

A List of Carrier Stamps and Private Posts by State and City

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The collecting field of carriers and locals is broad, and no one can hope to obtain an example of every variety since many are rare or unique. For that reason, collectors sometimes choose to collect the emissions of a particular local or carrier post, or all the issues of a city or state. The table below lists carriers and locals by state and city, with *Scott Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps & Covers* numbers used. The dates noted are from the Larry Lyons' "*Identifier for Carriers, Locals, Fakes, Forgeries and Bogus Posts of the United States*," Vols. I-III (1998) and the *2009 Specialized Catalogue*. These dates are not firm, so readers should submit comments.

In the following table, stamps issued by Post Office appointed mail carriers or by city Post Offices for use by their Carrier Departments are designated as "**Carrier**." For stamps issued by private individuals or firms, we have used other designations. **Local** posts are those which collected / delivered mail within a particular city. **Independent Mail** refers to companies whose primary business was inter-city carriage of mail during the 1839-1845 period before being suppressed. **Express** companies handled non-letter mail, money packages or letter mail on routes that were not designated as official postal routes, or operated after regulations allowed such supplemental mail carriage as long as U.S. postage was paid. **Institutional** refers to private posts in boarding schools or other entities. **Emergency** includes adhesives used privately when the US post office could not be reached by normal routes due to weather or railroad strike. **Other** includes the remaining miscellaneous categories listed in the *Scott Catalogue*. Some items whose authenticity has been questioned are omitted. It should be noted that other items could be questioned and some may be philatelic or at least philatelically inspired, but are included here because they have added interest and invited research and discussion for many years.

Readers are asked to send questions and comments to the authors at (jbowman@stx.rr.com).

State	City	Local Post	Scott No.	Category	Dates
		Franklin Carrier	LO1	Carrier	1851-57
		Eagle Carrier	LO2	Carrier	1851-63
		American Letter Mail Co	5L1-3	Independent Mail	1844-45
		Brainard & Co	24L1-2	Independent Mail	1844-55
		Hale & Co	75L1-5	Independent Mail	1842-45

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		Letter Express	96L1-4	Independent Mail	1844
		Overton & Co	113L1	Independent Mail	1844-45
		Pomeroy's Letter Express	117L1-7	Independent Mail	1844
CA		Wells, Fargo and Co	143L1-143LU3	Express	1861-88
CA		California Penny Post Co	34L1-34LU15	Express	1855-56
CA	Fresno	Bicycle Mail Route	12L1-12LU2	Institutional	1894
CA	San Francisco	California City Letter Express	33L1-8	Local	1864-66
CA	San Francisco	Carnes' City Letter Express	35L1-8	Local	1864
CA	San Francisco	Gahagan & Howe City Express	70L1-4	Local	1849-70
CA	San Francisco	Wm. E. Loomis Letter Express	98L1	Local	1868
CA	San Francisco	Private Post Office	123LU1-LU3	Local	1864
CA	San Francisco	Public Letter Office	125LU1-LU4	Local	1864
CA	San Francisco	Reed's City Despatch Post	126L1-2	Local	1853-54
CT	Hartford	Hartford, Conn. Mail Route	80L1-3	Independent Mail	1844-45
DC	Washington	One Cent Despatch	112L1	Local	1856
DE	Wilmington	Roche's City Dispatch	129L1	Local	1850
IL	Chicago	Allen's City Dispatch	3L1-4	Local	1882-83
IL	Chicago	Brady & Cos Penny Post	23L1	Local	1860

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IL	Chicago	Bronson & Forbes City Express	27L1-2	Local	1855
IL	Chicago	Chicago Penny Post	38L1	Local	1862
IL	Chicago	Floyd's Penny Post	68L1-3	Local	1860-62
IL	Chicago	McMillan's City Dispatch Post	100L1	Local	1855
IL	Chicago	Moody's Penny Dispatch	110L1	Local	1856-57
IL	Chicago	Whittelsey's Express	146L1	Local	1857
KY		LouisvilleWharton's USPO Despatch	5LB1	Carrier	1854-57
KY		LouisvilleBrown & McGill's USPO Desp	5LB2-3	Carrier	1858
LA	New Orleans	City Dispatch Post Office	43L1-2	Local	1847
LA	New Orleans	Mason's New Orleans City Expr	102L1-2	Local	1850-57
LA	New Orleans	Menant & Co's Express	104L1	Local	1853-55
MA	Boston	Boston Penny Post	3LB1-2	Carrier	1849-54
MA	Boston	Barnard's City Letter Express	7L1-2	Local	1845
MA	Boston	Cheever & Towle	37L1	Local	1849-51
MA	Boston	Hill's Post	81L1	Local	1849
MA	Boston	W. Wyman	149L1	Independent Mail	1844
MA	Milford	Hopedale Penny Post	84L1-4	Institutional	1849
MD	Baltimore	Baltimore Post Office Despatch	1LB1-9	Carrier	1850-57
MD	Baltimore	City One Cent Dispatch	47L1	Local	1851
MD	Baltimore	Cook's Dispatch	51L1	Local	1853
MD	Baltimore	Davis's Penny Post	57L1	Local	1856
MD	Baltimore	Grafflin's Baltimore Despatch	73L1	Local	1856

