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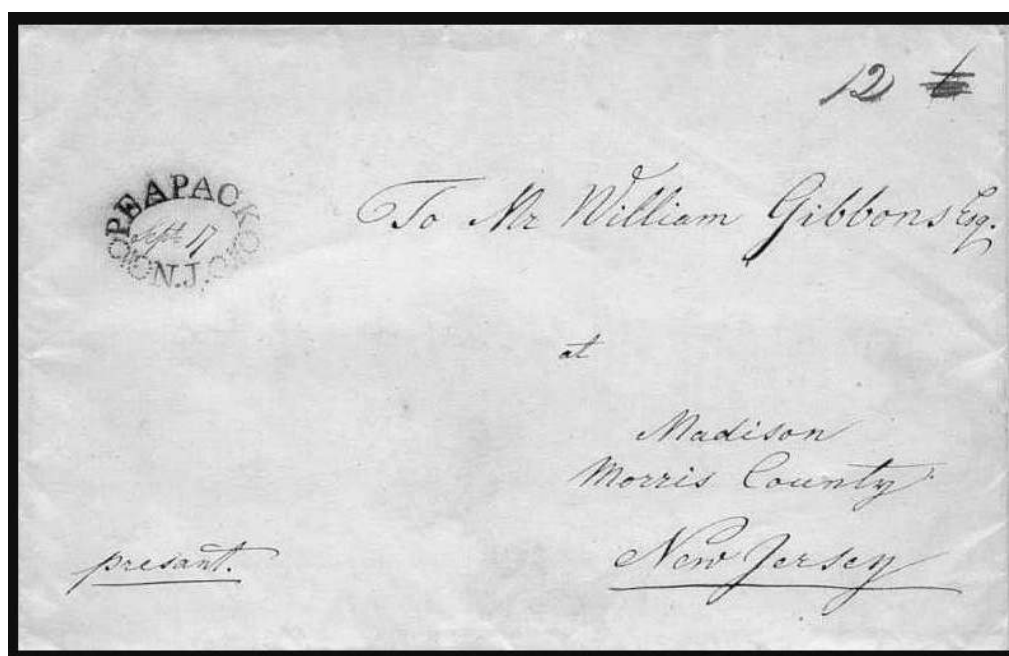
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The Peapack Oval



This early handstamp, once described by William Coles as “the most desirable of the New Jersey oval postmarks” has turned up in some new finds, raising questions about its rarity and period of use. More inside.

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It's that time of the year again. Enclosed with this issue of *NJPH* is your Society membership dues notice for 2003. Against rising costs for copying and mailing *NJPH* to you, the Society has held dues to \$15.00 per year. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution with your dues payment before year's end. It will go a long way to ensuring the Society's economic well being in the year to come. Dues should be sent to our Treasurer, Robert J. Zanoni at the address above. Remember that each paid up member is entitled to place two free classified ads per year in *NJPH*. Please be sure to fill out the enclosed form and return it to our Secretary, Jean Walton at the address above.

President's Message

As a philatelic society whose mission is to educate its membership in all matters of New Jersey postal history, I would hope that each of you is able to find a topic of interest in *NJPH*, our Society's Journal. This issue presents several articles which should make for an evening's read. However, to continue to produce a quality journal, we need your participation. If you ever thought of putting together an article, NOW IS THE TIME. Even if it's only a cover or two (computer scans preferred) and a paragraph of text, please submit NOW. You can make no greater contribution to our membership than by sharing your knowledge with your colleagues.

Our first Society's auction held on eBay in September was a success. Many thanks to our auction manager, Arne Englund, for all of his efforts in making it happen. If you have New Jersey postal history that would be appropriate for eBay, send it to Arne now. The next eBay sale of membership material will be held in late January, 2003. If the Society doesn't have your e-mail address, and you would like to receive advance notice of the auction, be sure to send it to Arne at his e-mail address on the masthead.

Finally, I wish each of you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Robert G. Rose

MORRIS COUNTY PATRIOTIC COVERS

By Donald Chafetz

The American Civil War has provided collectors with many patriotic cachet covers. Though the years I have been able to obtain a few patriotic covers from Morris County. What is surprising is how few I have been able to locate considering the county strongly supported the Union during the war.

A summary of Morris County's military contribution to the war effort can be found in "History of Morris County, New Jersey, 1739 – 1882." The book was originally published by W. W. Munsell & Co. The Morris County Historical Society reprinted it in 1973.

Next to three of the illustrations of figures 2, 5 and 7 are smaller pictures. These represent embossed designs on the envelopes' sealing flaps. They are difficult to see, so I used Photoshop to "enhance" them so they are visible.

Issue of 1857 – 61, Scott 26, Type II



Figure 1 Boonton, NJ, Aug 17, cancellation (33 mm)) with 7 bar grid killer, eagle on shield cachet. Pencil notation in lower left identifies cachet as L2524.



Figure 2 Boonton, NJ, Oct 9, cancellation (33 mm) with 7 bar grid killer, reverse has embossed white eagle with slogan “Union and Constitution” and red and blue flap edging. No cachet on front



Figure 3 Morristown, NJ May 22, cancellations (33 mm) with 7 bar grid killer, flag on staff cachet.



Figure 4 Morristown, NJ May 29 with 7 bar grid killer, large flag on staff cachet. There is a notation on the reverse that reads “Robert’s military Discharge, Apr 23, 1861”

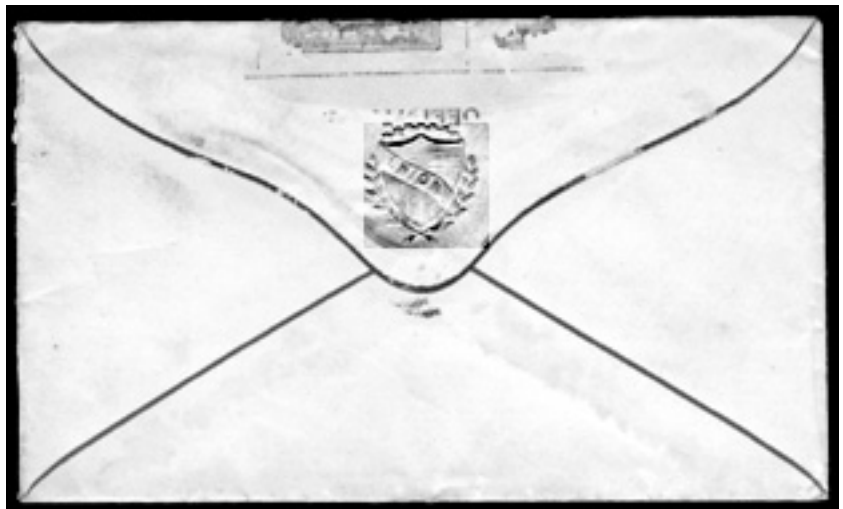
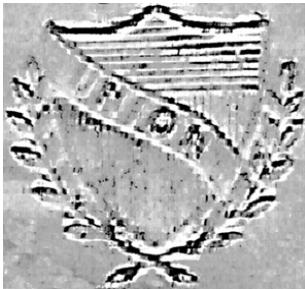


Figure 5 Morristown, NJ Aug 1, cancellation (33 mm) with 7 bar grid killer, reverse has embossed shield with slogan “Union” and red and blue flap edging. No cachet on front.

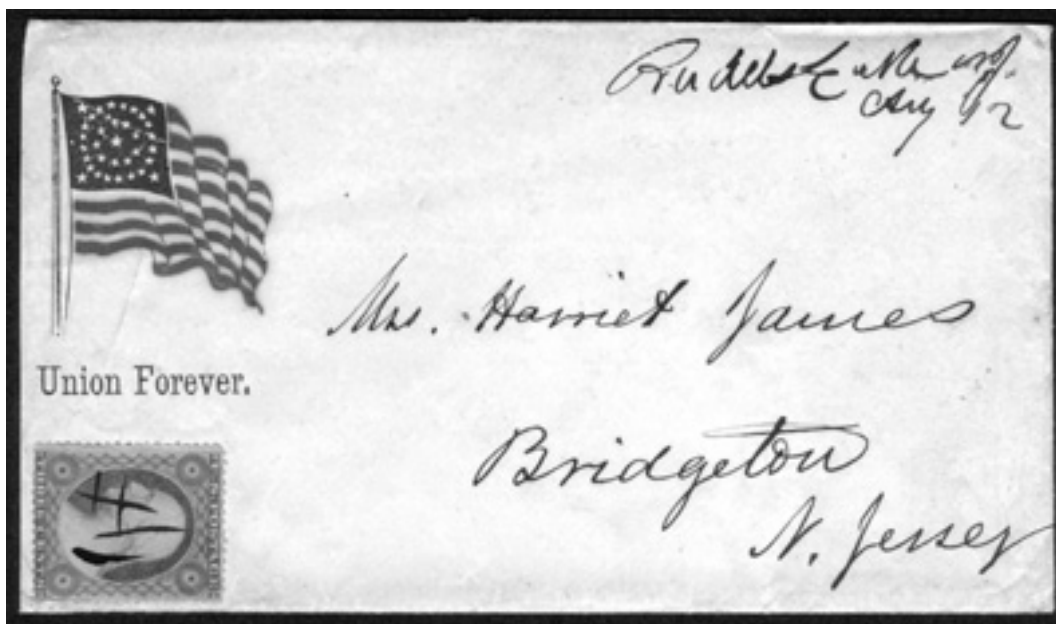


Figure 6 Budd's Lake, NJ August 17 manuscript with pen stroke cancel, flag on staff cachet. Pencil notation on reverse "Budds Lake, N.J., 1863."

Issue of 1861 – 75, Scott 65



Figure 7 Boonton, NJ Nov 2, cancellation (33 mm) with 7 bar grid killer, reverse has embossed white eagle with slogan "Union and Constitution" and red and blue flap edging. No cachet on front.

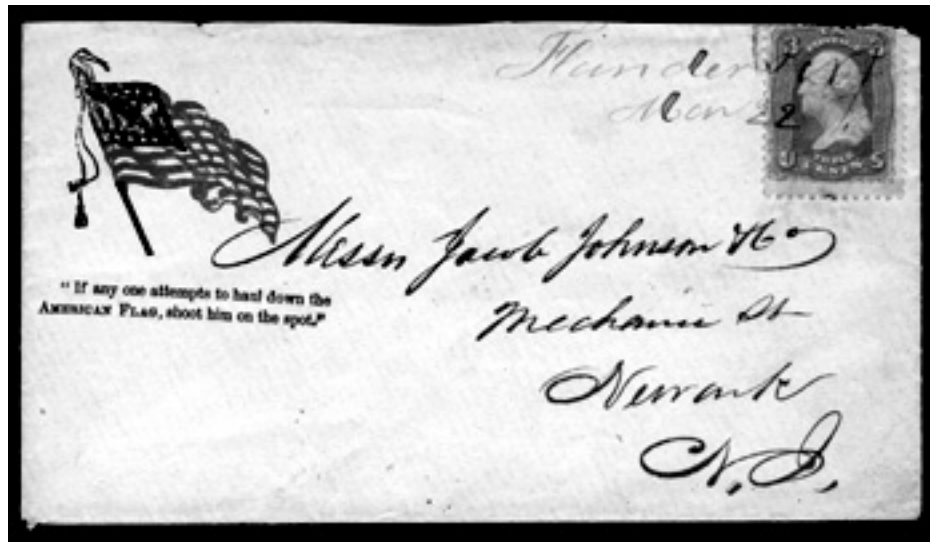


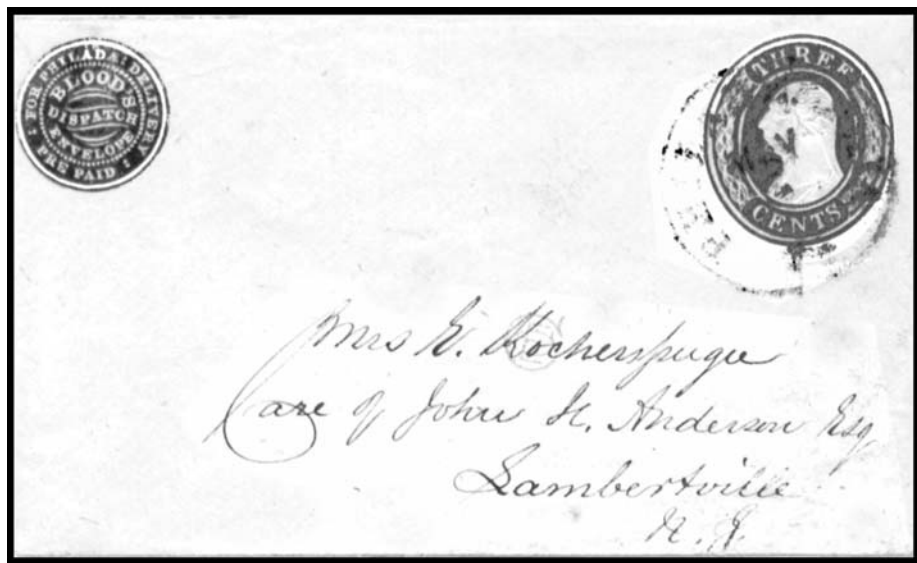
Figure 8 Flanders, NJ Mar 22 manuscript cancel, flag on staff cachet with patriotic verse.



Figure 9 Passaic Valley, Dec 20 manuscript with 2 pen stroke killer. Cachet: Library figure with flag on staff and shield standing on platform "Union."

