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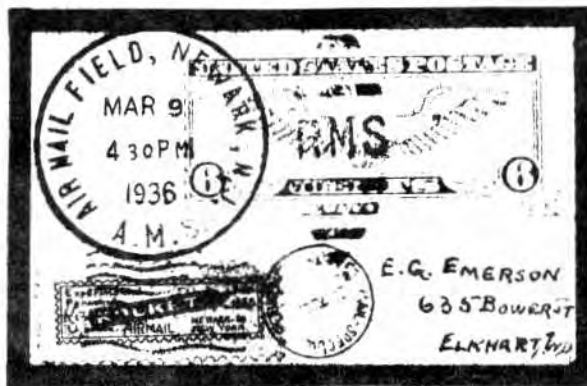
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rocket covers

First Parachute Rocket Experiment Experimenter - Professor L. Russo

1936 (January 31) At 5 PM on this date, America's first parachute rocket experiment was conducted at Newark Meadows. The rocket travelling a little over 100 yards burst and released a parachute to which a mail container holding 980 miniature covers and an American flag was attached. A fierce gale which was blowing at the time carried the parachute and mail east of Newark Bay where it eventually landed. On being posted the entire mailing was held up by Postal Officials who objected to the miniature rocket stamp and private postmark. After holding them for an unknown period, they were eventually released; "The rocket covers which were mailed January 31 have finally been released by the P.O. The claim is made that they were held up because of unmailability. Just what constitutes an unmailable thing, only the P.O. knows. It's one of those things they call a violation - which in the eyes of the department is equivalent to murder, but to others it's just the whim of some old geezer with nothing else to do except to make rules."



First Rocket Airplane Flight

1936 (February 23) On this date for the first time in history a rocket Airplane was fired at Greenwood Lake, New York. After 6 months of preparation the date of the flight was fixed for February 9th. Due to foul play by one of the mechanics the rockets could not be made to go off and the firing had to be postponed for a fortnight.

The first plane which carried one-third of the mail took a steep climb into the air, then side-slipped and came down on the frozen lake. Then with its own power it slid along the ice for several hundred yards and gathered momentum to take to the air again, but it shot almost straight up and once again it side-slipped and came to earth. The experiment showed that the head of the rocket which contained the mail was not weighty enough to maintain the necessary balance. Secondly the catapult was at too high an angle and made the rocket shoot up almost perpendicularly. Both these defects were set right for the second firing.

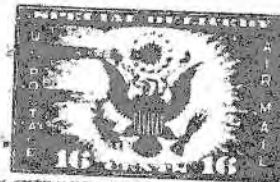
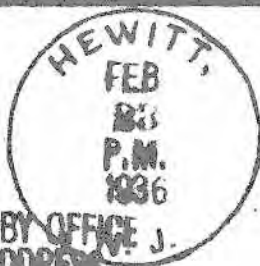
The second plane carried two-thirds of the mail and was released from the center of the lake without the catapult. The rocket plane started well, it glided on the ice, gathered momentum, and gracefully took to the air. The rocket motor developed its full power and the plane shot through the air at tremendous speed. The strain was too much for the wings which crumpled up for want of resistance. It came to earth after travelling over 2000 feet, of which about 1000 feet were in the air.

The mail carried by the two rockets comprised 4323 covers and 1826 post cards. Each cover bears a special green rocket stamp, cancelled by a purple cachet, and franked by a 16¢ Airmail Special Delivery stamp postmarked Hewitt NJ Feb. 23, 1936. Each post card bears a special red rocket stamp cancelled by a green cachet and are franked with a 1¢ stamp postmarked the same as the covers. Experimenter - Willie Ley and the "Rocket Airplane Corporation of America."

VIA FIRST AMERICAN



Rocket Airplane Flight



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OF FIRST ADDRESS

AIRMAIL — SPECIAL DELIVERY

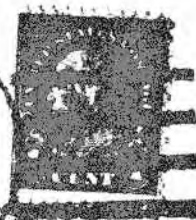


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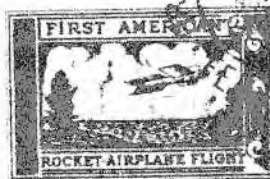
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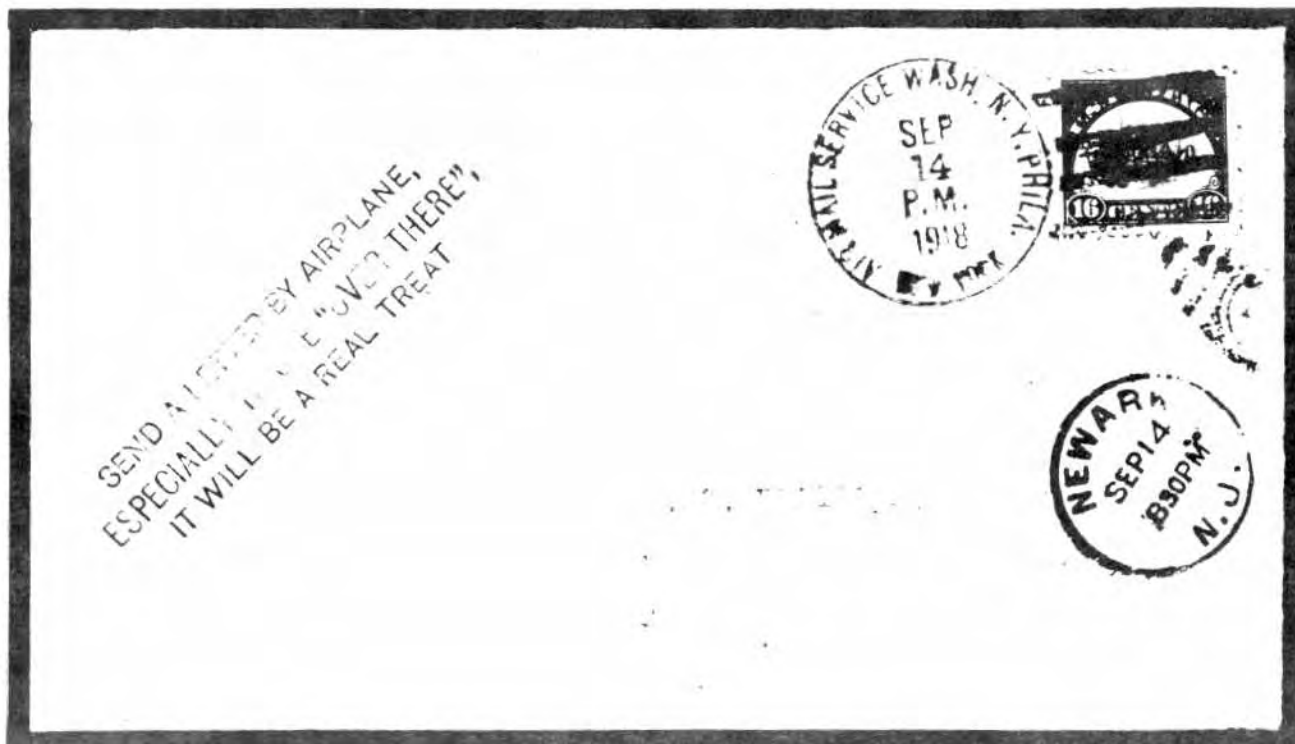
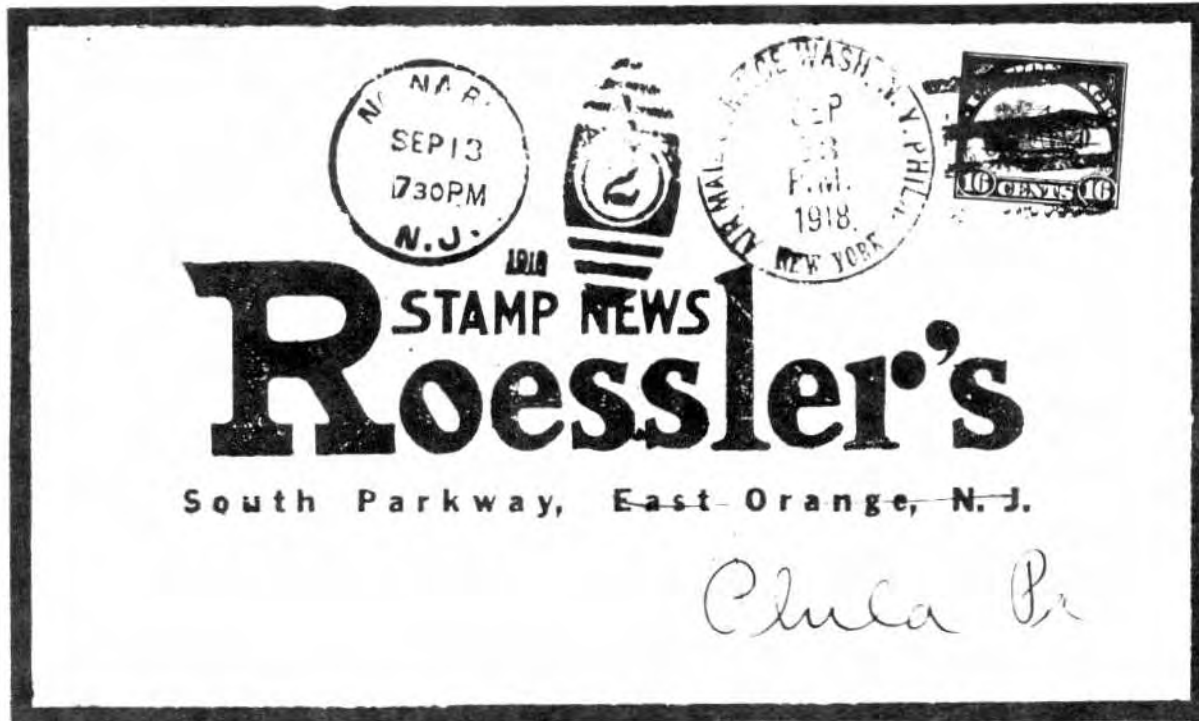


FIRST AMERICAN ROCKET AIRPLANE FLIGHT. — GREENWOOD LAKE, N.Y.

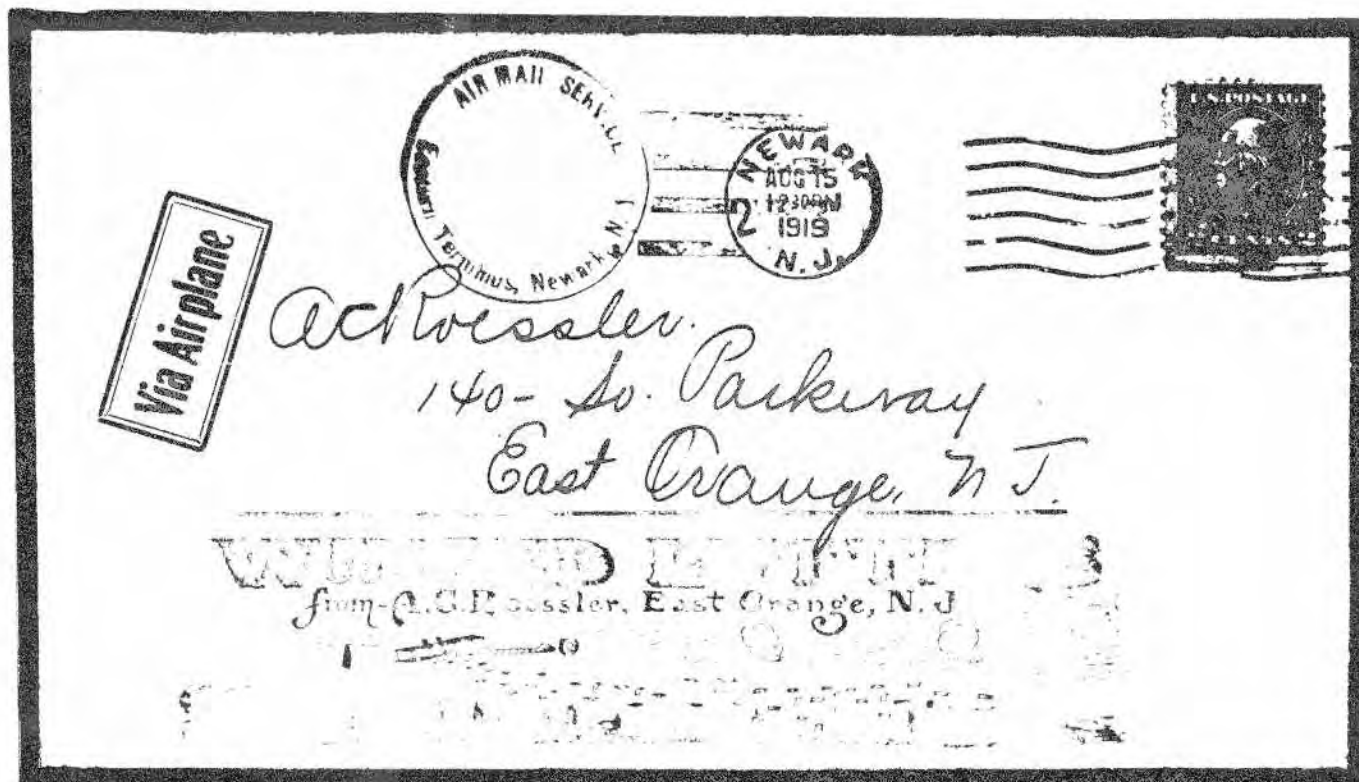
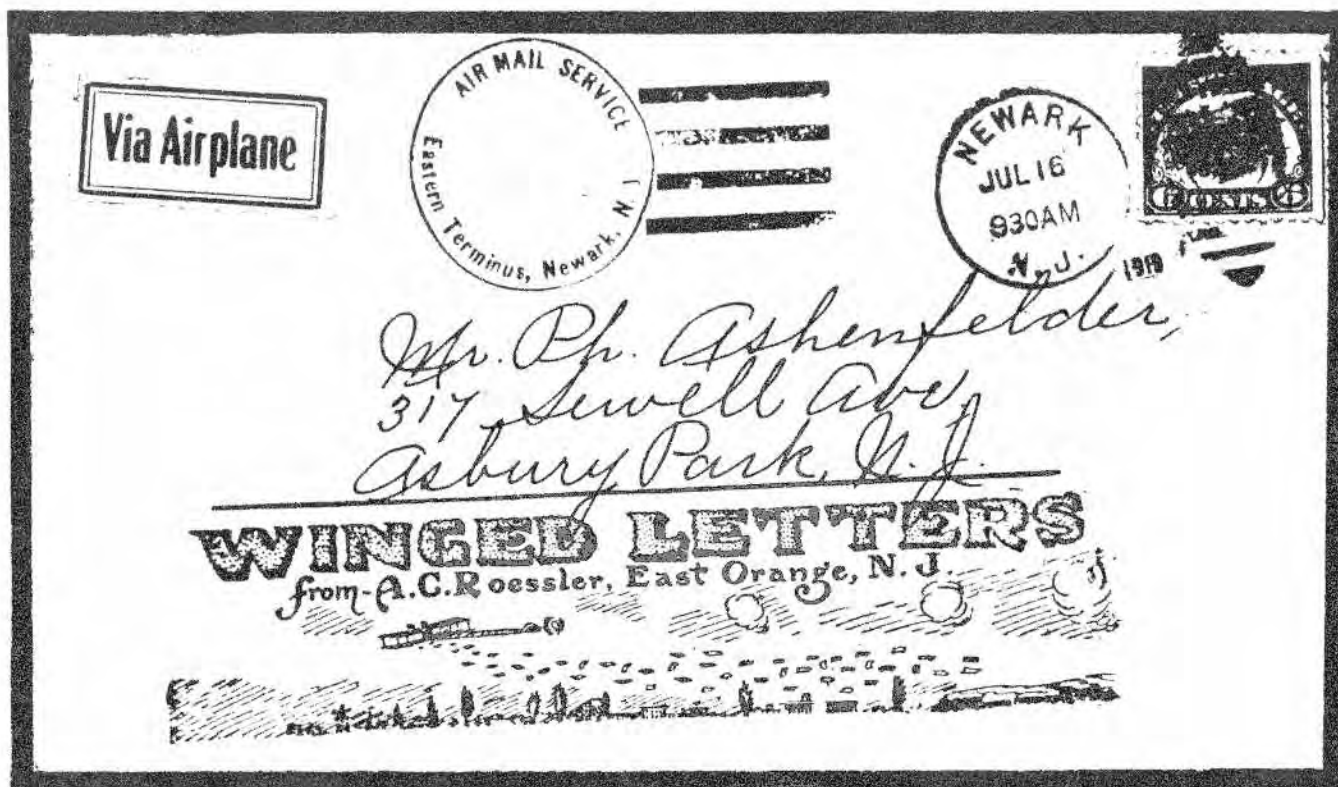
Newark Airport Mail Facility - the early years
and usage of the 1st issue U.S. Air Mail stamps

