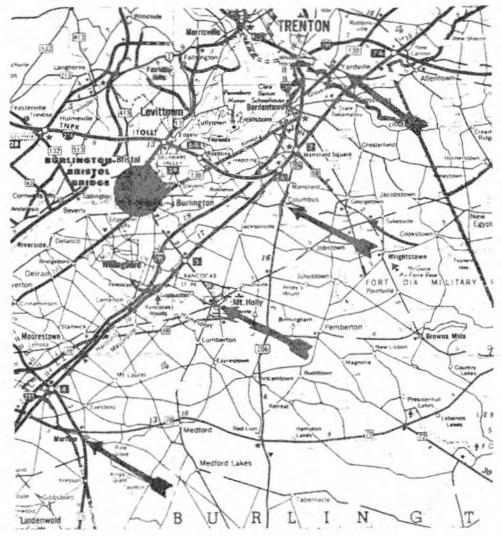
More years passed with no luck until I visited some friends living in Maine and who had previously lived in Moorestown, New Jersey. As usual, I asked about old letters. YES! They did have some old family correspondence that was produced and examined. One letter immediately caught my eye. It was a a letter from Providence, New Jersey, dated 1809, and addressed to Job Haines care of William Allinson, Evesham, N. Jersey. Evesham was the name in 1809 of the present town of Marlton. Allinson actually live at what is now Yardville, just east of Trenton. Somehow this letter got to Black Horse where it was marked "Forwarded from Black Horse." There finally was a letter with a Black Horse marking.

So until I find a letter that originated in Black Horse and was postmarked by the postmaster in manuscript, I am very content to have this cover with the "Forwarded from Black Horse."

(illustrations overleaf)

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CITY OF JERSEY -- A New Discovery

Wesley A. Crozier

Almost every category of early US postal history is subject to addition, revision, and expansion. This is especially true of the oldest categories where new discoveries are few and far between. Unlisted and unreported examples of usages, when they do turn up, may cause a few ripples. This essay reports the appearance of just an item.

Antiquarian book dealers occasionally come across old papers and/or documents. In this age af aweness, these people generally have contacts in the philatelic world, to whom they turn to for information or to sell. I have such a contact who has produced some worthy covers on rare occasions. It is not a one-way street, as I have found some fine early books for him.

Some months had passed between contacts, so one day recently I decided to visit him. We exchanged chit-chat, and I observed that he was trying to recall if he had picked up anything 'down my alley.' Finally, he said "I did pick up some old documents recently, and there may be some old letters with them." These were the words I was hoping for! He walked to a nearby cabinet, pulled open a drawer, and after rifling through the contents, fouind a vinyl container with a dozen or so old folded letters. Immediately I spotted a manuscript postal marking.

They appeared to be very old -- and indeed they were so. Not all bore postal markings, a few having been carried by favor outside the mails. We had no trouble getting together on a price for the lot, and a few minutes later I left his offices with eight SFLs stuffed into a breast pocket. I was a bit anxious to examine them carefully, and especially anxious to decipher the postal marking on one cover that was difficult to read. Early that evening, after dinner, I found the time to make the analysis.

The postal marking that had puzzled me seemed to start with 'City'. There were two other unclear words, followed by an unmistakable 'N.J.' The date was inscribed '8 Dec.' and the letter was headed 'Newmarket' [near New Brunswick] /Dec. 6/ 1807. Suddenly it all fell into place: the other two words were obviously 'of Jersey', and the combination read 'City of Jersey'!

The records show that the post office at Jersey City was established in January (date unknown) 1807. The usage I was examining was eleven monthls later. This was quite early for this post office, and seemed to reveal something not heretofore known -- that in the early months the postmaster inscribed 'City of Jersey' on the letters rather than 'Jersey City' (Fig. 1). The 12 1/2 postage charge inscription had been crossed out and corrected to 8 cents for the up to 90 miles rate.

Previously called Paulus Hook, the 'City of Jersey', when incorporated in 1820, had only 300 inhabitants. Today Jersey City includes a number of early communities (Bergen, Greenville, and Communipauw spring to mind) in a vastly larger territory. It must have been a tiny hamlet in 1807. A <u>Table of Post Offices in the United States for 1811 lists this post office as 'Jersey City'.</u>

I am reporting this in NJPH in the hope that members will input any available pertinent information that might provide further clarification of the earliest (1807) Jersey City postal markings.

Incidentally, a second significant and very early N.J. SFL turned up in this little lot. It was 'Mendham' and is dated March 15, 1806 (Fig. 2). This is one year earlier than the previously reported earliest example. The Mendham post office was established in 1804 so still earlier usages may be found.