BLOOD'S DISPATCH: THE LAMBERTVILLE CONNECTION

By Jim Walker

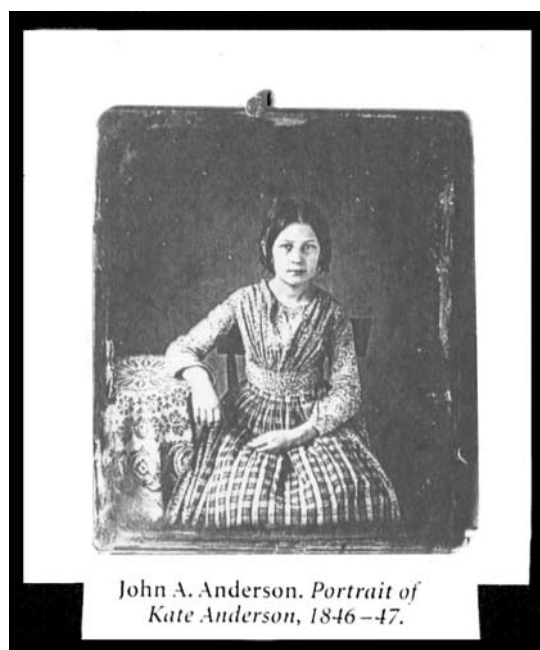


Blood's Dispatch (15LU5) on a U9 government envelope mailed from Philadelphia ca. 1855. Addressed to Mrs. E. Kochersperger, Care of John H. Anderson, Lambertville, N.J.

John H. Anderson owned and operated a general merchandise store at the corner of Union and Coryell Street in Lambertville. He also built the fine brick house at what is now #16 Coryell Street.

His son, John A. Anderson, at the age of nineteen in 1848, would soon enter the Engineering Department of the Belvidere & Delaware Railroad, retiring as Superintendent at Lambertville in 1886.

As a young man, John A. became quite proficient in the new art of Daguerreotype process of photography. The accompanying photo is one taken by John A. of his younger sister Kate at their Coryell Street home.



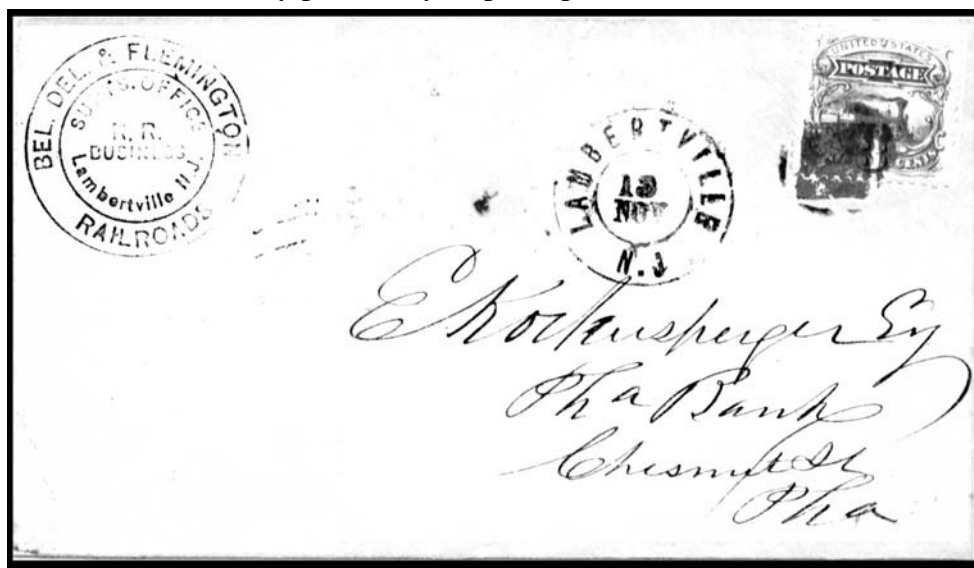
Kate Anderson attended the Oakland Institute at Norristown, Pa. and married Elbert Kochersperger at some point in the early 1850's. Her husband Elbert and his brother Charles had gone to work for Daniel O. Blood's City Dispatch service in 1846. Charles purchased the business when Blood died in 1855 and Elbert bought him out shortly before the Civil War.



*U.S.#11 tied by a Lambertville, N. J. 30mm cancel
Addressed to Mrs. E. Kochersperger, Bloods Dispatch, Pha.*

Blood's Dispatch, under the direction of the Kocherspergers, became one of the largest private delivery services in the country, handling 6000 to 8000 letters a day and employing thirty-two carriers. The offices of the service were located on Chestnut Street and later on Fifth Street.

After a long fight with the Post Office, Congress declared the streets of all cities and towns to be post roads, which effectively put all city dispatch posts out of business.



*U.S.#114 with double circle Lambertville cancel
Addressed to Elbert Kochersperger at the Phila. National Bank*

Blood's Penny Post delivered its last mail on the morning of January 11, 1862. After the demise of his business, Elbert secured a position with the Philadelphia National Bank on Chestnut Street. As the corner card of this cover from his brother-in-law John A. Anderson in Lambertville indicates, John A. had become Superintendent of the Belvidere & Delaware Railroad in 1870.

Some reminders for members ~ Your help is needed!

Updating the William C. Coles Jr.
book

The Postal Markings of New Jersey's Stampless Covers

Donald A. Chafetz has agreed to undertake this important project, but he cannot do it alone. Stampless cover collectors - check your covers against Coles, and if you can add any new items, varieties, or colors, or correct any mistakes, this will be an important contribution.

Copies for Don of all new items should be sent to Robert G. Rose, P.O. Box 1945, Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1945 or e-mailed with a scan to:

rrose@pitneyhardin.com.

Call for lots!

New NJPHS Auctions on eBay!

With the success of our last auction online, we are pleased to announce a second auction will take place in January, and material is needed. Why not send a few lots and descriptions to Arne at: Arne Englund, P.O. Box 57, Port Murray, NJ 07865 or email him at alenglund@aol.com

Include a check for listing fees [30 cents for any item under \$10, 55 cents for items listed between \$10.00 and \$24.99. Reserve fees are more.] See the eBay website or the July NJPH for a more complete listing of fees.

Remember to look for and bid in NJPHS auctions on eBay in January!

WE NEED ARTICLES NOW!

Articles on items in your collection, studies you are doing, or other material pertinent to

New Jersey postal history are always welcome.

PLEASE submit these to your Editor: Robert G. Rose
at PO Box 1945

Morristown, NJ 07962-1945
or rrose@pitneyhardin.com

THE PEAPACK OVAL: A FURTHER REVISION AND UPDATE

By Robert G. Rose

In the nearly 20 years since the publication of William C. Coles, Jr.'s *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers* in 1983,¹ additional information has come to light concerning some of the scarce stampless cover markings. The Coles Book recorded only two examples of the Peapack oval with usages dated in 1842 and 1843.² The tracing of the fleurons in the oval were depicted in the Coles Book with solid lines. Coles described this marking as "the most desirable of the New Jersey oval postmarks."³

Shortly after publication of the Coles Book, David Petruzelli, writing in NJPH, attempted to correct the record as it was then known: (1) he reported the existence of three covers with the Peapack oval handstamp, namely, the ex-Joseph Herbert cover with an 1830 usage; the ex-Stephen Rich/Coles cover showing an 1842 usage as illustrated on page 36 of the Coles Book; and the ex-Edwin Mayer cover with an 1849 usage.⁴ Petruzelli, in addition to correcting the dates of usage, demonstrated that the fleurons in the oval were actually dotted in the handstamp and not solid lines.⁵ In a subsequent update appearing in NJPH, Coles revised the Peapack listing to reflect Petruzelli's research.⁶ Each of the original three recorded covers is illustrated below:

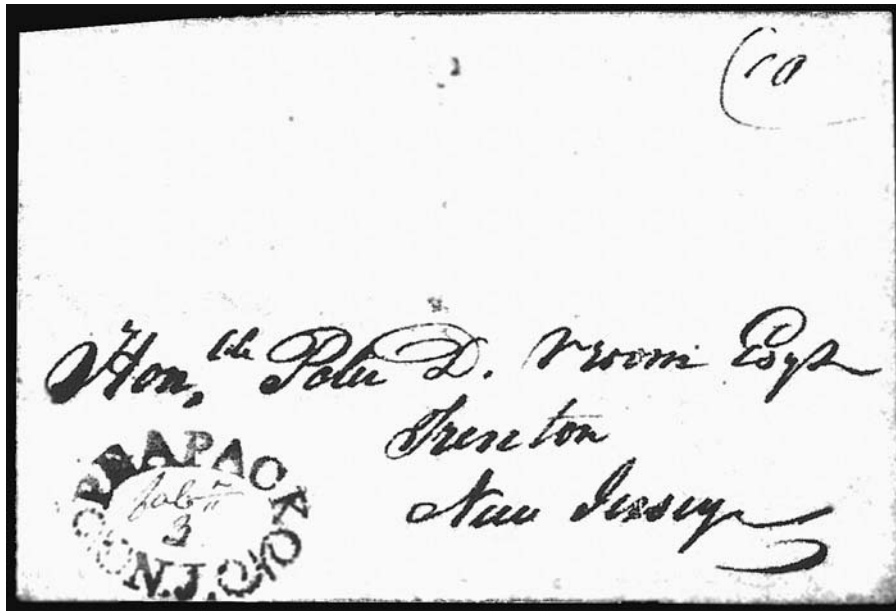


Figure 1: 1830 Usage

Ex-Herbert

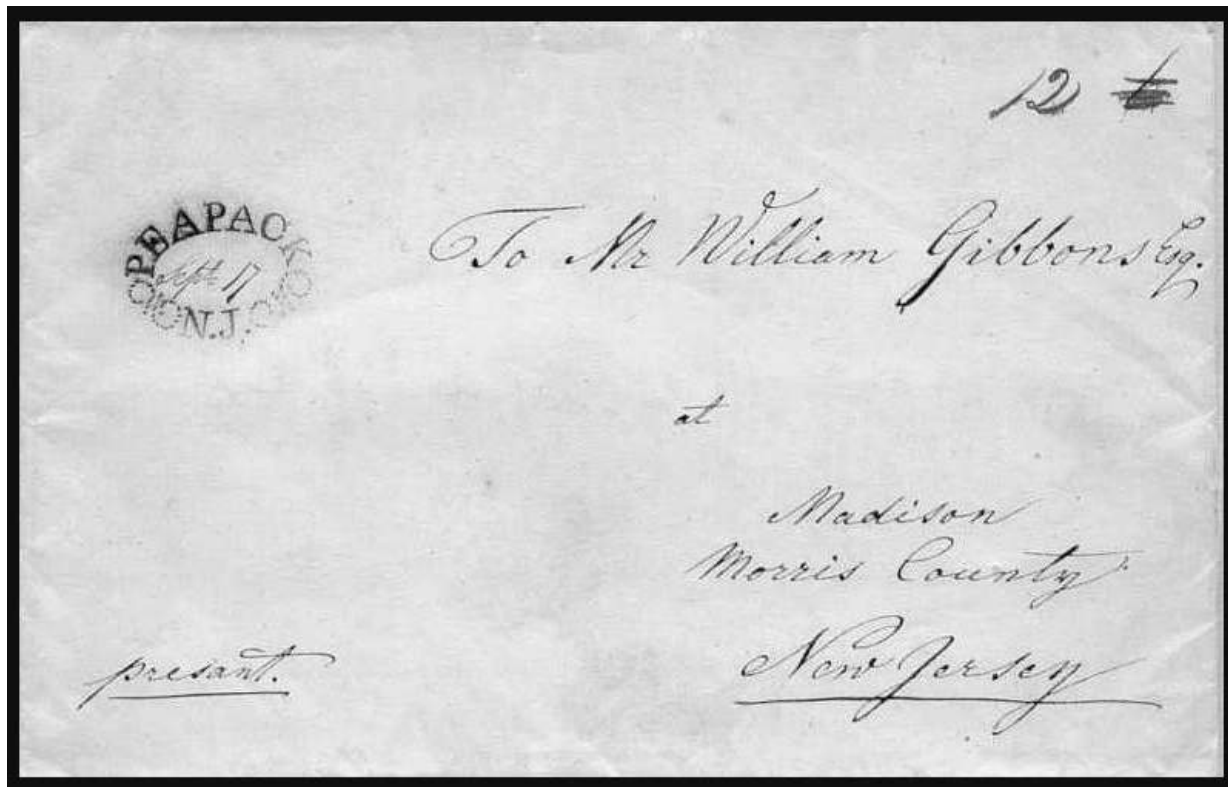


Figure 2: 1842 Usage

Ex-Rich, Coles



Figure 3: 1849 Usage

Ex-Mayer

Petruzelli also noted the year date discrepancy appearing in the then current 1978 edition of the *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, which listed an unknown 1847 usage. Through the 1965 edition of the ASCC, a single usage of 1842 had been listed, the well-known Stephen Rich cover. However, in the 1971 edition of the ASCC, the listing was inexplicably changed to 1847. The erroneous 1847 single usage has been perpetuated through the fourth edition published in 1985 and the most recent fifth edition in 1997.⁷

The record of reported covers stood at three until 1987 when the Austin Craig letter book was discovered in Ohio by a Midwestern postal history dealer. That letter book included correspondence from a Craig relative identified in the folded letters only as "M.C." Among the letters were three Peapack oval handstamps with July, August and September 1850 usages, respectively. Each of the three handstamped covers from the Austin Craig find are illustrated below.