AIR MAIL SERVICE - WASH, NY, PHIL - New York 4-Bar handstamp

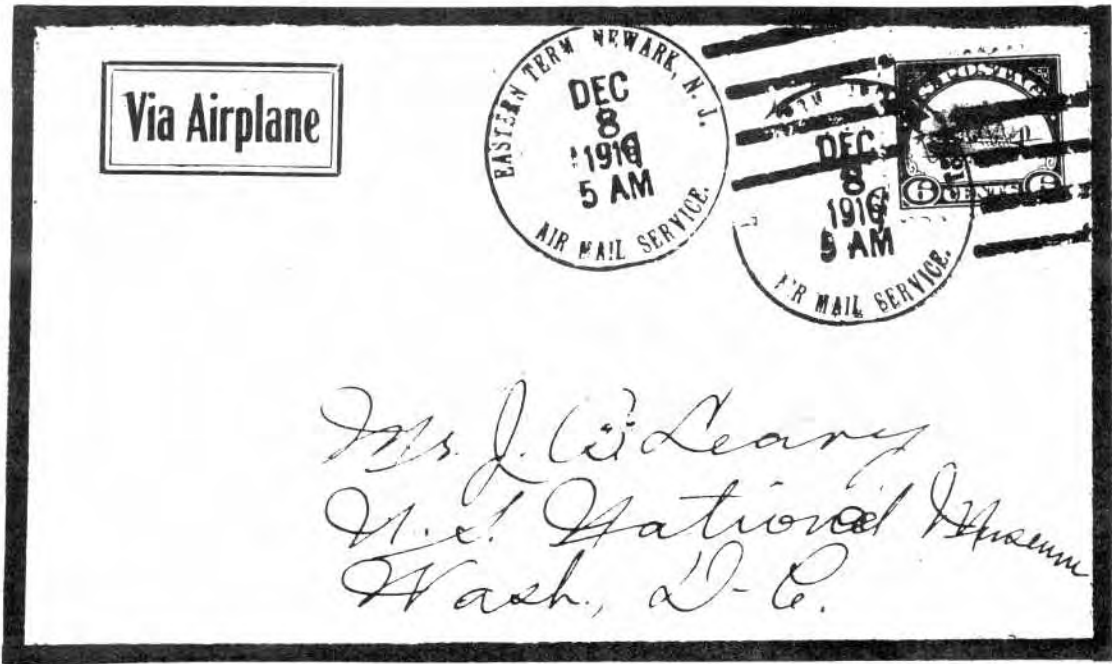
Mail posted at Newark to connect with the original Air Mail Route from New York thru Philadelphia to Washington. September 13 & 14, 1918.



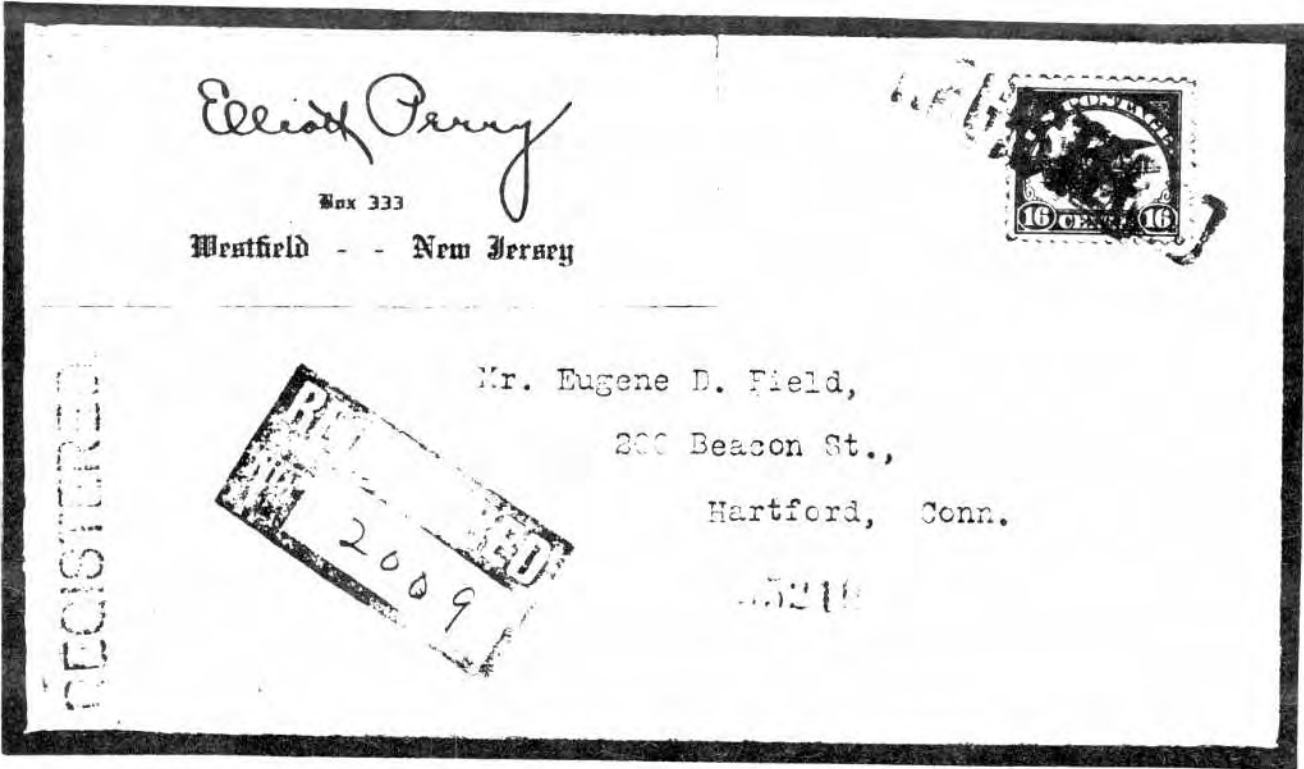
AIR MAIL SERVICE - Eastern Terminus, Newark NJ 4-Bar handstamp
Mail posted in Newark July 16 (duplex) and August 15 (machine cancel), 1919.



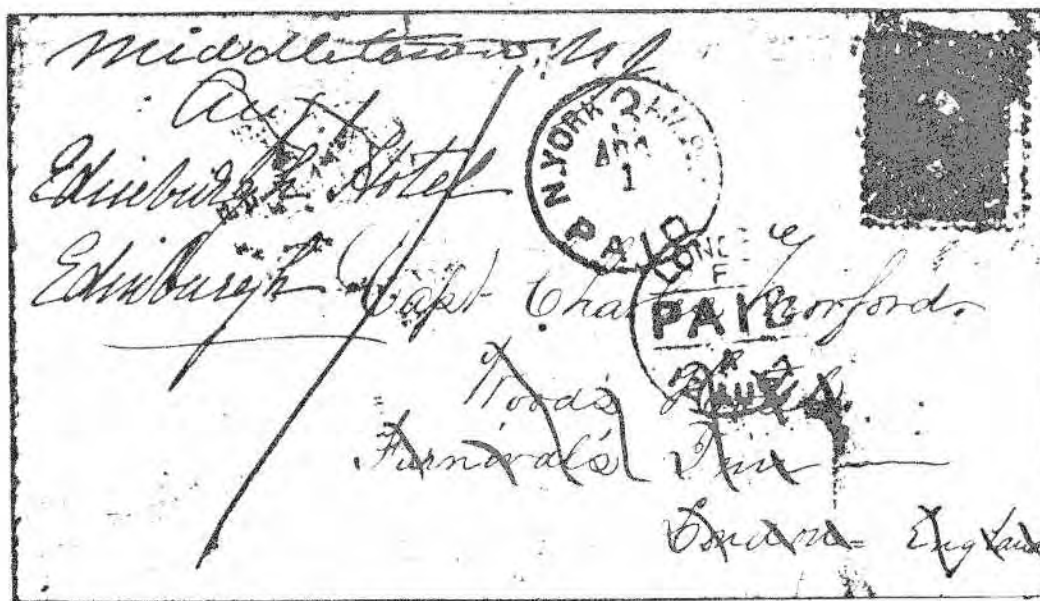
EASTERN TERM NEWARK NJ - Air Mail Service 4-Bar handstamp
Mail posted at Newark Airport December 8, 1919



16¢ Airmail stamp (C2) paying 10¢ Registry Fee & 6¢ Air Mail Rate
Commercially mailed at Westfield NJ

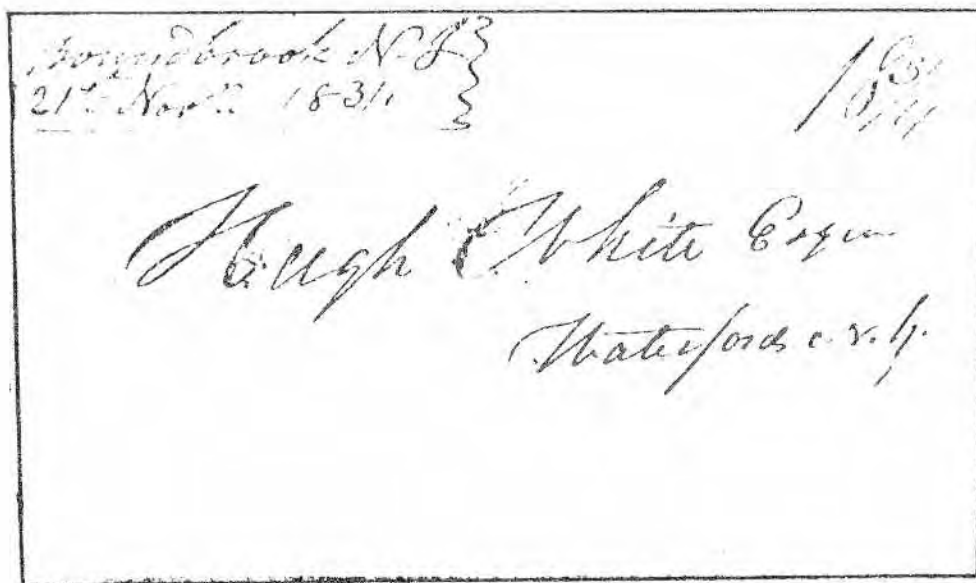


24 Cent 1867 Issue From Middletown, New Jersey



The higher value adhesives used from New Jersey continue to be elusive. This cover sports not only a manuscript "Middletown, NJ" but is backstamped LONDON E.C. AU 12 67 and EDINBURGH AU 13 67.

BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY MANUSCRIPT
21st Nov^r 1831



Coles reports the earliest seen handstamp in 1841 in black.

Hendrik Fisher

The Special Collections at the Alexander Library, Rutgers University in New Brunswick contain a number of early letters including a correspondence to Hendrik Fisher at Bound Brook. Illustrated here is an undated letter, in Dutch, from Theodorus Frelinghuysen. Another letter in the same correspondence from Frelinghuysen to Fisher "at Rariton" is dated 1754. The earliest letter, from J. Clarkson and likewise in Dutch, is dated 16 July 1736. There is a Jan 3 1748/49 letter from Joris Brinckerhoff at New York to Fisher at Brunswick, which is the earliest dated item recorded in philatelic literature from New Brunswick.

Later letters include one to Fisher at "Rareton near Bonbrook" from Schenk at Millstone April 12th 1767⁷, referring to the provincial lottery. The last is addressed to Fisher as "Barracks Master, New Brunswick" from Perth Amboy, August 25, 1772. The writer, Charles Petitt, refers to the arrival of a battalion of His Majesty's troops and orders the barracks to be placed in a condition to receive them.

None of the letters displays postal markings suggesting they were carried outside the post, although a post office was operating at Perth Amboy in the 1750s. Dr. James Neilson was named, as early as 1733, as a letter distribution agent in New Brunswick; however, no evidence exists to suggest he acted in any postal capacity. The earliest recorded manuscript marking from New Brunswick is dated in the 1760s.



* E.E. Fricks, "The Postal History of New Brunswick," *Collectors Club Philatelist*, vol. 58, 1979.

