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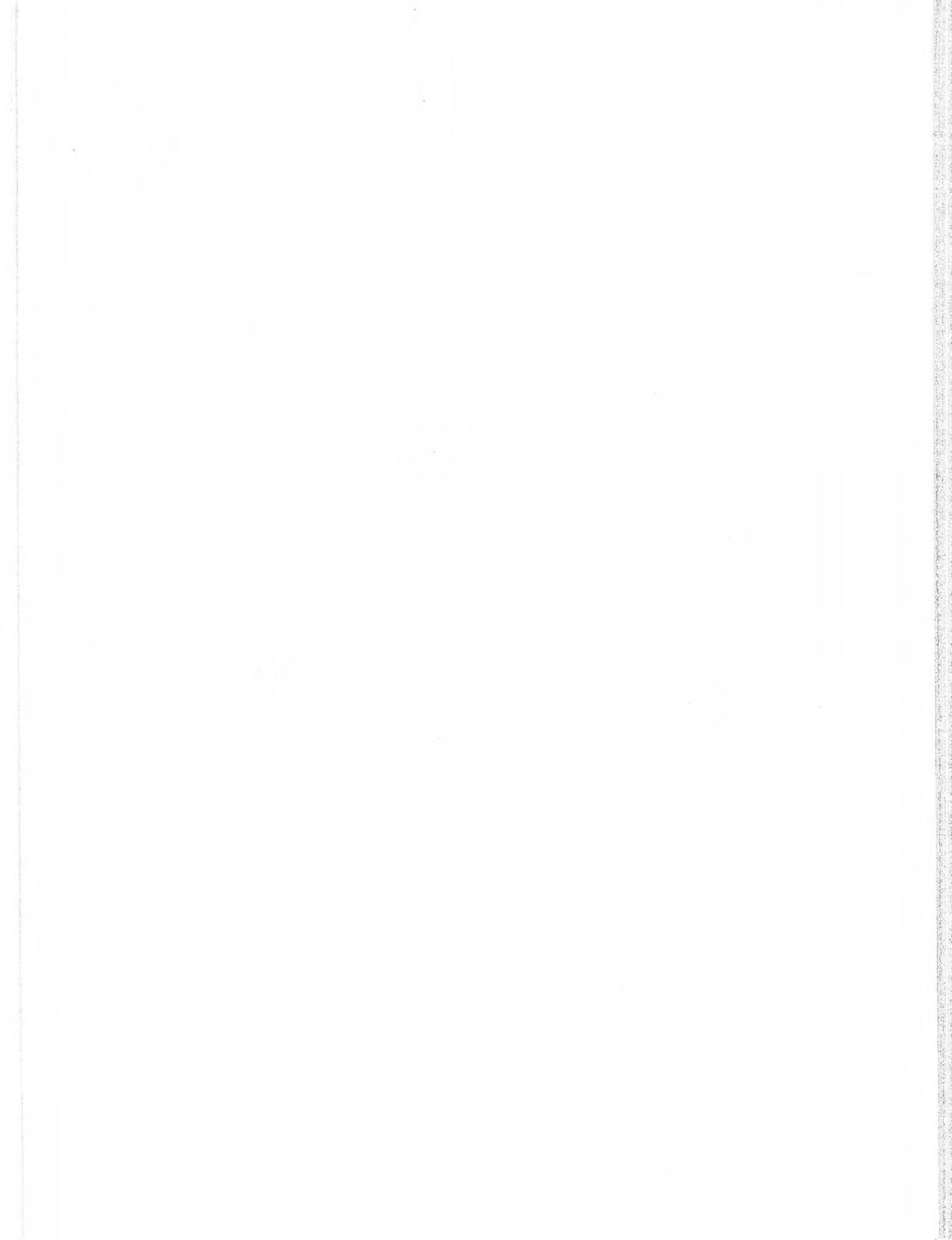
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## History of Jamesburg & Helmetta Post Offices

Compiled by James B. Helme, M.D.

The early history of everything in Jamesburg was influenced by the building of the Camden & Amboy Railroad that opened this section of New Jersey for settlement. James Buckelew's interest in and identification with this railroad, and later with others, brought great advantages to the small village of Buckelew's Mills (later Jamesburg) and caused an immediate surge of growth.

The Camden & Amboy Railroad received a charter from the New Jersey legislature on February 4, 1830. Trains were first drawn by locomotive, the *John Bull*, in September 1833. Trains began running on the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad on July 18, 1853. During this period, there arose a demand for increased mail facilities. Spotswood had the nearest post office, and it shared with Cranbury in the distribution of Jamesburg mail. Both offices were on the stage route and packets of mail were carried on the stages.

In 1848 James Redmond became the storekeeper at the "Mills," and was appointed as first postmaster of Jamesburg; his store became Jamesburg's first post office. Redmond retained the office until 1853 when the Whigs were turned out of the White House and the Democrats could exercise patronage, although for the last three years of his term, his brother, William Redmond, was the acting postmaster. Smith and Kay record the initial establishment of the Jamesburgh office on March 14, 1850 although Coles records a manuscript marking from 1849. Redmond was succeeded in 1854 by Joseph C. Magee. Magee was responsible for obtaining direct mail service from Philadelphia and New York to Jamesburg in 1855.

Reportedly, after making a fortune in New York, James Redmond returned to Jamesburg and spent the remainder of his life in beautifying the ground and buildings of his handsome residence that stood on the site occupied by the home of Mayor (in 1962) and Mrs. Malcolm S. Kirkpatrick.

In 1855 Jamesburg consisted of 30 houses and 200 hundred inhabitants. The establishment of the Downs and Finch shirt factory in 1871 gave new impetus to the town's growth. By 1876, when Harrison W. Crosby became postmaster, there were 130 homes and 697 inhabitants. Population growth continued at a rapid pace because in 1882 there were 192 homes housing about 1,000 people. On June 2, 1893, the "h" was dropped from the office name as part of a national Post Office Department move to 'rationalize' spellings.

During the later years of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th, the post office occupied several buildings in the "business block" of West Railroad Avenue, depending upon who held the postmastership. From 1909 until 1962, it had been in the Kullmar building on the corner of East Railroad Avenue and Church Street.

Local mail delivery was enlarged in August 1902 to include two rural routes, one of which was served for 32 years by Howard D. Applegate. Applegate drove a little white wagon with sliding doors over the rutted country roads. He had 140 families on this route that covered part of Monroe Township and lapped over into East Brunswick. When his wagon became disabled, Applegate completed the route on horseback or by treading 15 miles on foot. He drove a blind horse that knew every mailbox stop. Later he traveled by bicycle and then used an automobile for 14 years. He claimed to have worn out seven horses and nine cars in his 32 years on the route.

Applegate recalled that the other route was known as the "Hoodoo route." The first carrier left his wife and ran off with the daughter of one of the farmers he served. The second man got so interested in automobiles, particularly the Metz chain drive for which he became agent, that he went insane on the subject and had to be committed to an asylum. The third carrier, it is said, exchanged wives with a neighbor. A year later he committed suicide.

Earl C. Collins served as rural mail carrier for 37 years and John Bennett was another early mail carrier. City delivery was established in 1951.

Jamesburg post office handles approximately 5,750 deliveries daily. The Rossmoor Retirement Community is served by the Jamesburg post office as well as a state home for boys. Its delivery area covers all of Jamesburg, part of South Brunswick, part of Monroe, and part of Old Bridge.

## Jamesburg Postmasters

Name	Appointment Date
James Redmond	1848 (S&K: Mr 4, '50)
William Redmond	1850
Joseph C. Magee	1854
George W. VanArtsdalen	1866
Harrison W. Crosby	1885
Thomas Scarlett	1888
George W. VanArtsdalen	1893
Harry L. Jacques	1893
William H. Jernee	1901
James B. Pownall	1911
Charles E. Paxton	1916
S. Matilda Mount	1921
Joseph Corse	1934
James P. Casey	1944
Anthony Collura	1949
Richard Perdoni	1973
James Reilley	1980
Debra Sturm	1982
Vincent Moroney	1986

## Helmetta Post Office

Smith and Kay record establishment of the Helmetta post office on December 15, 1884. Since the 1950s, the office has occupied a building at 68 Main Street. The current building has been in use on the site since May 1, 1967. Prior to its opening, the post office occupied a wooden snuff mill house-type building on the same site.

From the snuff mill structure's late 1966 closure, which was necessary in order to demolish the old building, until the opening of the brick facility at the same site, the post office operated temporarily in a snuff mill house on John Street. Before moving to 68 Mail Street in the 1950s, the post office was next door at 66 Main Street, at, and sharing with, the general store site.

The first available information on the post office dates from the tenure of Postmaster Richard D. Burt, who served until October 14, 1940. Winifred Lindstedt replaced Burt, serving as postmaster until March 26, 1964. During her tenure, the post office advanced from a third class to a second class facility.

## Helmetta Postmasters

Name	Appointment Date
James E. Place	December 15, 1884
Richard D. Burt	
Winifred Lindstedt	October 14, 1940
Harry Renner	March 26, 1964
Betty Leach	1964
Michael Talnagi	1964
Mary Lou Falzarano	1987
Mary Cox	March 28, 1987

## Applegarth

Through the efforts of lawyer A.S. Applegate and Senator John R. McPherson, Applegarth obtained a post

office on April 17, 1888 with Harrison Rogers as postmaster. On March 31, 1899, the Applegarth post office was discontinued and mail for the locality went to Hightstown. The post office was reinstated on June 20, 1899 through the efforts of Representative B.F. Howell. Enos A. Mount, the proprietor of the Applegarth general store and only merchant in the district, was appointed postmaster on that date. The office was again discontinued on January 15, 1907 and the mail delivered from Cranbury by the present rural route.

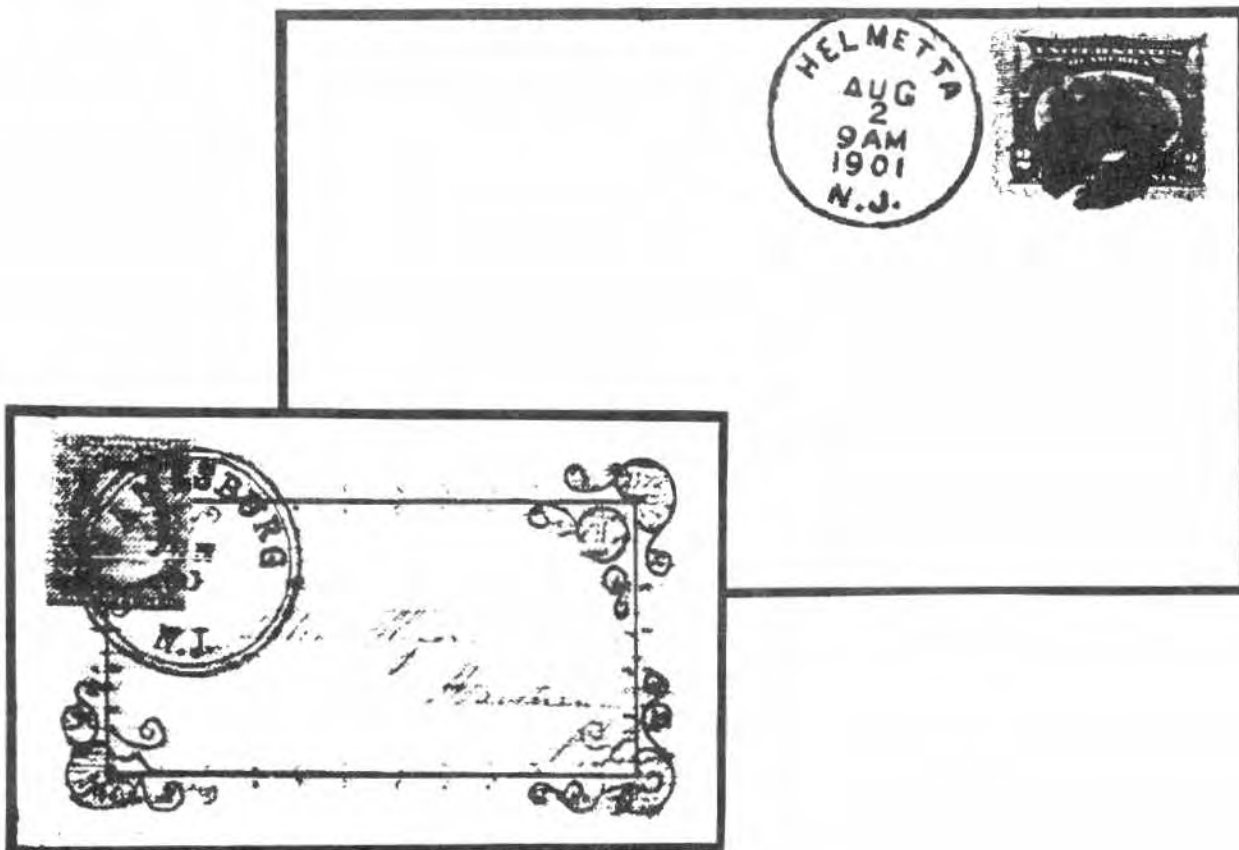
### Prospect Plains

Since June 22, 1859, the general store at Prospect Plains housed the post office with Derrick G. Davidson as postmaster. In 1891, the *Jamesburg Record* reported that all 80 boxes in the post office were rented. Rural free delivery began in 1901 when Route no. 3 was laid out from Cranbury. However, the route foundered when the farmers on the route preferred to call for their mail at Prospect Plains rather than have it delivered to them a day later. The Prospect Plains office was closed on September 30, 1956.

