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USAGE OF COLUMBIA MACHINE CANCELS TYPES #1 & 2
IN NEW JERSEY

by John W. Koontz, Co-Editor
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City	Type	1900	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Asbury Park	1	X							
Asbury Park	2		X	X	X	X			
Atlantic City	1	X	X	X					
Camden	2		X	X					
East Orange	2			X	X	X	X		
Elizabeth	2		X						
Hackensack	2							X	
Jersey City	1	X							
Jersey City	2		X	X					
Newark	2		X	X					
		1900	01	02	03	04	05	06	07

This listing is taken from Gene Funk's article in *Machine Cancel Forum*, Issue No. 41, September 1977. Future issues of *Machine Cancel Forum* are free; simply send a supply of 28 cent stamped self-addressed envelopes (business size #10) to *Machine Cancel Forum*, Post Office Box 98, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Please send new listings (photo copies please) to John W. Koontz, Post Office Box G, West Bowie Station, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

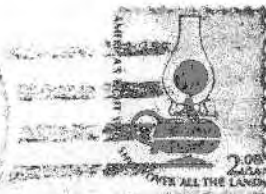
CUMMINS MACHINE - ROEBLING

William F. Rapp has published a very fine "Catalog of Time Marking and Cummins Machine Cancels" as numbers 3 & 4 of Volume VII of POSTAL MARKINGS U. S. A. This combined issue catalog is available from Rapp at 430 Ivy Avenue, Crete, Nebraska 68333 at \$3. per copy postpaid. While Rapp lists over 400 cities and towns using the Type F dial (illustrated), including Beverly, Cresskill, Garwood, Glassboro, Glen Gardner, Highbridge, Highlands, Keansburg, Landing, Maywood, Palmyra, Rockaway, Sea Isle City, Seabright, Smithville, Tenafly, Wenonah and White House, in New Jersey, we were able to find an unlisted town in our NJ collection: Roebling. Many of the smaller towns had these late Cummins markers for only a year or two, hence are rather elusive. Perhaps you have another unlisted town in your New Jersey postmarks? Get Bill Rapp's catalog and check.



1913

IN THE BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE HEAVEN AND
THE EARTH. AND THE
EARTH WAS WITHOUT FORM,
AND VOID: AND DARKNESS
WAS UPON THE FACE OF
THE DEEP. AND THE
SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED
UPON THE FACE OF THE
WATERS. AND GOD SAID,
LET THERE BE LIGHT: AND
THERE WAS LIGHT, AND
GOD SAW THE LIGHT,
THAT IT WAS GOOD ...



An anonymous Philadelphia collector, who enjoys preparing his own cachet for unofficial First Day Covers, selected Tranquility, New Jersey for the recent \$2. definitive. While we are less than enthusiastic about unofficial FDC (postmarked at appropriate or convenient post offices on the first day but not at the officially designated post office with the "First Day of Issue" logo on the cancellation killer), we did think that this one was appropriate to the theme of the stamp and worthy of recording.

THE DARNDDEST THINGS
or Will Wonders Never Cease!

We often hear it said that the stampless cover catalog will never be a complete reference. The nature of postal history study, and part of the charm of searching and researching, is the never-ending possibility of new discoveries. The Kay and Smith New Jersey Postal History reference book lists many old New Jersey post offices from which no covers are known to exist. Of others, only one or two examples are known. Thus the purpose of this article.

Several years ago, I acquired a fair sized lot of mixed stampless covers, very few of which seemed important. The manuscript postal marking on one, addressed to New York, was crudely inscribed, and seemed to read, "Glen Hill" July 11, 10. A study of postal history references for surrounding states produced no pertinent information, and I tossed the cover into a drawer with other items designated for future attention. A few weeks ago, I rediscovered the item and decided to concentrate my attention on it. The letter, dated, 1836, gave no clue whatsoever as to the state of origin, and there was no way Glen Hill could check out. As I concentrated on "Glen", it became "Glass" and "Glove", and the confusion grew. Suddenly, however, I began to see the "G" in "Glen" as a "C", and the "Glen" became "Clear" or "Clove". Searching for "Clove Hill" in the references showed me that this was probably "Clover Hill", three of which existed at that time in states not too far away from New York. As one of these states was New Jersey, I became more excited about this cover. Using Kay and Smith's New Jersey Postal History as a guide, I read that the Clover Hill, NJ post office was established in 1834, and the first postmaster was Abraham C. Schenck. Low and behold! This letter was written by Abraham C. Schenck!!! For some unknown reason, Schenck had elected to inscribe the postal rate "10" rather than send the letter "Free" as postmasters were wont to do. The Stampless Cover Catalog shows the existence of the "Clover Hill" marking in handstamp form, so it is probable that covers other than mine exist in manuscript form. If so, I would appreciate hearing from the owners of such covers.