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY COVERS AND POSTMASTERS
Samuel Fisvitz

List of Postmasters 1912-1985

<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>Date Appointed</i>
Henry Godwin	May 9, 1812
Abraham Godwin Jr	July 27, 1816
Moses E. Dewitt	September 26, 1829
John Parke	July 1, 1841
William D. Quin	January 11, 1843
Abraham Godwin	April 17, 1849
William Dickey	November 15, 1849
William D. Quin	April 6, 1853
David D. Hennion	February 14, 1857
Darius Wells	May 27, 1861
William Davidson Jr	August 21, 1866
Darius Wells	March 2, 1867
John L. Conklin	December 21, 1874
John Johnson	March 7, 1887
William A. Hopson	February 12, 1891
Andrew H. Demerest	March 1, 1895
Herman J. Kohlhaus	February 16, 1897
George W. Pollitt	May 28, 1900
James P. McNair	April 28, 1913
Harry J. Corwin (Acting)	January 1, 1922
Harry J. Corwin	July 31, 1922
Henry C. Allen (Acting)	July 31, 1926
Henry C. Allen	December 21, 1926
Thomas L. Kelley (Acting)	March 12, 1935
Thomas L. Kelley	July 18, 1935
David B. Morgan (Acting)	May 1, 1952
David B. Morgan	July 8, 1952
Robert Wardle (Acting)	April 1, 1954
Frank W. Murphy (Acting)	April 20, 1954
Frank W. Murphy	August 16, 1954 to 1985

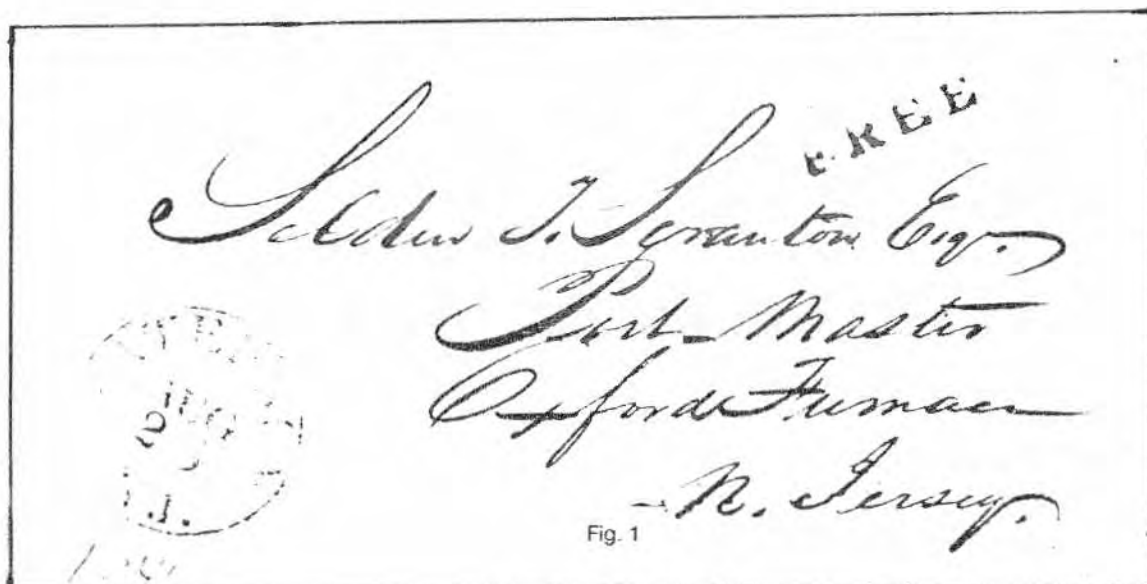


Fig. 1 shows a letter posted August 25, 1841 and rated "FREE" since the addressee was the postmaster at Oxford Furnace.

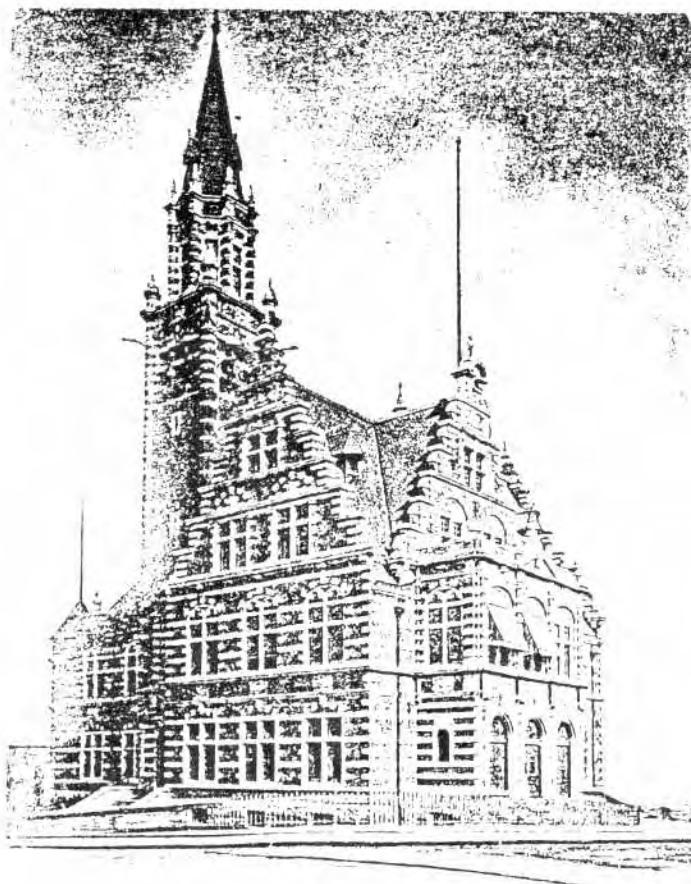


Fig. 2
Post Office, Paterson

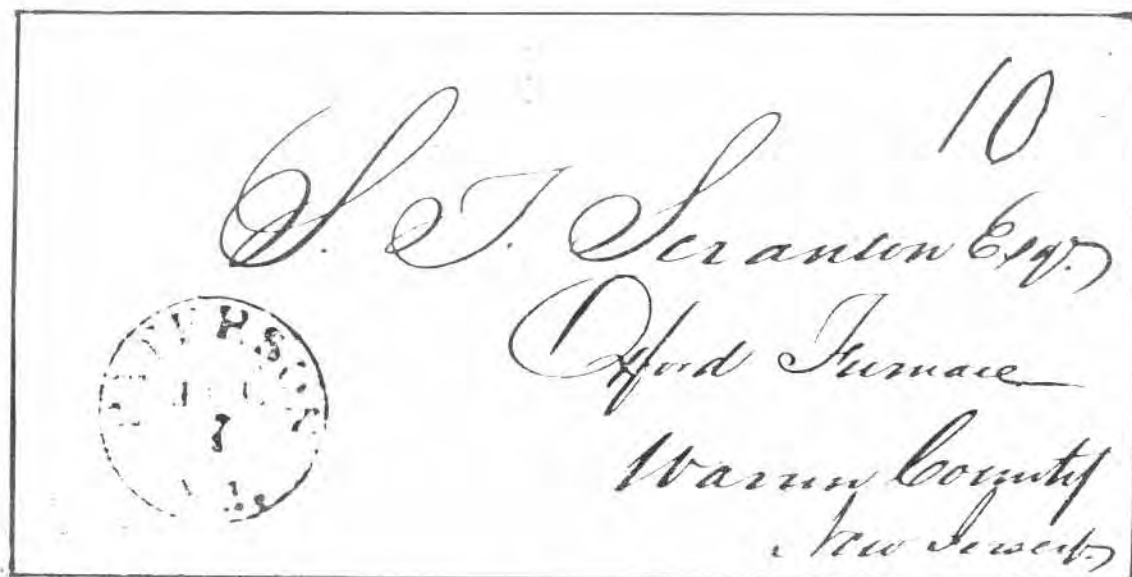


Fig. 3

Mailed on July 7, 1843, this letter is addressed to the same individual as in Fig. 1. Selden T. Scranton was a co-owner of an iron mine at Oxford Furnace and the family were the original settlers of Scranton, PA.

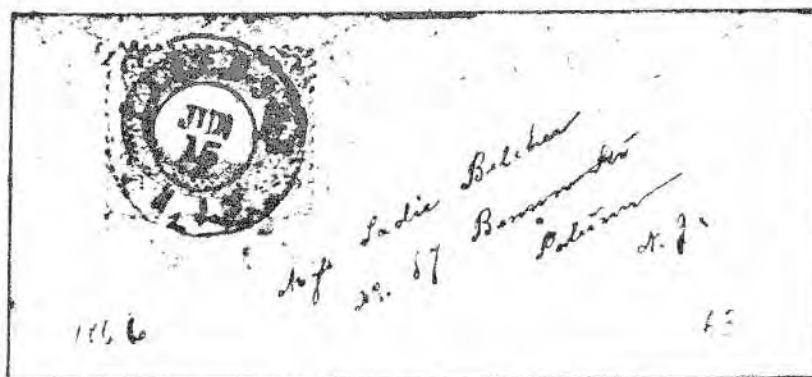


Fig. 4

Fig. 4 represents the drop letter rate, canceled June 15, 1866. The enclosure was an invitation to a birthday party at 80 Water Street on June 19th.



Fig. 5

This Plimpton-type envelope was rated at 1 cent for the circular rate.



Fig. 6

International rate postal card to England canceled by duplex handstamp.

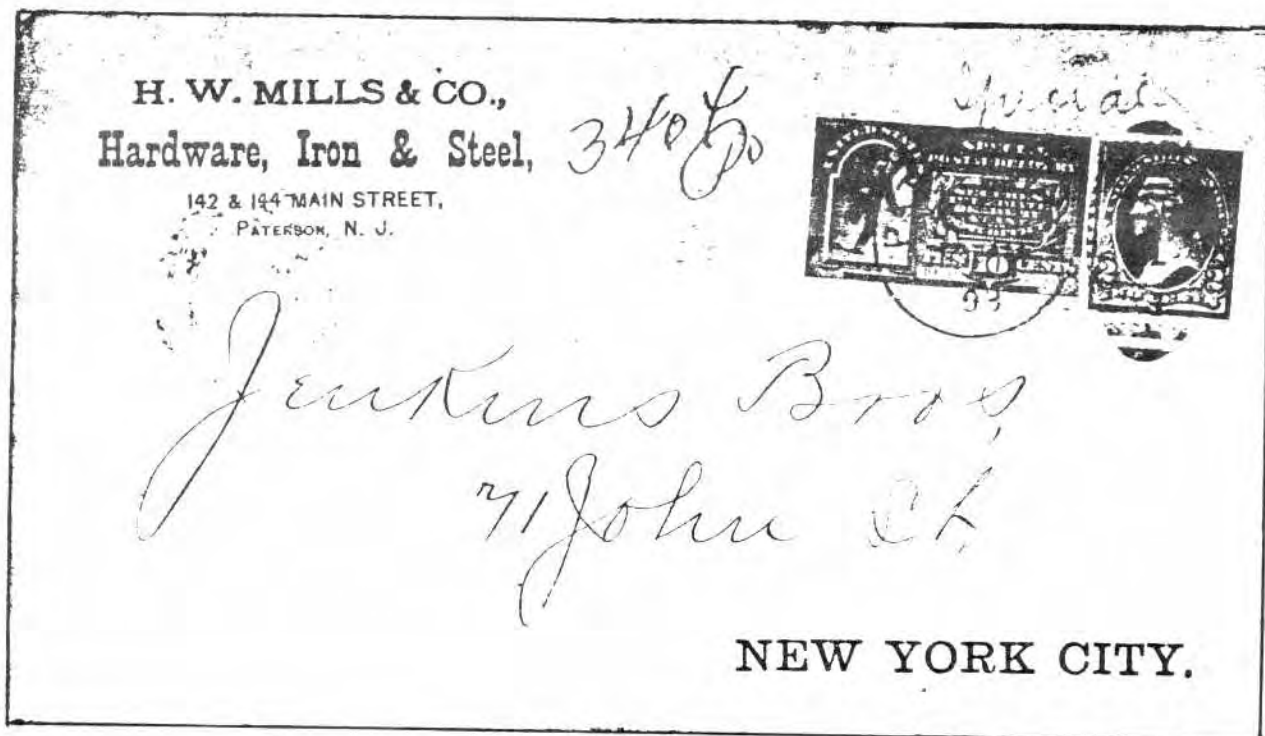


Fig. 7

Usage of the first issue special delivery stamp with duplex Paterson handstamp with "1" in killer. Backstamped New York at 2PM on the same day.



Fig. 8

Usage of the 2 cent Trans-Mississippi issue with the American Postal Machines Company's flag cancel. The backstamp shows receipt in Brooklyn at 2:30PM on the same day - almost special delivery service!

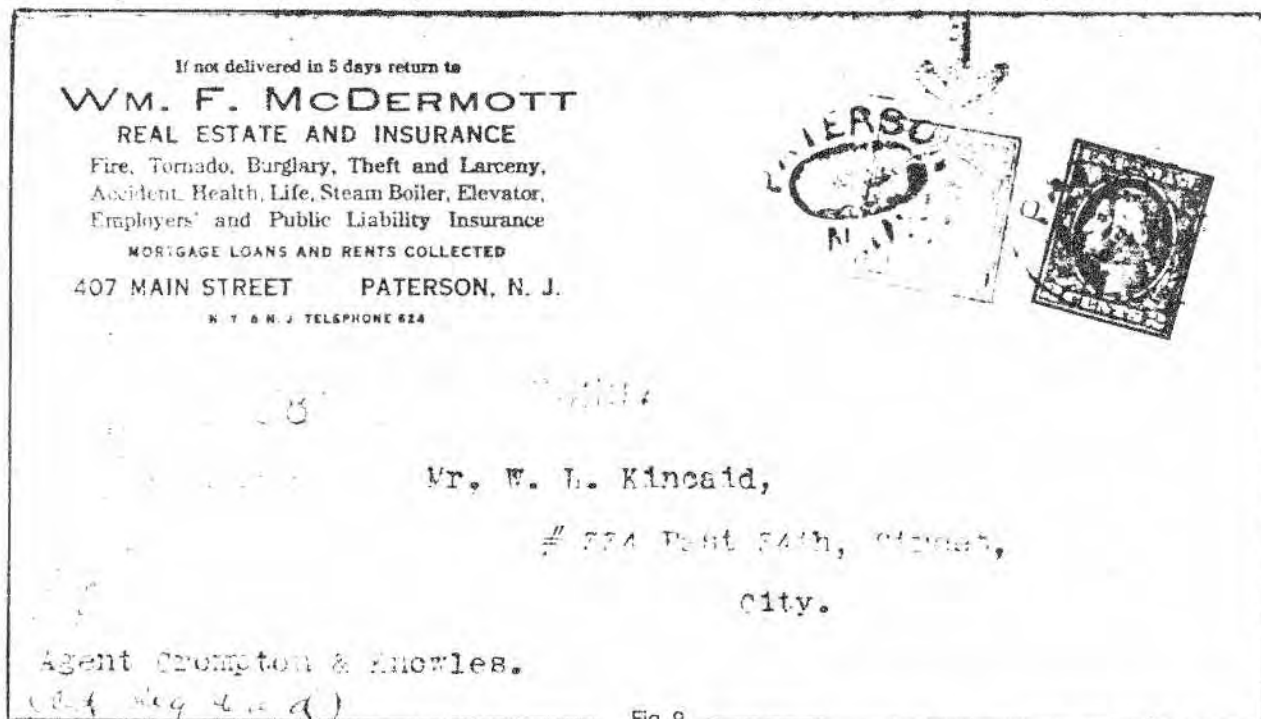


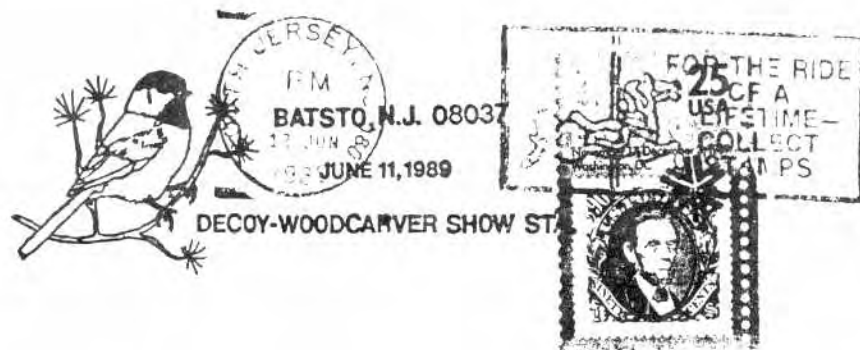
Fig. 9

The backstamp shows posting on November 11, 1912. The 10 cent registry fee stamp had a short official life - December 1, 1911 to May 28, 1913. The registry number in the box was that assigned by the Paterson post office while the "23997" was the delivery number.