Aside from the office in Prospect Plains, Monroe Township is now served only by rural routes from Hightstown, Englishtown, Cranbury and Jamesburg.

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## Postal History of Camp May County, New Jersey

### Part 2 of an Article by Mary Law

Prior to the establishment of a postal delivery service, Cape May County's whaler yeoman picked up their mail in Philadelphia. They collected mail that could have been held for substantial periods; there exist post office newspaper advertisements directed to county residents, informing them that mail was being held. Private carriage of the mail was frequently resorted to, with horseback riders or ships likely transport means; stagecoach service to Cape May seems to postdate the American Revolution.

#### Postal History of Dennis Township.

**Dennis Creek:** Although this area, in the 1700s, was variously known as Cedar Creek, Sluice Creek, and Dennis Creek, the opening here of the first U.S. post office in Cape May made Dennis Creek the officially accepted name. The *Dennis Creek post office* was established on October 9, 1802.

At the time, Dennis Creek was still a part of Upper Township, but 24 years later, the New Jersey Assembly created Dennis Township from the southern half of Upper. This placed Dennis Creek in Dennis Township.

During its 52-year history, Dennis Creek had five postmasters beginning with Jeremiah Johnson, followed by James Diverty, Jacob Smith, and Jacob Souder. On January 12, 1854, while John L. Chance was postmaster, the name was changed to *Dennisville post office*.

**Dennisville:** More than 18 postmaster appointments followed John L. Chance at Dennisville.

The *Dennisville post office* is presently housed in a building that finally opened in April 1991, not without some difficulties. During Roseanna Robinson's tenure as postmaster, her home served as the post office. Upon her retirement on January 1, 1987, the South Dennis post office assumed responsibility for delivering the Dennisville mail. In 1988, The U.S. Postal Service purchased the Dennis Township public works garage, which they then completely renovated into a modern postal facility. Despite new furnishings, a fresh coat of paint, a sign, a flag pole in front, and plenty of parking, the facility remained unused to the early Spring 1991; the Postal Service had not assigned a postmaster and it is difficult to run a post office without a postmaster.

According to the present postmaster, Frank Germana, only persistent pressure from local residents led to the facility's opening. Germana was appointed on December 28, 1991, nearly five years after Mrs. Robinson's retirement.

**South Seaville:** Located near the center of Dennis Township, South Seaville was established with the advent of the railroad. It became the railhead for large amounts of wood for the iron foundries and glass furnaces in other parts of the state. As business increases, so did population, and the demand for postal services.

The *South Seaville post office* opened on September 7, 1867 with Remington Corson as postmaster. He served in this capacity from 1867 to 1881, and again from 1889 to 1893. In the 125 years since establishment, this post office has had 14 postmasters and many different locations in homes and stores. In the early years, the Corson and Westcott families seemed to supply most of the postmasters, sometimes more than once. By the 1920s, other names became evident: Warren Laricks in 1928, Harold Morely in 1942, Mary Thorpe/Ratcliffe with two separate terms, and Samuel VanSant in 1963. The current postmaster is Joan Sorenson.

The South Seaville *mail stages* served Townsend's Inlet (now Clermont and Swainton) and the Shore Road towns of Seaville, Palermo, Marmora, and Beesley's Point.

**Ocean View:** On May 6, 1872 the Post Office Department established the *Ocean View post office* with William Doolittle as postmaster. With changing department policies about one or two-word post office names, this office's name became Oceanview in 1895 and Ocean View again in 1905.

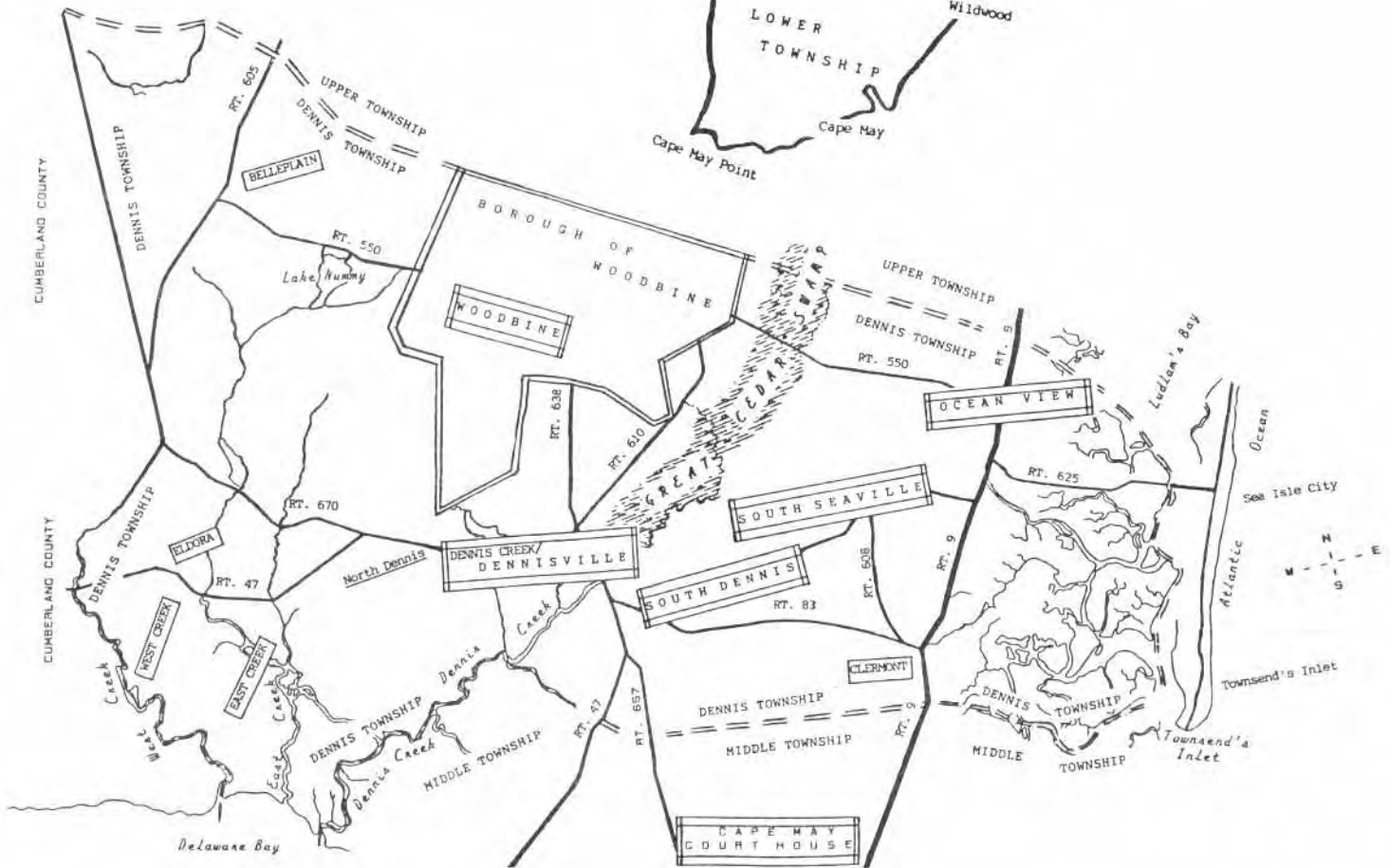
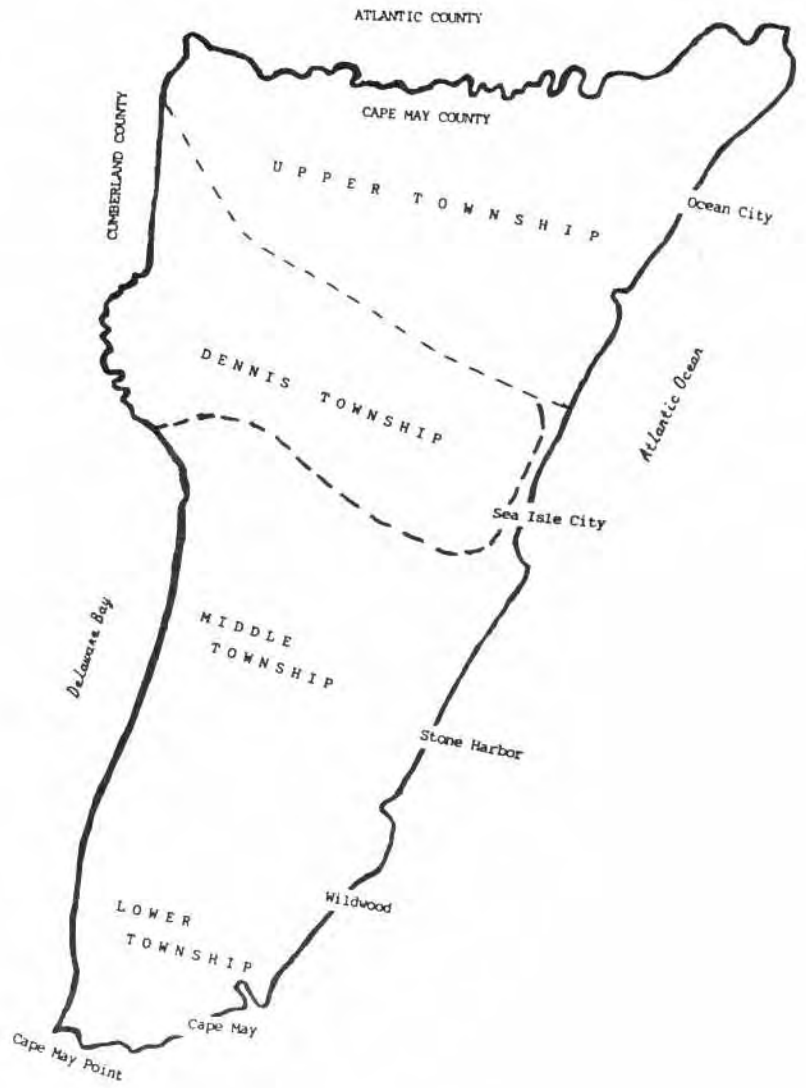
As with most other rural post offices, Ocean View was housed in a country store that became the local social center and meeting place. In the mid 1980s, this post office moved into a new building located on the main highway through town.

**DENNIS TOWNSHIP**  
 Cape May County  
 New Jersey

**TWO LINE OUTLINE:**  
 Post Offices with  
 past & present history

**ONE LINE OUTLINE:**  
 Post Offices with  
 past history

**UNDERLINE:**  
 Towns with no  
 postal history



Prior to 1863, the (old) Rising Sun Inn at the Woodbine Road served as a stage stop between Philadelphia and Cape May. With the opening of the railroad to Cape May and its capture of the mail contracts, the stagecoaches were gradually abandoned.

After Doolittle, the following postmasters have served:

Stephen T. Coleman	1885
Shagmar C. Townsend	1889
Belle S. Coleman	1893
Albert Way	1897
Elizabeth Way	1919
Joseph L. Donahue	1924
Susie G. Downam	1926
Janet C. Adams	1943
Rhoda B. Downam	1946
Evelyn H. Way	1954
Shaun O'Hara	1980
Howard Gendem	1987
Louis DeNafo	1988

At various times the Ocean View post office has absorbed other postal entities. Mail and postal duties were transferred to Ocean View from Seaville (Upper Township) in 1915, and Palermo (Upper Township) in 1934. For additional information on Ocean View while in Upper Township, refer to the previous installment of this article.

**South Dennis:** With Robert Hutchison as the first postmaster, the South Dennis post office opened on February 24, 1873. Seven years later, South Dennis was called "a post village separated from Dennisville by the Dennis Creek."

Two other Hutchisons have served as postmasters: Rhoda L. and Mortimer T., although Mortimer served only 20 days and was replaced by Margaret C. Carll in 1891.

Six postmasters have served South Dennis in the 20th century:

Josephine Douglas, George Stenecker, Otis McKaig, Leslie Stiles, Ruth Visick/Quillian, and Charles Minahan.

**Clermont:** On February 4, 1886 the *Clermont post office* was opened with Chester J. Todd as the first postmaster. Only two other postmasters served here: Martha Y. Kates and Zebulon T. Kates. The office closed on January 31, 1916 with the mail transferred to the *Cape May Court House post office* in Middle Township.

**East Creek:** A post office was established at East Creek on April 22, 1842, when John Wilson assumed the postmastership; he held the position until his death on December 23, 1875. Bell P. Wilson took over on January 5, 1876. Three years later, on January 23, 1879, Asbury Goff became the last postmaster of East Creek.

In 1880, East Creek was listed as "a post village on the creek of the same name, four miles southwest of Woodbine with a population of 151."

For a short time, East Creek became Eastcreek, again during that period of POD name-consolidation, but this was insignificant as the post office was discontinued on October 31, 1899 and the mail transferred to Eldora.