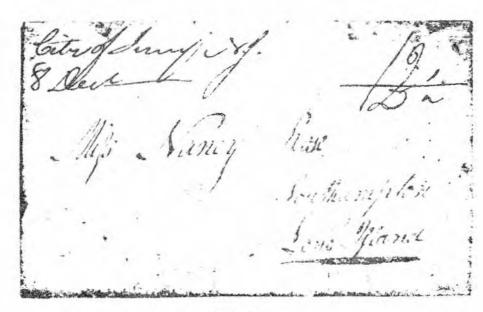


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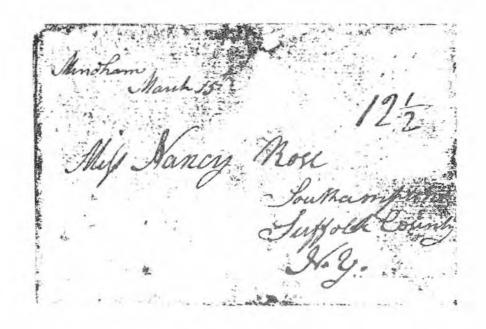


Fig. 2

Some Stampless Miscellany

Prof. C.S. Thompson

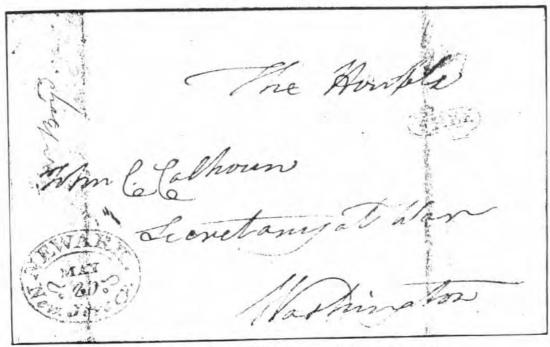


Fig. 1 Newark, N J oval in blue, May 20

Fig.1 shows the Newark oval circa 1818. As can be seen, it is addressed to The Honorable John C. Calhoun/ Secretary of War/ Washington City/ D.C. This letter refers to one Peter Tharp, who served throughout the entire Revolutionary War fron 1777 to 1783. The letter contains a request for a service pension. He ultimately resided in Bridgeton, New Jersey and some of his descendants may still live there.

Fig. 2 is a New Brunswick circular datestamp with a straightline PAID in black. The rate charge is shown by the manuscript 10. What makes this letter of particular interest is the destination, Turks Island in the West Indies, at a domestic rate. The fee paid the travel cost of the letter to New York, at which point the address of the merchant forwarders was crossed out. The forwarding mark of this firm is in red on the reverse and reads: FORWARDED/ by/ GEO & JOHN LAURIE/ NEW YORK. The long, well-written letter provides many interesting comments such as "...John Tyler's reign in the White House and the disappointment of his young wife who married him with the hope that he would be re-nominated. Soon, she says, James K. Polk of Tennessee enters upon his career and then the poor, but honest Whigs must suffer. A man unknown to the world especially as a political man, one who never did his country any good to be chosen in place of an honest and devoted patriot [Henry Clay], one who always lived to labour for his country's prosperity. The heart-sick and horror-stricken Whigs may get pretty well Polked." Other subjects discussed include the possible annexation of Texas.

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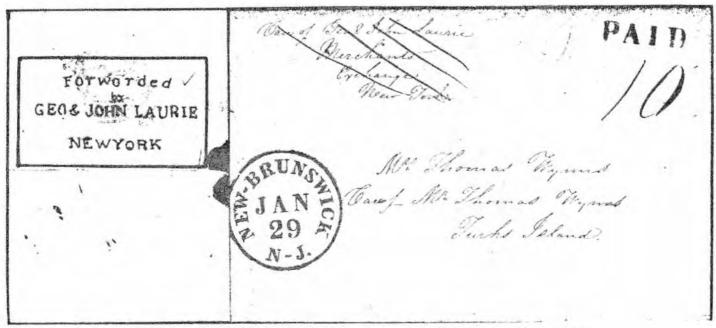


Fig. 2 NEW BRUNSWICK N-J JAN 29 probably 1844

Fig. 3 bears no transit markings but is datelined December 14th 1807 with a manuscript notation: Ship Richmond/ Cape May [N.J.] in which the writer states "We had very pleasant breezes down the bay [Delaware] and have got the ship prity snug."



Fig. 3

Fig. 4 is a New Brunswick circular datestamp with straightline FREE in black. The letter is addressed to The President of the United States [James K. Polky Washington City/ D.C. and dated 1846. The writer requests that he be permitted to raise and command a battalion of soldiers from New Jersey to fight in the Mexican War.