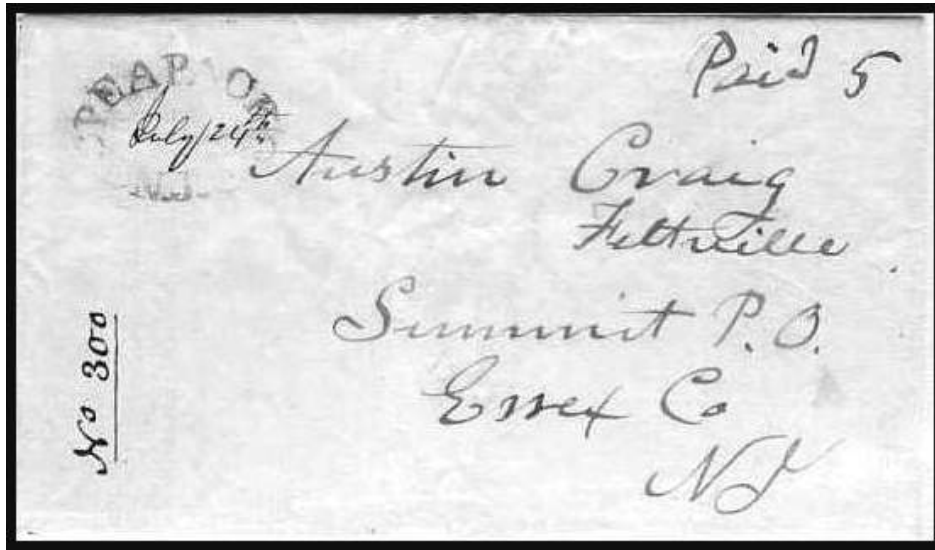


Figure 4: July 24, 1850

Craig Find

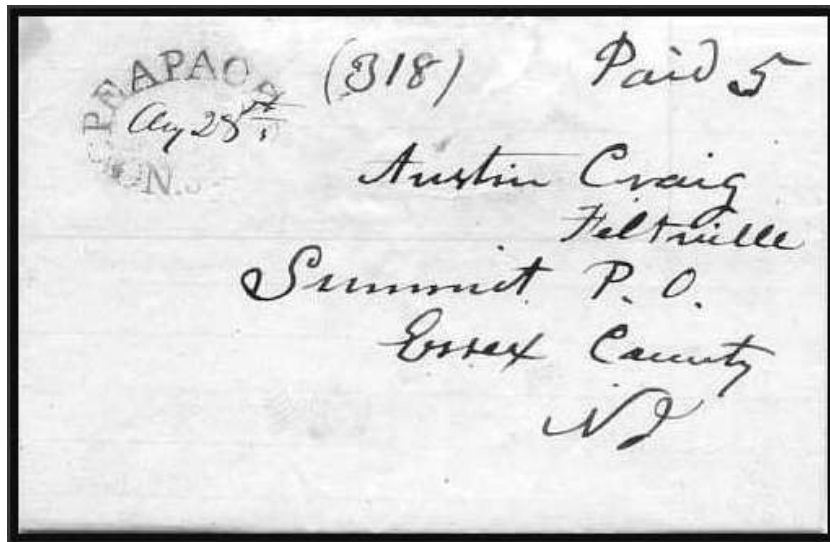


Figure 5: August 28, 1850

Craig Find

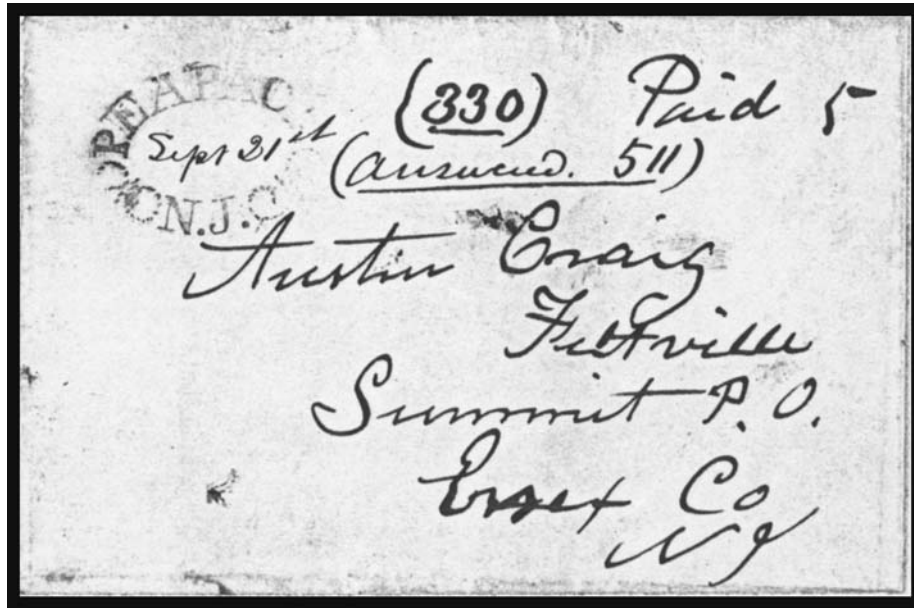


Figure 6: September 21, 1850

Craig Find

The Craig find thus brought the total of recorded Peapack oval handstamps to six. However, the Austin Craig letter book also contained four manuscript Peapack town markings as illustrated below. The earliest usage was from August 1848, while the other three show January, February and July 1850 usages.

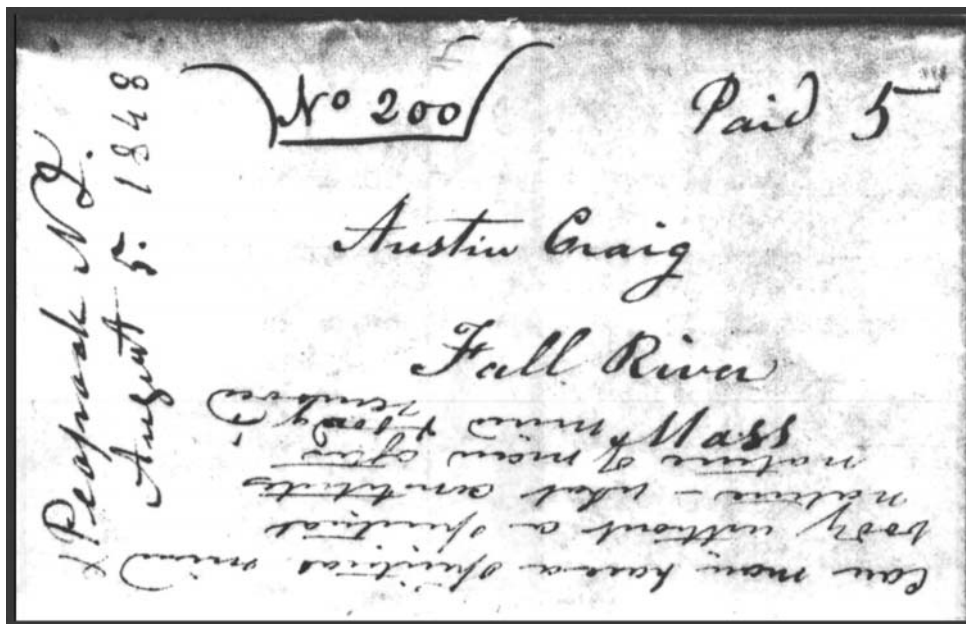


Figure 7: Manuscript - August 5, 1848

Craig Find

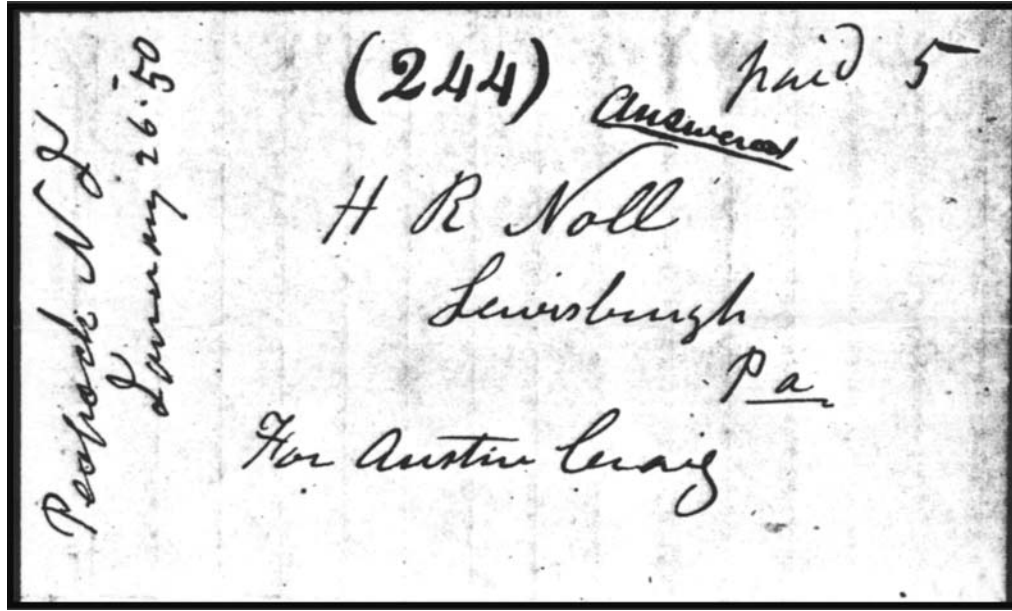


Figure 8: Manuscript - January 26, 1850

Craig Find

Note: The Craig Find letters all bear numbers, sometimes in parentheses, probably added later by a family member in possession of the letter book, to indicate the order of the letters. These are not post office markings.

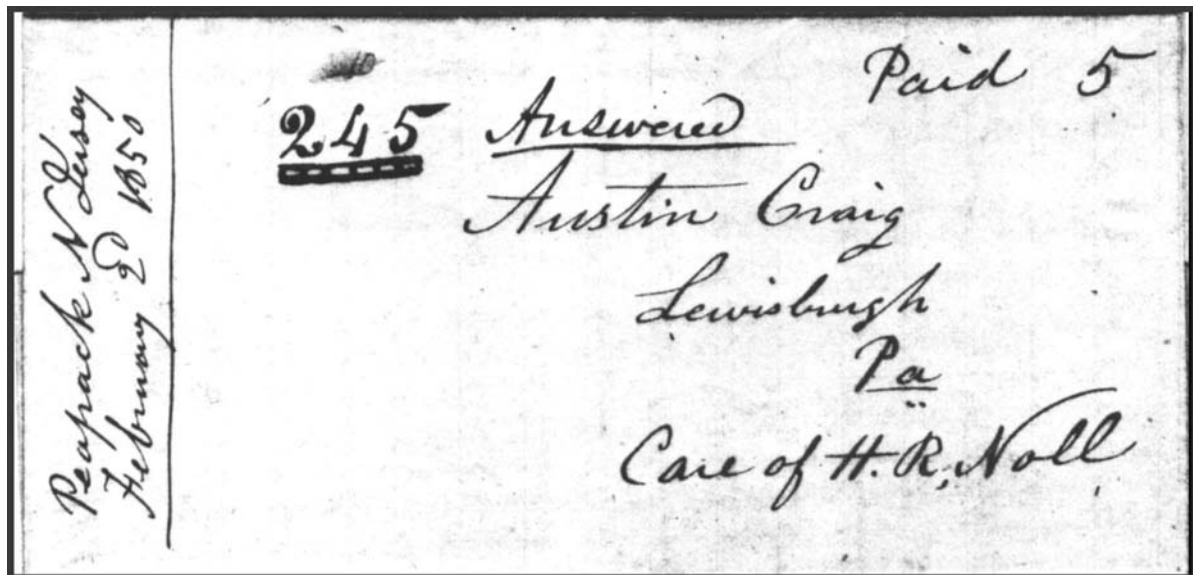


Figure 9: Manuscript - February 2, 1850

Craig Find

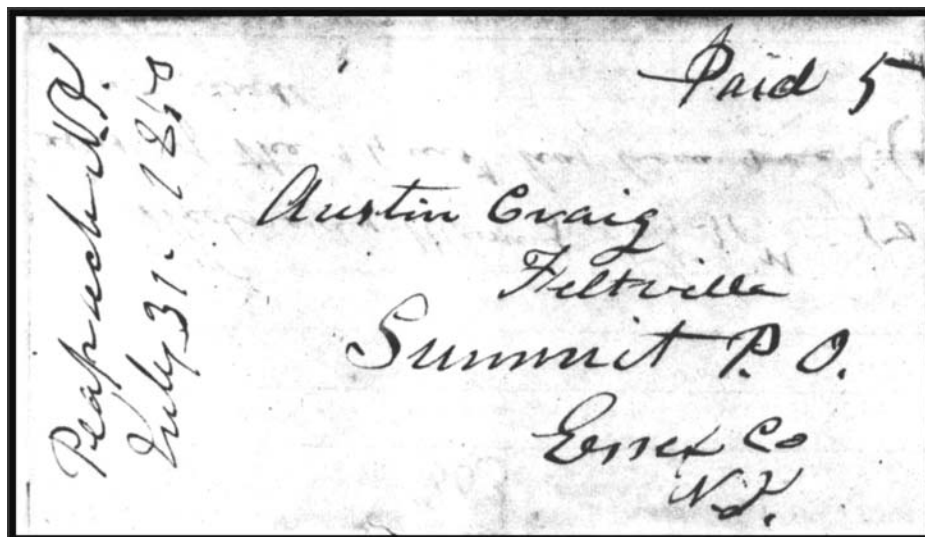


Figure 10: Manuscript- July 31, 1850

Craig Find

It is unusual for a post office to use both a handstamp and a manuscript town marking on a contemporaneous basis. Why were they used at the same time for almost two years? Surely the volume of mail at what was then a small farming village did not necessitate more than a single mail clerk on a given day postmarking the outgoing mail. This was not a situation in which the handstamp had worn out over a 22 year period or otherwise showed signs of deterioration. In fact, the heaviest period of contemporaneous handstamp and manuscript usage was 1850, the last reported year of the handstamp's usage! The latest reported example of the handstamp on September 21, 1850, *Figure 6*, shows a clear strike with all the letters and the dotted fleurons intact. Perhaps a reader has an explanation.

Over the last five years, three additional Peapack ovals have come to light. The first with a September 1849 usage is shown in *Figure 11* below.



