

1847 ISSUE COVER TO NEWARK NEW JERSEY

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A newly discovered cover, bearing Scott #1, was offered for sale in Christoph Gartner sale 29, lot 7686A. The sale was held Oct 6-10, 2014, and the cover realized €200 (US\$254)¹.

The cover, shown in *Figure 1*, was sent on the US Express Mail train from Boston to New York on Aug 23, 1848 and is addressed to Alfred L Dennis in Newark, New Jersey. According to the Pierson 1851-52 Newark City Directory, Alfred Dennis was a bookseller located at 248 Broad Street in Newark.² He later became a director of the Bank of Newark, vice president of the United Railroads in New Jersey, executive agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, president of the Jersey City Ferry Co., and a director of many other railroad and bridge companies.³





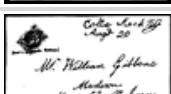
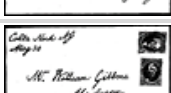




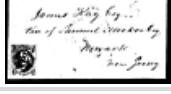
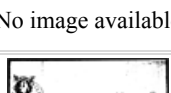


Fig. 1. US Express Mail, Boston Mass cover to Newark (spelled here New Ark), New Jersey dated Aug 23, 1848. Unlisted in Alexander.

The cover was recently added to the 1847 issue online census hosted by the US Philatelic Classics Society. Maintained by the author, the online census lists over 14,800 covers (over 8300 illustrated) featuring Scott #1 and #2 on cover. It is an updated version of Thomas Alexander's classic work and lists over 1840 covers not included in his 2001 book.⁴ The database is completely searchable using easy to use keyword fields and is freely available to anyone. The census can be found in the Resource Center at www.uspcs.org.⁵ A user's guide, in pdf format, is available via a link at the site.

A census of New Jersey Scott #1 covers at USPCS.org (showing 95 covers, of which 11 are noted as "Not Genuine" (noted NG in the Fake column). The thumbnail images at left are hyperlinks to the USPCS web site and clicking on them will take you to a larger image and further information on that cover. Following Table 1 (Scott #1 census) is another Table with a census of New Jersey Scott#2 covers. The author wishes to thank Jim Lee for the use of several cover illustrations included in the census.

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| Click a picture to show details | Date | From City | From State | To City | To State | Addressee | Scott # | PF # | Fake | Qty #1 | Qty #2 |
| No image available | 12/15/1849 | Belleville | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | George Emblen | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 12/19/1849 | Belleville | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | George Emblen | 1 | 77677 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 9/20/1850 | Bordentown | NJ | New York | NY | David S. Kennedy | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 6/23/1851 | Bordentown | NJ | Wilmington | DE | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 4/25/1851 | Bridgeton | NJ | Trenton | NJ | Allinson, Secy of State | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 7/24/18xx | Burlington | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/7/18xx | Camden | NJ | Doylestown | PA | George Lear | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 8/20/1848 | Colts Neck | NJ | Madison | NJ | William Gibbons | 1 | 62510 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 5/30/1848 | Colts Neck | NJ | Madison | NJ | William Gibbons | 1 2 | 62509 | NG | 1 | 1 |
|  | 10/26/1850 | Cross Keys | NJ | Doylestown | PA | George Lear | 1 | 360888 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/10/18xx | Jersey City | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 2/17/18xx | Montclair | NJ | New York | NY | Miss A. M. Comer | 1 | - | NG | 2 | - |
|  | xx/6/18xx | Morristown | NJ | Newark | NJ | James Kay | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 10/22/1848 | Mount Holly | NJ | Mt. Pleasant | OH | Mary Ryner | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
|  | 9/1/1849 | Mount Holly | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | E. Spencer Miller | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 3/2/1850 | Mount Holly | NJ | Baltimore | MD | Rev. W. R. Whittingham | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 12/9/1847 | New Brunswick | NJ | Cambridge | MA | Eugene Hoffman | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |

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| No image available | 3/7/1848 | New Brunswick | NJ | Newton | NJ | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 10/19/1848 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | Hendricks & Brothers | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 10/9/1849 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | Anthony Day | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 12/9/1849 | New Brunswick | NJ | Cambridge | MA | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
|  | 12/12/1849 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | Mrs Lavinia A. Day | 1 | 360908 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 3/4/1850 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | Eugene Augs. Hoffman | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 3/7/1850 | New Brunswick | NJ | Newton | NJ | William T. Anderson | 1 | 369951 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 4/19/1850 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | John G. Whipple | 1 | 400923 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 4/29/1850 | New Brunswick | NJ | New York | NY | Eugene Augs. Hoffman | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 5/11/1850 | New Brunswick | NJ | Boston | MA | B. F. Brown | 1 | 450675 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 2/14/1848 | Newark | NJ | Newark | NJ | Dr. M. R. Dennis | 1 | 360983 | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 6/1/1849 | Newark | NJ | Bridgewater | MA | Nathan Stetson | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 7/20/1849 | Newark | NJ | Hamburgh | NJ | Daniel Haines | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 7/20/1849 | Newark | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Wm. I. McElhoy | 1 | 360891 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 8/xx/1849 | Newark | NJ | Litchfield | CT | Lewis B. Woodruff | 1 | 360894 | - | 1 | - |