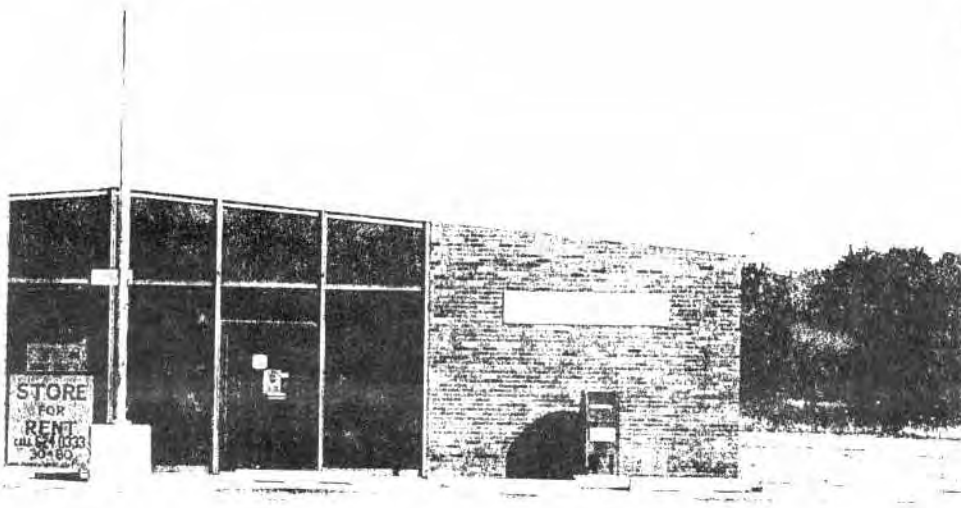
**West Creek:** The *West Creek post office* was on the stage route that carried the mail from the Belleplain railroad station via West Creek to the *Delmont post office*. The contract to carry the mail was let by competitive bidding. The state made two round trips daily and carried both mail and passengers.

In addition to his duties with the mail, the West Creek postmaster, like many of his counterparts, met many of his neighbors' needs by supplying newspapers, many patent medicines, and all kinds of tobacco products.

The "original" post office building was about 14 by 20 feet with a bare interior, although benches were provided as resting places for the neighbors who gathered there for the evening mail and to discuss the problems of the day.

Since Ocean County also had a West Creek post office, the Post Office Department requested, then changed the Cape May County West Creek to Eldora.





OCEAN VIEW NJ post office



SOUTH SEAVILLE NJ post office



The smallest post office, located in SOUTH DENNIS NJ prior to its discontinuance in 1987. Plans to move it to a local museum never materialized and it was eventually demolished.

**Eldora:** The *Eldora post office* opened on April 9, 1892, with Howard Goff as postmaster. He served at Eldora until 1894 when Isaac W. Lawson assumed the position. Carlos M. Broughton served as the last postmaster from his appointment on January 11, 1902. The office was closed on April 14, 1934, with the mail then going to the *Woodbine post office*.

**Belle Plain:** Prior to 1890, a post office was established at this community, although its name is uncertain. At the time, it was located in Cumberland County, but with boundary changes, the town became part of Dennis Township in 1890.

According to one account, the Belleplain post office was established on December 12th of that year with Albert T. Peacock as postmaster. Other postmasters were:

George Blinn	1893
Lilburn M. Hess	1897
Rutherford B. Hess	1903
Howard G. Somers	1908
Rollen B. Mason	1915

On April 18, 1921, the Post Office Department recorded a name change to *Belle Plain post office*, although on state maps, it is still a single word. At the time of the "name changing," Howard G. Somers began his second term as postmaster. He probably remained in office until the post office was discontinued on December 31, 1934. Mail was transferred to the *Woodbine post office*.

Some of these post offices in the villages and towns of Dennis Township no longer show up on the "post office map." The U.S. Postal Service, in modernizing its service to each community, has only four post offices physically within Dennis Township: Ocean View, Dennisville, South Seaville, and South Dennis. An additional two outside the township deliver mail to its residents: Woodbine and Cape May Court House.

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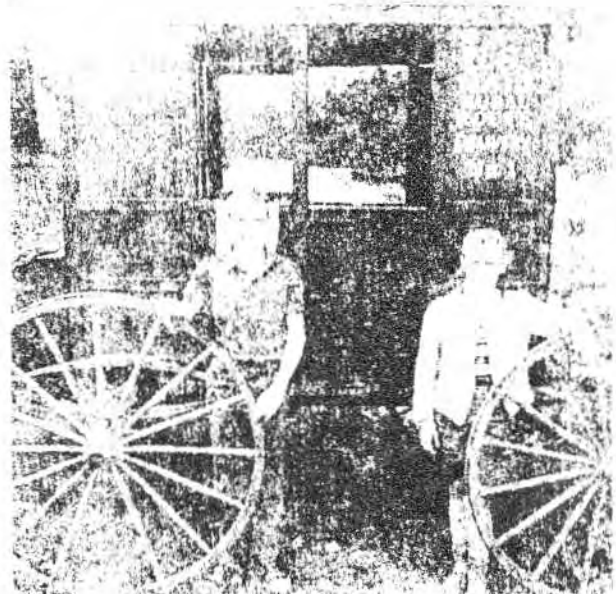
\_\_\_\_\_, private communications providing updates to the above.

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To be continued

Two modern-day children pose before an old-fashioned rural route delivery wagon



March 24, 1993

Editor, NJPH

I enjoyed the article by Mary Law "Postal history of Upper Township in Cape May County NJ", but I would like to point out a few apparent errors, based on information I obtained from the National Archives and published in my book "Post offices and postmasters of Cape May County, New Jersey, 1802 - 1970", and also on additional information supplied to me by John L. Kay in 1975.

Beesleys Point - an earlier post office opened July 6, 1822 under name of Beesleys, discontinued June 12, 1829.

Palermo - the Editor's note agrees with my information (discontinued March 15, 1934) but I believe the mail was transferred to Ocean View, rather than to Ocean City. There were 4 postmasters after Seth Corson.

Ocean View - The post office opened May 6, 1872 rather than 1830, also I have no record of Clifton Smith as a postmaster - Belle Coleman was appointed Sept. 2, 1893 and served until Aug. 4, 1897.

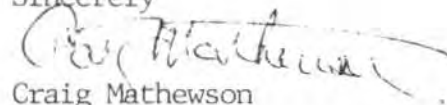
Strathmere - I have no record of Katherine Mc Cullough as a postmaster.

Tuckahoe - There have been 18 postmasters over the years, 3 different "Williams" in the pre-1850 period.

Marshallville - There is no record of a Cape May County post office under this name. Prior to 1878 Marshallville was located approximately on the Cape May-Cumberland County line, and the 1872 Beers map shows the main intersection to be in Cumberland County.

It would be well for the above to be included in a future issue of NJPH for the information of our members.

Sincerely



Craig Mathewson

cc Mary Law

**NOTE:** The above letter to the editor, is in reference to the first part of this series by Mary Law, on the postal history of Cape May County, that appeared in the March 1993 issue of this Journal, Whole # 102 on pages 38 through 44.

## New Jersey's Columbian World's Fair Exhibit

Prof. C.S. Thompson, Jr.



Figure 1

The cover illustrated in Fig. 1 consists of the Columbian envelope [Scott no. U348] and the 1 and 2 cent adhesives of that series to pay the 5 cent foreign letter rate. A Phillipsburgh (with the "h") cds and ink blob killer in black complete the picture. Originally directed to the Aberdeen Steam Navigation Company, it was forwarded to the North of Scotland Company. An enclosure depicts the New Jersey Columbian World's Fair Building at the exhibition grounds in Chicago. [Fig. 2]

The cds is interesting in that it shows the "h" before the Post Office Department's campaign in 1894-5 to eliminate extra letters and punctuation in post office names. When the campaign was reversed in 1903, very few post offices that had dropped the "h" restored them; Pittsburgh, Pa was the most notable exception.

The rate is notable in that a 2 cent letter rate to the UK existed even after the establishment of UPU-uniform foreign letter rates. Apparently this rate was not widely publicized as the preponderance of letters to the UK carry 5 cents.

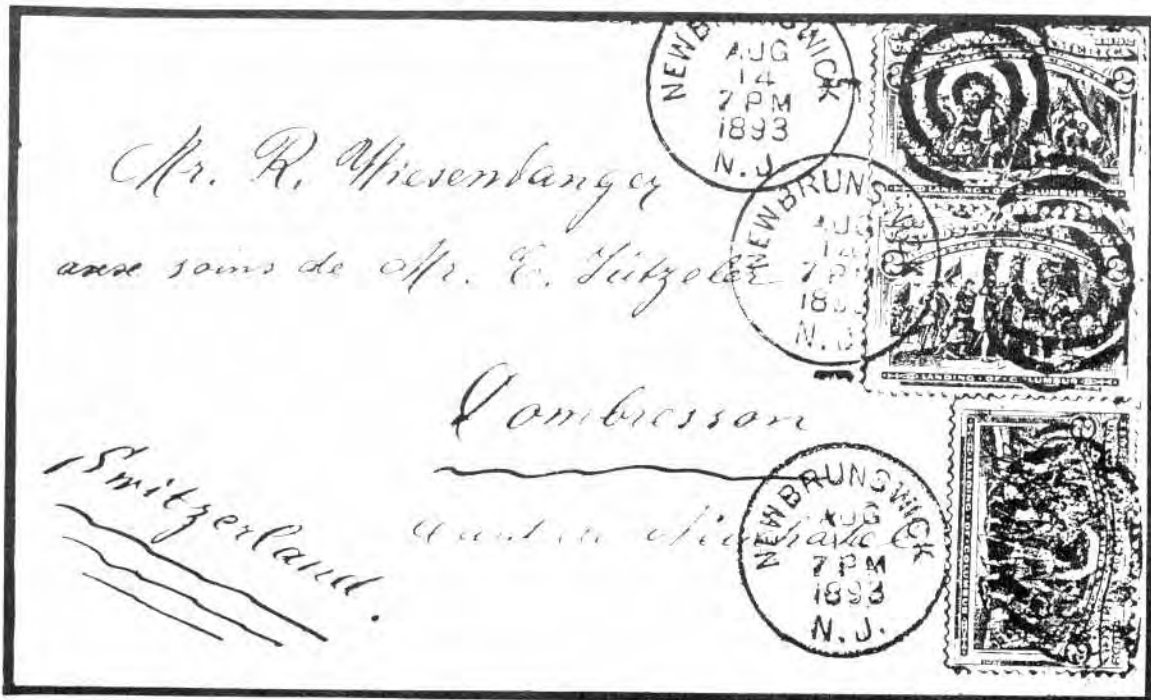
The New Jersey structure was located on the northern circle of state exhibit buildings on the fairgrounds, at a corner where a north and south avenue ran to the New York building. Plain and unostentatious from the street, the house interior was luxurious and elegantly furnished. The house reproduced the appearance of the mansion at Morristown that served as Washington's headquarters. Three stories high and 81 by 31 feet in plan area, the building cost \$18,000. James W. Lanning, a Trenton contractor, built the structure with materials brought largely from New Jersey.





Figure 2. New Jersey Building

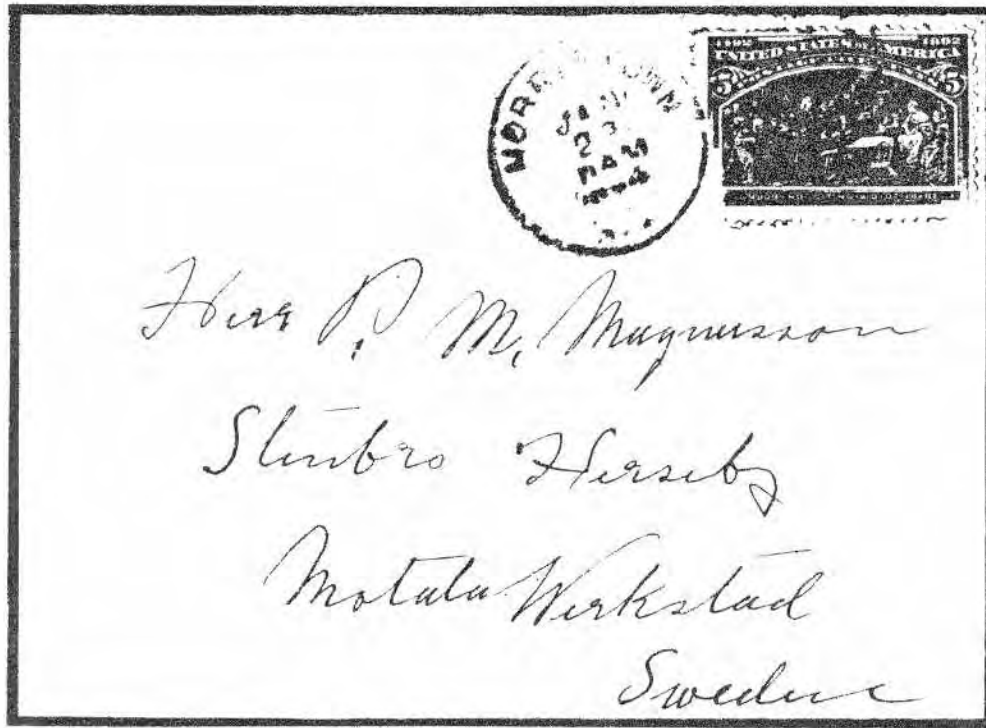
The following additional updated cover listing have been provided by: Don Chafetz :