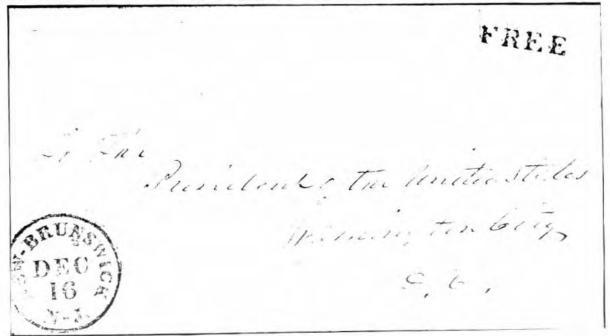


Fig. 4

Fig. 5 bears a Trenton circular datestamp with a large fancy outlined 5 rate in blue on a letter directed to New York and is dated 1846. The writer, A. Lowry, was a first lieutenant in the dragoons who responds to the father of one of his enlisted men regarding the son's progressx in the army. The boy's father has offered the lieutenant a regimental flag in token of his regiment's achievements in the Mexican War at the battles of Palo Alto and Resacca Del Palma. The lieutenant declines the offerd and states that it is contrary to military protocol to accept such honors from civilians.

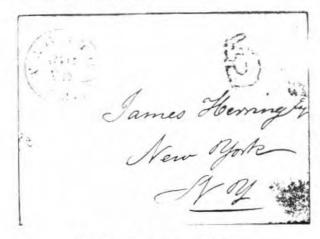


Fig. 5 [reduced]

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL ADHESIVE STAMPS

used on cover from New Jersey

(an illustrated Census)

by: Brad Arch with contributions by: Lester C. Lanphear III

The Departmental stamps were authorized by Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1873, abolishing the franking privilage. They were issed July 1, 1873 in separate sets for each of the nine departments, using designs based on the then current ordinary 'banknote' issues but with the department name across the top, with the exception of the Post Office Department which used large numeral values in place of the central portrait.

All demoninations within each department used a common color: Agriculture - yellow, Executive - carmine, Interior - vermillion, Justice - purple, Navy - ultramarine, Post Office - black, State - green, Treasurey - brown, War - rose. Not all demoninations were issued for all departments, and only the State Department had dollar denominations for use on bulky foreign mail.

Although none of these stamps used on cover can be classified as common, and some departments are decidedly scarcer than others, the domestic letter rate $3 \cupe$ stamp is the relitively easiest to locate, followed by the double weight domestic rate $6 \cupe$ stamp, then a toss-up between the $1 \cupe$ $2 \cupe$ stamps paying domestic printed matter and drop letter rates. All of the higher denominations are rare.

Due mostly to the Registry & Money Order Business, covers from the Post Office Department are the easiest to locate from anywhere in the country, followed by the Interior, Treasury and War Departments mainly from the expanding frontier of the Mid-Western states and territories. Embossed envelopes were also issued for the Post Office and War Departments, but are not covered in this article as they are somewhat easier to locate from almost anywhere.



STEWARTSVILLE NJ

The abuses to which the franking privilege had extended can be seen here by the use of a frank on the daily reports required of the thousands of census takers, designated U.S. Marshall, in the years immediately following the Civil War for the 1870 Census.



President Grant's Summer White House at Elberon NJ



3¢ Executive Department stamp LONG BRANCH NJ

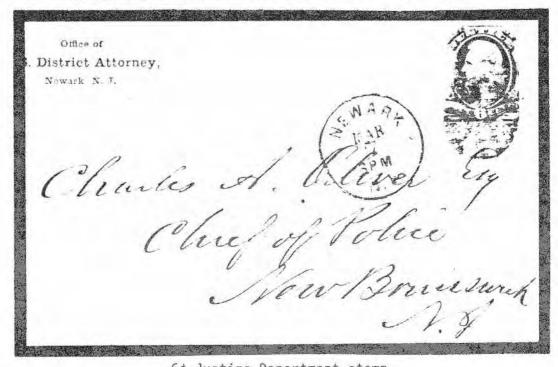
the Only Recorded example of an Executive Department stamp used outside of Washington DC, or from a Summer White House

Justice Department

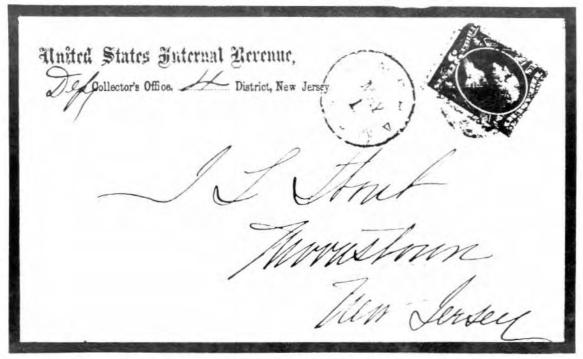
Both letters to: Charles A. Oliver, Chief of Police in New Brunswick NJ