Fig. 10

This cover shows another type of duplex handstamp, again with a "1" in the killer. It was mailed on June 6, 1936, sent by airmail to San Francisco and then by seamount to Shanghai.



Normally a real annoyance, this double strike is a topicalist's prize. Not only does the Batsto handstamp note the Woodcarvers' Show but the machine cancel shows a carousel horse, one of the finest examples of the woodcarver's skill.

NEW JERSEY circa 1869

by: Brad Arch

1¢ Drop Letter Rates

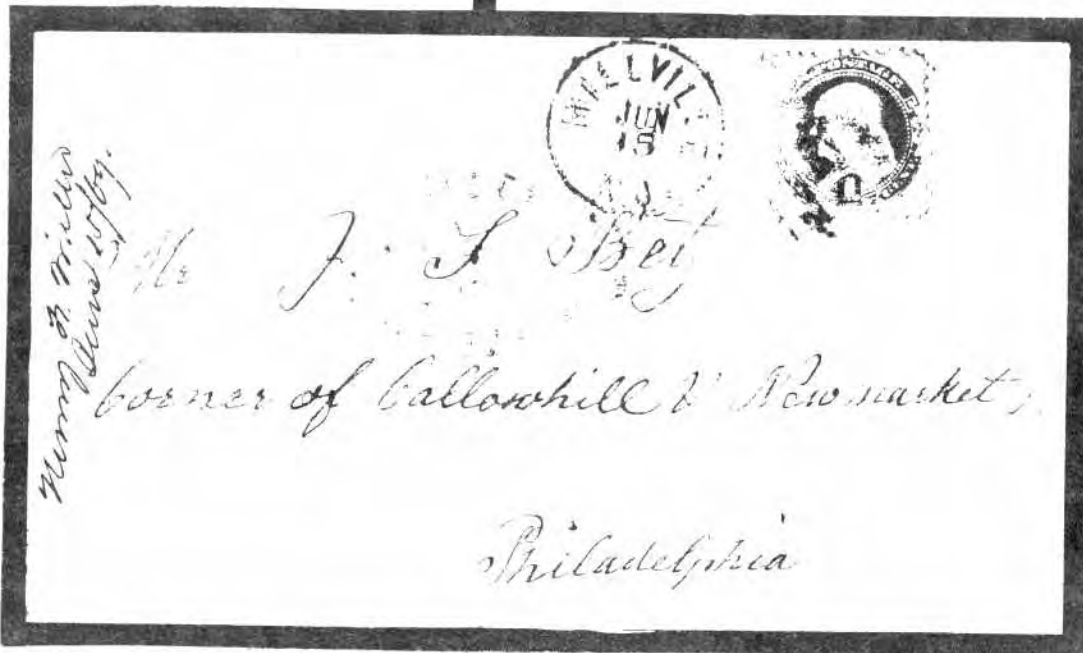
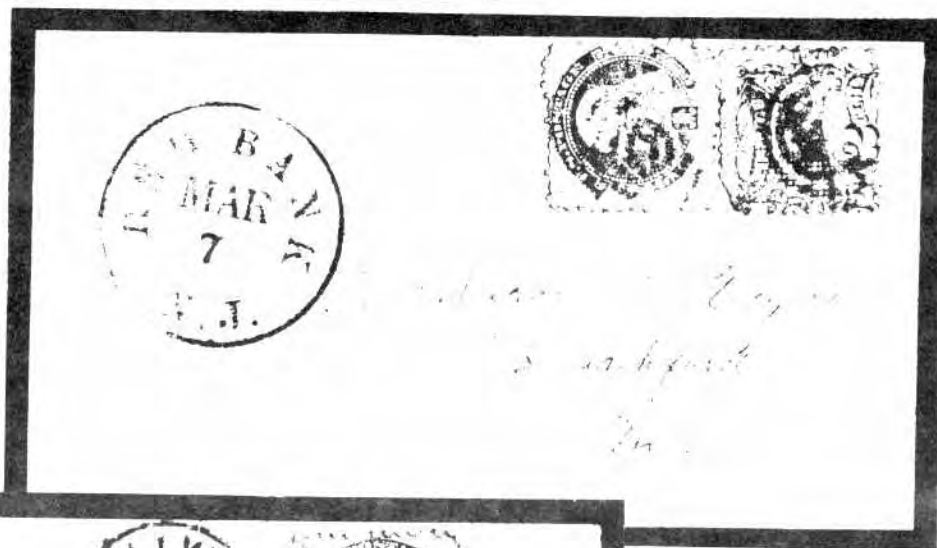


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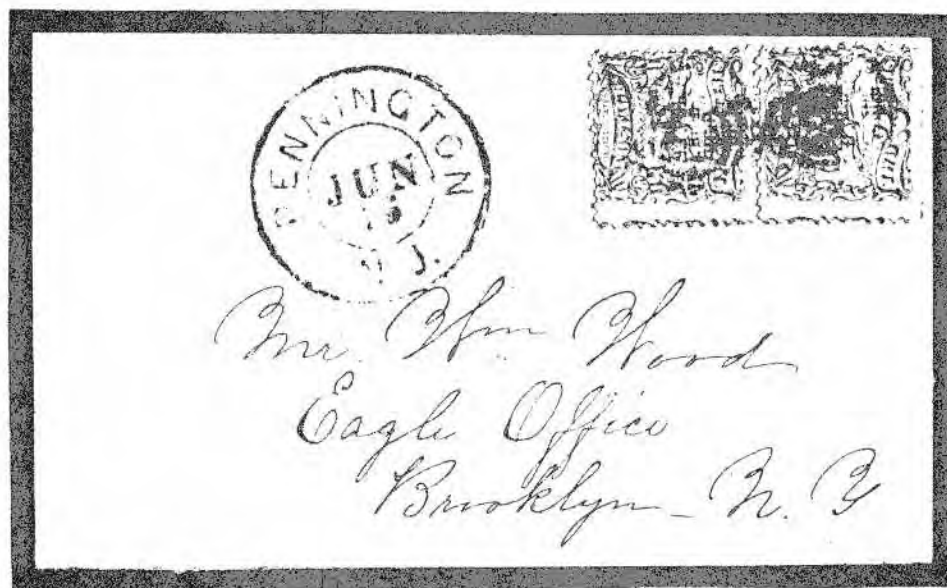


10¢ rate to Germany
1¢ 1869 & 3x3¢ BNs

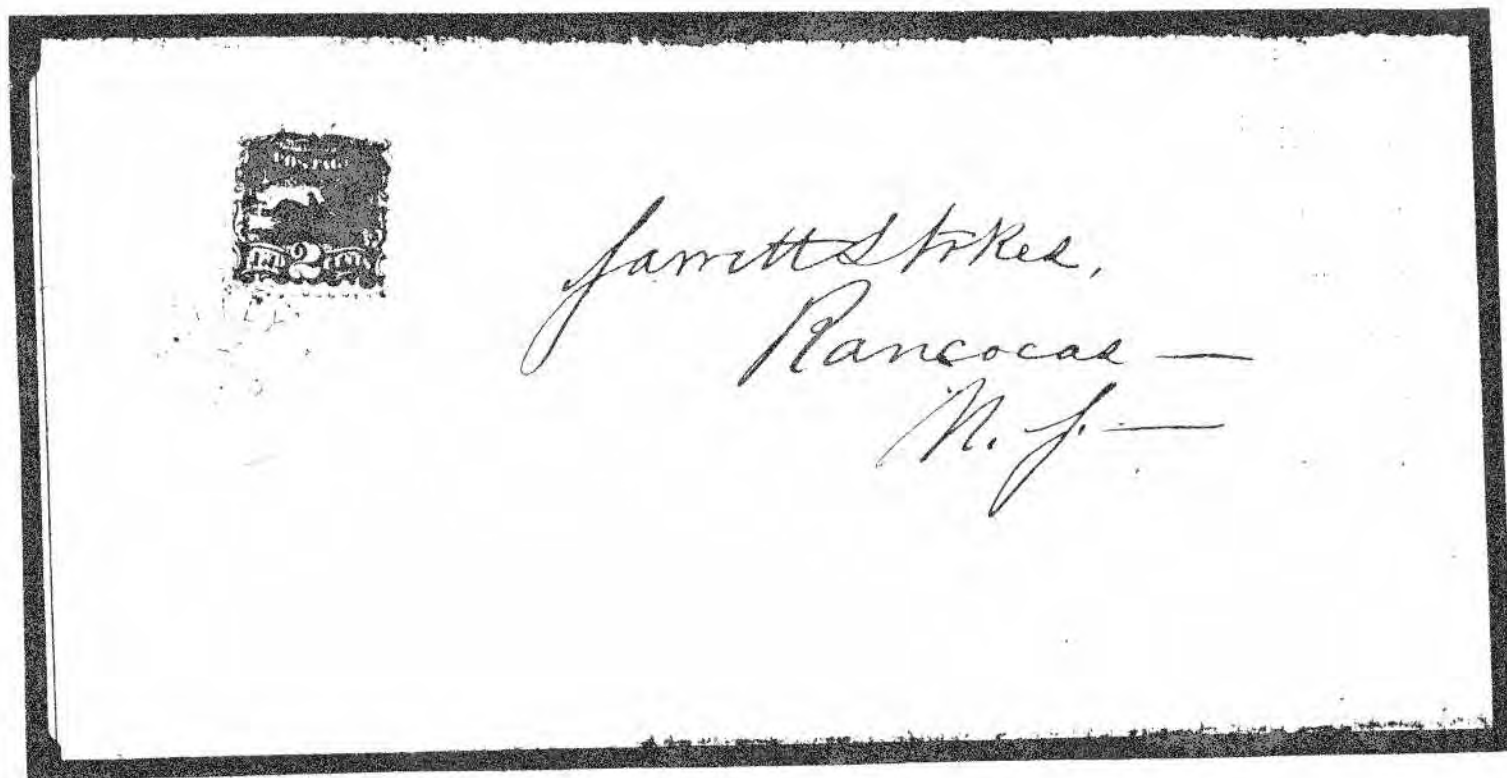
3¢ Domestic Rate
1¢ & 2¢ 1859 combination



1¢ Domestic
Printed Matter Rate



3¢ Domestic Letter Rate - overpaid with 2x2¢ 1869



2¢ Printed Matter Rate

NEW JERSEY circa 1869

2¢ Printed Matter Rate
on Tax Notice Form
from Colts Neck
to Long Branch NJ

FORWARDED:

3¢ MOORESTOWN NJ origin
to NIAGARA FALLS NY



24.

United States Internal Revenue.

INCOME TAX, MARCH, 1871.

To Governor Wm. F. Est
of Long Branch
in the 8 Division, 2 District,
and State of New Jersey

TAKE NOTICE

That, in pursuance of the acts of Congress, you are required to make out a Return according to the forms within, and deliver the same to me at my office, on or before March 1, 1871, or an addition of FIFTY PER CENTUM will be made to the proper tax.

No Return will be accepted unless made out in full; that is, with the proper entry opposite each item of the Return, and the whole subscribed and sworn to.

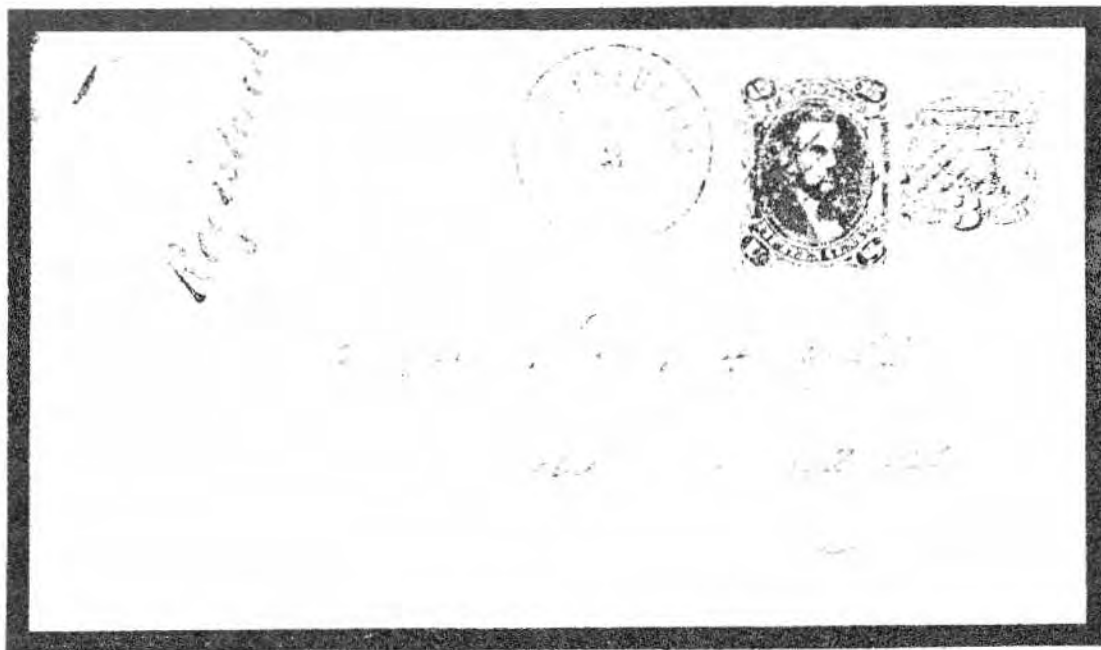
The form and manner of declaration, as provided in section 13, act of July 14, 1870, that a person is not possessed of a taxable income, is prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to be affidavit (1) on this page; and the form and manner of declaring that the proper income tax has been paid elsewhere, is prescribed to be affidavit (2) on this page.