Figure 11: September 22, 1849

Dealer stock

The second, illustrated below as *Figure 12*, was sold in an eBay auction in October, 2001.⁸ The cover has a somewhat watery handstamp with a February 28, 1828 usage, sent unpaid for 18¾ cents (single letter rate 150-400 miles) to Auburn, N.Y. This folded letter currently represents the earliest recorded use of the Peapack oval handstamp.

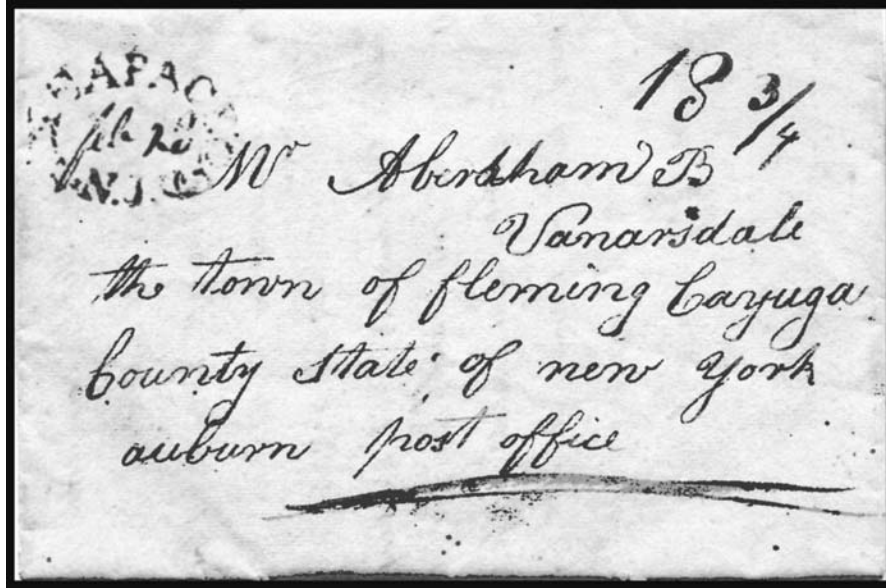


Figure 12: February 28, 1828

eBay auction

The author, in the course of researching the Internet, located the third example, illustrated below as *Figure 13*.⁹ The letter, included on the website, confirms an 1828 usage.

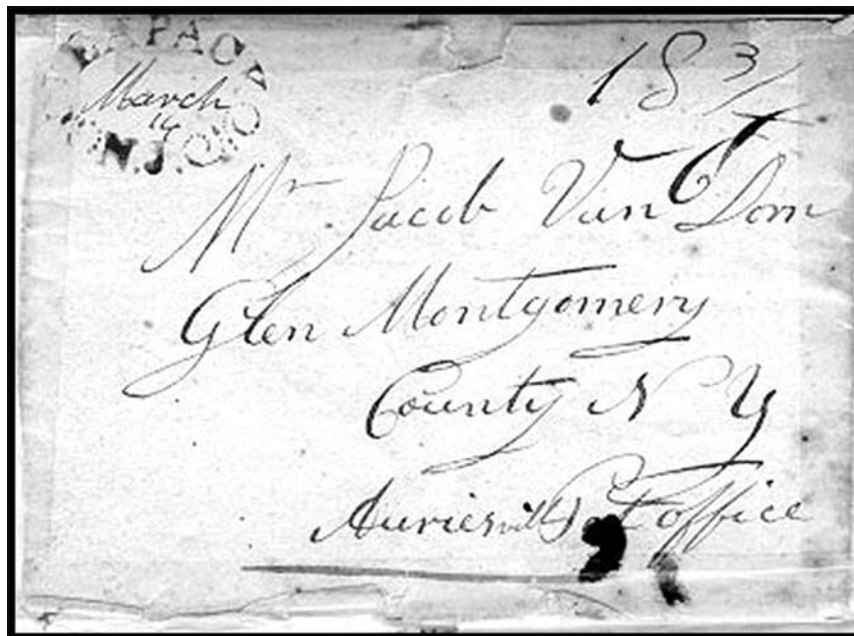


Figure 13: March 14, 1828

Internet website

In sum, at present, there are nine covers of record with the Peapack oval handstamp, the earliest in 1828 and the latest in 1850, accounting for a relatively long period of usage of at least 22 years. Both the Coles Book and the ASCC listings need to be revised to reflect this extended period of handstamp usage. The Coles Book recorded a manuscript usage in 1836, which was presumed to pre-date the handstamp's first appearance, then believed to be 1842. However, because the manuscript Peapack marking is now recorded during the last two years of the handstamp's usage from 1848 to 1850, it appears that both markings may have been used on a contemporaneous basis from as early as 1836 through 1850. The current census of both the handstamp and manuscript town markings are detailed in the chart that follows at the end of this article.

The author invites readers to communicate with him concerning any additional information related to this marking at: rrose@PitneyHardin.com or P.O. Box 1945, Morristown, New Jersey 07962.

ENDNOTES

¹ Coles Jr., William C. *The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers*, Chicago, 1983.

² *Ibid* at 33, 234.

³ *Ibid* at 36.

⁴ Petruzelli, David. "The Peapack Oval: A Revision," *NJPH*, Vol. 12, Whole Number 57, March 1984, pg. 18.

⁵ *Ibid* at 19.

⁶ Coles Jr., William C. "Supplement to The Postal Markings of New Jersey Stampless Covers," *NJPH*, Vol. 17, Whole Number 85, November, 1989, pg. 94.

⁷ *American Stampless Cover Catalog*, Volume I, Fifth ed., North Miami, Florida, 1997, pg. 227.

⁸ eBay Auction, "1828 Peapack NJ Fancy Stampless Cover," Item No. 1283010085, ended Oct. 14, 2001.

⁹ www.rootsweb.com/~nymontgo/clara/maryannletter



8 Jackson Avenue ~ Home of the first Peapack Post Office
Opened March 5, 1823



From an 1850 Atlas of Somerset County

Peapack Postmark Census

Date	Rate	Destination	Source
2/28/28 [Fig. 12]	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢	Auburn, NY	eBay Auction, October 14, 2001
3/14/28 [Fig. 13]	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢	Auriesville, NY	Internet Web Site
2/3/30 [Fig. 1]	10¢	Trenton, NJ	Joseph A. Herbert Sale, Samuel C. Paige Auctions June 5-6, 1959, Lot 50; Kukstis Auctions, Inc., Sale No. 14, December 1994, Lot 160
9/17/42 [Fig. 2]	12¢	Madison, NJ	Stephen G. Rich Sale, Robert A. Siegel Auctions, Sale 546, May 17, 1979; Lot 159; William C. Coles, Jr. Sale, Robert Kaufman Auction, March 1984, Lot 477
8/5/48 (manuscript) [Fig. 7]	"Paid 5"	Fall River, Mass	Craig find
1/15/49 [Fig. 3]	5¢	Somerville, NJ	Edwin Mayer Sale, H.R. Harmer Auctions February 17, 1967, Lot 3189; Daniel F. Kelleher Auction, Sale 591, March 17-18, 1992, Lot 102; Norman Brassler Sale, Weiss Philatelics, Sale 127, January 27, 1996, Lot 2016
9/22/49 [Fig. 11]	10¢	Auriesville, NY	In Mid-West Dealer's Stock
1/26/50 (manuscript) [Fig. 8]	"Paid 5"	Lewisburgh, PA	Craig find
2/2/50 (manuscript) [Fig. 9]	"Paid 5"	Lewisburgh, PA	Craig find
7/24/50 [Fig. 4]	"Paid 5"	Summit, NJ	Craig find
7/31/50 (manuscript) [Fig. 10]	"Paid 5"	Summit, NJ	Craig find
8/28/50 [Fig. 5]	"Paid 5"	Summit, NJ	Craig find
9/21/50 [Fig. 6]	"Paid 5"	Summit, NJ	Craig find Lowell S. Newman & Co. Auctioneers, Inc. Sale No. 23, September 6-7, 1995 Lot 1306

FIRST NJPHS AUCTION ON EBAY

By Arne Englund

The New Jersey Postal History Society, using the ID "NJPHS", ran its first eBay auctions on Oct. 6 & 7. Forty lots were listed with good results. Most items sold, and most had multiple bids. Those for which the reserve was not met all received more than one bid. Only 3 lots received no bids.

As would be expected, the New Jersey material which we posted was a bit more broad-ranged than that usually found at one time on eBay. On a week-to-week basis, most listings of N.J. Postal History items on eBay seem to be from the 1890's thru 1940's period, and seem to mostly be Doane cancels, 4-Bars, etc. Stampless, early stamped NJ covers, DPO's, ad covers, etc. are found, but not in large numbers. The NJPHS listing included a nice group of NJ stampless covers, several quite scarce DPO's on 19th century covers (Townsend Inlet, Brick Church), a couple of nice #11 NJ covers, a couple of ad covers (Asbury, Smithville), a railroad cover (NY -Som.&Easton), and several lots grouped by subject, as well as some early to mid 20th century NJ items.

Overall the quality of material was very good. The bulk of the stampless covers were clean with many having nice strikes, including an example of the DPO Mansfield. There was also one example each of the Middletown Point, Monmouth Co., and of the Cape Island in a yellowish orange color. The Everittstown and Hudson #11 covers were both of very good quality, and their price realizations reflected that. A lot of 6 DPO's & Doanes included a great example of the Prospertown Doane with a Hornerstown steel cancel on the same card(!). There was an unusual Princeton straightline canceling a #300 on cover. And, there was, of course, the requisite lot of 60+ mostly 19th century NJ towns. All in all, consigners made an effort to present good material.

The consigners have expressed satisfaction with the sales of their material. Also, although I haven't investigated it, I would like to point out that I've heard that average eBay sales are 40%, meaning that about 40% of the items listed actually sell (there are a number of factors which can cause this to vary from week to week, or even day to day). Our auction resulted in slightly more than 75% of the items selling. When also taking into consideration the fact that many of the items in the society's previous floor and mail bid auctions did not sell, the eBay auction can be viewed as quite encouraging. I'd also like to point out that subsequent to shipping the lots, I received a number of e-mails from buyers saying how pleased they were with the material they bought. All in all, with most lots selling with multiple bids, and with both buyers and consigners expressing satisfaction, the auction can be viewed as a success.

We would like to try this again in January. I can comfortably handle about 50 lots per auction. Those who would like to consign, therefore don't necessarily have to send in large groupings. A few items is fine. I would like to try and have all material by the first week in January. For those who are new to eBay, please refer to the article in the July 2002 NJPH for a simple overview of how eBay works, and how we are trying to approach our eBay auctions. Also, for a more in-depth look into the "world" of eBay, be sure to check out Jean Walton's excellent article "Online Opportunities" in the September, 2002 NJPH. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at alenglund@aol.com. Send material to:

Arne Englund
P.O. Box 57
Port Murray, NJ 07865

Also, please remember to include a check to cover the listing fee for each lot, and return postage for any unsold lots (Listing fee for items under \$10.00 is .30 per lot; under 25.00 is .55 per lot, etc. Reserve lot fees are more. See the eBay website or the July NJPH for a more complete listing of fees).

On the next pages is a table showing the results of the auction. The table is taken directly from the seller's completed items page, as can be found through the search engine on the eBay website, and at the right side has an added column showing the number of bids and individual bidders for each of the items we listed. The number in the left column is the eBay item number. The next column over gives the full title for each item as it appeared on eBay's "U.S. Postal History" category page. Next to that is given the eBay ID of the high bidder with the feedback number in parentheses, followed by the starting price or minimum bid for each item along with an indication of each item which had a reserve. Note that we maintain a minimum bid, or a reserve of \$9.99 per item. With items that have a reserve, the consigner can start with as small a minimum as they like (even one cent) - the item is not sold until it meets the reserve. The second column from the right shows the ending price or selling price for each item.

Thanks again to all who participated in the first NJPHS eBay auction.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ARNE!

Arne has put in a great deal of work and done a great job in presenting our material in this last eBay auction. It is a great contribution of his time and efforts to the Society. He not only has taken on the job of listing the material, which is no small chore, but has the added effort of having to handle the receipt of funds, the shipment of material to winners, and keeping track of what money is then sent to the sellers as well. Congratulations are due him for a job well done.

You can help by submitting material, including a good description which he can copy and use in part or in whole, and if these descriptions can be sent on a disk or by email, it would undoubtedly save him the trouble of retyping it, but your descriptions are welcome in any form.

These auctions benefit the Society in many ways: it disperses more New Jersey material and hopefully will increase the interest of others in our specialty. A membership application is sent to all winners. While the sellers benefit from having their material sold, the Society benefits by earning 5% for our treasury. And we all benefit by having more material to bid on. We highly recommend that members log on in January and see if there is not something of interest that you might bid on. The only disappointment in this past auction was the apparent lack of bids from NJPHS members.