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MD	Baltimore	Johnson & Co's City Despatch	90L1	Local	1848
MD	Baltimore	Mearis' City Despatch Post	103L1-6	Local	1846-47
MD	Baltimore	One Cent Despatch	112L2	Local	1856
MD	Baltimore	Ricketts & Hall	127L1	Local	1857
MD	Baltimore	Stringer & Morton's City Desp	134L1	Local	1850-51
MD	Baltimore	Wood & Co City Despatch	148L1	Local	1856-57
ME	Portland	Prince's Letter Dispatch	122L1	Local	1861
MO	St. Louis	US Penny Post	8LB1-2	Carrier	1851
MO	St. Louis	City Dispatch	42L1	Local	1851
MO	St. Louis	Clark & Hall	49L1	Local	1851
MO	St. Louis	St. Louis City Delivery Co	131L1	Local	1883
MO	St. Louis	Smith & Stephens City Delivery	158L1	Local	?
MO	St. Louis	Squier & Co City Letter Disp	132L1-4	Local	1859-60
NJ	Atlantic City	Faunce's Penny Post	152L1	Local	1885
NJ	Atlantic City	Hackney & Bolte Penny Post	153L1	Local	1886-87
NJ	Bayonne City	Bayonne City Dispatch	9L1-9LU1	Local	1883
NJ	Camden	Jenkins' Camden Dispatch	89L1-3	Local	1853-61
NJ	Millville	Bradway's Despatch	21L1	Local	1857
NJ	Newark	City Letter Express Mail	45L1-2	Local	1856
NJ	Newark	Rogers' Penny Post	162L1	Local	1856
NV		Humboldt Express	86L1	Express	1863
NY	Brooklyn	Brooklyn City Express Post	28L1-7	Local	1855-64

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NY	Brooklyn	Bush's Brooklyn City Express	157L1	Local	1848-50
NY	Brooklyn	Jones' City Express	91L1	Local	1845
NY	Brooklyn	Kidder's City Express Post	93L1	Local	1847-53
NY	Brooklyn	Ledger Dispatch	95L1	Local	1882-83
NY	Brooklyn	Robison & Co	128L1	Local	1855-56
NY	Brooklyn	Walton & Co's City Express	142L1	Local	1846-47
NY	Buffalo	Cutting's Despatch Post	56L1	Local	1847
NY	Buffalo	Spaulding's Penny Post	156L1-2	Local	1848-49
NY	Chester	Westervelt's Post	144L1-LU5	Local	1863-65
NY	Glen Haven	Glen Haven Daily Mail	71L1-4	Institutional	1854-58
NY	New York	US City Despatch Post	6LB1-7	Carrier	1842-46
NY	New York	US Mail	6LB9-11	Carrier	1849-50
NY	New York	Adams City Express Post	2L2-4	Local	1850-53
NY	New York	Bentley's Dispatch	10L1-2	Local	1856(?)
NY	New York	Berford & Co's Express	11L1-4	Express	1851-54
NY	New York	Blizzard Mail	163L1	Emergency	1888
NY	New York	Franklin City Despatch Post	16L1	Local	1847
NY	New York	Bouton's Manhattan Express	17L1	Local	1847
NY	New York	Bouton's City Dispatch Post	18L1-2	Local	1848-49
NY	New York	Boyce's City Express Post	19L1	Local	1852
NY	New York	Boyd's City Express	20L1-LU54	Local	1844-83
NY	New York	Brady & Co	22L1	Local	1857
NY	New York	Broadway Post Office	26L1-2	Local	1848-60
NY	New York	Brown's City Post	31L1-5	Local	1877
MI	Detroit	Bury's City Post	32L1-2	Local	1857-61
NY	New York	City Despatch Post	40L1-8	Local	1842-48

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NY	New York	City Dispatch	160L1	Local	1846-56?
NY	New York	City Mail Co	46L1	Local	1845
NY	New York	Clark & Co	48L1	Local	1857
NY	New York	Clarke's Circular Express	50LU1-2	Local	1865-67
NY	New York	Cornwell's Madison Square PO	52L1-2	Local	1856-57
NY	New York	Crosby's City Post	54L1	Local	1870-71
NY	New York	Cumming's City Post	55L1-8	Local	1844-47
NY	New York	Douglas' City Despatch	59L1-6	Local	1879
NY	New York	Dupuy & Schenck	60L1-2	Local	1846-47
NY	New York	East River Post Office	62L1-4	Local	1852-65
NY	New York	Eighth Avenue Post Office	63L1	Local	1852-54
NY	New York	Empire City Dispatch	64L1	Local	1881
NY	New York	Essex Letter Express	65L1	Local	1856
NY	New York	Gordon's City Express	72L1-3	Local	1848-52
NY	New York	Hall & Mills' Despatch Post	76L1	Local	1847
NY	New York	Hanford's Pony Express	78L1	Local	1845-50
NY	New York	A. M. Hinkley's Express Co	82L1	Local	1855
NY	New York	Homan's Empire Express	83L1	Local	1852
NY	New York	Hussey's Post	87L1-LUP3	Local	1854-89
NY	New York	Jefferson Market PO	88L1-2	Local	1851
NY	New York	Kurtz Union Despatch Post	94L1	Local	1853
NY	New York	McIntire's City Express Post	99L1	Local	1859-60
NY	New York	Mercantile Library Association	105L1-LU1	Other	1870-75
NY	New York	Messenkope's Union Square PO	106L1-2	Local	1849-50
NY	New York	Metropolitan Errand & Carrier	107L1-LU1	Local	1855

