

PROOF

Only One Known Gray Wave
Proof Pair



Only One Known Blue Wave
Proof Block of Four



The City Dispatch Post appeared in 1860 from February through July with oval "Scales of Justice" concurrent with Kochersperger stamp and similar oval name band. Secret ownership by Blood's Penny Post may have escaped increased government scrutiny.

Largest Known Full Original Gum Multiple of 12



Largest Known Unused Multiple of 30

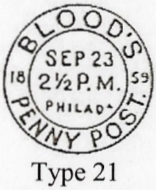


One Known Tied by Blood's Penny Post

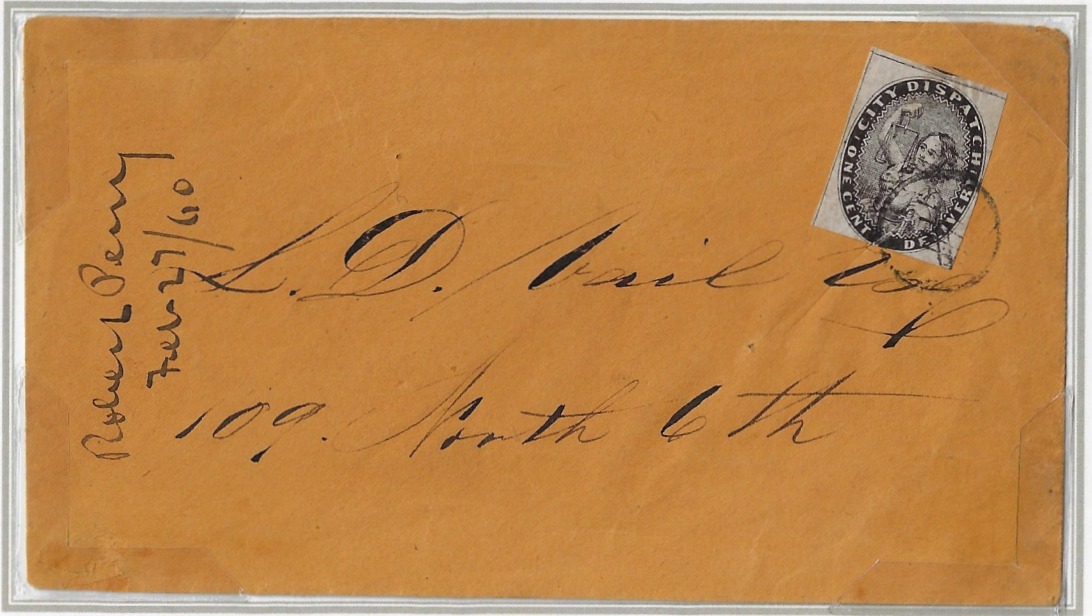


Blood's Handstamp Type 21 cancel local address

City Dispatch stamp cancel tied by Blood's handstamp confirmed service by Blood's Penny Post.