NEW BRUNSWICK NJ - August 14, 1893

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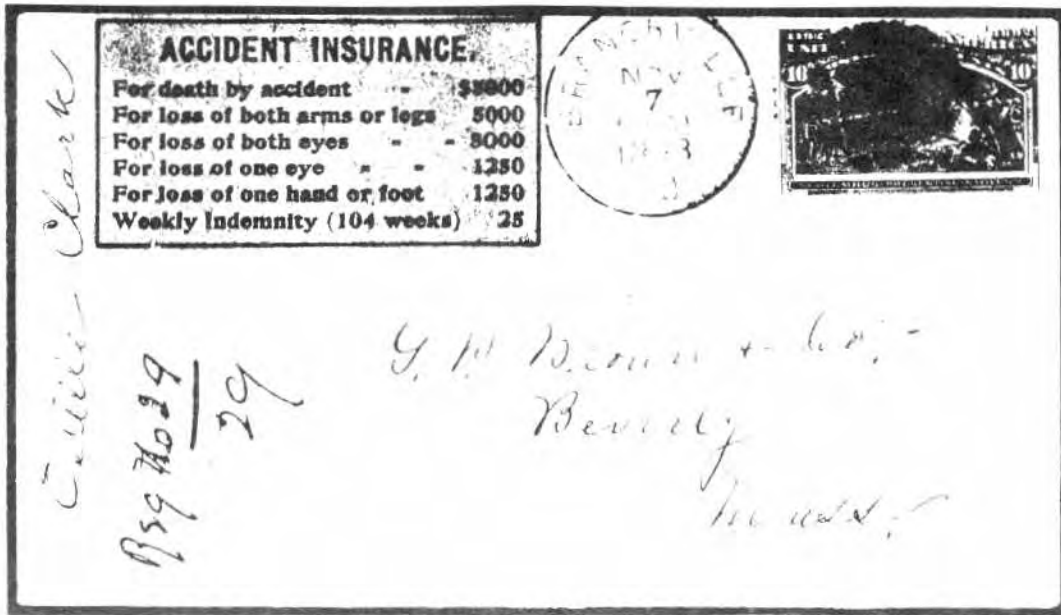




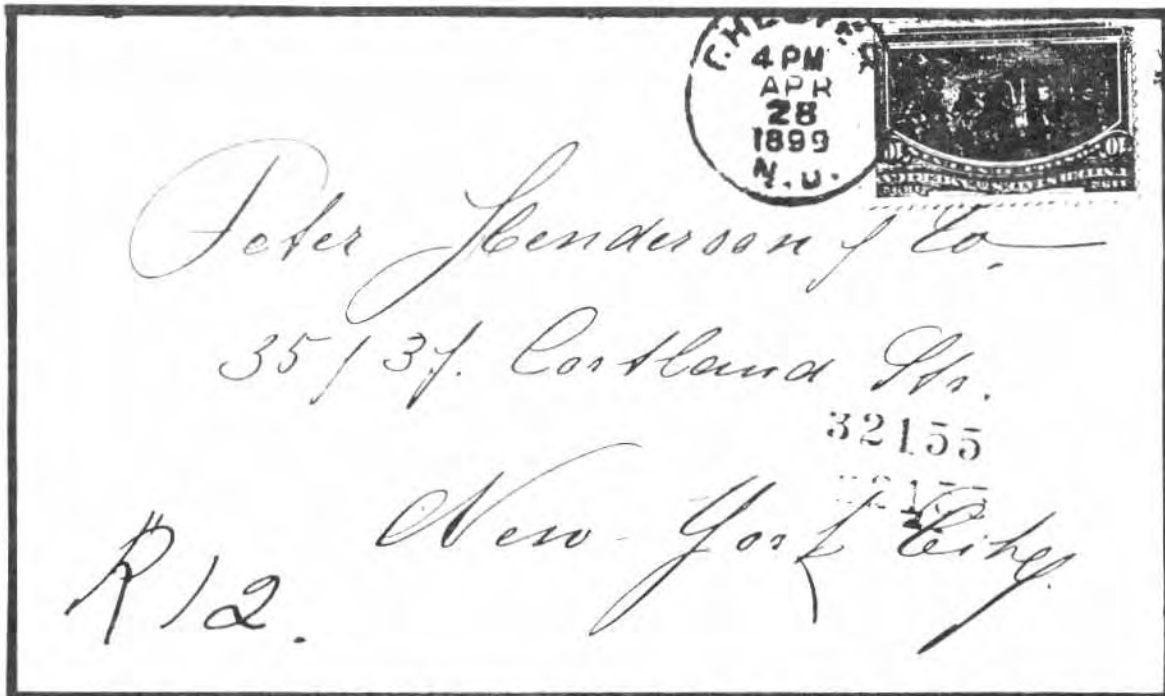
MORRISTOWN NJ - January 23, 1894  
5¢ stamp paying Foreign Letter Rate to Sweden



PASSAIC NJ - October 13, 1893  
5¢ Stationery Envelope paying Letter Rate to Germany



BRANCHVILLE NJ - November 7, 1893  
 10¢ stamp paying 8¢ Registry Fee & 2¢ Postage  
 Insurance Advertisement corner card



CHESTER NJ - April 28, 1899  
 10¢ stamp paying 8¢ Registry Fee & 2¢ Postage



#1

### New Jersey Designs on Civil War Patriotic Covers

By: Peter S. Lemmo

Prior to 1845 the use of an envelope caused the postage rate to be doubled, because postage was determined by the number of sheets of paper and the distance sent. But in 1845 postal reforms based postage on weight and distance, so that by the 1860's envelopes came into general use, and printed advertisements on them began to appear.

Because of the above development, envelopes with printed patriotic designs became quite popular during the Civil War (or, the War Between the States). It is estimated that 10,000 - 15,000 different patriotic covers exist, the vast majority issued in support of the Union, as paper shortages throughout the war curtailed production of Confederate patriotics.

Many different publishers in various cities issued patriotics, some with their imprints, although the most extensive publishers were in New York City & Philadelphia.

The 'standard' catalog of patriotic covers is still the George Walcott Collection auction catalog of 1935, reprinted since then. It lists 3,253 covers by topics such as Presidents, Generals, views, caricatures, regiments, states, male designs (soldiers), female designs ('Miss Liberty'), eagles and shields, eagles and flags, flags, Confederate States, etc.

Most patriotic cover designs were lithographed in red and blue, or purple, or black, while others utilized bronze or other colors. Many collectors believe that the most attractive patriotics are those featuring fancy, hand-colored multicolored designs, often showing panoramic views of military camps, or cities (sometimes matching the illustration of a songsheet). [see Walcott #679 variety in bronze (#1)]. Some patriotic covers were produced as a series, such as 'The House that Uncle Sam Built', or 'The Loyal States', [see Walcott #1669 (page 98 bottom illustration) and #1800 (page 99 bottom illustration)]. Others may have the same design but different mottos, verses, or State Seals [see Walcott #1693 (page 98 middle illustration), #1725 (page 99 middle illustration), and unlisted design (page 99 top illustration)].

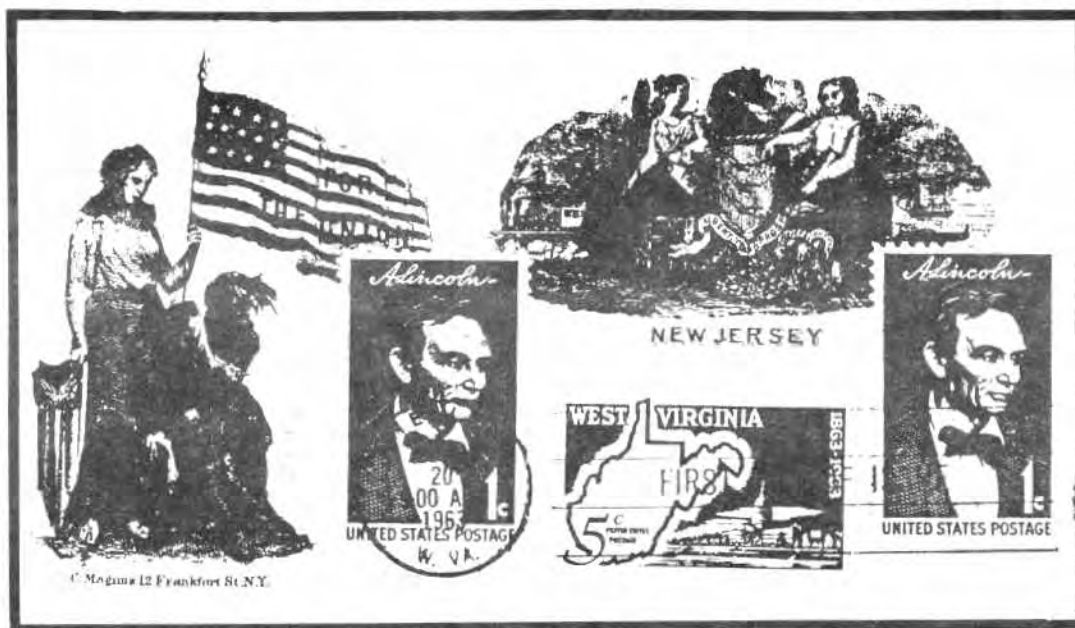
Charles Magnus of New York City was responsible for virtually all multicolor patriotic designs [see Walcott #1634 (page 98 top illustration) and #1650 variety "NEW JERSEY" (#2)]. Frederick Kimmel had a much smaller portion of the market.

Collecting patriotic covers can be fascinating. As with all postal history, there is a wide variety of areas to collect when one takes into account postal markings and usages. A collection relating to New Jersey can be built. One can locate patriotics depicting New Jersey themes, postmarks, or destinations, or letters written by New Jersey soldiers.

Patriotic covers are colorful, historical vestiges of a turbulent era in our nation's history. They offer much for collectors.

(the covers illustrated were original, unused patriotics which served as cacheted first day covers for the Civil War commemorative stamps issued in the 1960's. They were part of a large collection formed by Dr. Walter D. Peer of Ohio, and purchased by postal history dealer Al Zimmerman of the Bronx, New York.)

Peter S. Lemmo has been a member of the NJPHS since 1980 and is a life member of APS.



#2

## NJ CIVIL WAR PATRIOTICS - Update

Brad Arch, Editor

With reference to our NJPH Journal Whole #100, in an effort to quell any objections, please note that I only listed myself as the Editor, not the author or otherwise as one of the contributors to that massive undertaking. Too be sure, there were many others whose contributions made the project feasible, and without whose assistance the mammoth sized Journal would never have made it to publication. In retrospect, I see that I should have made some mention of these facts, because as the project developed, the listing of all the contributors would have amounted to another membership directory, as we received input from the greater majority of the membership, all of whom should be given equal credit for the final production. The preceding article by Peter Lemmo arrived too late to have been included, unfortunately; also the illustrations of some additional NJ Patriotic Covers on the next page arrived too late from Craig Matherson, which should all be considered as new listings, being either newly found designs and/or postmark origins, and all of these illustrations and information should be considered to be an integral part of this ongoing project to record all the different variations of New Jersey Civil War Patriotic Covers.

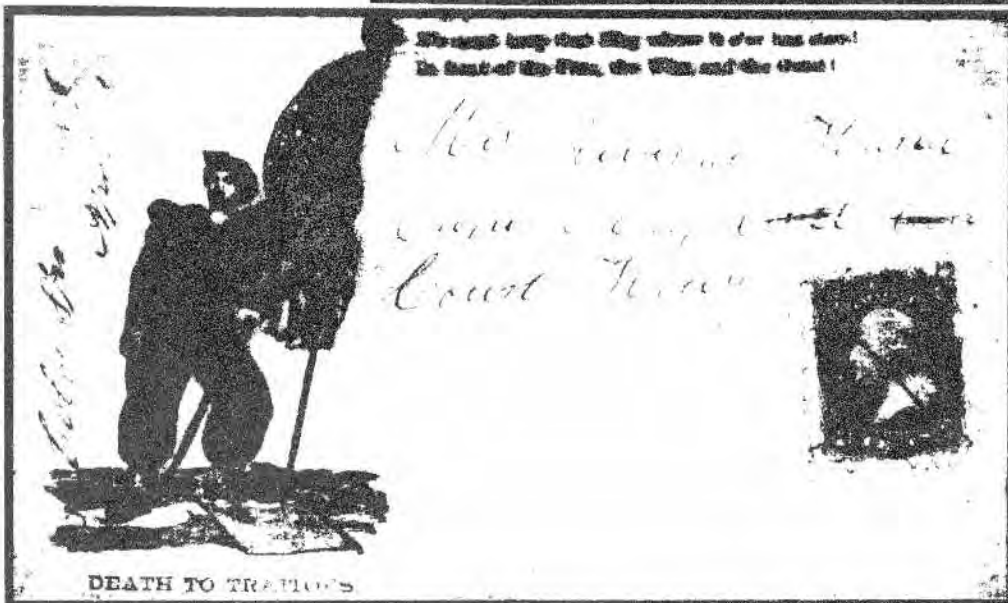
Now for a correction; on page 49 the middle illustration is not Newark NJ - a typo crept in, it should be listed as being postmarked from **NEWTON NJ**.



Newark NJ



Rio Grande NJ  
PO Business - FREE



Cold Spring NJ



# Ice halts or delays the mail

By Beth Ellen Fand  
Journal staff writer

Postal workers may not be deterred by snow, rain, heat or gloom of night, but Jersey City residents learned yesterday that ice is an entirely different story.