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NY	New York	Metropolitan Post Office	108L1-5	Local	1852-53
NY	New York	G. A. Mills' Despatch Post	109L1	Local	1847-48
NY	New York	New York City Express Post	111L1-2	Local	1847
NY	New York	Pinkney's Express Post	115L1	Local	1851
NY	New York	Price's City Express	119L1-3	Local	1857-58
NY	New York	Price's Eighth Avenue PO	120L1	Local	1854
NY	New York	Russell 8th Ave. Post Office	130L1-4	Local	1854-58
NY	New York	Smith's City Express Post	168L1	Local	1858-61
NY	New York	Swart's City Dispatch Post	136L1-17	Local	1847-57
NY	New York	Third Avenue Post Office	139L1-8	Local	1855
NY	New York	Union Post	140L3-4	Local	1846
NY	New York	Union Square Post Office	141L1-3	Local	1852-54
NY	Rochester	Hoyt's Letter Express	85L1	Independent Mail	1844
NY	Staten Island	Staten Island Express Post	133L1-2	Local	1849-50
OH	Barnesville	Friend's Boarding School	151L1	Institutional	1877-84
OH	Cincinnati	William's City Post	9LB1	Carrier	1854
OH	Cincinnati	Baker's City Express Post	6L1	Local	1849-51
OH	Cincinnati	Browne & Cos City Post Office	29L1-2	Local	1852-54
OH	Cincinnati	Cincinnati City Delivery	39L1	Local	1883
OH	Cincinnati	Frazer & Co	69L1-8	Local/Carrier	1845-53
OH	Cincinnati	Sullivan's Dispatch Post	135L1-3	Local	1853
OH	Cleveland	Bishop's City Post	10LB1-2	Carrier	1854

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OH	Cleveland	Kellogg's Penny Post	92L1	Local	1853-54
PA	Easton	Browne's Easton Despatch	30L1-3	Local	1857
PA	Frankford	Deming's Penny Post	58L1	Local	1854
PA	Lancaster	Barr's Penny Dispatch	8L1-2	Local	1855
PA	Philadelphia	Philadelphia USPO Paid	7LB1-18	Carrier	1849-52
PA	Philadelphia	A. W. Auner's Despatch Post	154L1	Local	1851
PA	Philadelphia	Blood, D. O., & Co	15L1-LU10	Local	1842-61
PA	Philadelphia	Brigg's Despatch	25L1-6	Local	1848-49
PA	Philadelphia	G. Carter's Despatch	36L1-LU1	Local	1848-52
PA	Philadelphia	City Dispatch	41L1	Local	1860
PA	Philadelphia	City Express Post	44L1-3	Local	1844-46
PA	Philadelphia	Clinton's Penny Post	161L1	Local	1848-50
PA	Philadelphia	Cressman & Cos Penny Post	53L1-2	Local	1856
PA	Philadelphia	Eagle City Post	61L1-4	Local	1847-52
PA	Philadelphia	Guy's City Despatch	74L1-2	Local	1879
PA	Philadelphia	T. A. Hampton City Dispatch	77L1-2	Local	1847-49
PA	Philadelphia	George S. Harris City Despatch	79L1-2	Local	1847(?)
PA	Philadelphia	J. A. Howell's City Despatch	165L1	Local	184?
PA	Philadelphia	Morton's Post	167L1	Local	(?)
PA	Philadelphia	Philadelphia Despatch Post	115L1	Local	1842

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PA	Philadelphia	Priest's Despatch	121L1-9	Local	1851
PA	Philadelphia	Spence & Brown Express Post	159L1-2	Local	1847-48
PA	Philadelphia	Teese & Co Penny Post	137L1	Local	1852
PA	Philadelphia	Telegraph Despatch PO	138L1-2	Local	1848-49
PA	Pittsburgh	Zieber's One Cent Dispatch	150L1	Local	1851
PA	Westtown	Westtown	145L1-2	Institutional	1853-67
RI	Providence	Providence Despatch	124L1	Local	1849
SC	Charleston	Honour's City Express	4LB1-12	Carrier	1849-60
SC	Charleston	Kingman's City Post	4LB14-15	Carrier	1851-58
SC	Charleston	Martin's City Post	4LB16	Carrier	1858
SC	Charleston	Beckman's City Post	4LB17	Carrier	1860
SC	Charleston	Steinmeyer's City Post	4LB18-21	Carrier	1858-59
VA	Richmond	Magic Letter Express	101L1-2	Local	1865