ADDITIONS TO NJPHS MEMBER EMAIL LIST

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ITEMS SOLD BY NJPHS ON EBAY					
Item	Title	High Bidder / Status	Starting price	Ending Price	No. of bids
1385077109	SHREWSBURY, N.J. 1841 STAMPLESS COVER	sillywombat (40)	\$9.99 [with reserve]	\$24.99 [reserve met]	3
1385078573	STAMPLESS LETTER BURLINGTON, NJ JUL 18 1844	No Bids	\$12.99	Did not sell	0
1385080594	NJ - Lot of 4 #295 & #618 N.J. New Jersey	bisco5 (4330)	\$15.00	\$21.38	2
1385081790	NJ - SHREWSBURY, N.J. 1848 STAMPLESS SFL	nighsmith@msn.com (97)	\$9.99 [with reserve]	\$12.62 [Reserve not met]	2
1385086201	NJ - Townsend Inlet, N.J. 1860's Scarce N.J.	aavalon33 (254)	\$15.00	\$15.00	1
1385088170	SOMERVILLE, N.J., 1838 & 1847 STAMPLESS SFL	trenton_historical_society (39)	\$4.99 [with reserve]	\$20.50 [reserve met]	2
1385089745	NJ - MANSFIELD, N.J. 1847 STAMPLESS SFL	pittj@erols.com (1873)	\$8.99 [with reserve]	\$33.00 [reserve met]	5 [4 bidders]
1385094443	NJ - BOONTON, N.J., TWO STAMPLESS SFL	quirqus (40)	\$3.00 [with reserve]	\$27.00 [reserve met]	2
1385096379	UNUSUAL 1900 PRINCETON, NJ ON PS ENVELOPE	vsevolod (1157)	\$22.50	\$22.50	1
1385097769	NJ - FLEMINGTON, N.J., 1853 STAMPLESS SFL	msg94 (158)	\$4.99 [with reserve]	\$19.40 [reserve met]	6 [4 bidders]
1385099031	NJ - Lot of 7 Foreign Destinations 1904-17	bisco5 (4330)	\$15.00	\$15.00	1
1385100465	NJ - CAPE ISLAND, N.J., 1845 STAMPLESS SFL	harten10@erols.com (325)	\$3.99 [with reserve]	\$20.01	4 [3 bidders]
1385101547	NJ - NEWARK, N.J. 1827 STAMPLESS SFL	bauml@cpis.net (333)	\$3.99 [with reserve]	\$10.00 [reserve met]	1
1385103228	MIDDLETOWN POINT, MONMOUTH CO., NJ 1848 SFL	pittj@erols.com (1873)	\$9.99 [with reserve]	\$39.89 [reserve not met]	6 [5 bidders]
1385105335	TRENTON, NJ 1848 GREEN PAID 5 STAMPLESS SFL	trenton_historical_so-ciety (39)	\$15.99	\$15.99	1
1385107377	NJ -EVERITTSTOWN, N.J. 3C 1851 #11 NEW JERSEY	harten10@erols.com (325)	\$3.99 [with reserve]	\$39.51 [reserve met]	10 [7 bidders]
1385109046	NJ - 1894 ASBURY, N.J. AD COVER - PLOWS	bisco5 (4330)	\$12.99	\$12.99	1
1385111279	NJ - Lot of 6 DPO's & Doanes 1905-9 N.J.	bisco5 (4330)	\$15.00	\$36.00	4
1385113637	NJ - HUDSON, N.J. 3C 1851 #11 N.J. NEW JERSEY	bisco5 (4330)	\$4.99	\$31.00	10 [4 bidders]
1385114717	NJ - FREEHOLD, N.J., 1832 STAMPLESS SFL	bobjud@optonline.net (67)	\$3.99 [with reserve]	\$13.38 [reserve met]	5 [3 bidders]
1385116243	NJ - NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., 1803 STAMPLESS SFL	bauml@cpis.net (333)	\$9.99 [with reserve]	\$25.00 [reserve met]	3 [2 bidders]

ITEMS SOLD BY NJPHS ON EBAY					
Item	Title	High Bidder / Status	Starting price	Ending Price	No of bids
1385117584	NJ RPO - NY-SOM. & EASTON #147 1870's N.J. RR	pburg27 (409)	\$9.99	\$9.99	1
1385119049	NJ - PATERSON, N.J., 1848 STAMPLESS SFL	doughie (481)	\$1.99 [with reserve]	\$13.26 [reserve met]	2
1385120068	NJ - PRINCETON, N.J., 1849 STAMPLESS SFL	vsevolod (1157)	\$9.99 [with reserve]	\$9.99 [reserve not met]	2 [1 bidder]
1385121242	NJ - MADISON, N.J., 1847 STAMPLESS SFL	steveclark@erols.com (332)	\$5.99 [with reserve]	\$7.06 [reserve not met]	3 [2 bidders]
1385132983	SUSSEX, NJ PC W/NICE SUSSEX RFD CANCEL '08	bisco5 (4330)	\$9.99	\$28.59	7 [4 bidders]
1385355681	NJ - PASADENA, N.J. 1907 DPO Ocean Co.	professional-car (254)	\$15.00	\$15.00	1
1385357835	NJ - Woodglen, N.J. 1906 3/2 Doane DPO	No Bids	\$9.99	Did not sell	0
1385361122	NJ - BRIDGETON, N.J. DC 1835 Stampless SFL	ixtepl (137)	\$3.00 [with reserve]	\$11.50 [reserve not met]	5 [2 bidders]
1385363192	NJ - BLAIRSTOWN, N.J. "JDV" KILLER 1883	bisco5 (4330)	\$9.99	\$9.99	1
1385365938	NJ - SMITHVILLE, N.J. Illus. Ad 1870's DPO Cv	herkojerko (608)	\$9.99	\$10.49	2
1385367667	NJ - PLEASANT MILLS, N.J. 1908 DPO	professional-car (254)	\$9.99	\$10.55	2
1385369921	NJ - PASSAIC, N.J. OVAL CANCEL #65 1860's	johnnyschaef (43)	\$9.99	\$35.55	4
1385372009	NJ - BRICK CHURCH, N.J. 1887 DPO w/Letter	gmci38@msn.com (1097)	\$9.99	\$27.00	2
1385373534	NJ - Star Cancels Lot of 4 #114 thru 1935	ctknud (234)	\$3.00 [with reserve]	\$17.50 [reserve not met]	17 [6 bidders]
1385375069	NJ - DPO's Lot of 8 1870's to 1916 N.J.	bisco5 (4330)	\$9.99	\$31.00	5
1385377268	NJ DOANES - Lot of 16	bisco5 (4330)	\$9.99	\$18.38	2
1385379068	NJ Towns - Harding Mem. #610 Lot of 6	No Bids	\$9.99	Did not sell	0
1385380173	NJ - LOT OF 15 FIRST/ LAST DAYS 1931-66	professional-car (254)	\$9.99	\$23.25	3
1385381445	NJ - Lot of 62 N.J. Covers Mostly 19th Cent.	twinst7 (4603)	\$9.99	\$63.00	6

See anything you might have liked? Next time go bid! It is fun and easy, and you might get lucky. [If you wish an e-mail reminder of NJPHS auctions on eBay, be sure you have sent us your email address. Send it to NJPostalHistory@aol.com or Alenglund@aol.com.]

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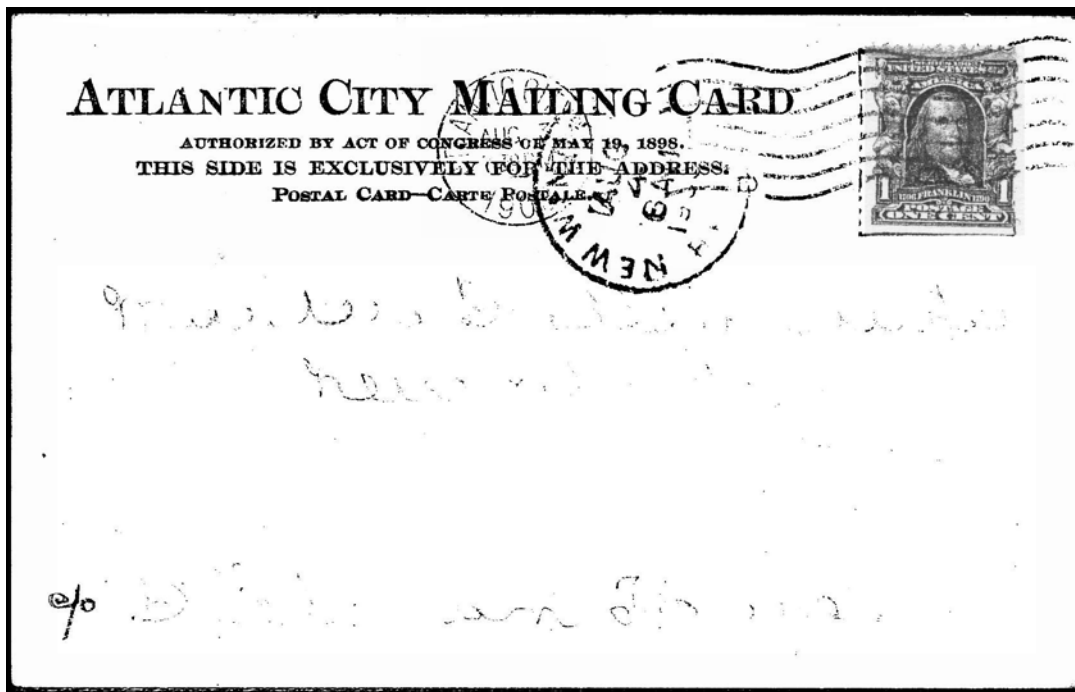
By Jim Mason

[The following is part of an exhibit which was shown at the recent APS Atlantic City Show by Jim Mason in the Non-Competitive category. We thought members of the Society would enjoy a look.]

Atlantic City has had a post office for 148 years since 1854, when a railroad, the Camden and Atlantic, was completed across New Jersey from the Delaware River to its ocean terminus in the city, and the city was incorporated and named. The present post office is its eleventh one, completed during the years of the great depression in 1937.

Postal history-wise,

Atlantic City probably is richer than any other city of similar size. What other city of about 40,000 people can claim the variety of machine cancels, slogan cancels, special cancels, F.D.C.s, first flights, carriers, R.P.O.s, precancels, etc.?

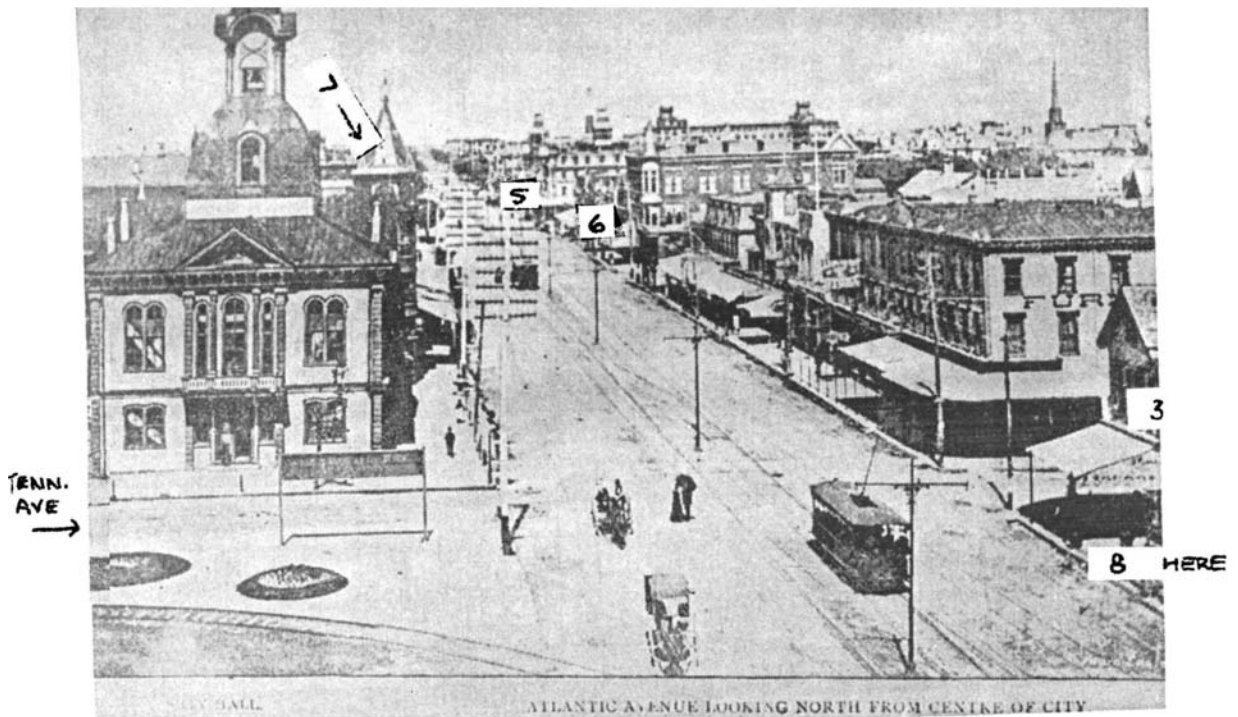


The above card authorized by an act of Congress on May 10, 1898 contributed to the postcard craze of the early twentieth century.

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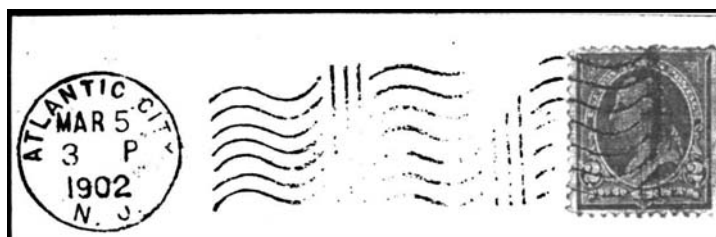
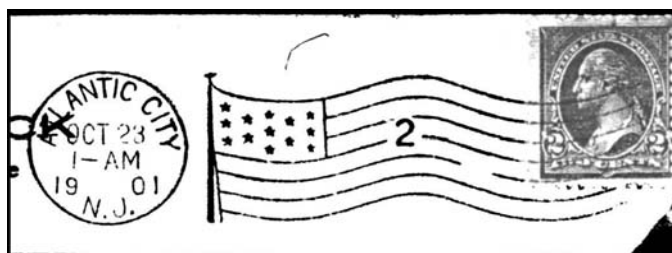
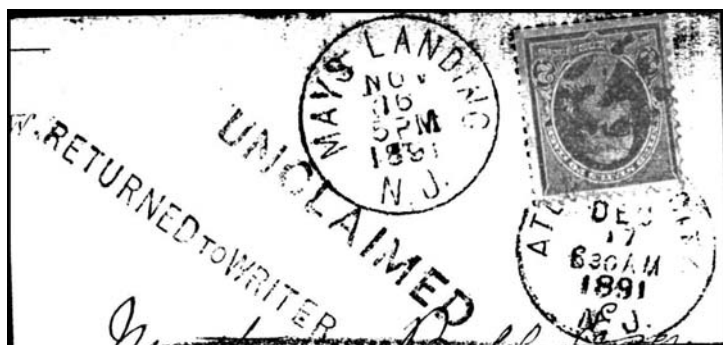
Atlantic City Post Office locations:

1. Opened 27 Jun 1854 at Atlantic House, a hotel at Massachusetts & Baltic Aves.
2. 30 Jun 56 New York & Atlantic Aves., N.W. corner
3. 27 Sep 58 Tennessee & Atlantic Aves., S.E. corner
4. 30 Jun 61 803 Atlantic Ave.
5. 5 Feb 72 Pennsylvania & Atlantic Aves., N.E. corner
1872 Presbyterian & Atlantic Aves., S.E. corner
6. 14 Apr 86 1210 Atlantic Ave.
7. 15 Mar 88 1323 Atlantic Ave.
8. 2 Jun 90 1414 Atlantic Ave.
9. 16 May 97 (Sunday!) 17 So. New York Ave.
First building erected for post office use
10. 13 Aug 05 Pennsylvania & Pacific Aves., S.E. corner
11. 22 Feb 37 Illinois & Pacific Aves., N.E. corner



ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

In this study, pages will be shown which will depict changes in the postal markings of Atlantic City up to about 50 years ago.



ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

"Leeds Beach"

Mr John J. Andrews Leeds Beach Aug 30
 will please forward to
 Frenchs New York 1 Box Wightings
 A parcel of Small Brilliant Cords and 3 Bottles of
 that old Brandy on the back side. all the things
 that are left here are all at will and. Copehen
 than usual. Sifford and Mathund are
 gone to Haverhill. This leaves all well
 send me word of any thing new occurring.
 we Expectation in packing up and sending
 those things. Yours & Gladly
 J. W. Song

Copy of folded letter content

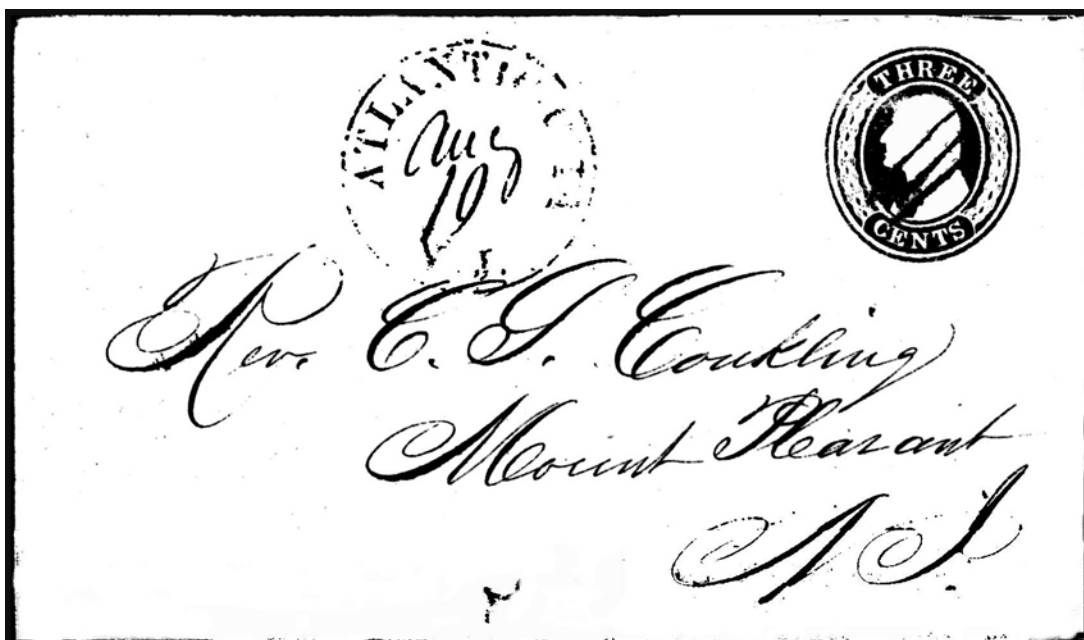
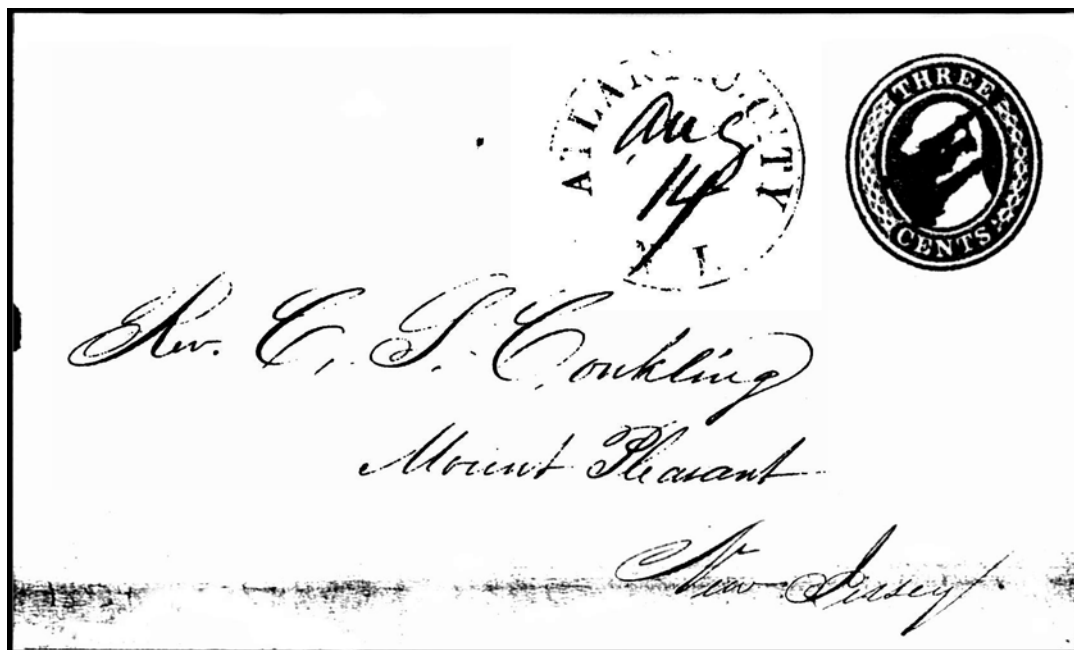
Abescon 11/2 3-
 Aug 11
 Mr John J. Andrews
 Care of Dr W. Song
 376 & 378. South 3rd St
 Philadelphia

The post office at Abescon opened as part of a stage route Feb. 7, 1837.

It was closest to the future Atlantic City and required a boat trip to reach for mail (about five miles).

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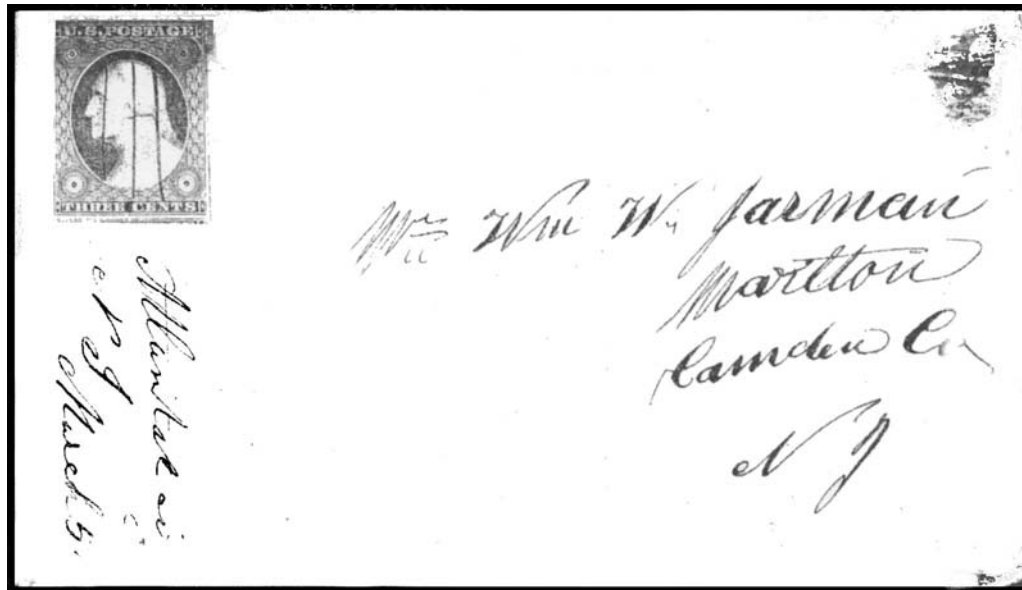
The first postmark of Atlantic City



Two covers from the same correspondence. The upper one is from the Stephen G. Rich collection and is marked by him "1854 or 1855." The other is from a different source and is unmarked as to year.

ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

1850's script postmark



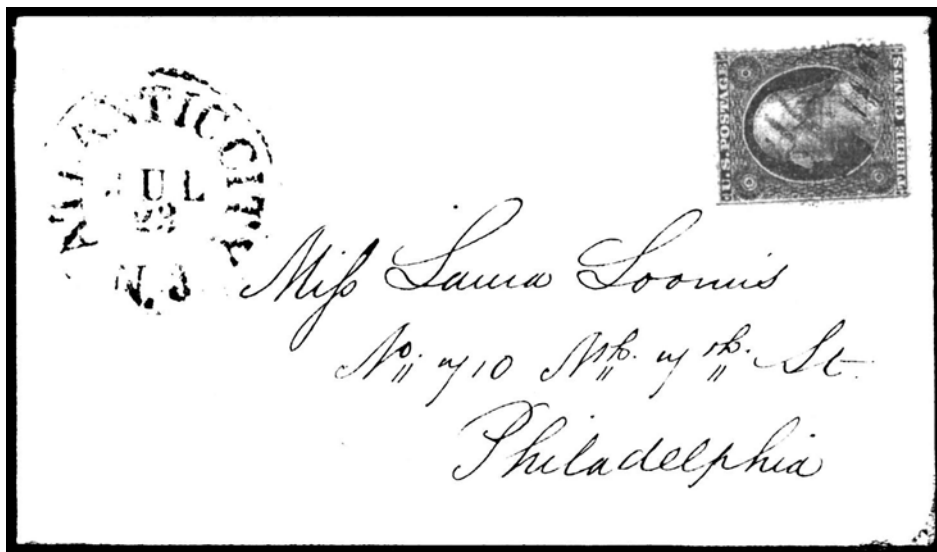
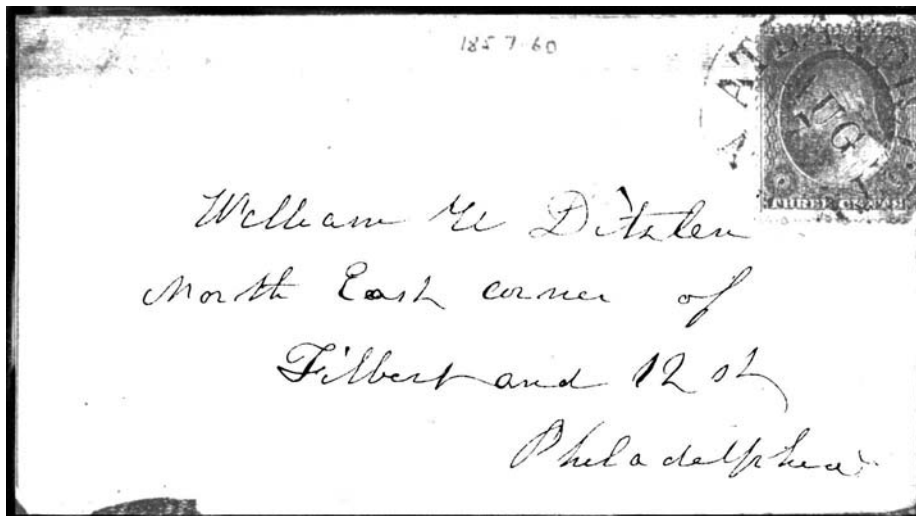
The Atlantic City post office opened June 27, 1854. The first postmaster, Robt. B. Leeds, served until June 30, 1856

The stamp is the 1851 Issue. The March 5 in script could not be in 1854 but could be 1855.

Perhaps the second postmaster, Thomas McNeelis, who served until Sept 27, 1858, did not have a hand stamp?

ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

Late 1850's



Enclosed letter is headed "Long Beach" and describes how mail is taken by daily boat to Atlantic City for posting.