Dated this 10 day of April, 1871.

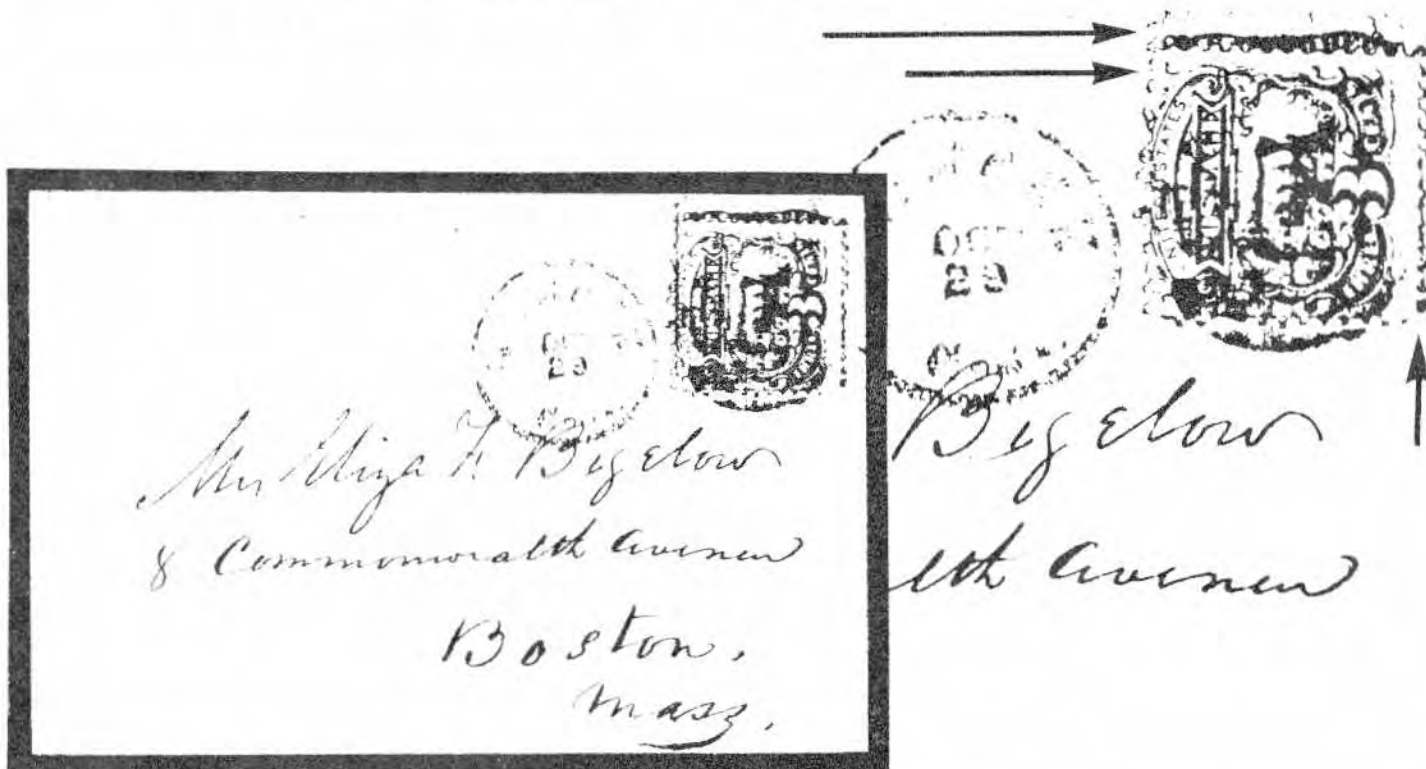
J. B. Harris

Assistant Assessor.

Wm. F. Est



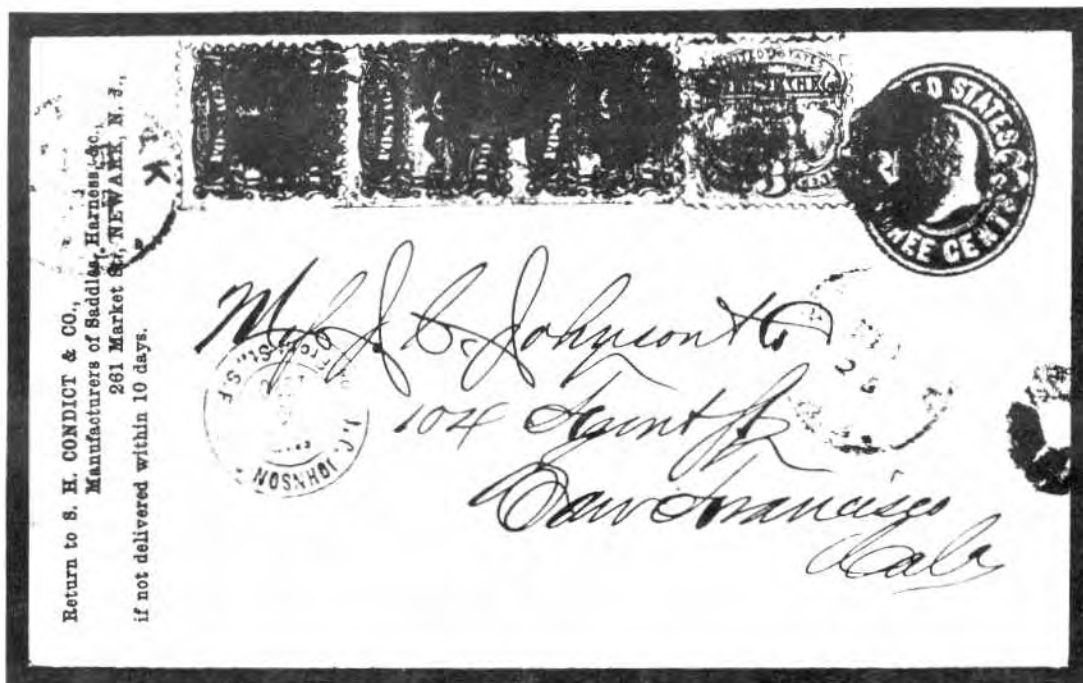
REGISTERED MAIL - 15¢ Registry Fee paid with 15¢ 1866 issue 'Lincoln'
plus 3¢ domestic postage = 18¢ total



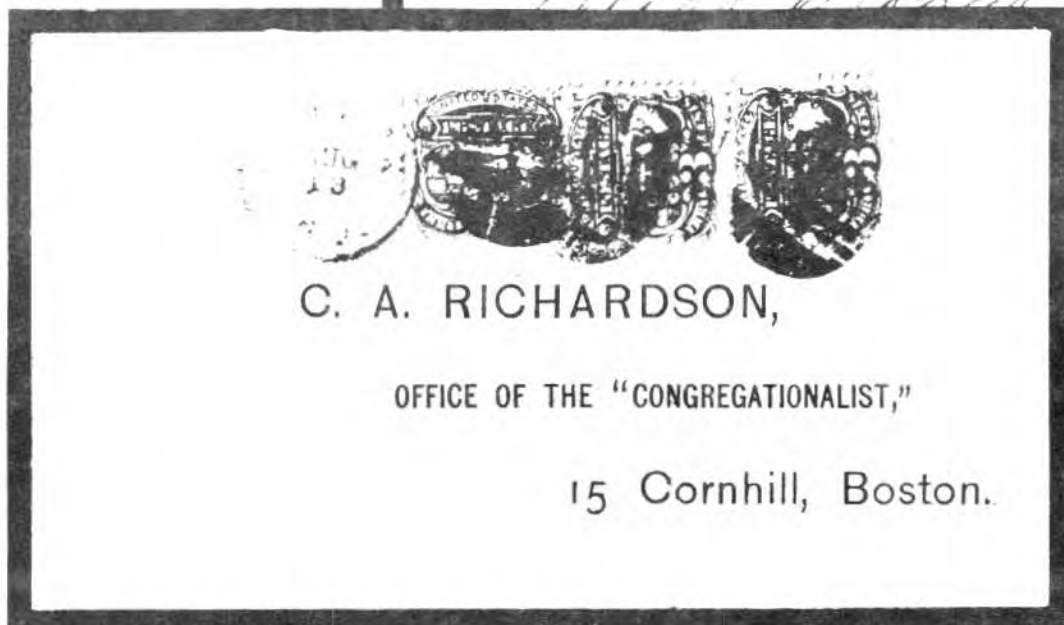
Attempted Use of Revenue Stamp - tied under the 3¢ 1869 stamp

NEW JERSEY circa 1869

Multiple Weight Domestic Letters



12¢ (4x) - 3x2¢ & 3¢ on 3¢ Stamped Envelope



9¢ (3x) - 3x3¢ 1869 stamps

NEW JERSEY circa 1869

Multiple Weight Domestic Letters - 9¢ (3x) 2x3¢ on 3¢ Stamped Envelope

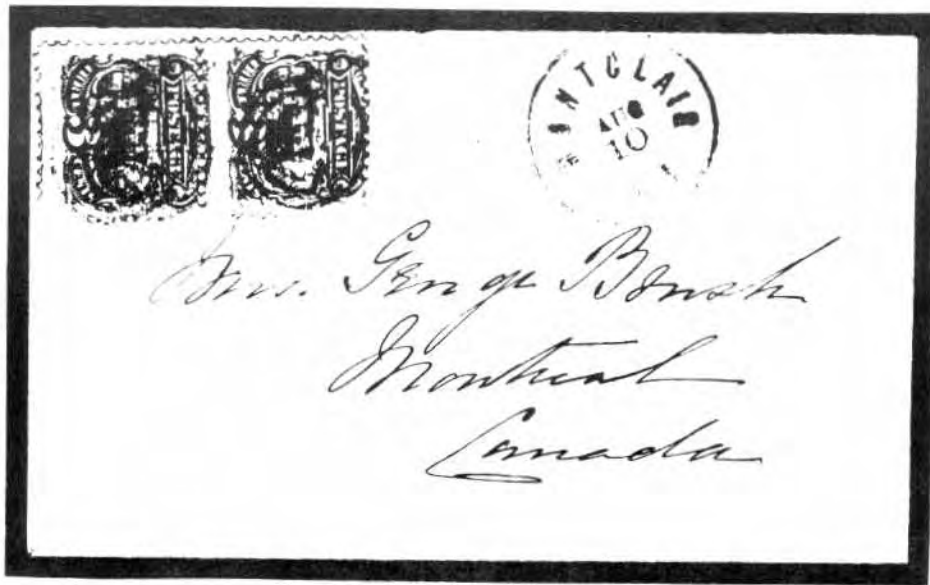
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Manufacturers of Saddles, Harness, &c.,
261 Market St., NEWARK, N. J.,
if not delivered within 10 days.

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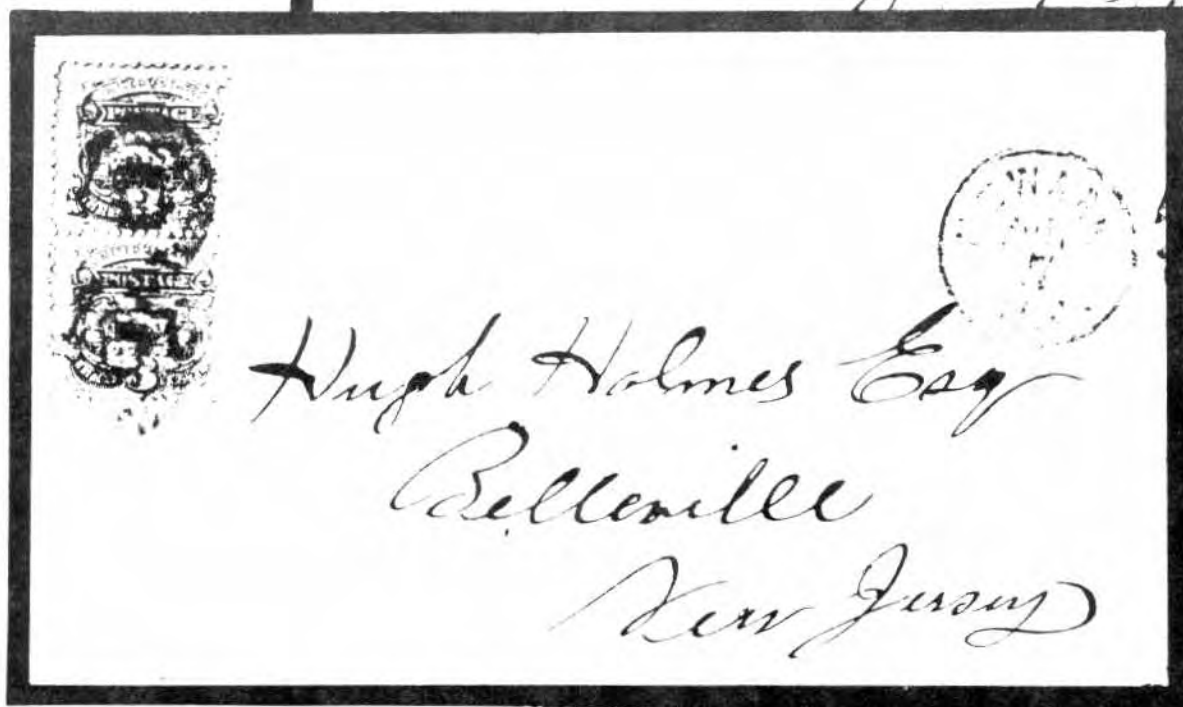
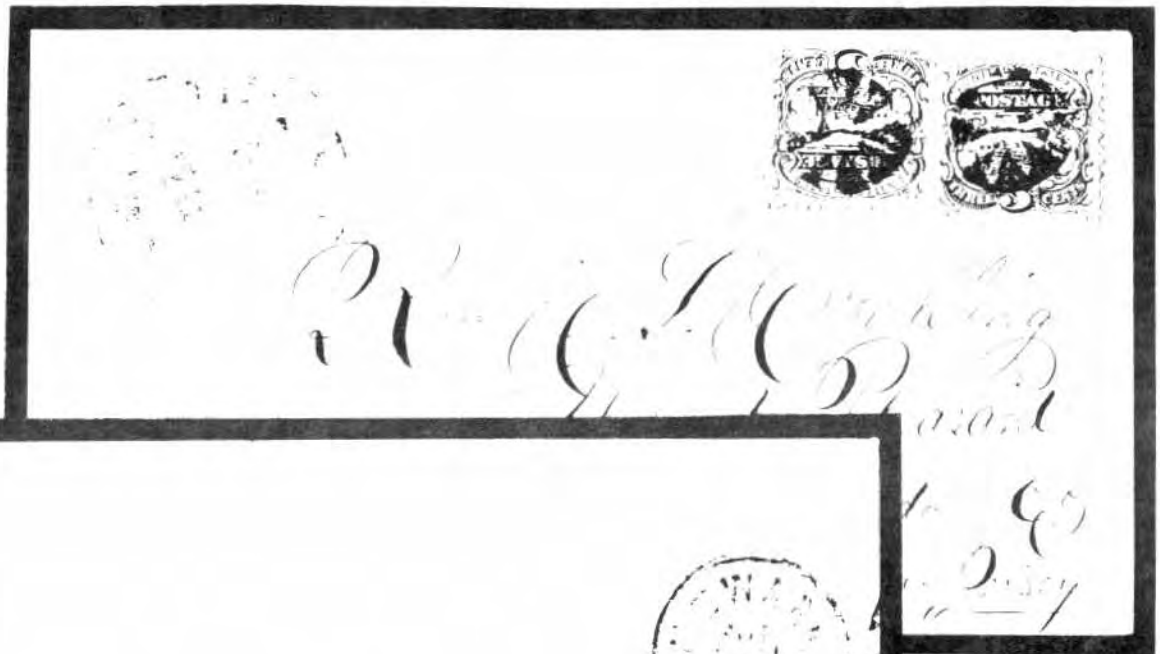
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104 Front St.
San Francisco
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NEW JERSEY circa 1869