Third Earliest Known
February 27, 1860

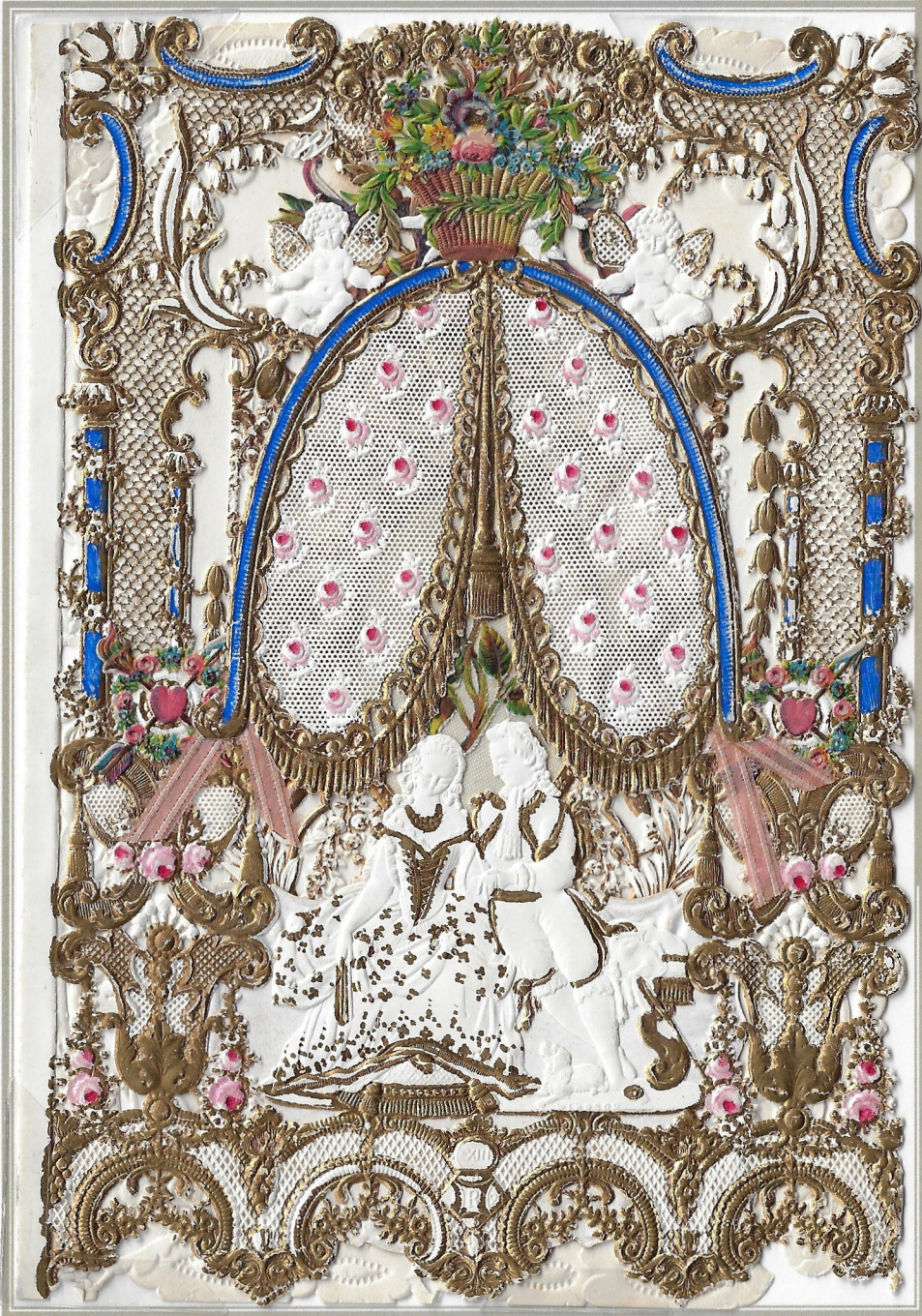


circle cancel manuscript dateline local address

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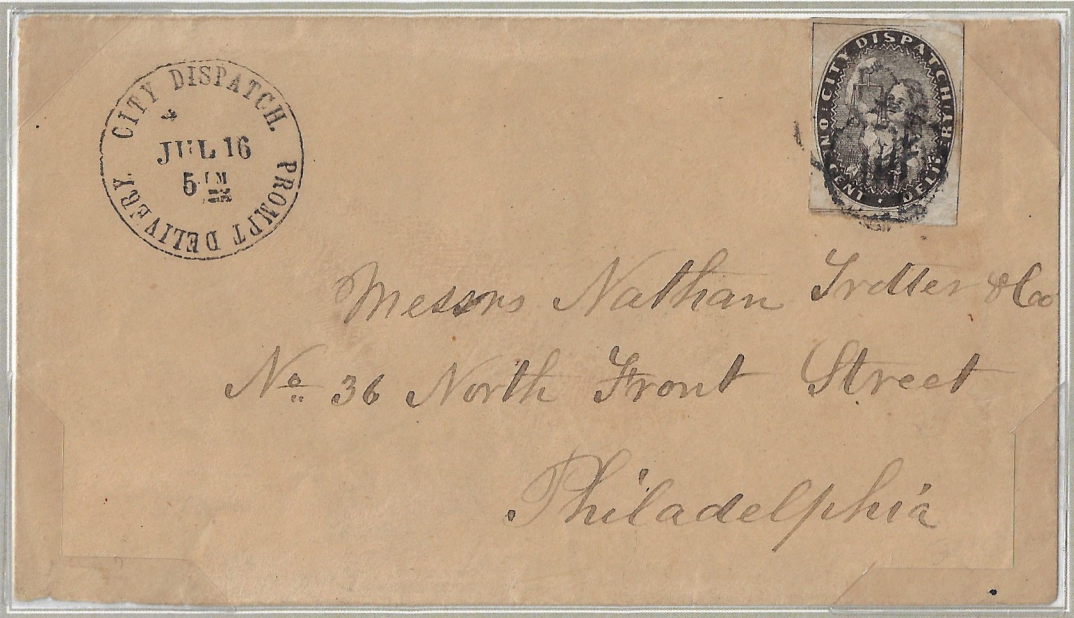
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July 17, 1860