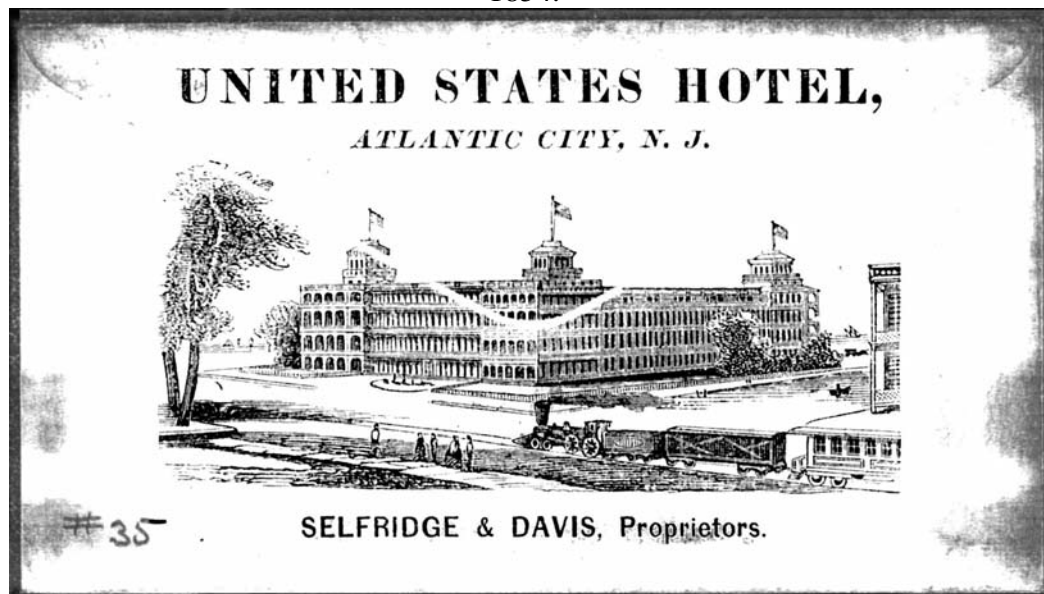
ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

1860 postmark:

Large letters 32 mm. diameter circle



The United States was the largest of five hotels opened when Atlantic City was incorporated in 1854.*

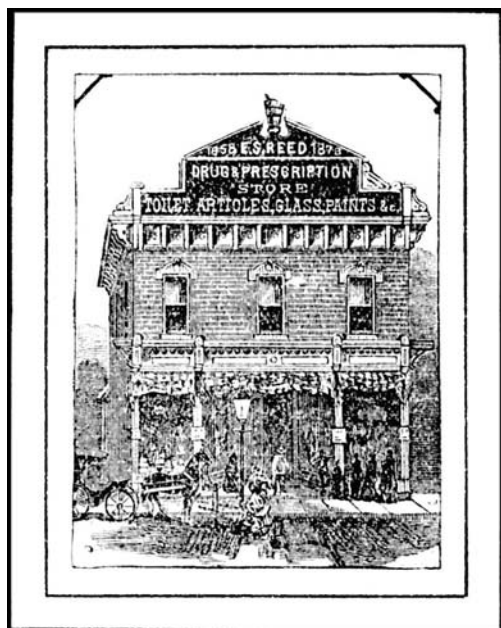


Same printer's cut, different proprietors postmark of late 1860's on front.

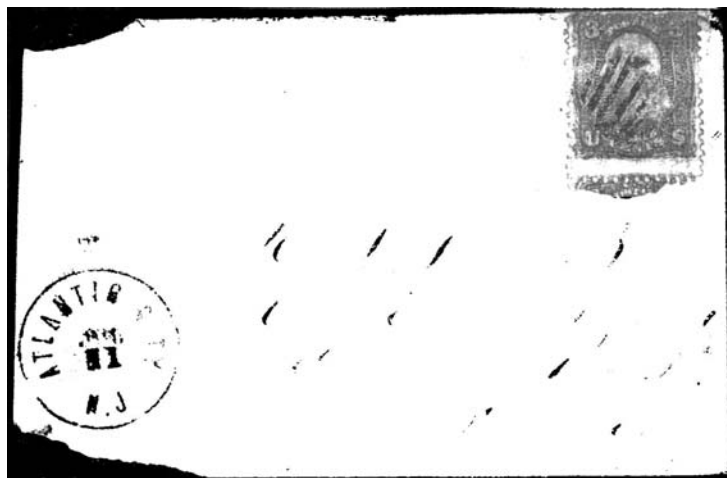
*Using the town mark as a cancel had been prohibited by order of the Postmaster General on July 23, 1860.

ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

Postmark of 1860's

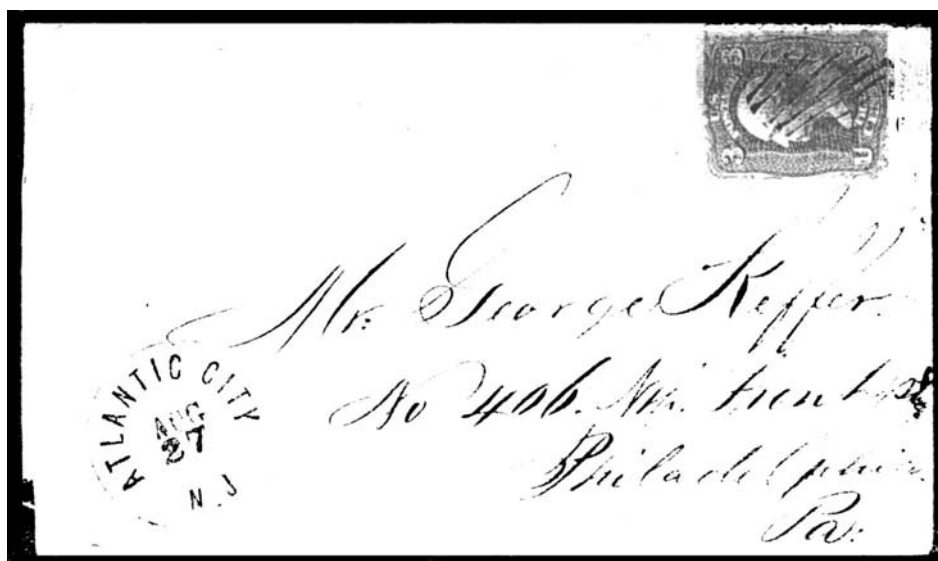


Post Office 1861-1872
Postmaster was Lewis Reed, Sr., M.D.
6-30-61 to 2-4-72
803 Atlantic Ave.



Grid cancel

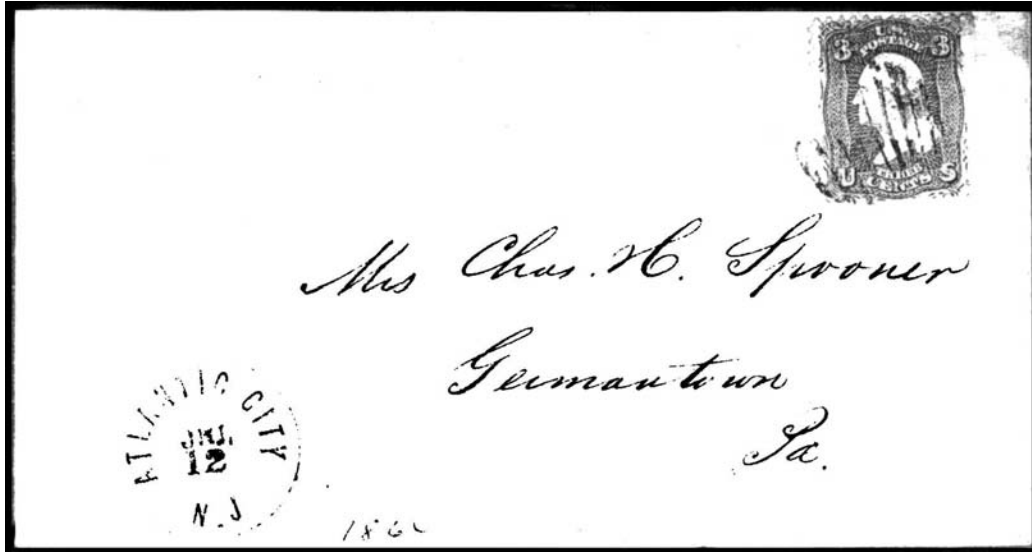
Note characteristic narrow Y & J



Cut cork cancel

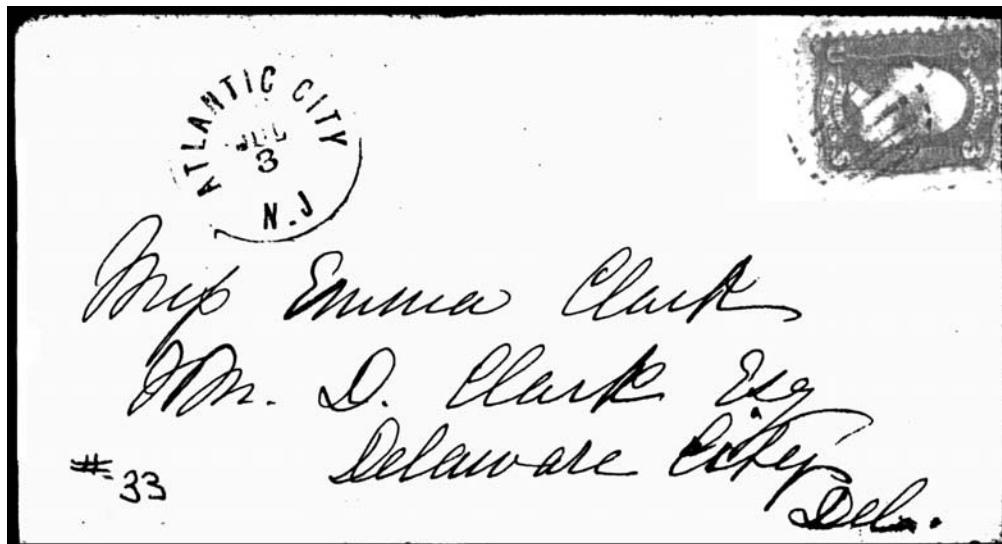
ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

1864



Letter describes a delightful sail from Atlantic City to Long Beach where Mr. Spooner was staying. The sail took two hours. Presumably the boat carried the letter back to Atlantic City where it was postmarked & put on the train for Philadelphia & Germantown. The first post office on Long Beach {Island) was established at Beach Haven in July 1874, 10 years later.

1865

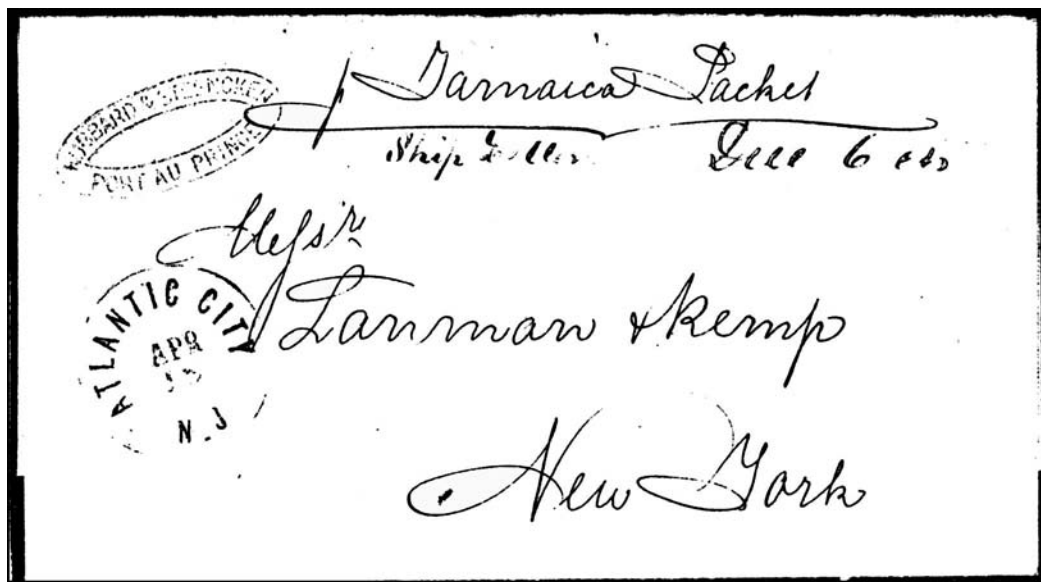


Both cork cancels

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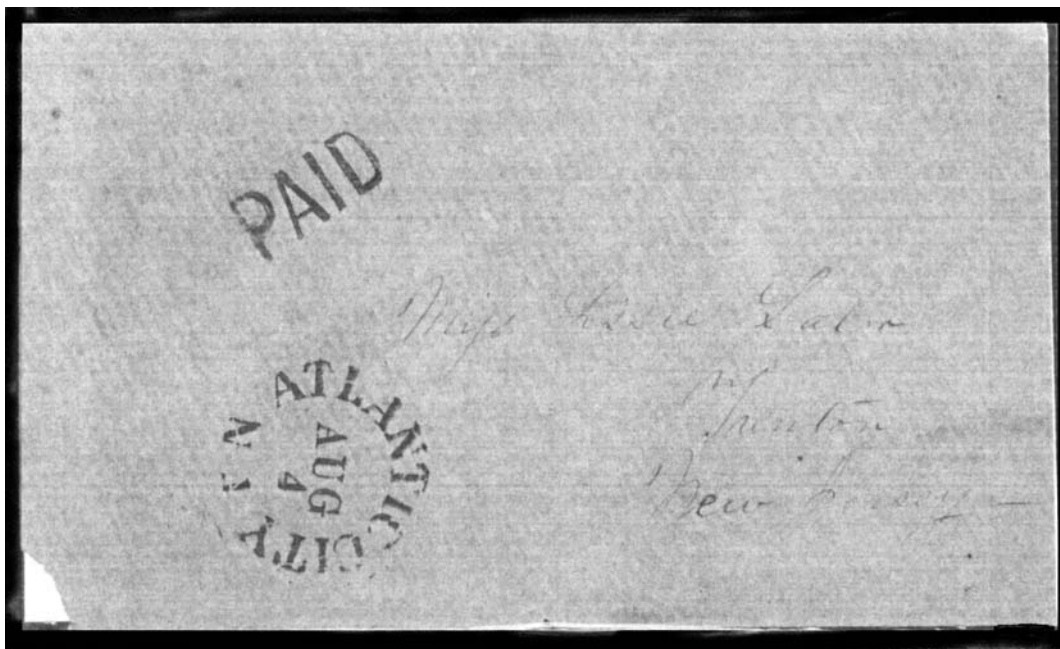
1866 Atlantic City as a Port of Entry

Folded letter from Port au Prince, Haiti. Manuscript "Jamaica Packet" to New York. Ship apparently entered Atlantic City's port where manuscript "Ship Letter Due 6 cts." was applied & the letter sent on to New York by the faster train route.