6¢ Letter Rate to Canada - paid with 2x3¢ 1869 stamps

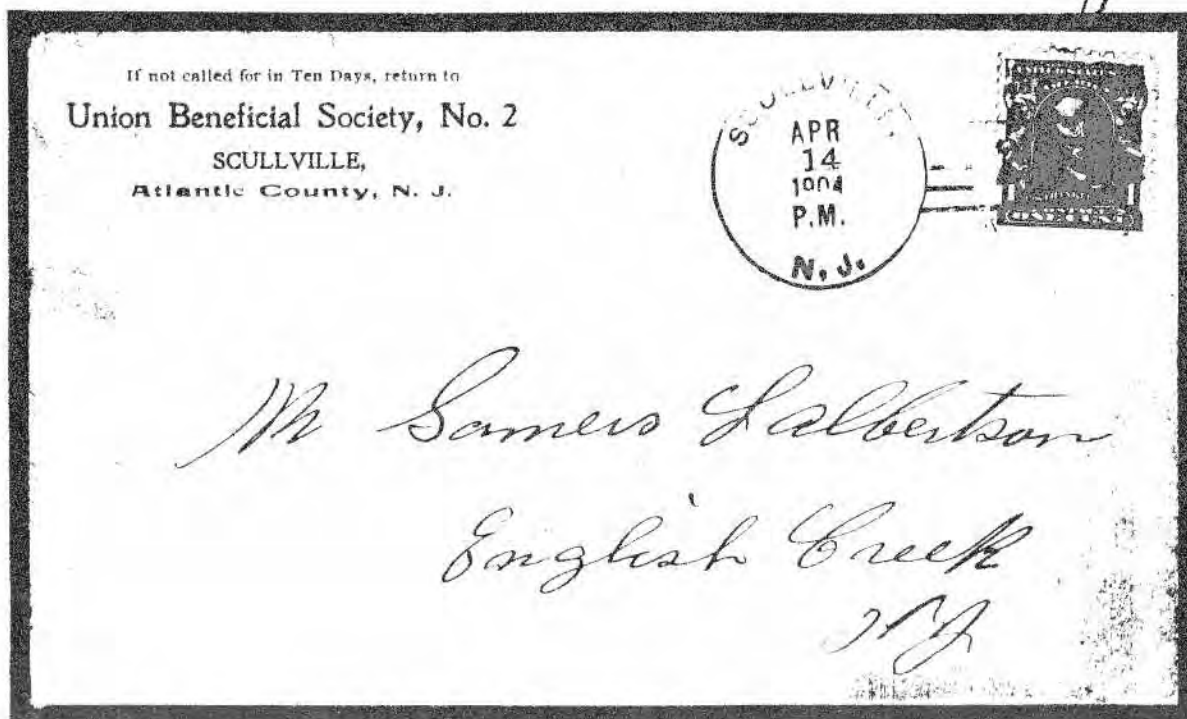


Multiple Weight Domestic Letters (2x) - paid with 2x3¢ 1869 stamps

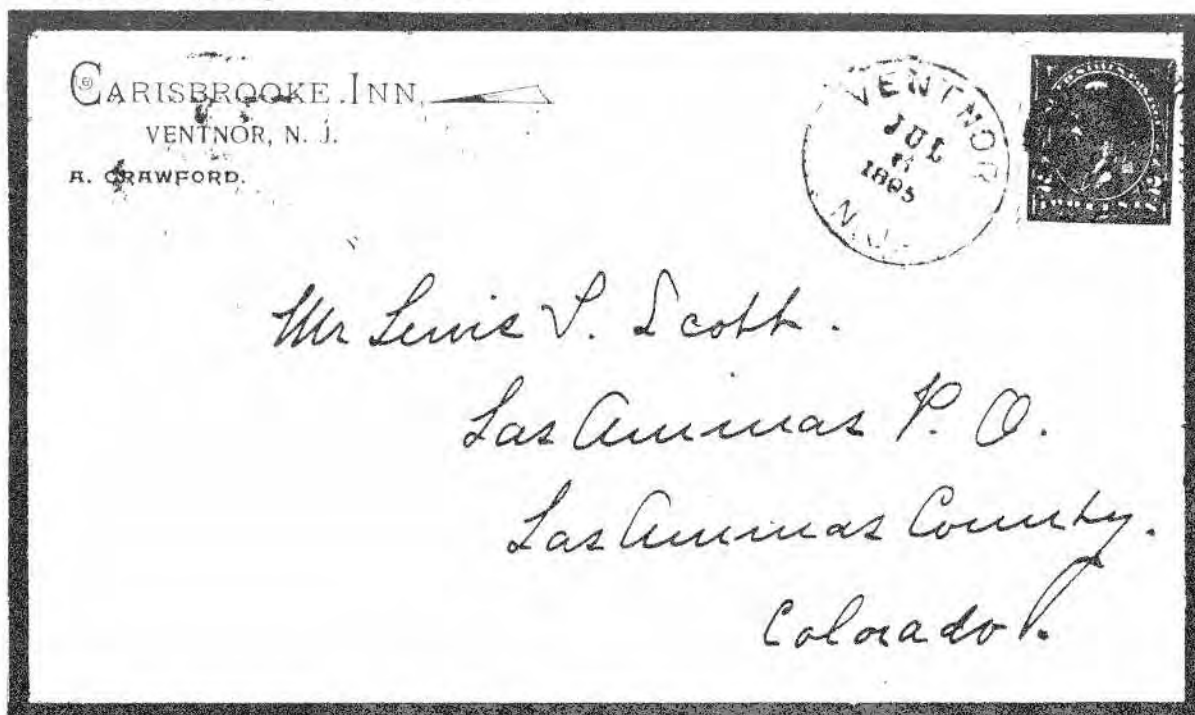
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SCULLVILLE - Atlantic County - 1887-1914

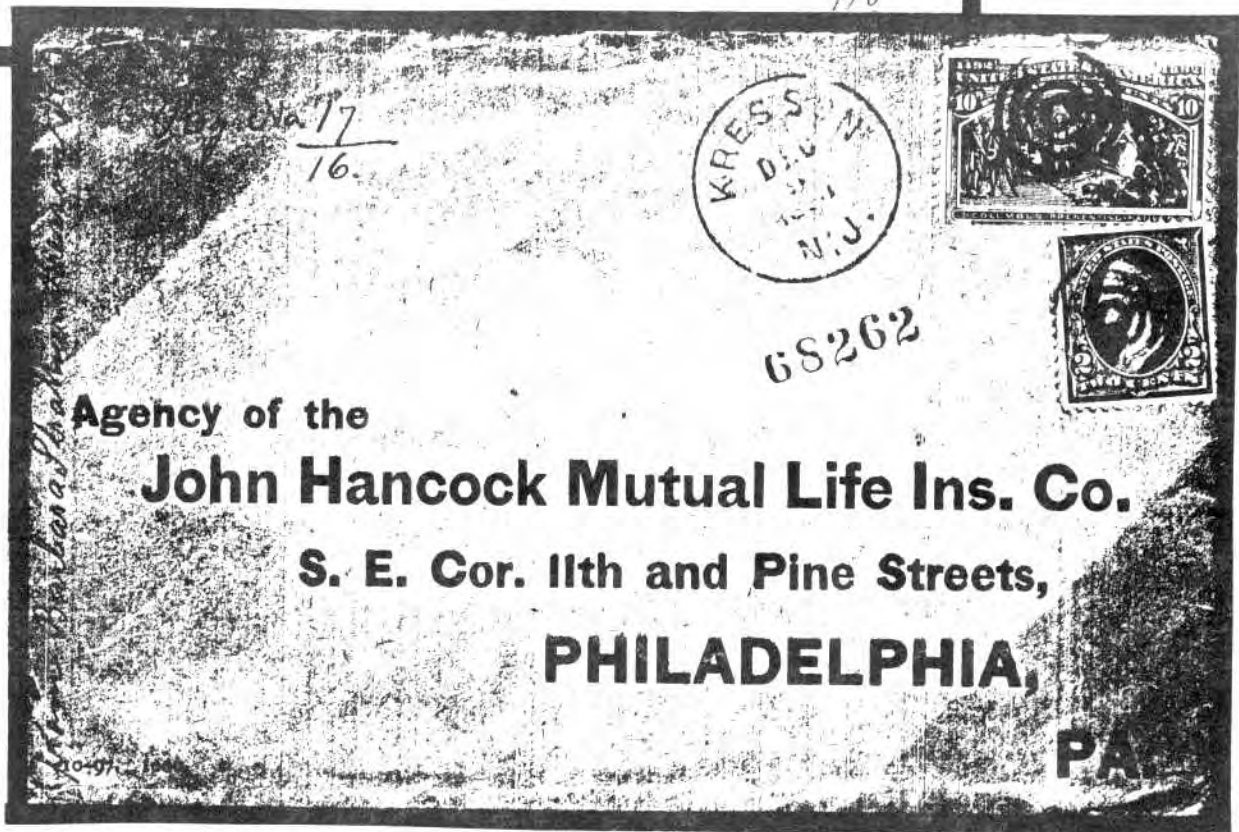
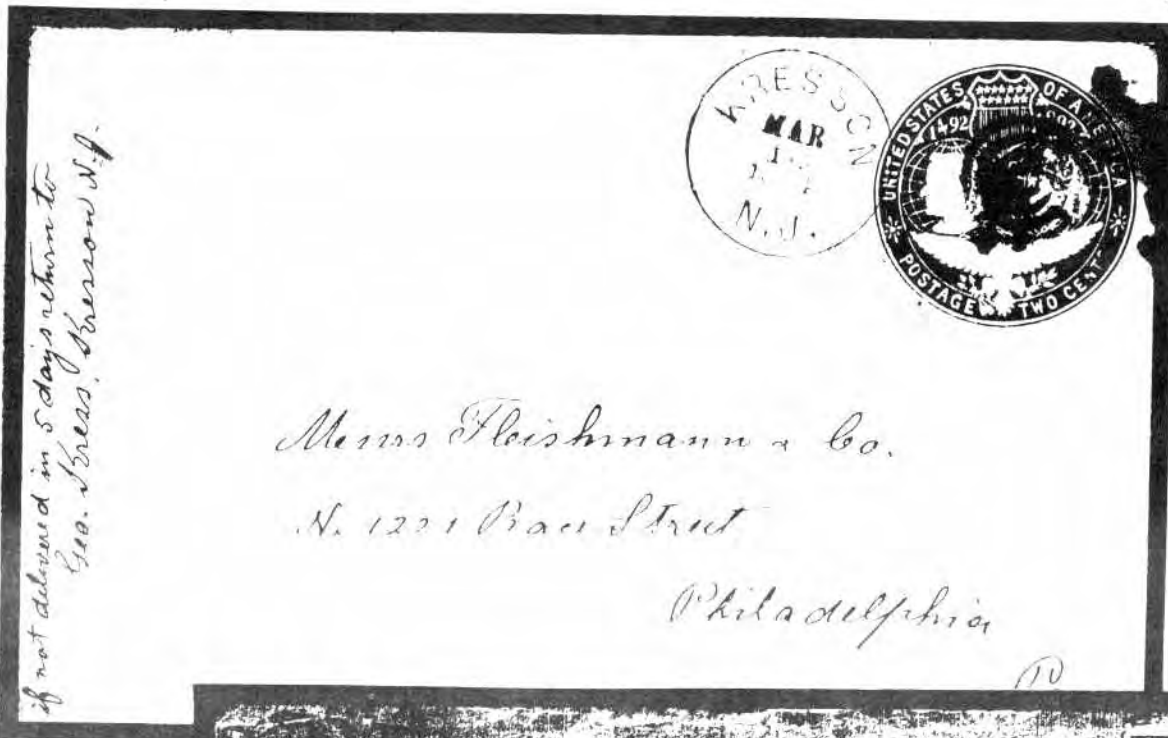


VENTNOR - Atlantic County - 1891-1903



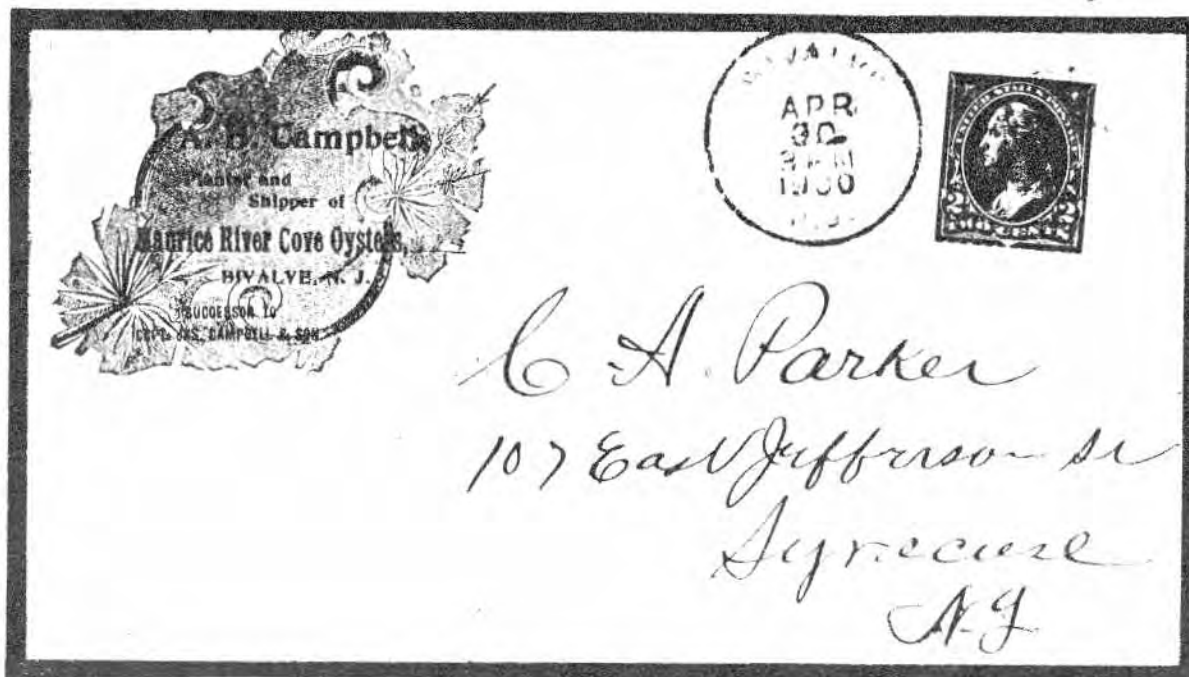
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KRESSON - Camden County - 1888-1906