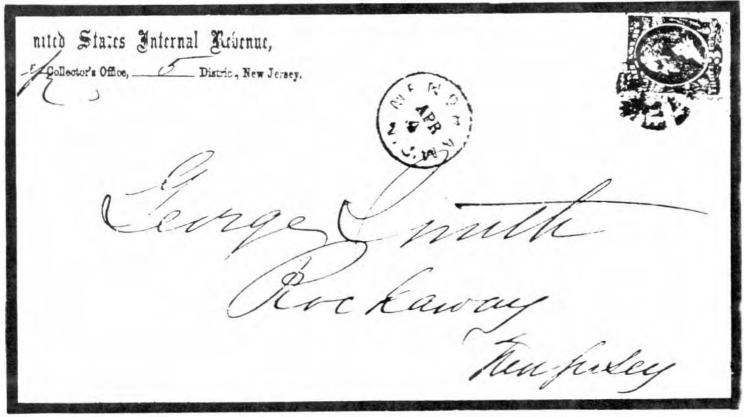


pair of 2¢ Justice Department stamps
TRENTON NJ
paying double weight letter rate after October 1, 1883



6¢ Justice Department stamp NEWARK NJ paying double weight letter rate before October 1, 1883





3¢ Treasury Department stamp MENDHAM NJ - IRS District #5 return address

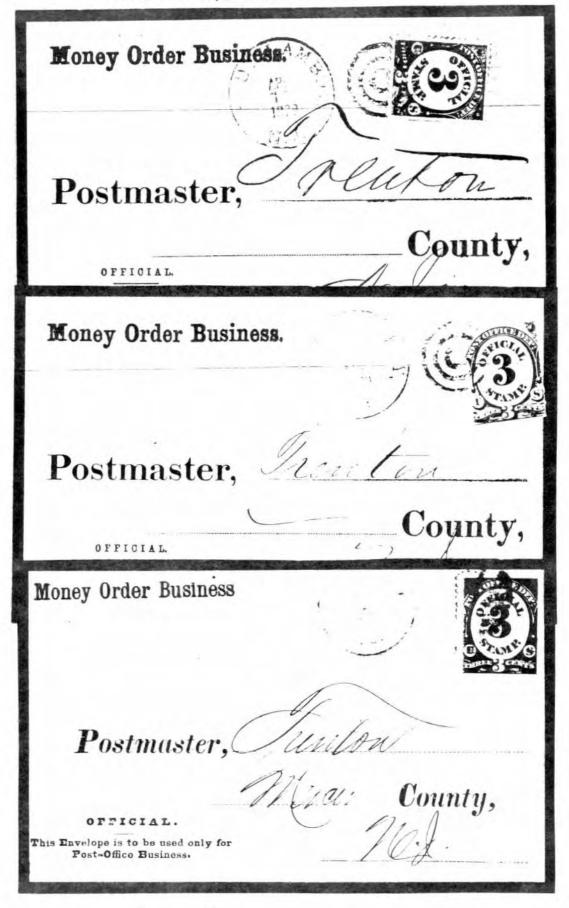
3¢ stamp MORRISTOWN NJ

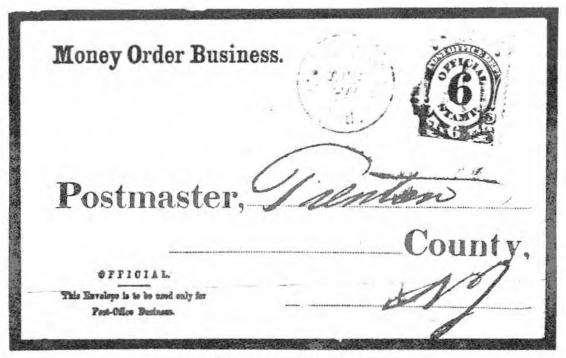
3¢ stamp PEAPACK NJ Money Order Business. Postmaster Bedminster Money Order Business. Postmaster County, OPPICIAL. This Tovalege is to be used only it Michigan Designa

3¢ stamp PENNINGTON NJ 3¢ stamp SOUTH AMBOY NJ

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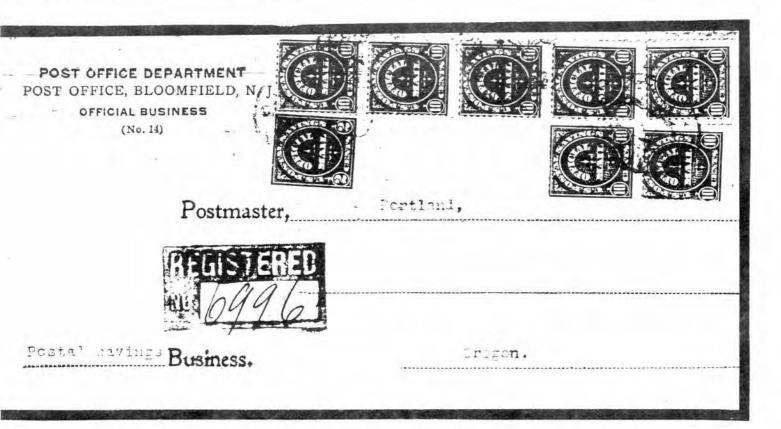
6¢ Post Office Department stamp MOORESTOWN NJ