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|  | 9/18/1849 | Newark | NJ | New York | NY | Rev. R. S. Cook | 1 | 467620 | - | 1 | |
|  | 12/9/1850 | Newark | NJ | Flemington | NJ | Caroline Grant | 1 | - | - | 1 | |
|  | 1/24/1851 | Newark | NJ | Buffalo | NY | Pratt & Co. | 1 | - | - | 1 | |
|  | 2/8/1851 | Newark | NJ | Trenton | NJ | Fisher & Norris | 1 | 360896 | - | 1 | |
|  | 3/19/1851 | Newark | NJ | Morristown | NJ | V. Dalrimple | 1 | - | - | 1 | |
|  | 2/22/18xx | Newark | NJ | New Orleans | LA | Charles Tobias | 1 | 360890 | - | 2 | |
|  | 3/4/18xx | Newark | NJ | Locust Dale | VA | Presley N. Smith | 1 | 360895 | NG | 1 | |
|  | 3/11/18xx | Newark | NJ | Trenton | NJ | Saml. R. Gummeur | 1 | 360889 | - | 1 | |
| No image available | 8/7/18xx | Newark | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 10/17/18xx | Newark | NJ | Madison | NJ | William Gibbons | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 11/6/18xx | Newark | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 12/18/18xx | Newark | NJ | New York | NY | Miss Josephine Rose | 1 | 511086 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 4/30/1850 | Newton | NJ | New York | NY | J. C. Meeks | 1 | 360910 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 8/10/1850 | Newton | NJ | New York | NY | Frederic Bronson | 1 | 118224 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/24/1850 | Newton | NJ | - | - | I. G. H_ | 1 | 49097 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 11/26/18xx | Newton | NJ | Princeton | NJ | Thomas Anderson | 1 | 431030 | - | 1 | - |












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|  | 11/30/1849 | Paterson | NJ | New York | NY | Abn Bell & Son | 1 | 360911 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 1/1/1848 | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | 360916 | - | 2 | - |
|  | 1/29/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | 360917 | - | 2 | - |
|  | 1/1/1848 | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | 360916 | - | 2 | - |
| No image available | 2/24/1848 | Princeton | NJ | - | MA | Mrs. Leonard | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 11/23/1849 | Princeton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Dr. N. Shoemaker | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/30/1850 | Princeton | NJ | Camden | NY | Hannah S. Upton | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
|  | 10/24/1850 | Princeton | NJ | Columbus | NJ | George Sykes | 1 | 360913 | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 10/xx/1850 | Princeton | NJ | Camden | NY | Hannah S. Upton | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
|  | ~12/4/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | 360914 | - | 2 | - |
|  | 1/2/18xx | Princeton | NJ | New York | NY | Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cornell | 1 | 26932 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 1/5/18xx | Princeton | NJ | New York | NY | Revd. Fredk. F. Cornell | 1 | - | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 1/15/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Ticonderoga | NY | Miss Annie Thompson | 1 | 422889 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 2/5/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
| No image available | 7/2/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Miss Dunlop | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 7/26/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | E. Spencer Miller | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |

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|  | 11/11/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Providence | RI | Dr. S. B. Tobey | 1 | 454233 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 11/15/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Mr. Mitchell | 1 | - | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 12/11/18xx | Princeton | NJ | Savannah | GA | Miss Anna W. Habersham | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
|  | 8/20/1849 | Rahway | NJ | New York | NY | NY Herald Office | 1 | 360918 | NG | 1 | - |
|  | 7/27/1849 | Red Bank | NJ | Raleigh | NC | G. W. Mordecai | 1 | 360919 | - | 2 | - |
|  | 2/23/1849 | Salem | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Samuel Allen | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 6/18/1850 | Salem | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 11/28/18xx | Salem | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| No image available | 8/14/1849 | Spotwood | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 11/11/18xx | Suckasunny | NJ | Parsippany | NJ | Anderw B. Cobb | 1 | 360897 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/20/1848 | Trenton | NJ | Easton | PA | Col. Thos. M. Keen | 1 | 48914 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 2/5/1849 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | M. L. Hallowell & Co. | 1 | 125067 | - | 1 | - |
|  | 9/13/1849 | Trenton | NJ | Baltimore | MD | Stickney & Beatty | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 2/6/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Germantown | NJ | Jacob Heart | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | 3/12/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Custis & House | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |

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| Click a picture to show details | Date | From City | From State | To City | To State | Addressee | Scott # | PF # | Fake #1 | Qt #2 |
|  | 4/4/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Brown & Bowen | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 7/1/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Naugatuck | CT | S. J. Lewis | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| No image available | 7/23/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 8/28/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Edward Hopper | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 11/19/1850 | Trenton | NJ | Philadelphia | PA | Brown & Bowen | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| No image available | 12/16/1850 | Trenton | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 4/29/1851 | Trenton | NJ | Ahldorf Wurtenberg | Germany | Nicolaus Schmidt | 1 | 360886 | - | 2 |
| No image available | 1/20/18xx | Trenton | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 6/16/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Germantown | PA | Miss Margaretta H. Morris | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 9/5/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Lancaster | PA | Landis & Black | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| No image available | 9/11/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Baltimore | MD | Stickney & Beatty | 1 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 10/10/18xx | Trenton | NJ | New York | NY | Dr. Meredith Clymer | 1 | 360920 | - | 1 |
|  | 11/1/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Lancaster | PA | Landis & Black | 1 | 360898 | - | 1 |
|  | 11/9/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Lancaster | PA | Landis & Black | 1 | - | - | 2 |
|  | 11/21/18xx | Trenton | NJ | Lancaster | PA | Landis & Black | 1 | 144808 | - | 1 |
| No image available | xx/xx/18xx | Vincentown | NJ | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |

Below is the USPCS Census of Scott #2 covers from New Jersey, showing 1 to 10 of 10 entries (filtered from 14,918 total entries), of which four covers, as noted, have received “not genuine” opinions from the Philatelic Foundation, and a fifth, the cover from Princeton to Thomasville, Connecticut, which has been declared a "fake" by students of this issue.⁶

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| TABLE 2: USPCS CENSUS OF SCOTT #2 ON NEW JERSEY covers | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|------|--------|--------|
| Click a picture to show details | Date | From City | From State | To City | To State/Country | Addressee | Scott # | PF # | Fake | Qty #1 | Qty #2 |
|  | 5/30/1848 | Colts Neck | NJ | Madison | NJ | William Gibbons | 1 2 | 62509 | NG | 1 | 1 |
|  | 7/14/1849 | Newark | NJ | Twinsburgh | OH | Rev. Samuel Bissell | 2 | 360931 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 1/10/18xx | Newark | NJ | Newark | OH | J. Buckingham | 2 | 438375 | - | - | 4 |
|  | 4/23/18xx | Newark | NJ | Twinsburgh | OH | Rev. Samuel Bissell | 2 | 360928 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 6/30/18xx | Newark | NJ | Twinsburgh | OH | Rev. Samuel Bissell | 2 | 360925 | - | - | 1 |
|  | 8/13/18xx | Newark | NJ | Beirut | Syria | Rev. James Dennis | 2 | 15292 | NG | - | 1 |
| No image available | 10/7/18xx | Newark | NJ | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 |
|  | 4/25/1851 | Pennington | NJ | Princeton | NJ | Rev. Edwin Emerson | 2 | 360926 | NG | - | 1 |
| No image available | 7/27/1847 | Princeton | NJ | Thompsonville | CT | Irwin Thompson | 2 | - | - | - | 1 |
|  | 8/4/1849 | Princeton | NJ | New Orleans | LA | Buchanan Carroll & Co. | 2 | 360927 | NG | - | 1 |

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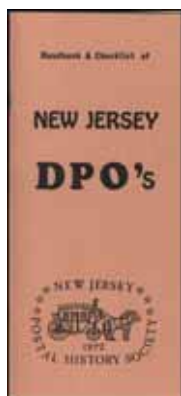
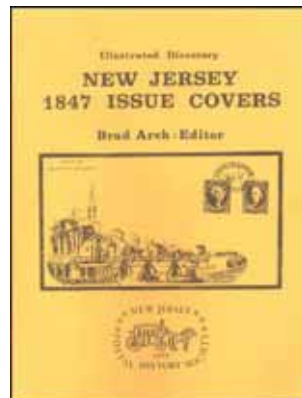
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