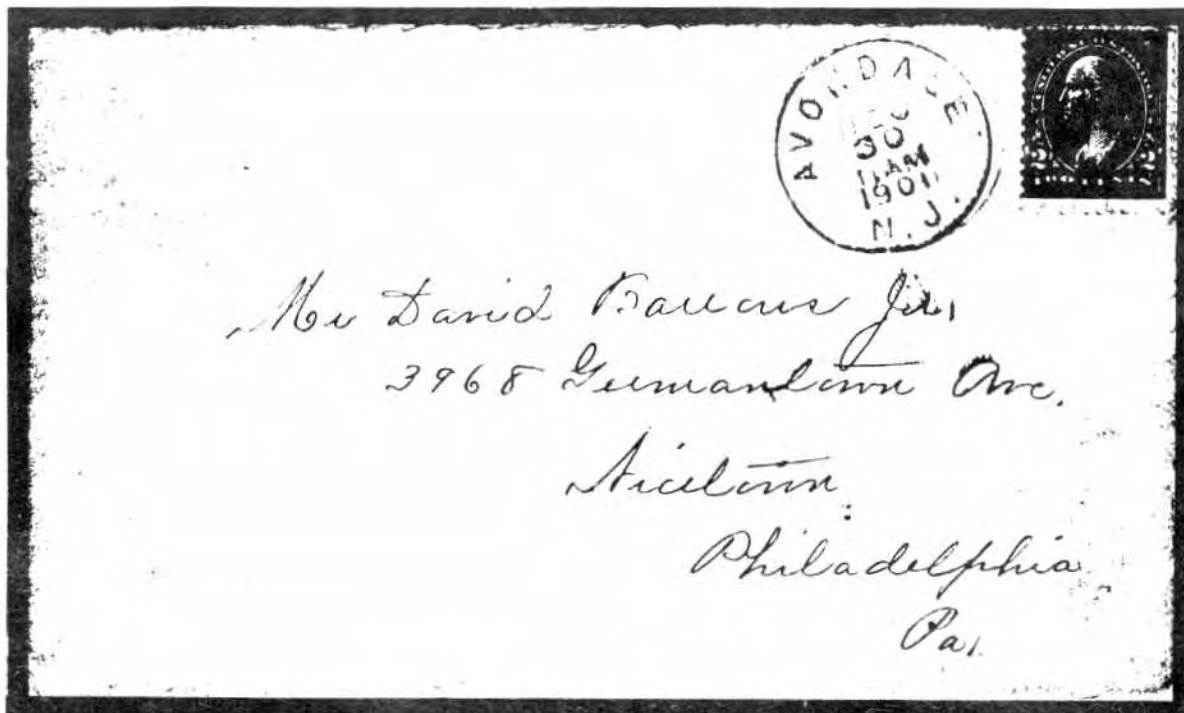
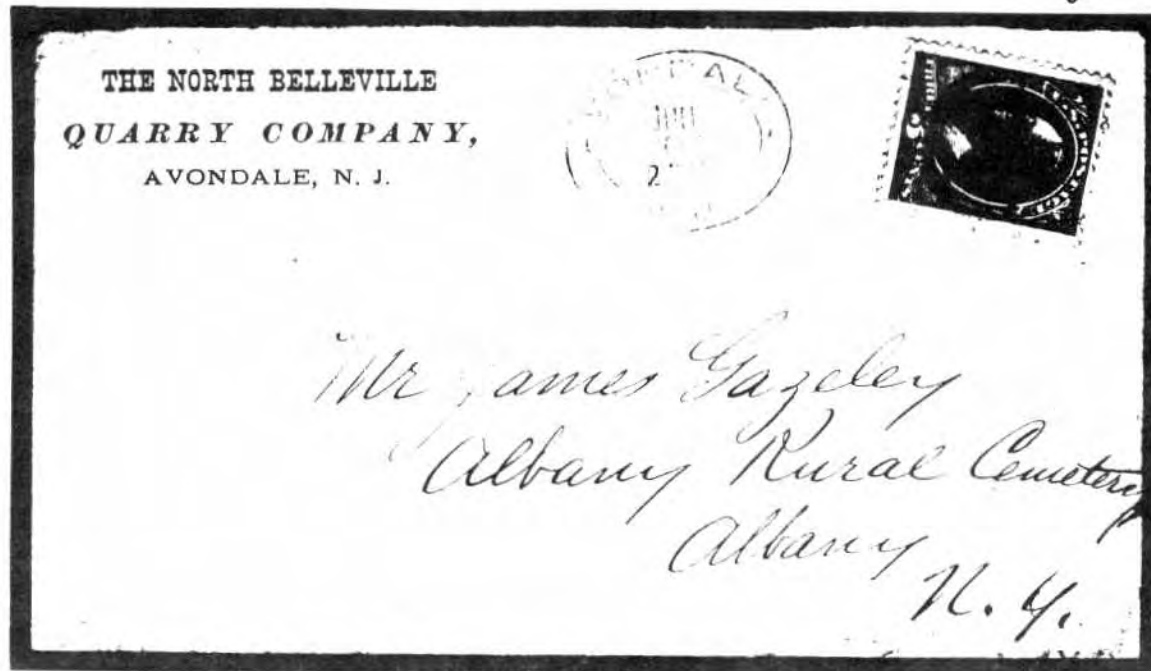
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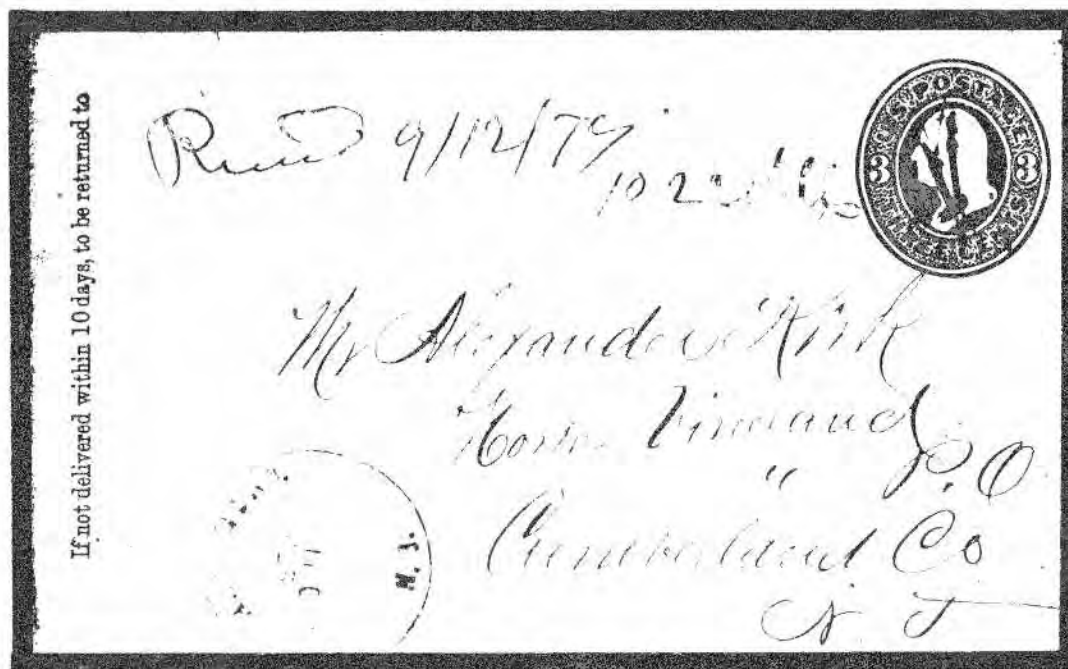
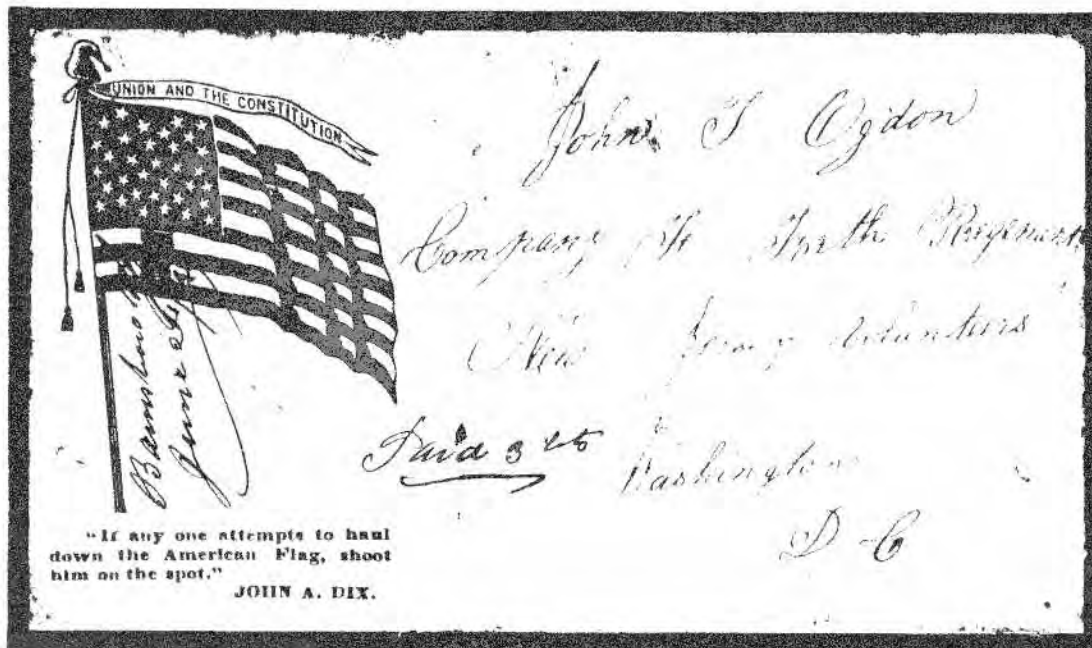
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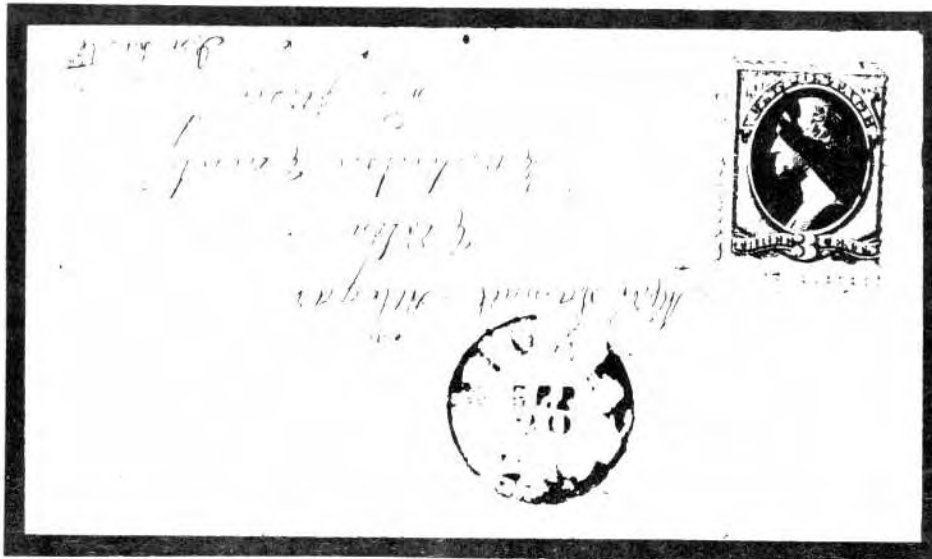