6¢ Post Office Department stamp RARITAN NJ

Postal Savings Mail - 1910-1914

The Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1910 established postal savings depositories and directed the preparation of special stamps and stationery for their use in lieu of penalty envelopes. Five denominations of adhesive stamps were issed starting December 22, 1910; 1ϕ , 2ϕ , 10ϕ , 50ϕ and \$1.00.



a POD envelope from BLOOMFIELD NJ to Portland, Oregon on Postal Savings Business showing usage of 7 stamps @ 10c & 2c = 72c total

30 SECOND EDITORIAL

Folks, we can't keep this up with just a couple of members always contributing the articles and editorial materials. Soon, even they run out of things to say and show. There are all kinds of areas that haven't seen any coverage in quite a while; some, especially in the 20th century, have never been covered. C'mon, help make this effort worthwhile!

To the Editor

I am a philatelic historian whose specialty is the study of philatelic instruments or tools in terms of their history and application in the hobby. Over the years, I have been studying and collecting many instruments, some of which are no longer around.

Occasionally, I sell devices that have been made for specialized areas of philately. Such devices are made in small quantities and are not easily available.

One such device, which may be of interest to postmark collectors, is the Cancellation

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County & Postmaster Cancels:

by : Brad Arch

Since the preliminary listing that appeared in the January 1981 issue and the two updates that appeared in the January 1982 & March 1984 issues, illustrations have been found for the OCEANVILLE and SHREWSBURY types, and a new listing with illustration has been found for LODI. Expanded dates of use have been reported for these and five others and are included in the following listings.







| ERMA P.O./Cape May Co., N.J | Sep | 2 | 1893 | Aug | 9 | 1894 |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|------|-----|----|------|
| ERSKINE PASSAIC/CO./N.J | Feb | 26 | 1894 | Nov | 13 | 1894 |
| LODI, N.J./BERGEN CO | Oct | 16 | 1884 | | | |
| MILLTOWN/Middlesex Co., N.J | May | 8 | 1886 | Mar | 7 | 1887 |
| MOUNT HOPE/MORRIS CO., N.J | Jan | 26 | 1886 | Feb | 22 | 1894 |
| OCEANVILLE, N.J./ATLANTIC CO., | Nov | 14 | 1885 | | | 1887 |
| SHREWSBURY,/Monmouth/County,/N.J | Nov | 30 | 1886 | | | |
| TUCKAHOE/ Cape May Co.N.J | Feb | 24 | 1891 | Jul | 12 | 1893 |

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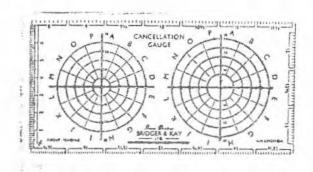
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Gauge. This is a fine, precise device that is used to measure the diameter of a full or part circular cancellation. The device is engraved in red on transparent plastic and is supplied in a thin cardboard sleeve with full instructions.

The device retails for about CDN\$11.50. However, I can supply thise for CDN\$6.60

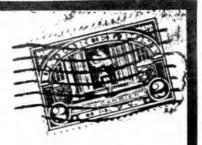
or U\$5.50 postpaid.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a Cancellation Gauge, or would like to know more about it, please write to J. Goldberg, Box 215, 260 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont., Canada M5A 1NO.









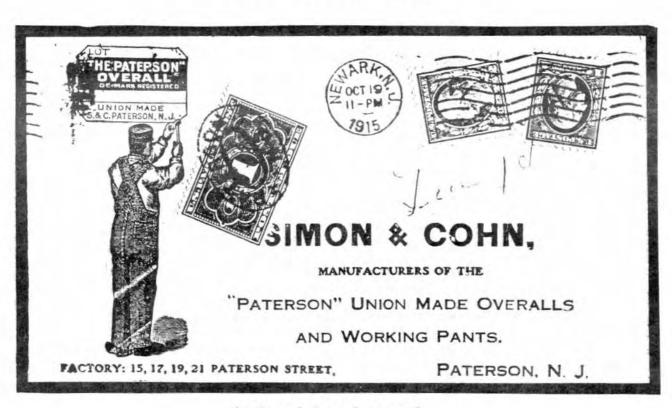
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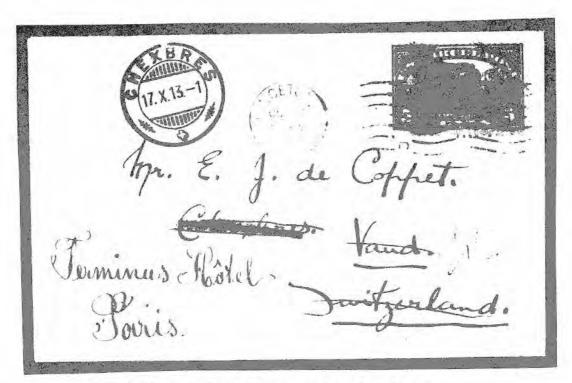
Philadelphia, Pa.