Several other 'goodies' have come along recently. An "Augusta" (Sussex Co., NJ) cover, letter dated 1832, turned up several months ago. It is not listed in the Stampless Cover Catalog, nor in Norman Brassler's supplementary list. This is also a manuscript marking. Who has seen another one? Also several months ago, two fine Mauricetown, NJ (1834 and 1835) manuscript marked folded letters came along. Brassler has this on his supplementary list, but without date. Who has others? Another nice recent discovery is a manuscript markes "Mount Pleasant" (Hunterdon Co.) letter dated 1841 and addressed to "Tallahassia, Floriday".

Some months ago, Bill Coles and I were discussing scare NJ stampless covers, and Bill mentioned the "Pluckemin" postal marking as being quite rare. I was quite pleased, therefore, when one of these showed up in an important large lot of early covers I acquired just a few weeks ago. The manuscript postal inscription clearly reads "Pluckamin". Whether by design, or error, is not known. The letter is dated 1842.

Knowing of Bill Coles' interest in Quaker dated stampless folded letters keeps me on my toes watching for unknown examples. Recently, in the same large lot referred to above, a sweet little item turned up. It is a Quaker dated "Woodbury, N.J., 2nd mo., 28 d, Way 11". The year is 1807!!

How about that, Bill?!!

Perhaps this little article reflects accurately the depth of my personal interest in the pursuit of postal history, an excitement shared by all members of the New Jersey Postal History Society, and not easily understood by most stamp collectors. Let us continue our diligent searching so that we may better understand the totality of the postal history of New Jersey.

- Wesley A. Crozier -

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The article by Norman Brassler brings out a point that should have been made clear when the list of post offices was published in the American Stampless Catalog as pertaining to New Jersey.

On April 1, 1855, a change in the postal regulations required all domestic mail to have the postage prepaid. Thus, in compiling the catalog for New Jersey stampless, we have taken this date to be the end of the stampless period.

Norman is right that there are many manuscript cancellations after this date which could have been listed had our records been so structured. Those that come to mind quickly are Public Servants: Postmasters, Congressmen, officials of the Federal government, and others. These would be marked 'Free' and have no stamp needed due to the franking privilege. Another later group would be soldiers' letters of the Civil War period as well as those of later wars. We should have made mention of these exceptions.

Handstamps are known from a few of the towns listed by him and are mentioned here to make the list more up to date. Those noted are Barnegat (s/l), Dennis Creek (DC), Mauricetown (c), New Providence (fancy), and Woodstown (c).

There have been reported to us some of those towns where the date of usage was post-1855 and using a handstamp. Some of those listed as ms have not been previously reported and are added to our recording: Deerfield Street, Montville, Rancocas, Somerset CH, Squancum, and Stockholm. These reported were all before 1855 and in the stampless period.

I believe that Dyers Creek was probably Dias Creek as suggested by Norman. Also, I think Menedeconk should be Metedeconk, and Singnac should be Singac. Georgia is unknown to us.

If any others find changes to the NJ list in the Stampless Catalog, please advise through NJPH.

- William C. Coles Jr. -

POLITICS OR MORALITY:
CONGRESSMAN SYKES AND A LETTER FROM HOME

Arneytown N.J.
June 1.

Free

George Sykes

member of congress

Washington D.C.

Geo^d Sykes,
Dear friend,

Arneytown 5 Mo. 30th 1844

A newspapers was sent me from somewhere, (I did not know who sent it, but thought it was thee) which related to the annexation of Texas to our union. However hidden the annexation of the Southerners may be, the real object is to promote a slave holding interest, and I suspect to breed slaves, many times their own children, and find Texas a market for them, the most detestable of all trades. When I look at the scripture declaration "It is righteousness that exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people", the political expedients of our day instead of the necessity of standing approved in the devine sight, it srawing down the judgements of God upon such. For the prophet saw this when he wrote "thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee; known therefore that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and my fear is not in thee saith the Lord."

I fear for my country when I think of the injustice of may who hold, and still plea for holding their citizens in bondage, and would annex a country to ours as large as five of our own states, that slavery may be perpetuated to an almost interminable extent. But the prophet reproved his countrymen, saying, "but he had done well in that ye had let every man go free, but now you compel such as ye set free to come back again into bondage".

As a christian and a member of the Society of Friends, thy present situation

as a member of Congress must be trying, for there must of necessity be some things of a military character in which thou and thy friend Hutchison Jenks cannot vote. But how harrowing to the feelings must it be in after life, to a good man, to reflect that by his vote, the shackles of millions of our fellow creatures yet unborn should be fastened.

Seeing thy responsible situation, my desire is that thou mayest look to him who gives wisdom to all who asks it of him, in which I conclude, with love to thee and Hutchison, if thou should think of it when in his company.

Thy friend, Andw. C. Ridgeway

- William C. Coles, Jr. -

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CAPE MAY COUNTY STAMPLESS UPDATE

I have the following stampless markings from Cape May County to add to Norman Brassler's listing.

Dennis Creek manuscript markings for 1/17/1825 and 11/14/1833, a postmaster free frank. Dennis Creek's name was changed to Dennisville in 1854 and did not have a handstamp marking prior thereto. Dennisville did have such handstamp markings.