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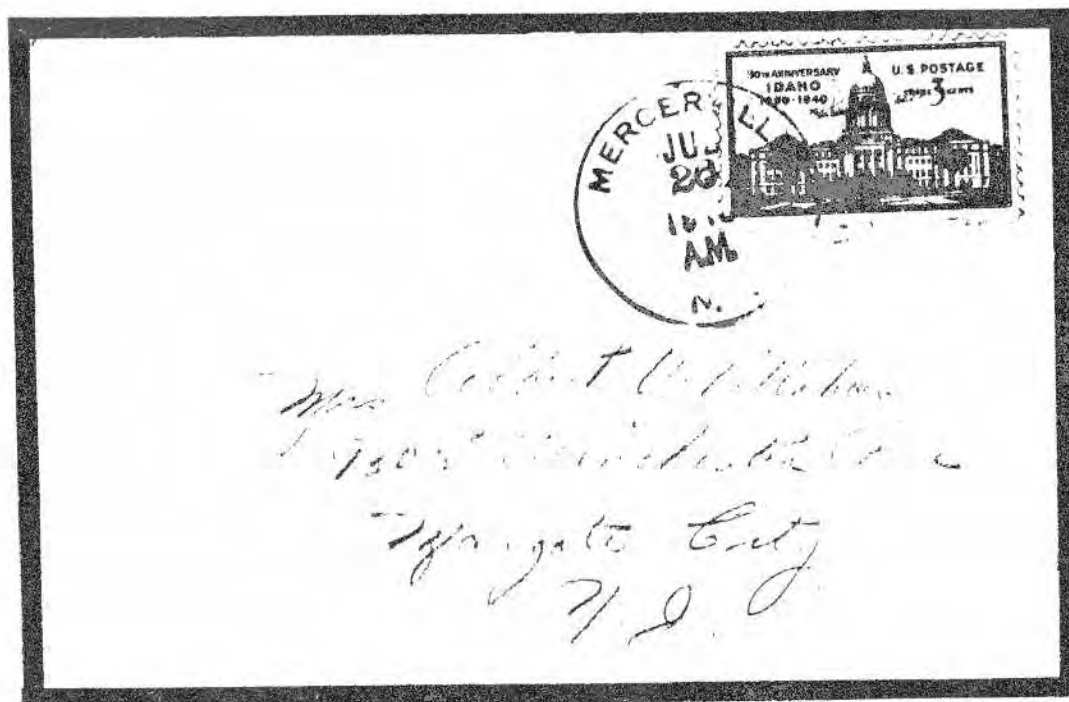
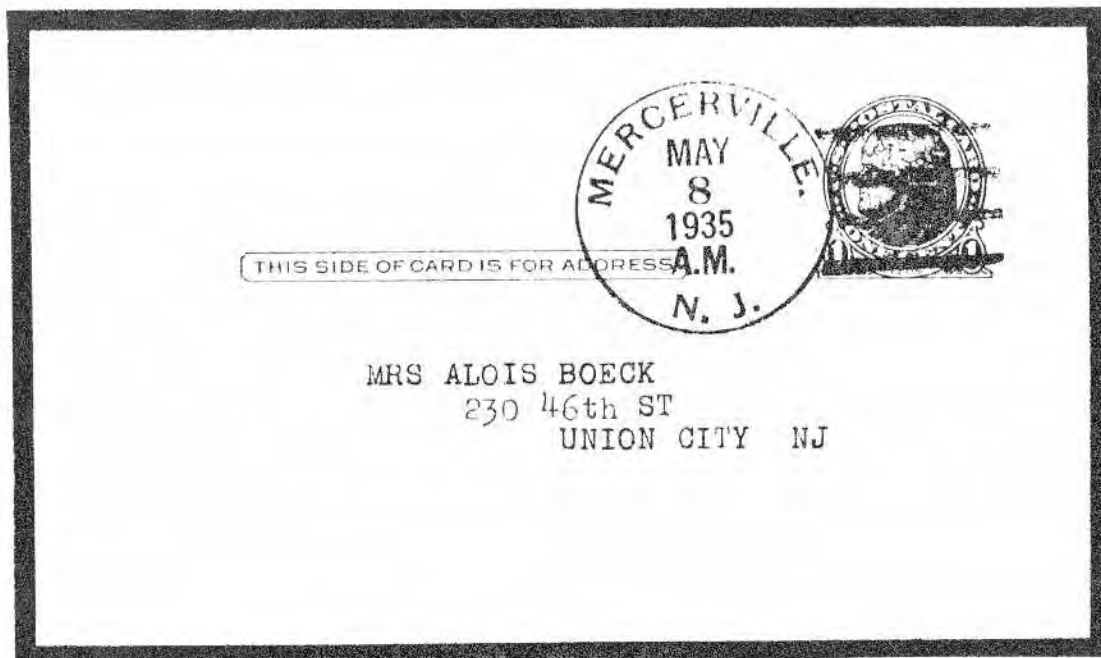


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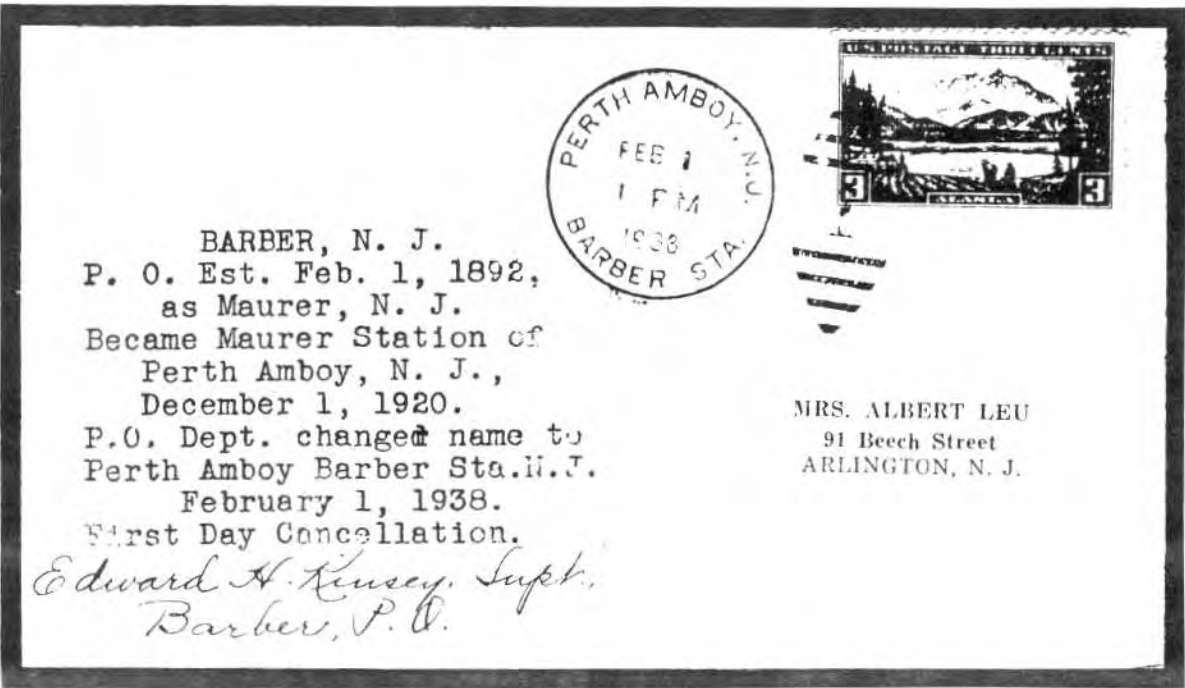
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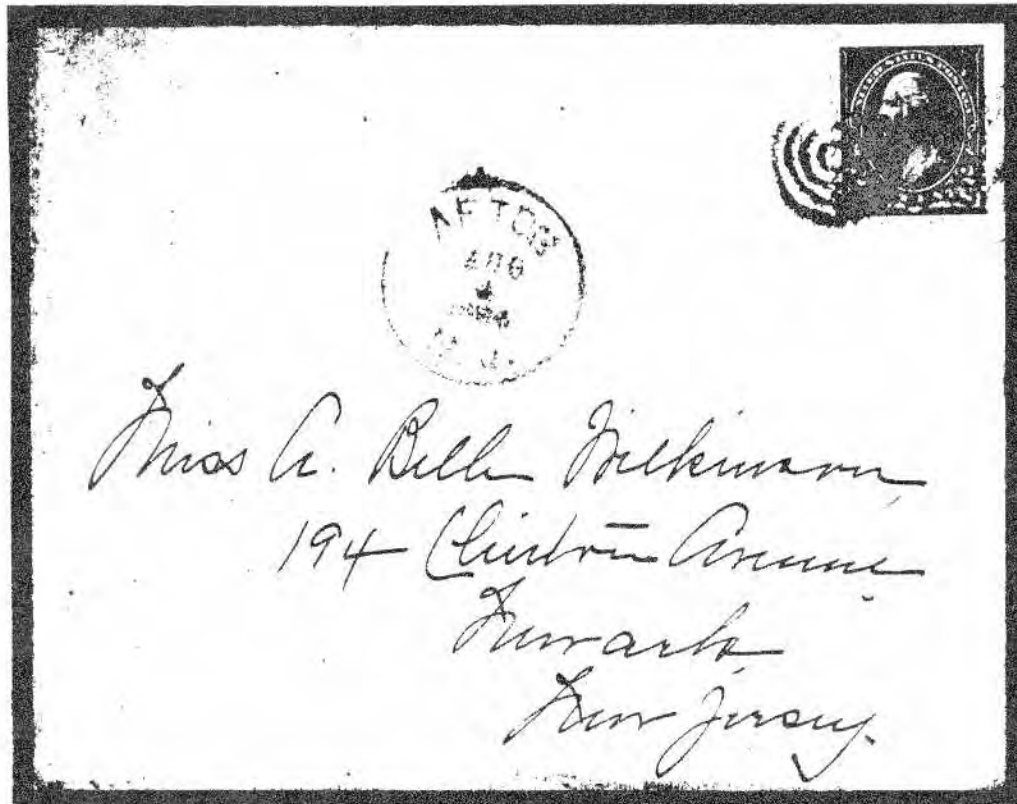


BARBER STATION - Middlesex County - 1938-1960



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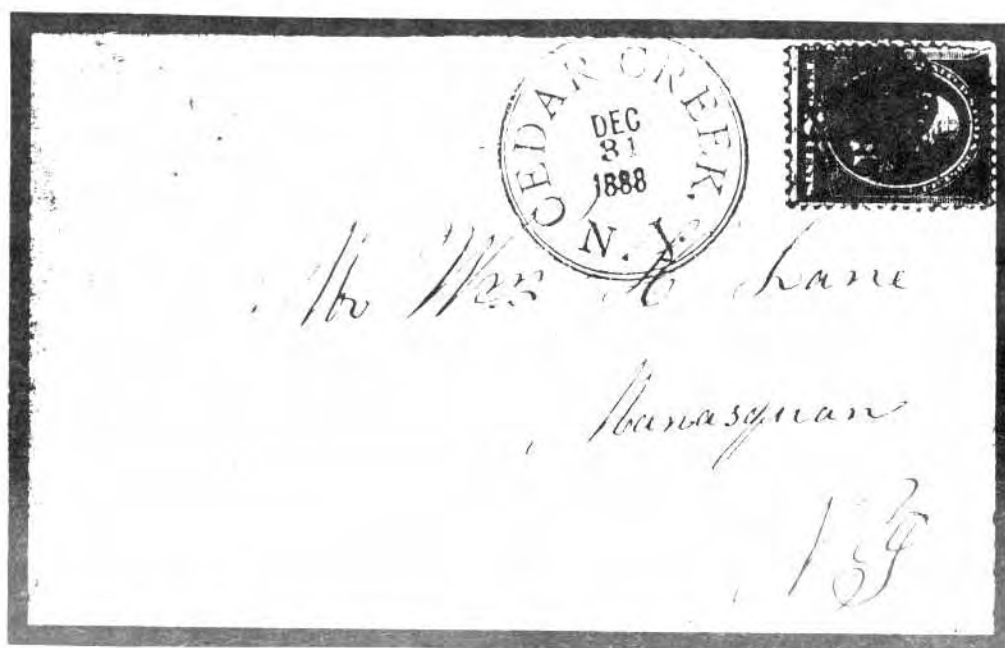
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BENNETT'S MILLS - Ocean County - 1860-1902



CEDAR CREEK - Ocean County - 1819-1892



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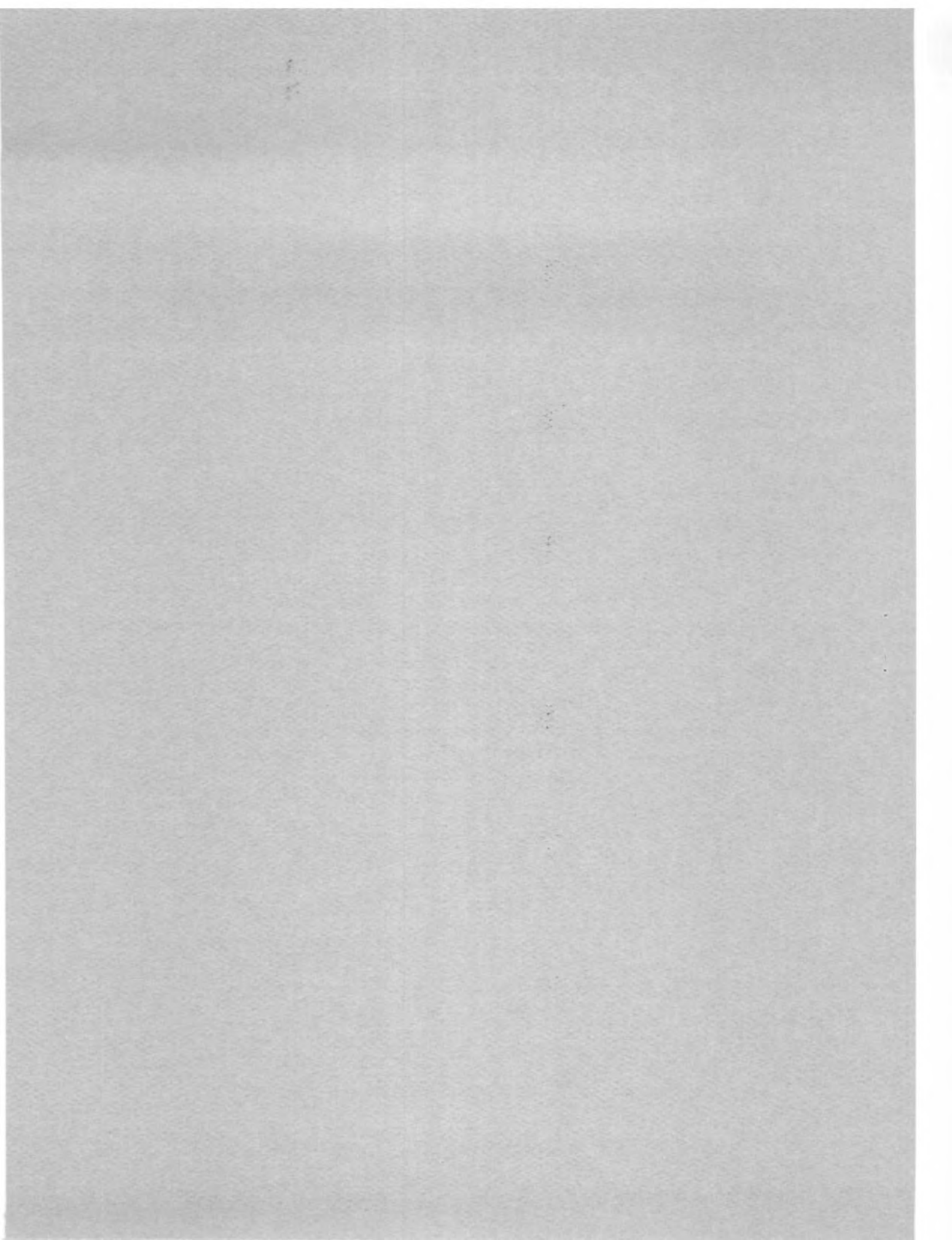
As you may have noticed, we have increased the size of the Journal to 32 pages, with no increase in Dues. We are hoping to be able to continue with this size or larger, but that will depend on two factors; submitted articles for publication and an increase in the membership.

For many years we had been fortunate enough to recruit sufficient new members each year to offset the loss of members through death, resignation, etc., and sometimes ending the year with a slight increase in the membership total. But, this has not been the case for the past several years, as we have been losing more members than we have gained. We need to reverse this process, to increase membership, and it is up to each current member to try to recruit new applicants. Please do yourself and the Society a good deed to help increase memberships so that the Society will retain its importance in the philatelic community.

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