Because of icy conditions, only residents and businesses in Jersey City's downtown area re-

ceived mail.

Mail delivery in Harrison also was affected by the ice, and letter carriers in a number of other towns were forced to begin their rounds later than usual.

Fernando Diaz, a Jersey City Post Office clerk, said yesterday "there was no mail delivery in any area except the downtown area." Only those in the 07302 zip code got their mail, he said.

A Harrison Post Office spokeswoman said "some employees were not able to make it to work, and mail delivery was affected."

Carriers were held indoors for half an hour to 45 minutes yesterday morning in North Bergen, West New York and Gut-

tenberg, and mail delivery began late in Secaucus, Union City, Bayonne, Ridgefield, Fort Lee and Edgewater because Newark mail trucks were delayed or carriers were late or absent.

"We tried to do our best," said a spokesman at the Union City Post Office. "Some of the letter carriers fell down, but there were no accidents."

Postal supervisors in Hoboken, Cliffside Park, Fairview and Palisades Park said letter carriers in those municipalities did not encounter any ice-related difficulties.

Some postal supervisors said letter carriers ran late because poor driving conditions made it impossible for them to get to work on time, while others said they required carriers to remain indoors in the morning until road conditions improved.

# Ice cancels or slows mail across Hudson

West Jersey  
Dec. 28

North  
Jersey 29th



MRS MARIA R OLESSNER  
35 BRETONIAN DR  
BRICK NJ 08723-5763



WEST JERSEY 12 28 1992 12-1992 MLE:ME

Miss Elsie M. Schall  
175 Sixth Ave. Apt. 5  
Clifton, N.J. 07011

No Mail  
Processed from  
Jersey City or  
North Jersey  
has been seen  
from Dec. 28th!

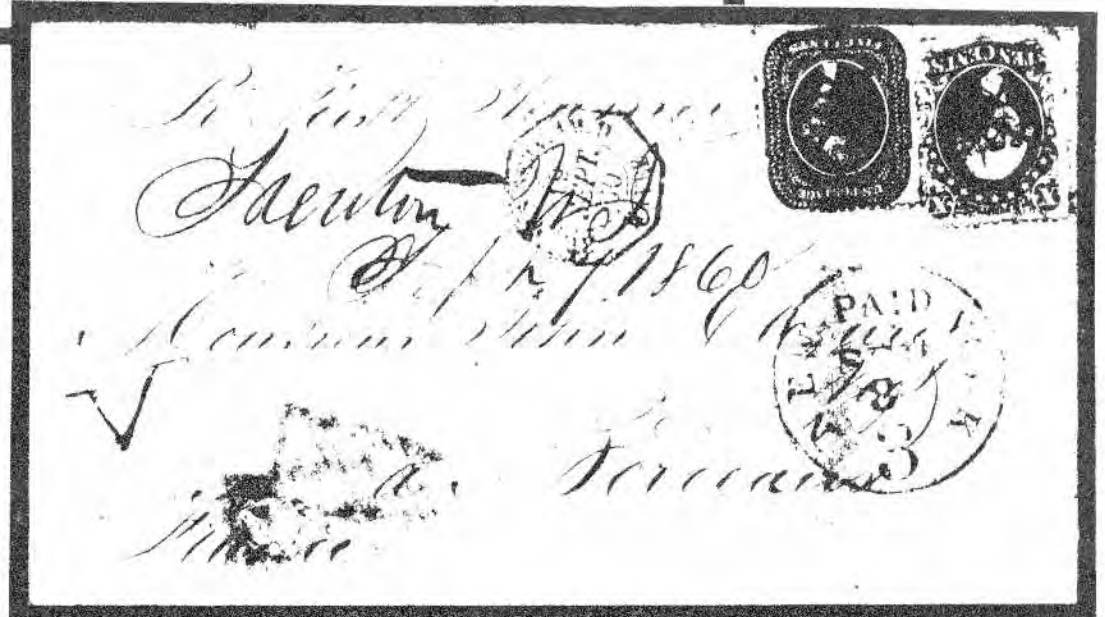
1851 - 1857 Period Foreign Mail Rate Covers from New Jersey

MOUNT HOLLY NJ  
 4x12¢ 1851 imperfs  
 paying double rate  
 of 24¢ = 48¢  
 to England



PRINCETON NJ  
 6x3¢ 1851 imperfs  
 on a 3¢ Envelope  
 = 21¢ rate  
 to France

TRENTON NJ  
 (manuscript postmark)  
 5¢ & 10¢ 1857 perf.  
 paying 15¢ rate  
 to France

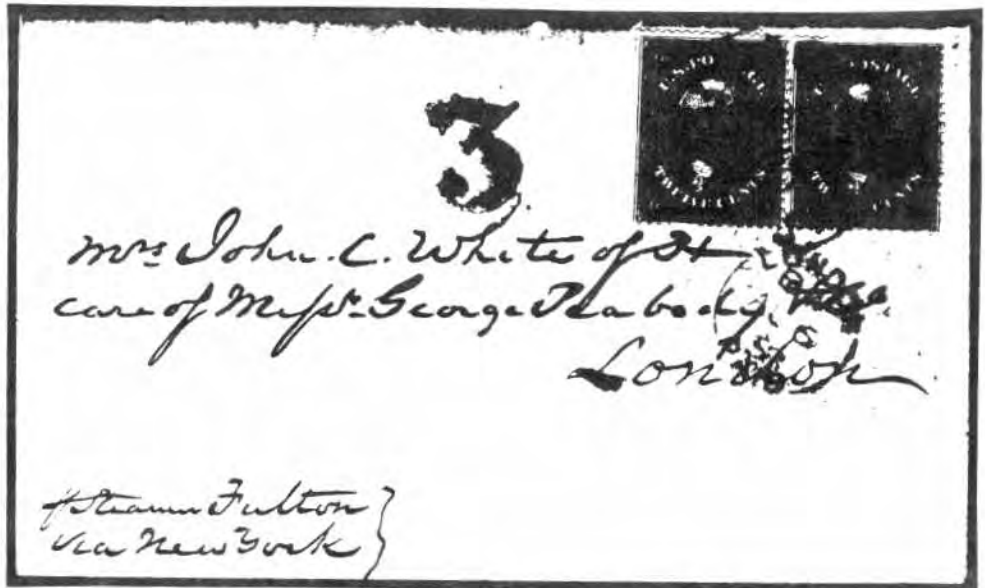


1851 & 1857 Period Foreign Mail Rate Covers



TRENTON NJ  
 August 19, 1856  
 21¢ rate to Hong Kong  
 paid with horizontal strip  
 of 4 x 5¢ & 1¢ imperforates

CAPE ISLAND NJ  
 1858 24¢ Rate to England  
 paid with 2 x 12¢ 1857  
 perforated issues



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 Mrs. John C. White of  
 care of Mr. George Habery  
 London

Steamship Fulton  
 via New York

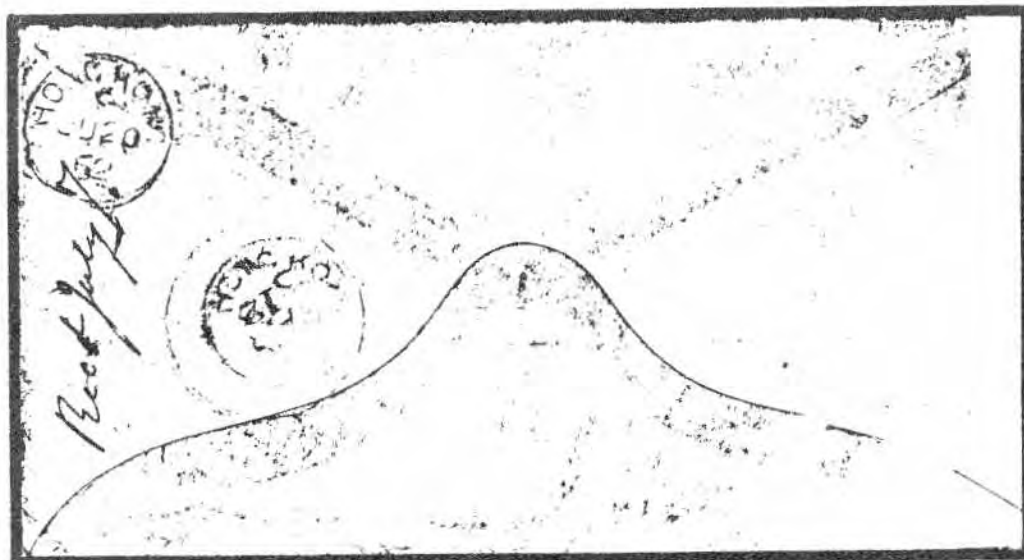


EGG HARBOR CITY NJ  
 July 12, 1861  
 30¢ perforated  
 1861 issue via  
 New York American  
 Packet & Aachen  
 to Coln, Prussia  
 one of two recorded  
 examples of this  
 stamp used from  
 New Jersey

## 1861 Period Foreign Mail Rate Covers

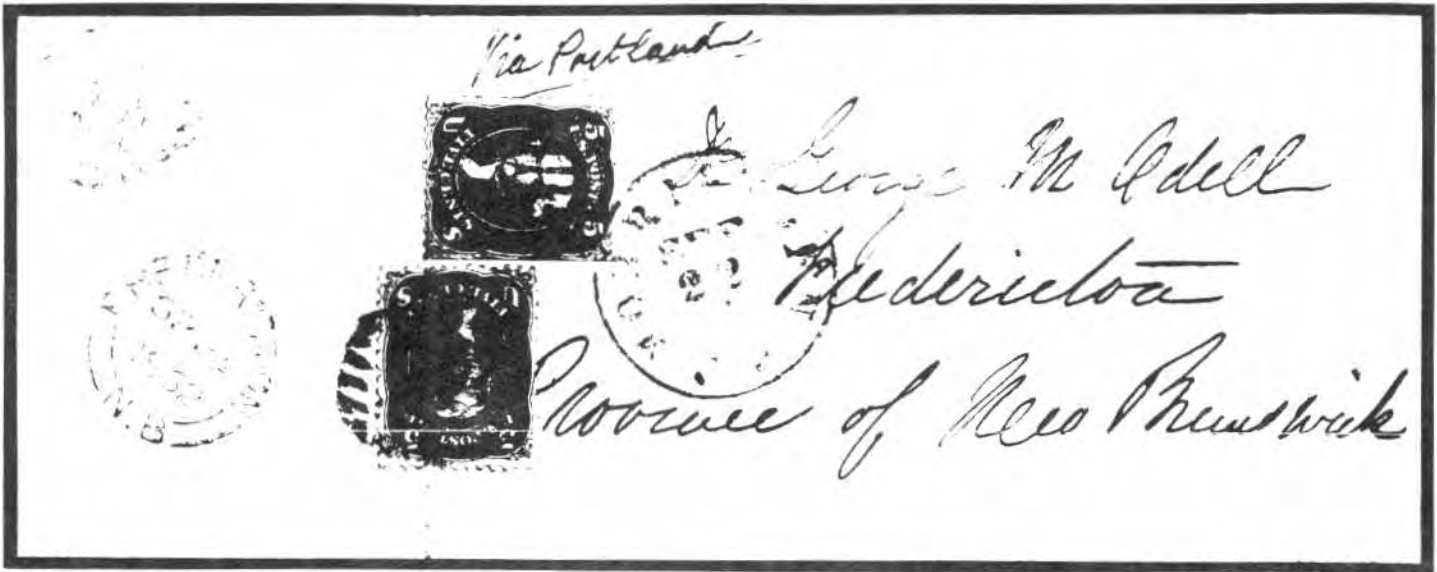
Usage of the higher denomination stamps of the early US issues from New Jersey always excites attention because of the infrequency of their occurrence. Thus the cover illustrated below, from the Cee-Jay auction of November 3, 1990 (lot 60), attracts attention. The minister who is the addressee may have been a Reformed missionary as the New Brunswick Theological Seminary was (and is) one of the chief sources of Reformed clergy in the United States.

As the cover shows, the rate was 45 cents. The routing was by way of London and then to Hong Kong. The four 10 cent stamps are Scott no. 68. No attempt has yet been made to determine the ship that may have carried the cover from New York to the UK. Perhaps the winner of this lot may share with us the manuscript routing "Overland vi(a)..." to determine if it traveled by way of Marseilles, Brindisi, or Livorno. I suspect that it then went to Suez and then by P&O steamer to India and Hong Kong.



