Hale & Co. Foreign Letter Mail & Domestic Independent Mail 1838 - 1845

A Study of its Postal History







Hale's beginnings in 1838 as a foreign mail forwarder

New York to London via the steamer Great Western Nov. 20 1838





Only known Hale Foreign Letter Office cover to France New York Feb. 1, 1842 to Paris by private ship "St. Nicholas"



Forwarded From Hale's News Room and Ship letter Office, New-York



Havana to London via New York, July 13, 1841

Forwarded Through Hales Foreign Letter Office New York

New Orleans to London via New York, Feb. 21, 1842 Earliest known use of this hand stamp (7 reported, all from 1842)



By Ship "Patrick Henry", New Orleans blue postmark.
Note curious mirror image PAID red hand stamp



Very early use 13 Court Street Boston Office hand stamp January 20 1844 to New York

Domestic Mail





Very early use Boston to NY Jan 31 1844



New York to Boston Feb 2 1844

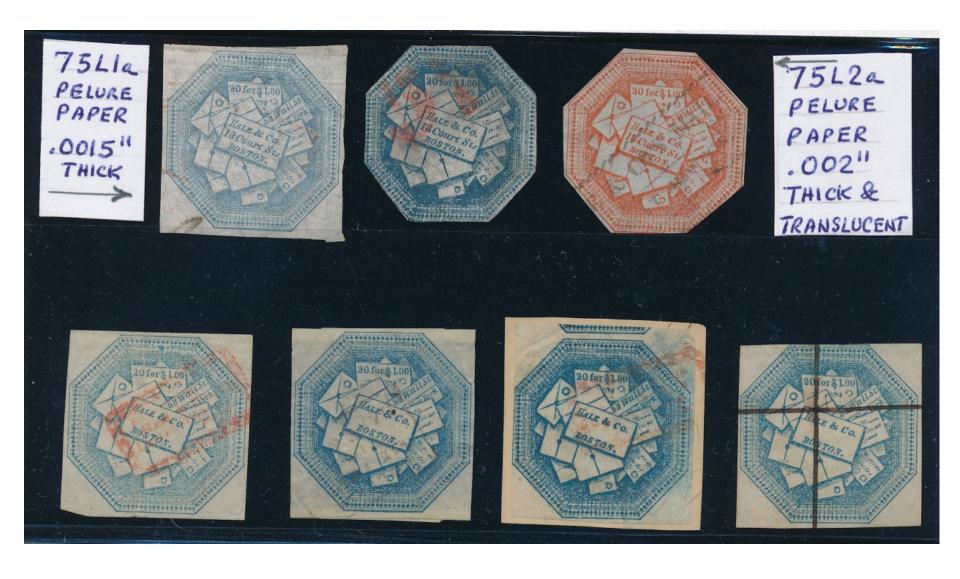


Early Hale Rate Markings Single 6-1/4 cents, Mar 30 1844, and Double 12-1/2 cents, Apr 17 1844.





Hale's Adhesive Stamps



Mysterious Number Markings from Boston Oct 1844



Springfield Mass to New York Oct 24 1844



Hale & Co.'s Mail Paid at Boston marking 1844



Haverhill Mass to New York Apr 10 1845



Double Rate Lynn, Mass to New York Dec 14 1844



Northampton Mass to NY Sep 30 1844



Double Rate Collect Springfield Mass to Boston Sep 16 1844



"Penny Post Paid"



New York Mailed Late for the _____ Feb 28 1845 to Boston



Boston pre-cancel, Oct 17 1844



Unusual Adhesive Separation Boston Office Oct 26 1844



Boston to Portland Maine Jan 16 1845



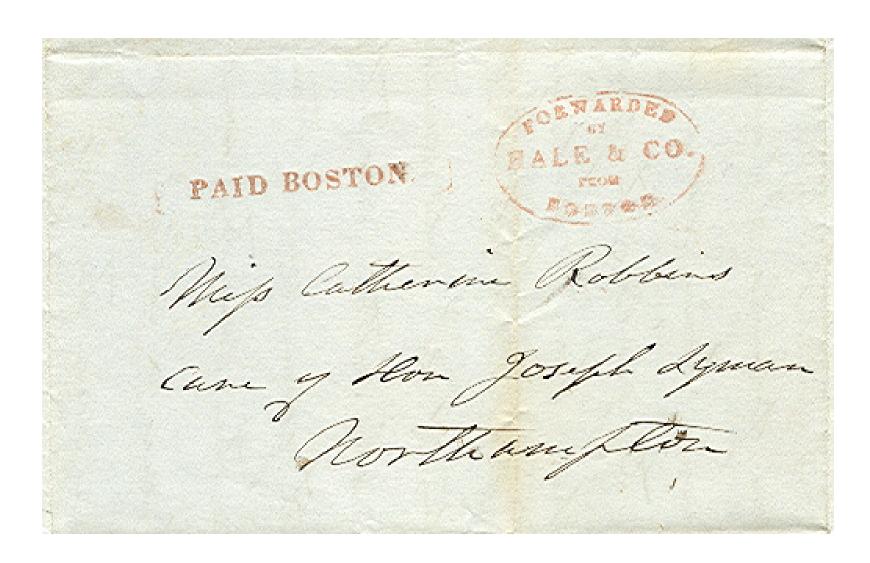
Baltimore Maryland to NY Apr 28 1845



Pre-cancel from Portsmouth, NH Feb 15 1845



Rare "Paid Boston" marking Oct 28 1844



Birmingham July 3 1844 "Per Hibernia" to Hartford Ct. Jul 3 1844







Twelve Days Later from Europe.
Rise in the price of Cotton—Massacre of a
Lieutenant and Seven Men—Loss of a
Steamer with all on board—The Agitation
Unabated in Ireland—Immense Repeat Sub-