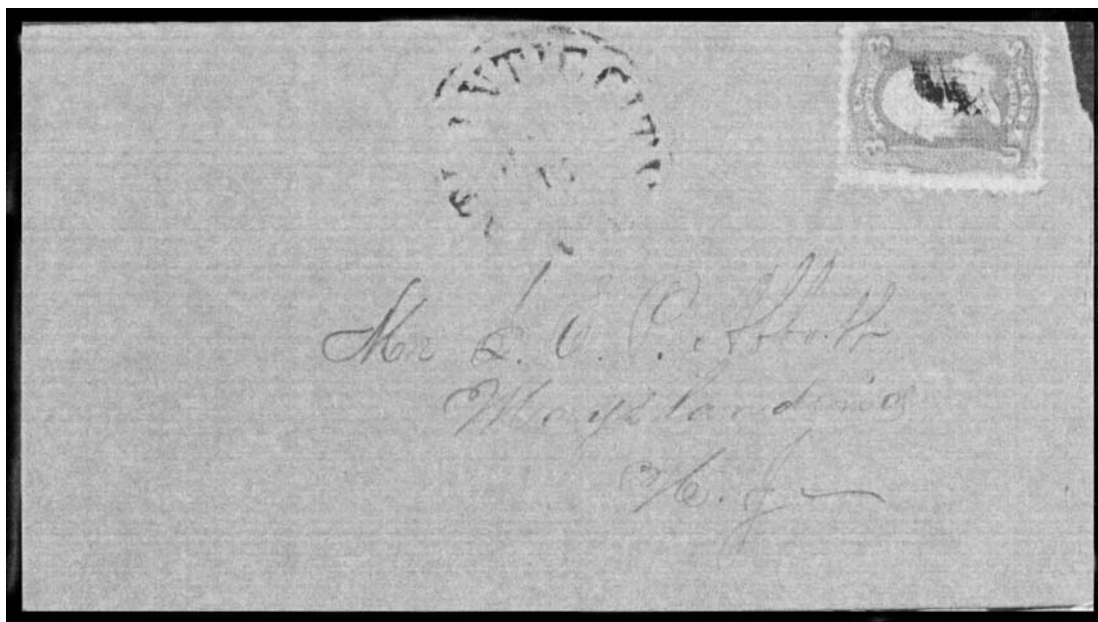


Postmarked Apr 18, the letter is dated April 4 & comments on the great fire at Port au Prince. Marked received in New York on April 20.

ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY



Only reported stampless cover from Atlantic City. The year is unknown.



Same postmark showing signs of wear, used in June 1868.

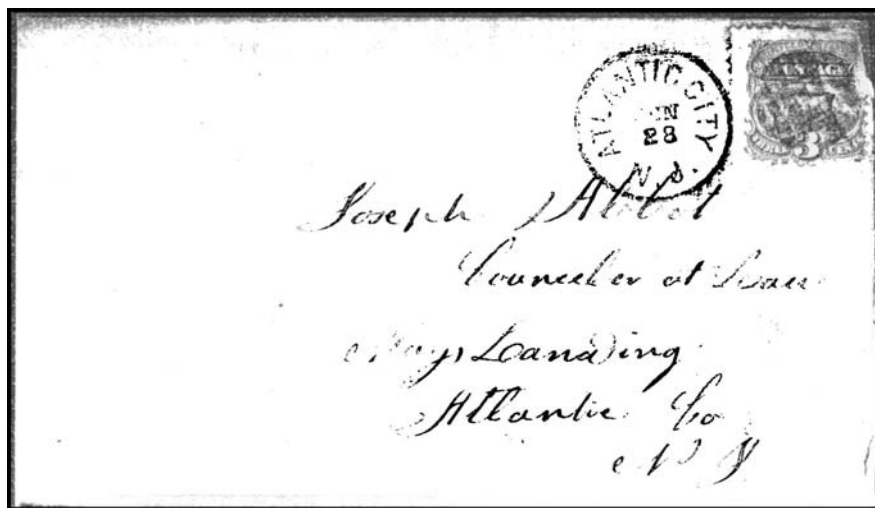
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1870 Fancy Cancels



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1869



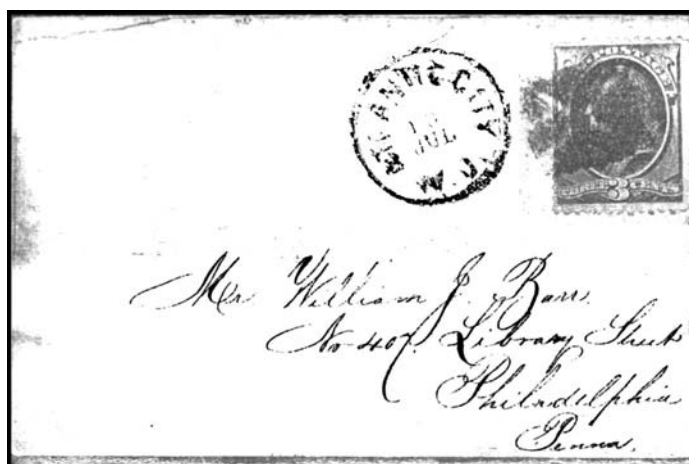
1873
postmark



By 1873 the 25mm. circle postmark was showing signs of wear. The day was above the month, a reversal from 1869.

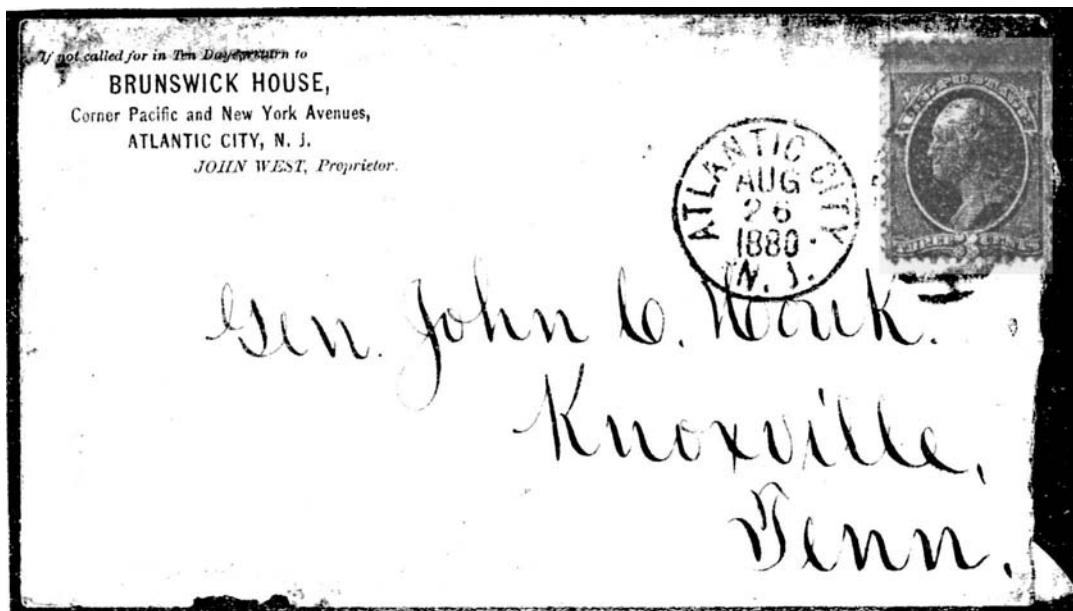
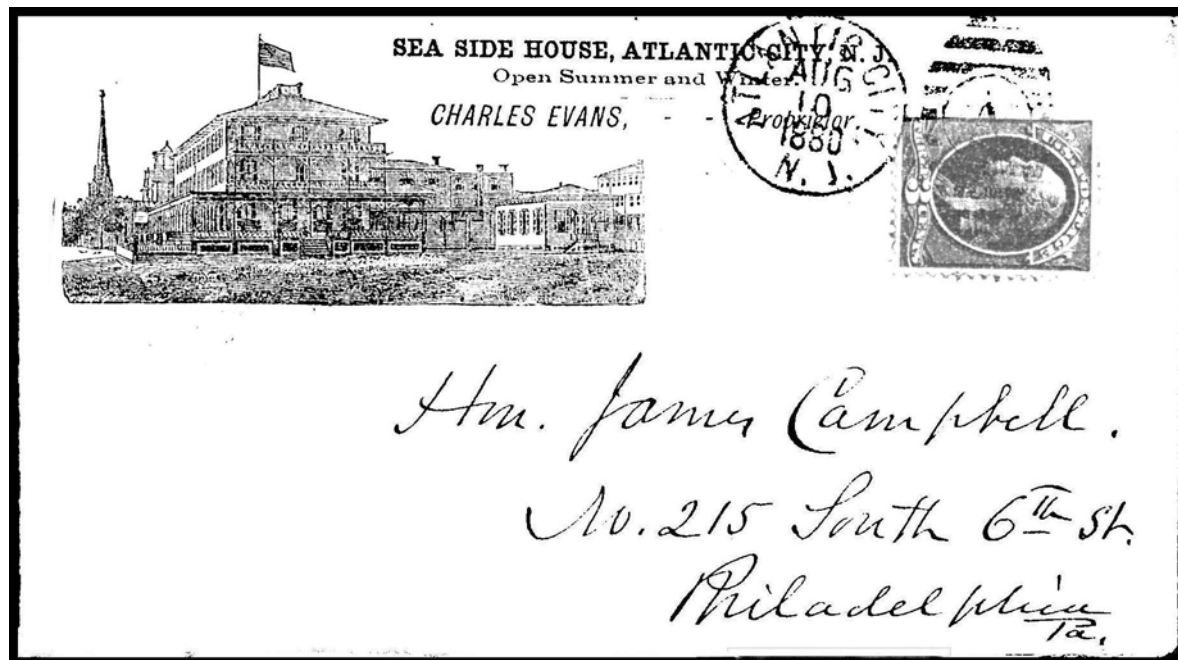
Maltese Cross Cancels

↑ 1873
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ATLANTIC CITY POSTAL HISTORY

Postmark with attached oval containing nine horizontal bars & "A" in circle, in use
Aug. 1880 & in 1881.



Note distinctive J

SOUTHARD NOTEBOOKS: Index to Published Letters**by Jean R. Walton**

For many issues now, members have contributed their letters either to or from Samuel L. Southard to the historic record. This "collection" now consists of 190 letters in the hands of Society members, with the ones issued during the last 4 issues totaling some 89 letters. We are deeply grateful to all contributors for the time they took to photocopy their letters. A list of members who contributed over the entire series is below.

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EF	Gene Fricks	SHHS	Somerset Hills HS
AE	Arne Englund	MS	Mark Swetland
LF	Len Frank	CT	C.S. Thompson
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JGt	Joyce Groot	JW	Jean Walton
HCHS	Hunterdon Co. HS	EW	Edwin Weyer
PL	Paul Lebitsch	MY	Mike Yannotta
JM	Jim Mason	NZ	Nathan Zankel
CM	Craig Mathewson		
THANKS TO ALL!			

On the next few pages is a list of all the letters we have published, by posting date. Within this table, you can see where an item originated [the postmark] and where it was sent, the topic, the contributor, and the issue in which it appeared. This is intended to be a tool, so that you can easily find a particular letter, or a particular postmark from one of these post offices.

The NJPH issue is indicated only by the whole number, in an effort to make this as succinct as possible for such a long list. Here is the list of the same issues with their dates, so that they can be easily located in your back issues of the Journal:

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The Southard Notebooks have gathered together a fair number of the vast collection of Southard correspondence, which served as one of the main collections used by William Coles, Jr. in his book on New Jersey stampless markings. We add these to the many which still exist in archives at Princeton, Rutgers, the New Jersey Historical Society, the New York Public Library, the Naval archives, and the Library of Congress, and hope others will make good use of these primary source materials not only in the study of postal history, but in the study of local, state, and national history as well.

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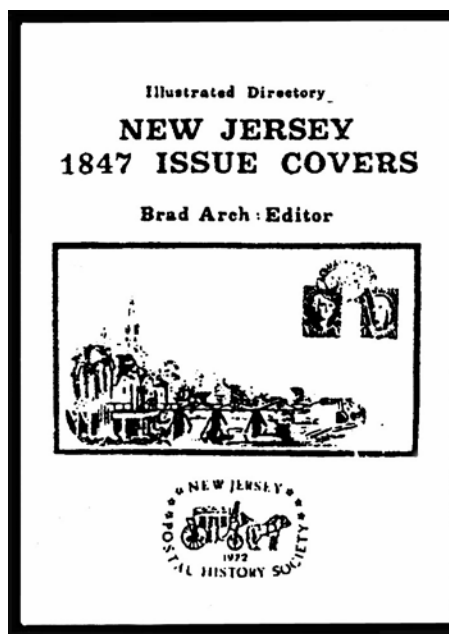
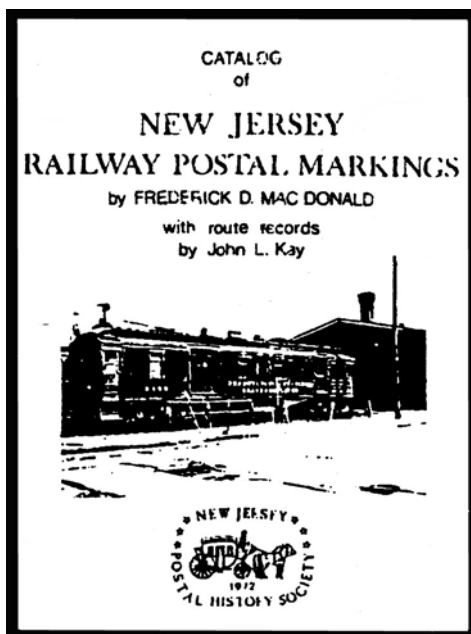
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