2¢ Parcel Post Stamp used as 1st Class Postage

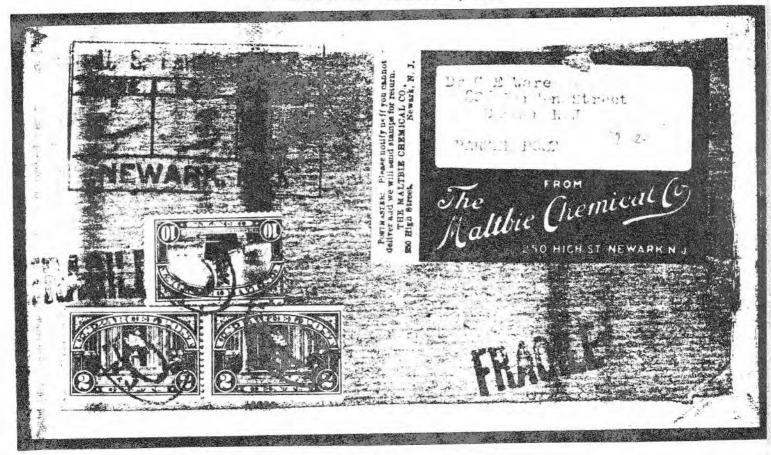
Passaic NJ - July 18, 1913



1¢ Parcel Post Postage Due
Used as Ordinary Postage Due - Tied on Cover by
Paterson NJ - double oval



5¢ Parcel Post Stamp used as 1st Class Foreign Letter Rate postage to Switzerland Princeton NJ - October 7, 1913



10¢ & 2x2¢ Parcel Post Stamps paying 2 Zone, 3 Pounds Parcel Post Rate from Newark NJ to Camden NJ

" NJ " PERFIN on New Jersey Stamp

Andrew Boyajian



The New Jersey Waterfront Marathon - the 1988 U.S. Men's Olympic Trials, held in April 1988 along the west side of the Hudson River, generated an interesting use of the official State of New Jersey 'perfin' on the New Jersey bicentennial of Statehood Stamp.

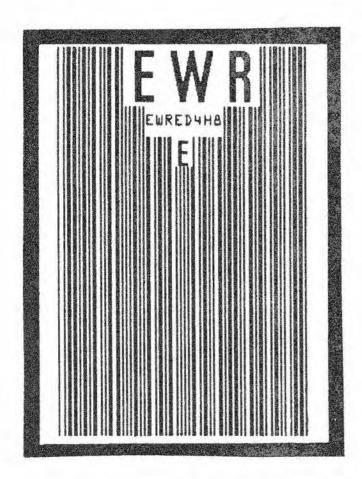
Other denomination stamps seen used from this office all used the older style "S" over "NJ" in a two line triangular format 'perfin', which has been in use for many years by many State Government Departments.

This "NJ" perfin would make an interesting addition to a collection of New Jersey Statehood related stamps, along with the cover, which would also fit very well into a collection covering the 1988 Olympics.



The illustration of this cover has been graphicly shortened from a #10 business size envelope

Bar Coded Labels on Packages





For more than a year, pressure sensitive - self adhesive, computer generated, large bar coded labels that encode the airport of destination of Priority and Express Mail packages have been used by at least some of the airport mail facilities around the country. Only large, bulky, fragile, etc. packages that are transported loose receive these labels, not smaller items that are shipped in pouches or sacks.

An additional, smaller label is found applied along with the large bar coded label. The smaller label lists the flight on which the package is scheduled to be carried, along with some other detailed information concerning the package. An example of these labels is shown actual size.

They were affixed to an Express Mail package mailed in April 1988 from suburban Atlanta GA to northern NJ with \$21.95 in postage affixed covering the 12 pound next-day PO to Addressee rate which became effective April 3, 1988.

A explanation of the numerals and letters on these label is as follows:

Large Label: EWR = airline code for the airport at Newark NJ

EWRED4H8 = "EWR" repeted, "E" for Express Mail (also known with "P" Priority) the "D4H8" is still unknown

E = Express Mail (also known with "P" for Priority Mail)

Small Label: DL 141 P = Delta Airline flight #141 (the "P" is unknown)

17:06 = time of processing at Atlanta airport = 5:06 PM

000019 = (unknown ?)

00012 = Weight of package in pounds

040988 = Date of processing = April 9, 1988

EWRED4H8 = corresponds with large label

ATL = airline code for the airport at Atlanta GA (the origin of the package)

NJPH September 1989 Post Office " BODY BAG "

A clear plastic baggie with a white printed panel on one side upon which is printed in black an apoligy for the damage caused to the enclosed item of mail while in the Postal Service.

Used as a sealed protective outer wrapper for a piece of mail that had become so badly disintigrated or oil or ink stained its further transmission or delivery could not otherwise be safely guarenteed, such as mail salvaged from a disaster or fire. etc.