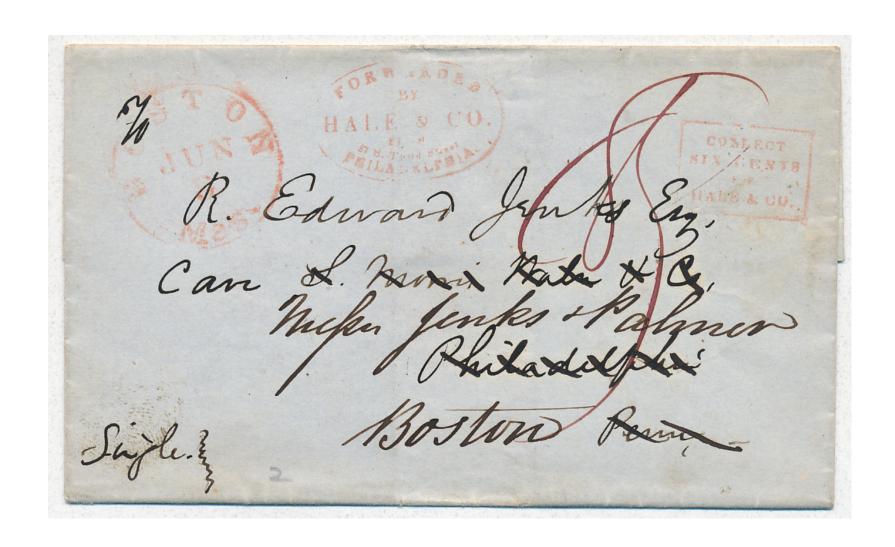
The steamship Hibernia, Capt. Ryrie, arrived at her wharf at East Boston, Wednesday morning, a few minutes before six, making a short passage of twelve and one-half days.

We are indebted to Messrs. Adams & Co. for a copy of Wilmer and Smith's Liverpool Times, in advance of the mail, from which we principally select the following news. We are also indebted to the Philadelphia Ledger for an extra containing the news.

The Sun (New York) July 19 1844

Cunard Line packet steamer"Hibernia" departed Liverpool July 4, 1844 and arrived in Boston on July 17, after a stop in Halifax. This letter probably carried under a wrapper with others from Boston to NY and remailed by the Forwarder, John A. Newbould, in NYC using Hale & Co.

Jun 8 1844 Boston to Phila. & then back to Boston by Hale



Providence RI to Portsmouth NH Nov 27 1844



Precancel Providence RI to NY Oct 4 1844



Providence RI to Albany NY Oct 28 1844 "3 = 20"





New York oval markings, two types: curved & straight addresses



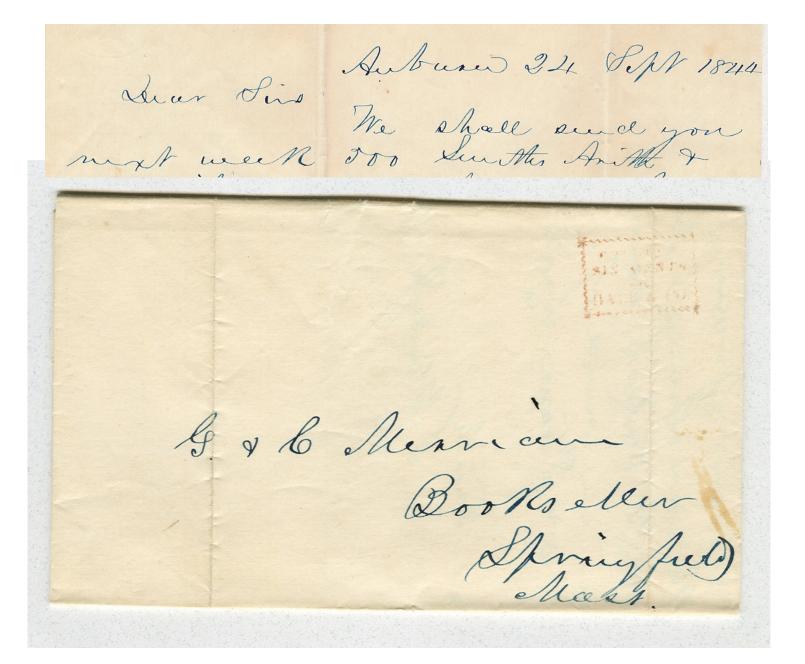


Haverhill & Salem Mass., Sep & Oct 1844





Auburn NY Sep 24 1844 Pomeroy-Hale conjunctive use



Brainard – Hale conjunctive use from Troy, NY to NYC May 18 1845



Jerome – Hale conjunctive use NYC to Frankford Maine Nov 13 1844





Possibly the only known ALM Co. – Hale conjunctive use: Boston to Albany, NY June 24, 1845