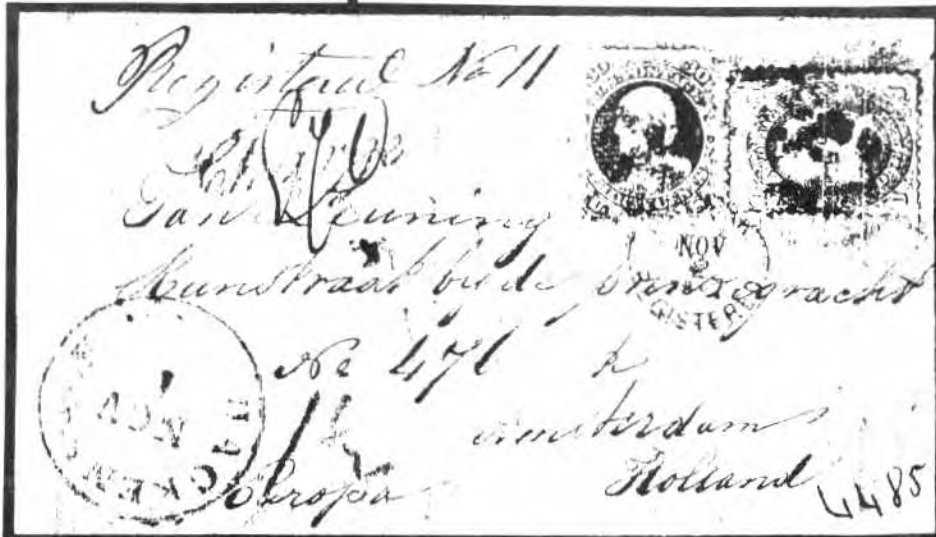
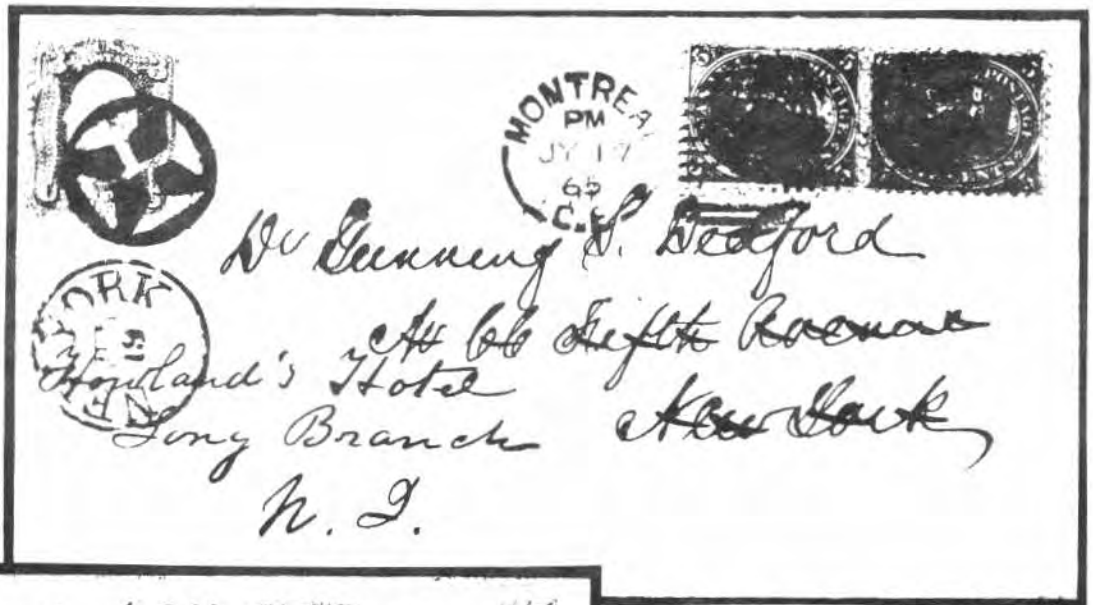


1861 Period Foreign Mail Rate Covers



MORRISTOWN NJ 2 x 5¢ 1861 issues paying 10¢ rate to New Brunswick, Canada - 1862

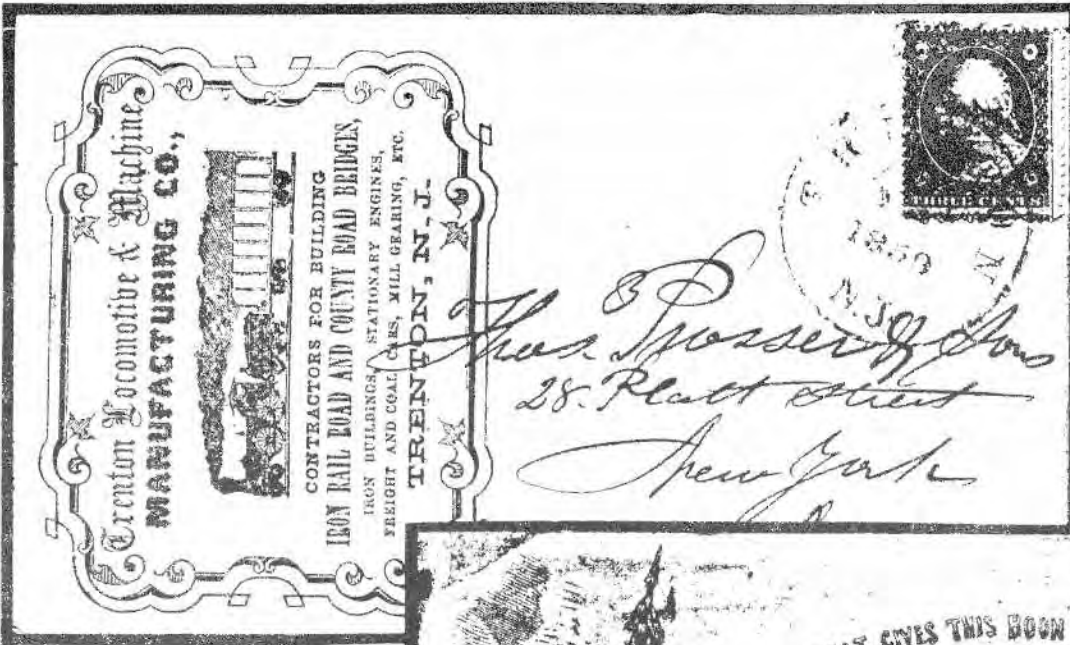
incoming to  
Long Branch NJ - 1865  
2 x 5¢ Canada Beavers  
origin Montreal C.E.  
being addressed to  
New York City, where  
it was Re-Mailed  
with 3¢ 1861 issue  
to Long Branch NJ  
showing 10¢ rate  
from Canada & 3¢  
domestic rate



HACKENSACK NJ  
30¢ & 1¢ 1861 issues paying  
31¢ Rate for a Registered  
Letter to Amsterdam, Holland  
Hamburg & Amsterdam backstamps

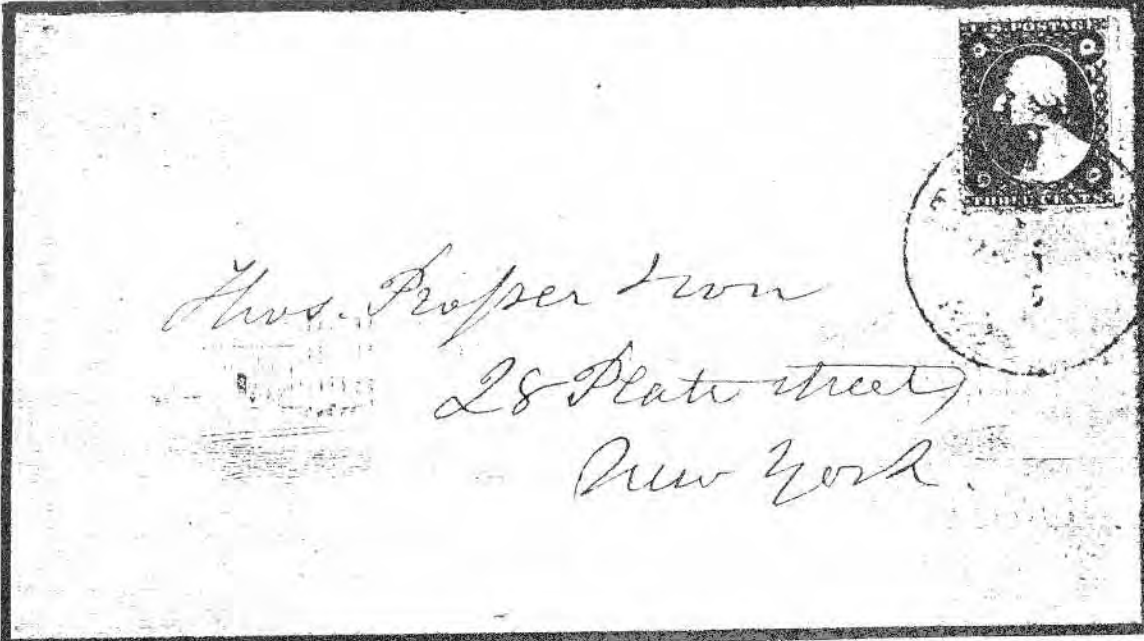
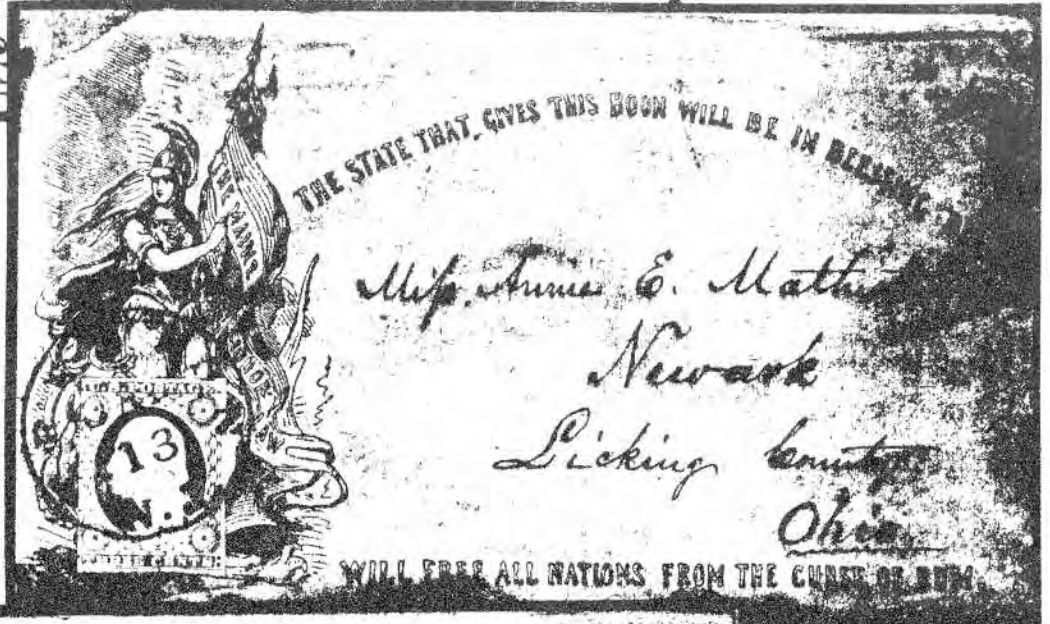


1851 & 1857 Period Domestic Rate Illustrated Covers



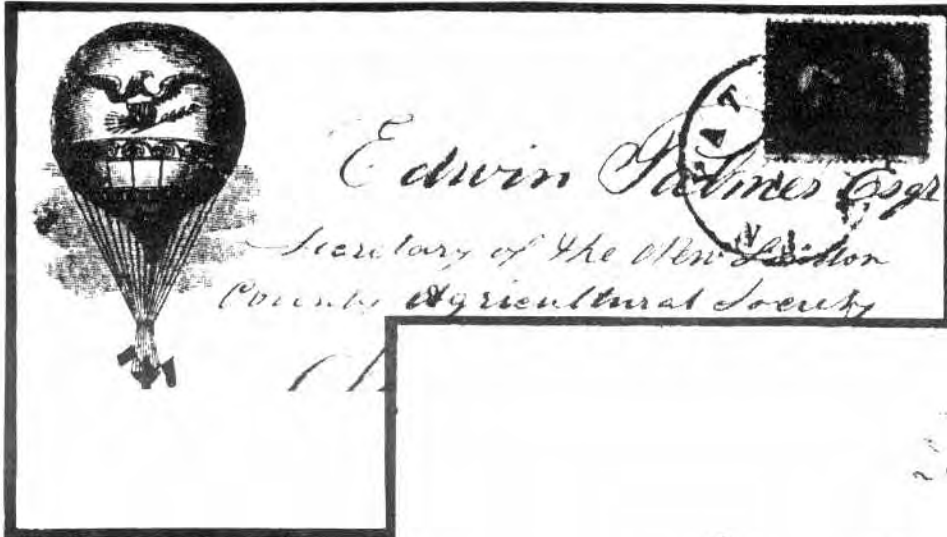
TRENTON NJ  
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Locomotive, Machine,  
Road & Bridge  
Builders