This being much more serious damage than mail bearing the "Damaged in Handling-"handstamp normally applied to mail wrinkled or torn, etc. in a cancelling machine.

This example used: September 1987

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE PATERSON, NEW JERSEY 07510-9998

Dear Postal Customer:

The enclosed article was damaged in handling by the Postal Service.

While every effort is made to handle all mail in a safe and secure manner, pieces are sometimes damaged due to machine malfunction.

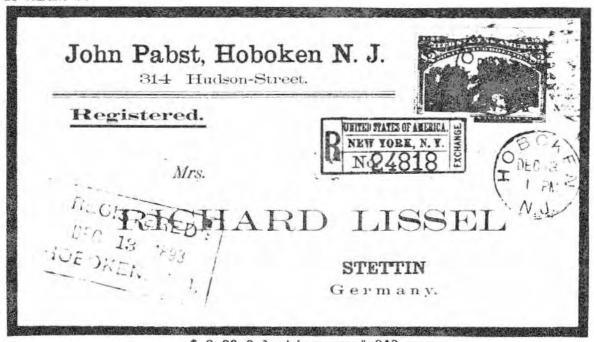
Please be assured that corrective steps are being taken to minimize such damages, and kindly accept my apology for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Postmaster

Paterson, New Jersey, 07510-9998

William B Thomas

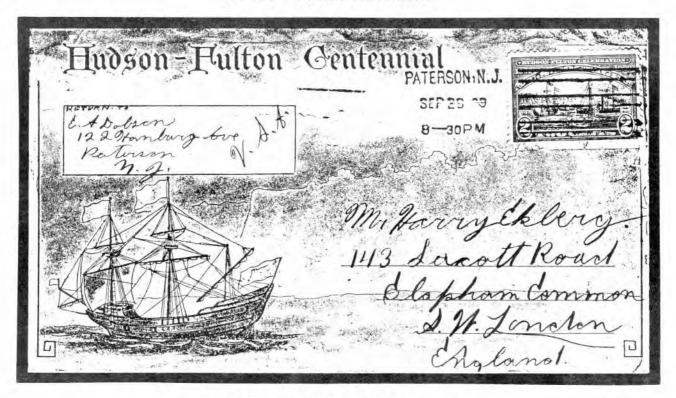


\$ 2.00 Columbian - # 242 tied to December 13, 1893 printed cover to Stettin, Germany by HOBOKEN NJ duplex and violet Registered Handstamp

The appearance of this second high value Columbian from HOBOKEN bring to memory the idea that we have previously seen a 30¢ and/or 50¢ Columbian on a matching cover many years ago, giving the appearance that a complete set of at least all the high denominations were done, and we would be most happy to have a pictorial record of all the covers in this set to be published in future issues of the Journal. If you have one or a pictire of one sent it in.

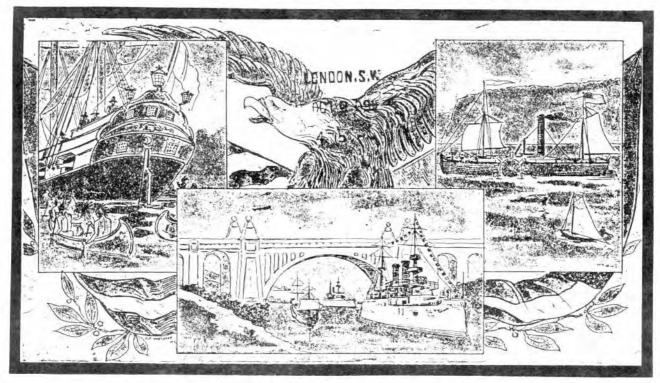


505, 5c rose cliche error, perf 11, se-tenant with 5 #499 forming a block of 6 tied to Mar 8, 1920 reg'd Montclair, NJ locally delivered cover. The block of 6 pays the registry and postage fees but there are no registry marks on cover. The B.I.A. survey lists only 3 block of 6 frankings.



The 1909 2¢ Hudson-Fulton Stamp tied on all over illustrated Exposition cover from PATERSON NJ to LONDON, ENGLAND paying a special 2¢ Treaty Rate used September 29, 1909

Stamp issued nationwide - September 25, 1909 Celebrations held on both side of the Hudson River (NY & NJ)



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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Postal History Society @ NOJEX, Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, Secaucus NJ - Sunday May 28, 1989.

The 1989 meeting was called to order by President, Gerard Neufeld at 12:02 PM.

The Secretarys report & Treasurers report were accepted as published in the Journal. Pres. Neufeld mentioned that we have had an increase in funds since last year, however that will cease to occur due to the discontinuation of the auctions.

Bob Rose stated that the Tax Exempt & Incorporation status is still in abeyance due to

the new administration. We hope to get it all completed this summer.

Pres. Neufeld then brought up the number of non-renewals this year. The Officers feel

this is due partly to the discontinuance of the auctions.