Dyers Creek is Dias Creek which existed until 1924 and did have handstamp markings. I have a Dyars Creek manuscript 1/15/1827 postmaster free frank and a 1899 handstamp.

Belle Plain existed until 1934 and had handstamp markings. I have a 1908 on post card.

- Craig C. Mathewson -

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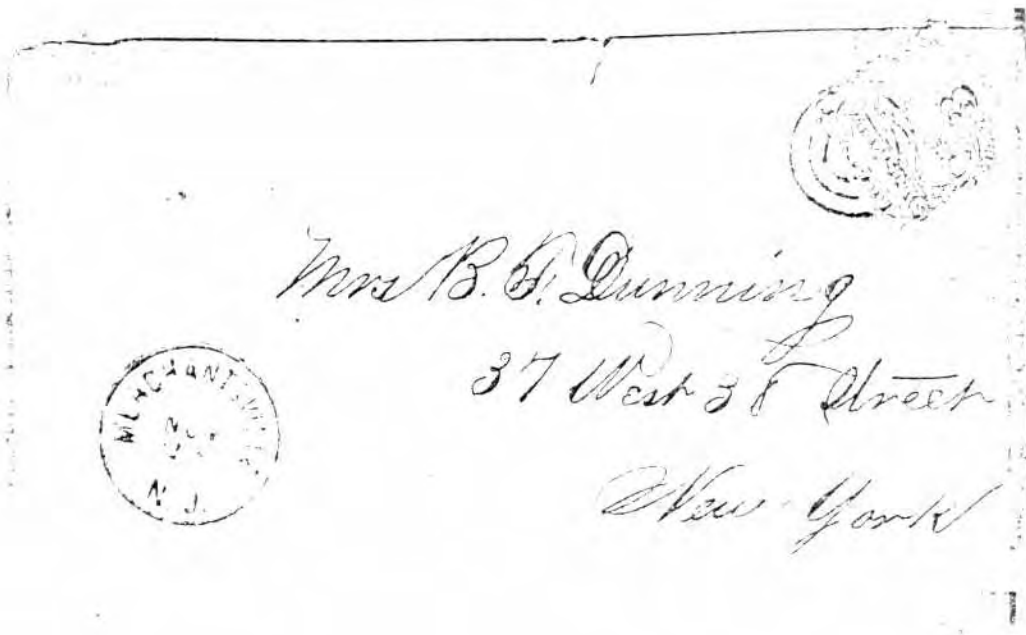
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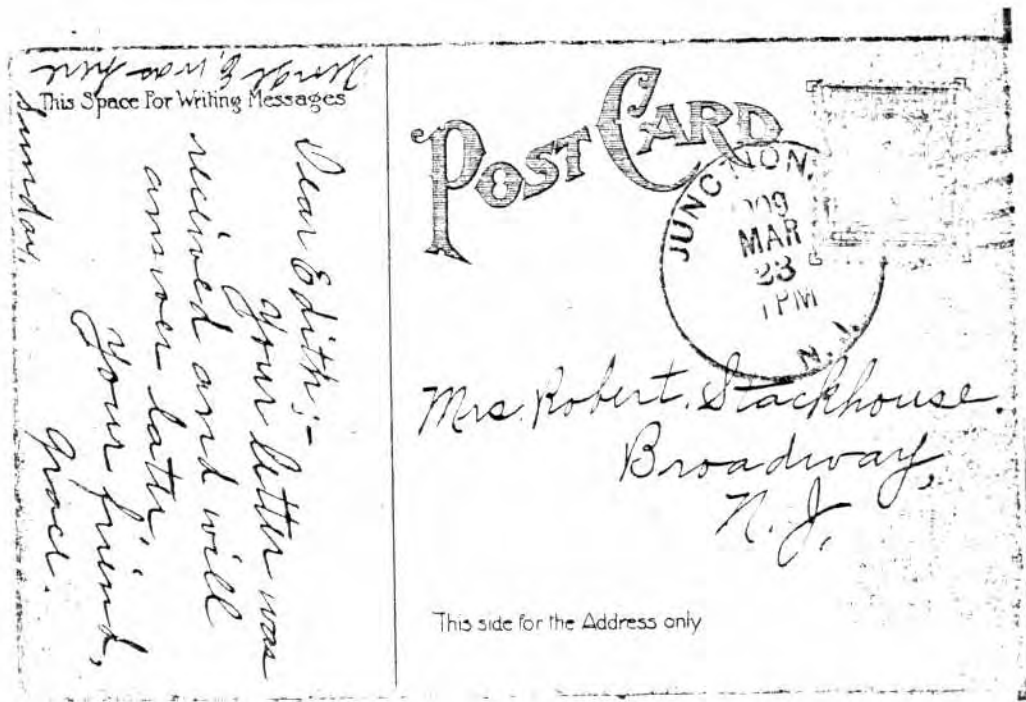
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