TRENTON NJ  
3¢ imperforate 1851  
Anti-Liquor  
Propaganda



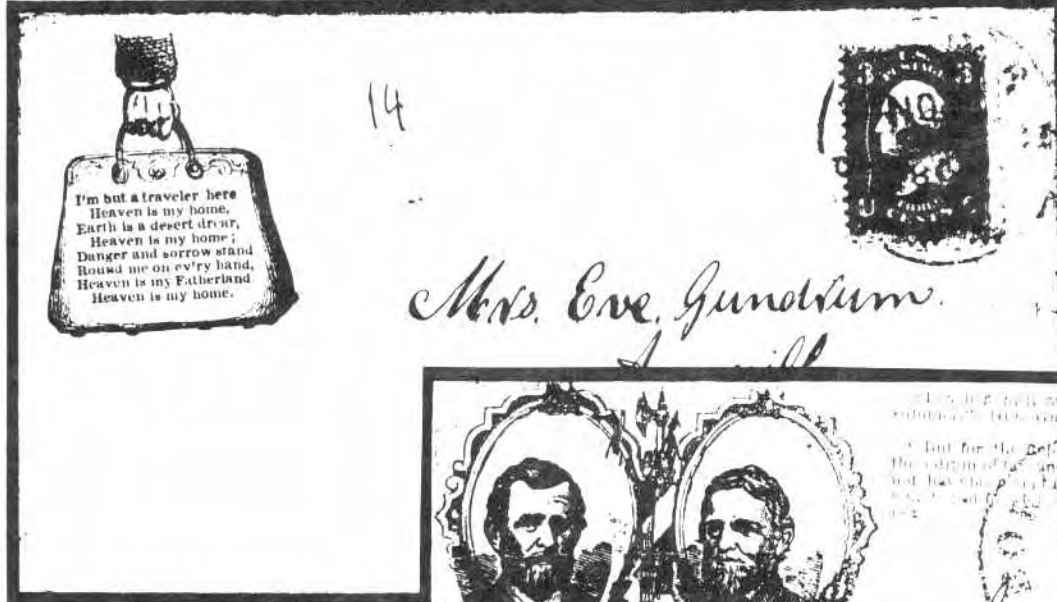
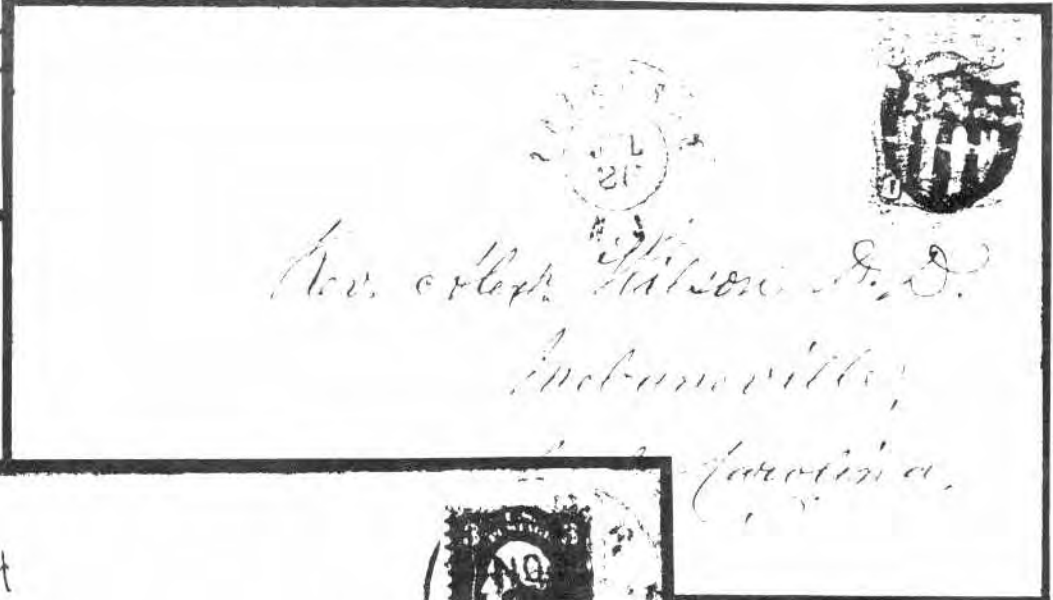
TRENTON NJ  
3¢ perforated 1857  
Locomotive  
& Machine  
Manufacturers

1857 & 1861 Period Domestic Rate Illustrated Covers & Fancy Cancels



PATERSON NJ  
3¢ perforated 1857  
Hot Air Ballooning  
Illustrated Cover

PATERSON NJ  
3¢ 1861 issue  
Large Shield  
Fancy Cancel



Carpet-Bag  
Illustration  
with Religious verse

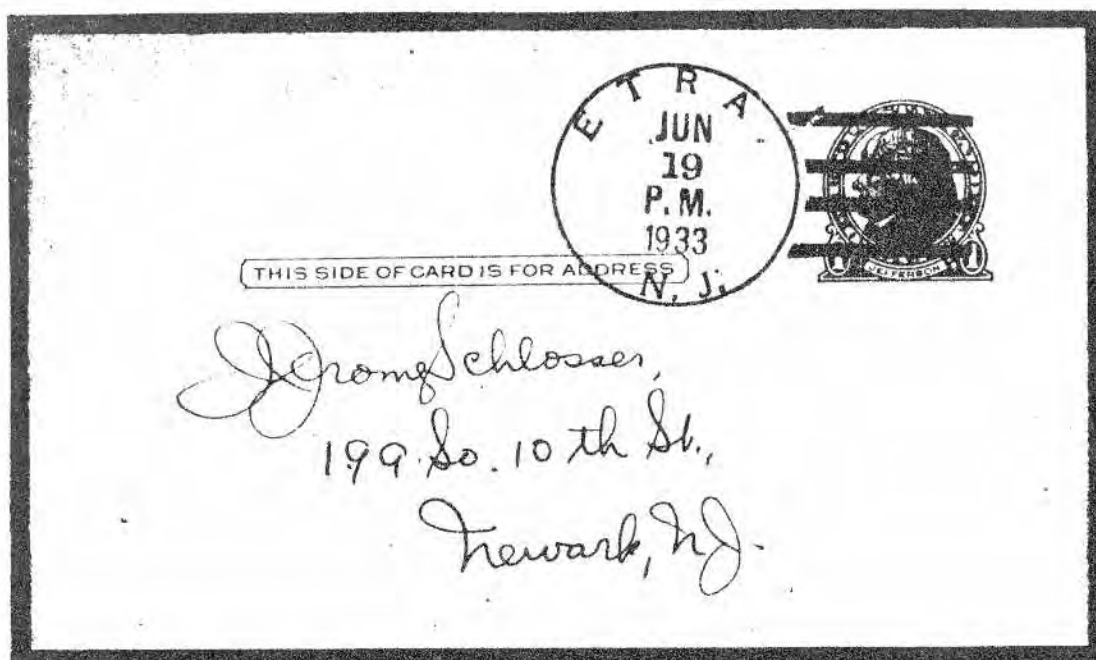
CAMDEN NJ  
3¢ 1861 issue

BORDENTOWN NJ  
3¢ 1861 issue  
Grant-Colfax  
Political Campaign  
Cover (W-562)



# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices

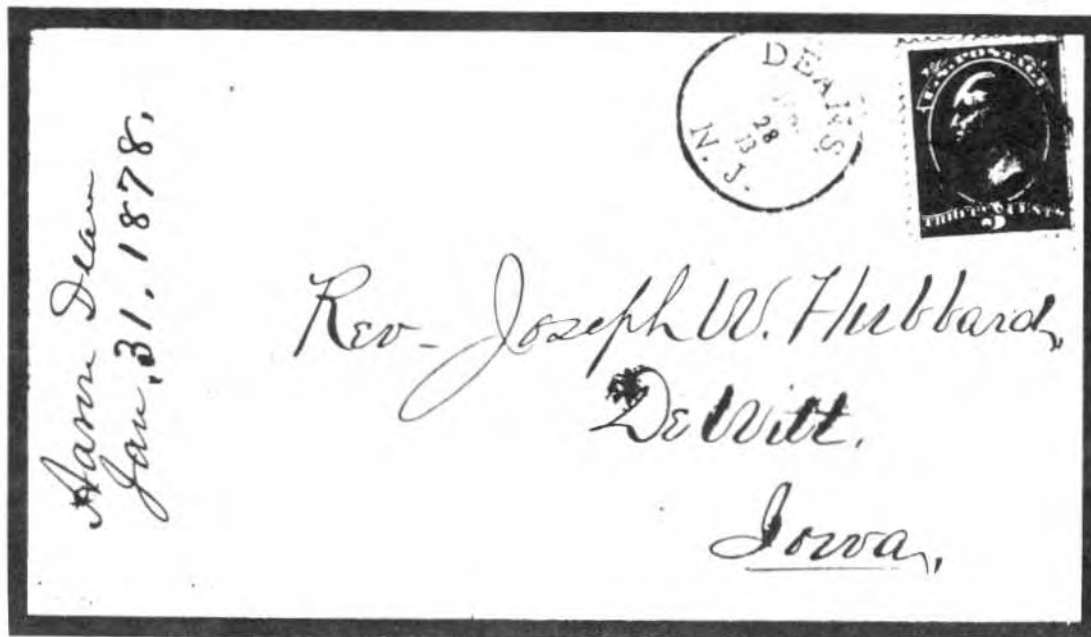
ETRA - Mercer County - 1890-1933



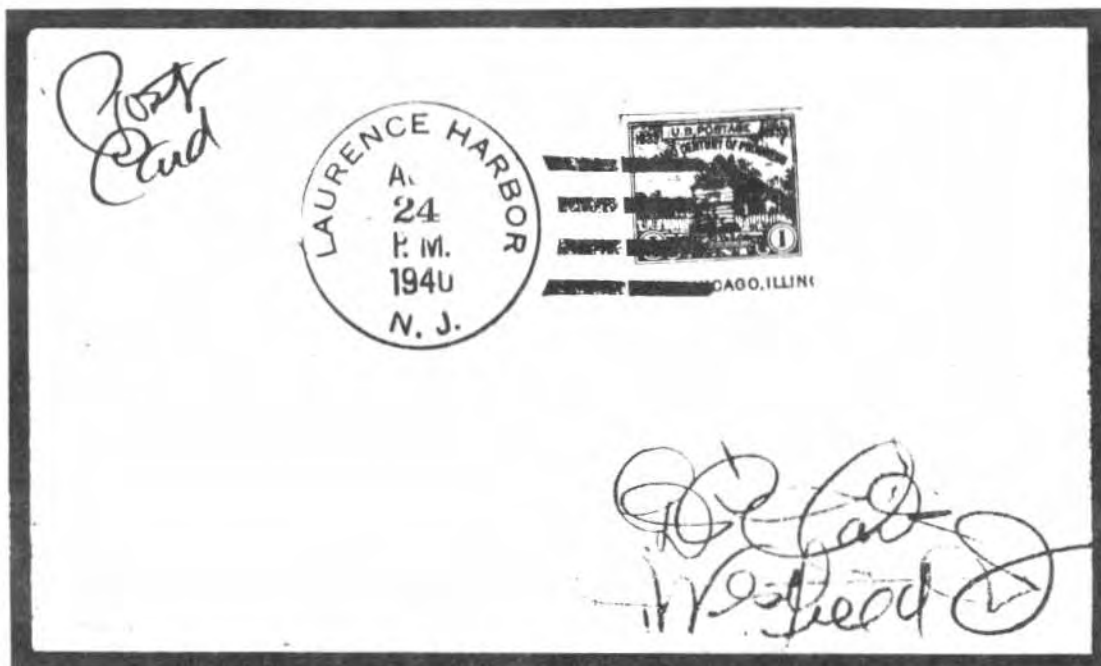
# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices



DEANS - Middlesex County - 1872-1963



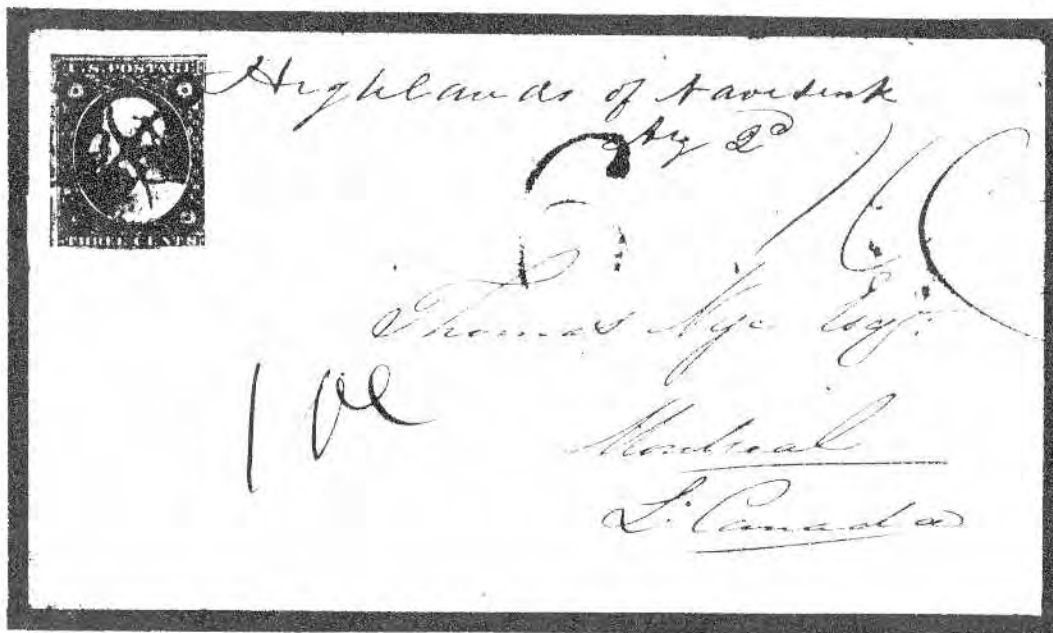
LAURENCE HARBOR - Middlesex County - 1924-1962



# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices



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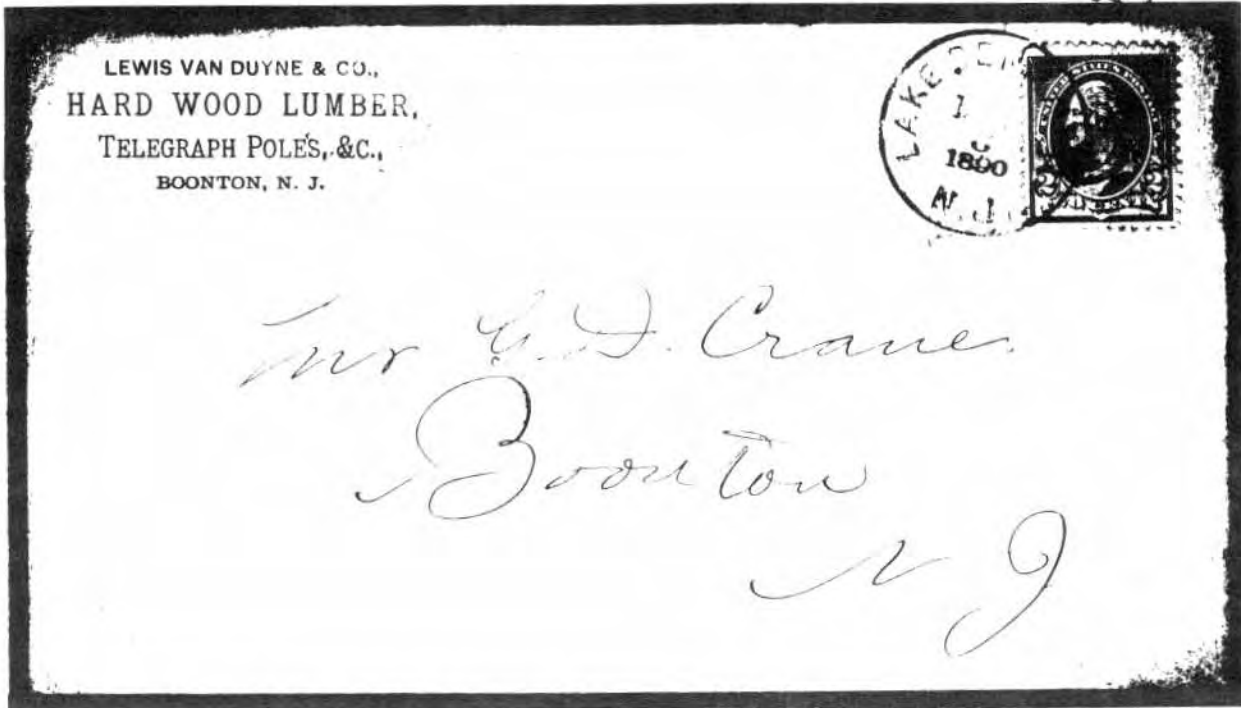




# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices



LAKE DENMARK - Morris County - 1890-1900

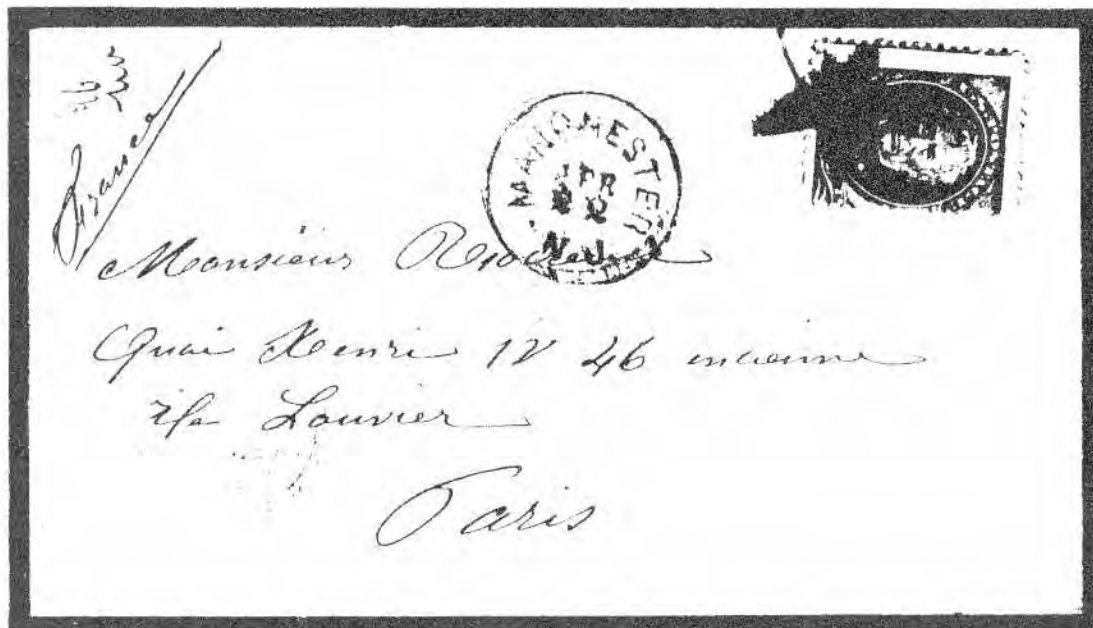
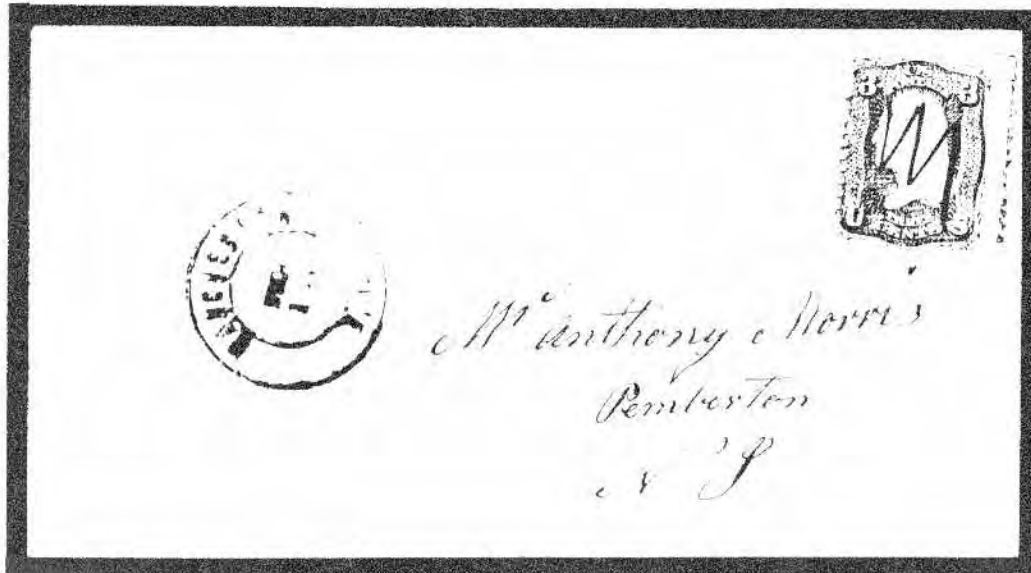


LITTLETON - Morris County - 1826-1895



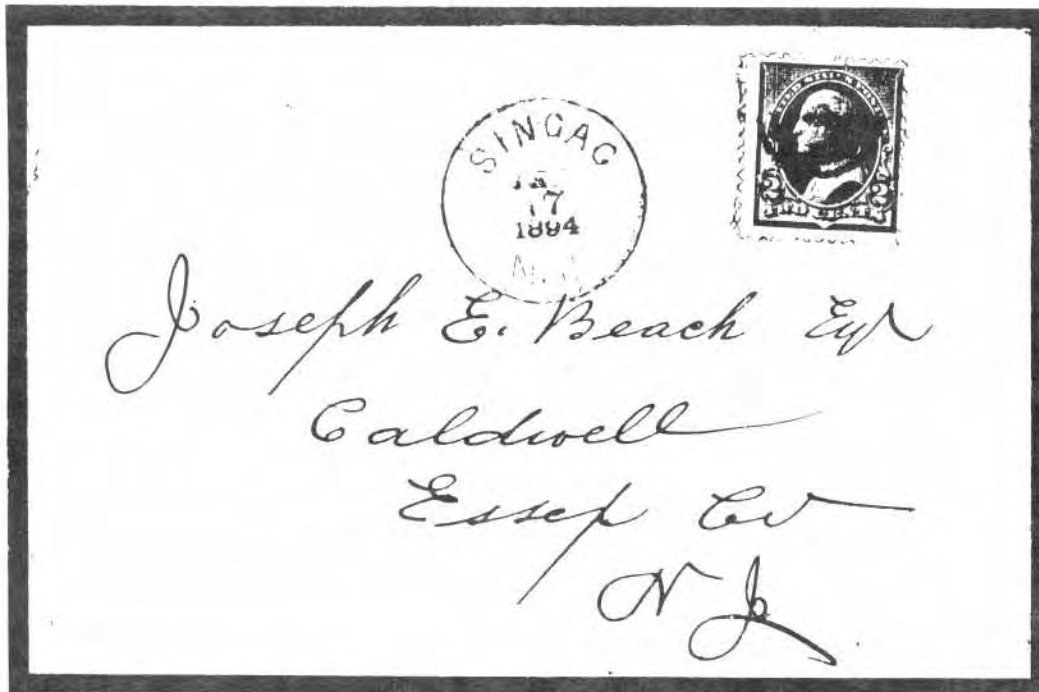
# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices

MANCHESTER -- Ocean County - 1841-1897



# New Jersey Discontinued Post Offices

SINGAC - Passaic County - 1874-1937



## Annual Meeting

New Jersey Postal History Society, Inc.

May 30, 1993

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Postal History Society, Inc. was held on Sunday, May 30, 1993 at NOJEX '93 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Gerry Neufeld. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those Society members who have passed away over the last year. The minutes of last year's annual meeting held at NOJEX '92 were read by President Neufeld. Upon unanimous motion, the minutes were accepted as read.

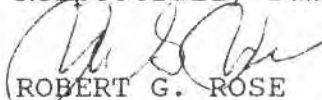
The treasurer's report was presented by assistant treasurer James A. Moran. The Society had a balance in its account as of December 31, 1992 in the amount of \$2,140.00. Expenses in 1992 totaled \$3,746.19 against income of \$4,469.50. Jim Moran reported that the difficulties experienced last year with respect to both the timely deposit of receipts and payment of expenses had been resolved and that all accounts are current. It was reported that the Society's former treasurer/secretary, Joyce Groot has resigned. Upon unanimous motion, Jim Moran was elected treasurer.

Eugene E. Fricks, the editor of the Society's Journal **NJPH** announced his resignation from that position because of the pressure of other responsibilities. Gene has been the Journal's editor from the Society's beginning over twenty years ago. Gene was commended for his outstanding commitment and devotion to the Society over the last two decades. Brad Arch was named as the new editor of **NJPH**.

The Society's auction manager Bob Buckler reported that last year's auction at NOJEX '92 resulted in a net income to the Society of \$110.00. President Neufeld extended his appreciation to Bob for his efforts in preparing the Society's NOJEX '93 auction which included 389 lots. The Society would like to resume running auctions at least two times per year. Society members are encouraged to forward material for future auction sales to Bob at 2 West Hamilton Place, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Brad Arch reported that membership in the Society has remained stable at about 110 members. There being no additional old or new business, the meeting was adjourned by President Neufeld at 12 noon. The Society auction followed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
ROBERT G. ROSE  
Acting Secretary



NEW JERSEY POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report - 1992

As of 12/31/91: \$1416.69

Receipts:

Dues '92	\$1305.00
Dues '93	890.00
Donations	105.00
Auction '91	1235.50
Auction '92	777.00
Literature	157.00

Total Receipts: \$4469.50

Disbursements:

Printing - NJPH	\$1651.90
Postage	539.00
Auction '91	641.70
Auction '92	713.67
Travel	75.00
Bank Charge - Checks	48.03
Office Supplies	42.95
Award - NOJEX '92	33.39

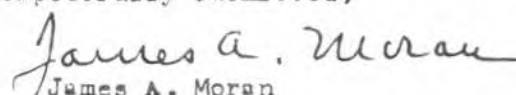
Total Disbursements: - 3746.19

Net Change: 723.31

As of 12/31/92: \$2140.00

As of 05/29/93: \$1773.98

Respectfully Submitted,

  
James A. Moran  
Asst. Treasurer

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(signed) Terence Hines

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**- MEMBERSHIP REPORT -**

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- John W. Edge, 532 Broad Street, Beverly NJ 08010 APS # 049910
- Daniel W. Elliott, 68 Rustic Trail, Flemington NJ 08822 APS # 169297

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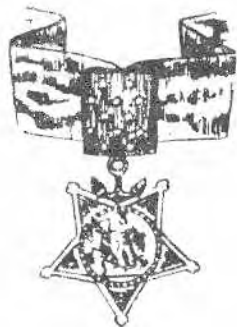
- Victor B. Krievins, PO Box 373, Bryn Mawr PA 19010
- Phillip J. Marks - unpublished address -

**Address Changes:**

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- AMERISTAMP EXPO 93** - Kansas City MO - April 23-25, 1993
- SILVER BRONZE** - Stephen Washburn "Monmouth County NJ"
- PHILATELIC SHOW** - Boxborough MA - April 30-May2, 1993
- SILVER & USCC Award** - Brad Arch "New Jersey circa 1869"
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