Julius Revesz has been looking for a candidate to replace Gerry as president, with no success. We will not make any officer changes until after the Incorporation & Tax Exempt status is received.

The next topic was the auctions, again. It was pointed out that the profit wasn't as large as it seemed due to the extra printing, and postage costs for the Journal to include the auction listings.

The lead time for printing the Journal is now 6-8 weeks due to the change in printer,

reported Brad Arch.

Gene Fricks is getting some copy from new writers but we can always use more material. Gerry Neufeld mentioned that we will be having some of our Journal articles reprinted in the Postal History Journal.

The subject of a table at MERPEX on Labor Day Weekend this year was then mentioned. It was decided that since we have no one available to be at a table, material about the

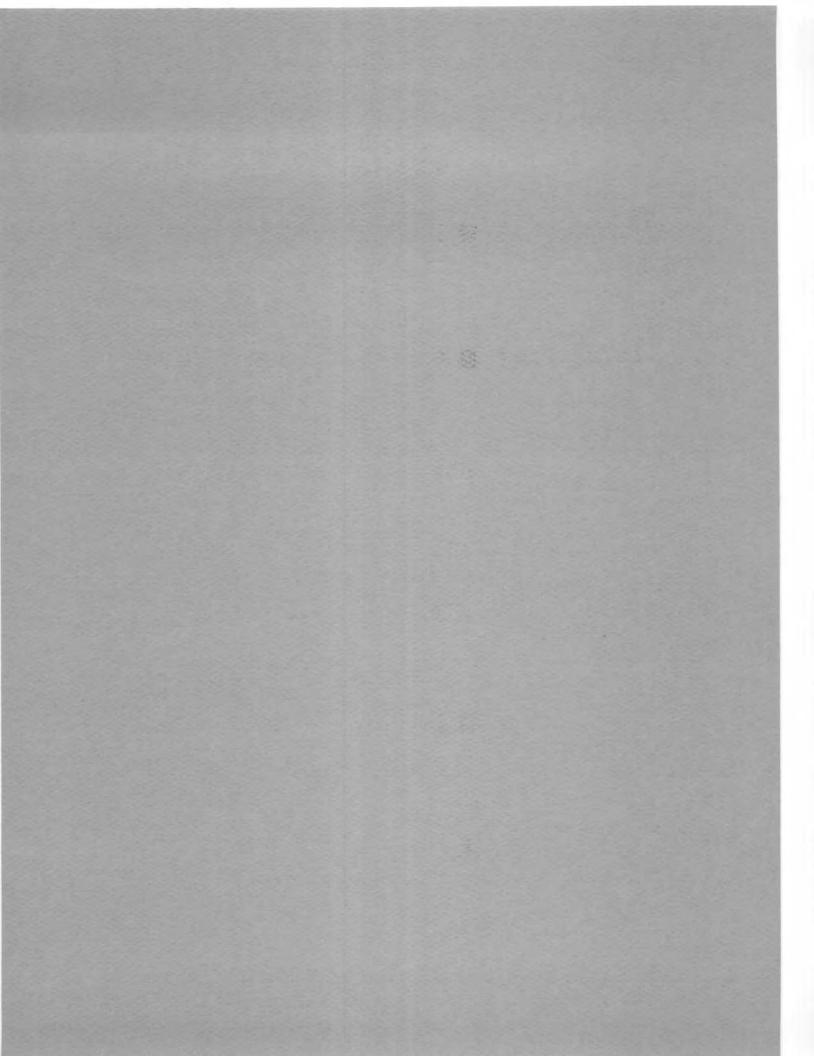
Society will be delivered to their committee to be handed out.

The next topic was the Membership Directory. A motion was made by Julius Revesz, and seconded by Patricia Byrnes that the Directory be published every other year, skipping this year. With no objecting votes from the floor, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Robert Larason informed us that there is a Postal History Museum in Lambertville NJ which is open on the second & last Sunday of each month. The Museum contains various postal history items.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Joyce Groot, Secretary



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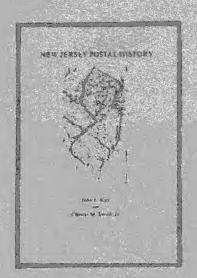


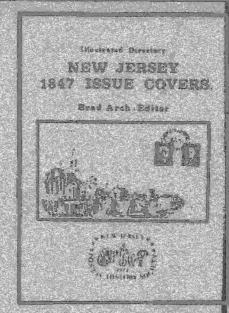
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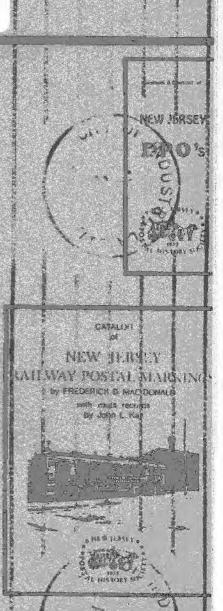












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