Cancel tied twice Type 25 Handstamp local address



Type 24



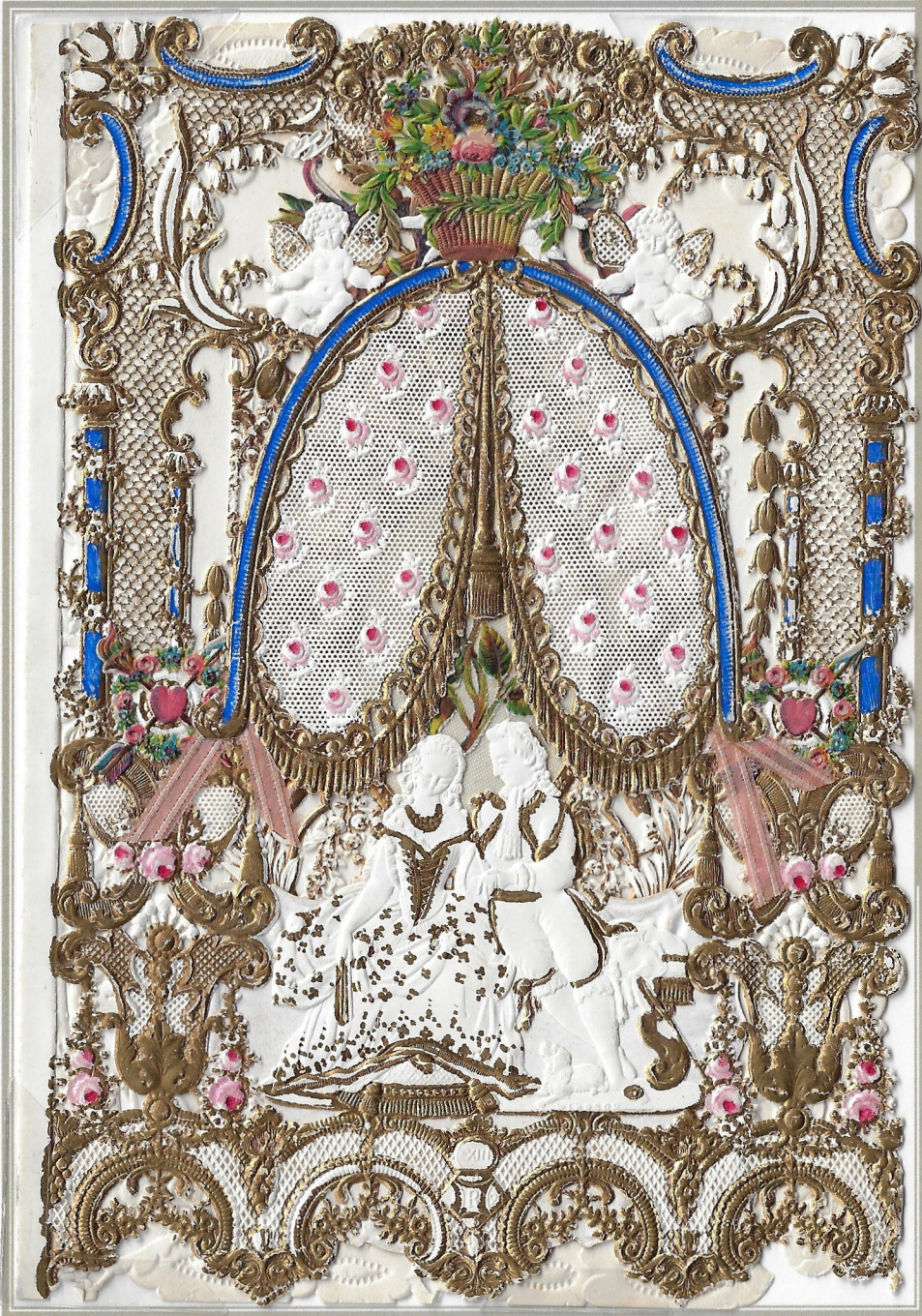
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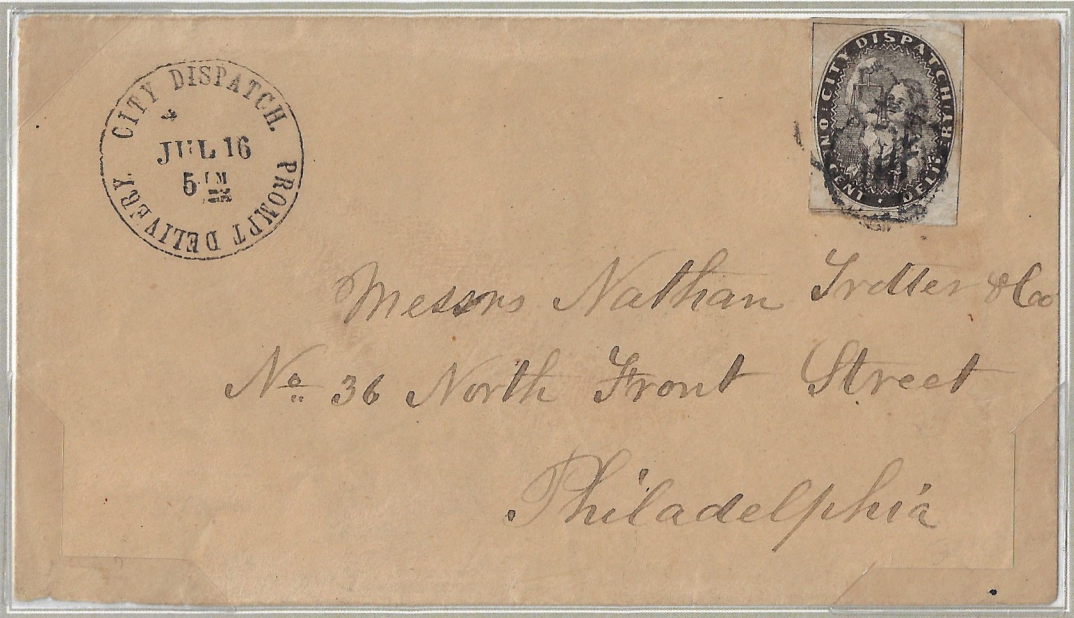
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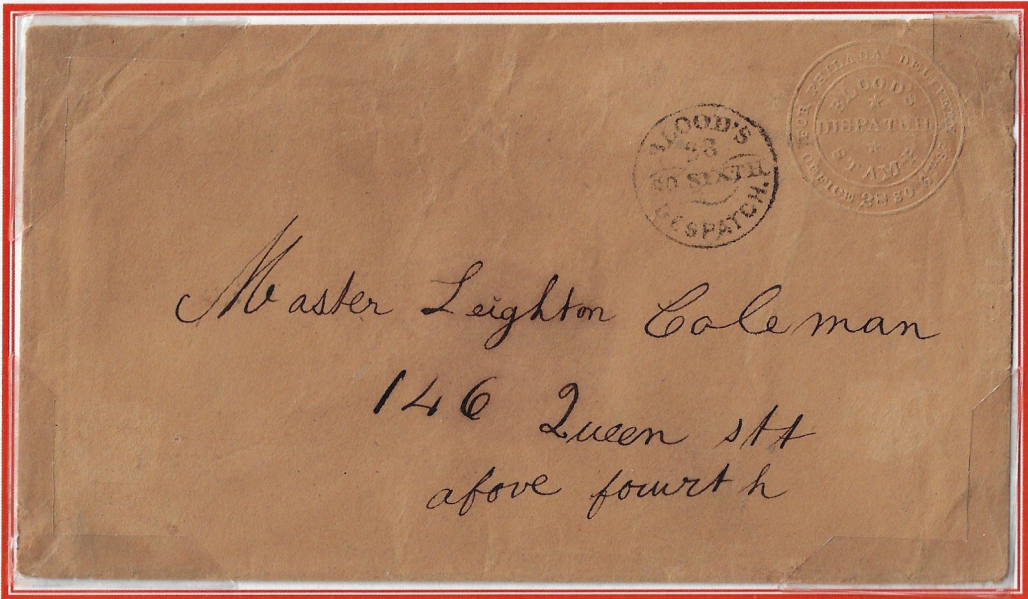
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AMERICA'S FIRST POSTAL STATIONERY

TYPE I: 28 So. 6th St.
Red on Buff Wove

Two Known Precursor with "STARS"

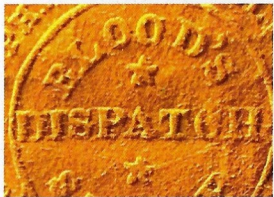


Large 23.5 mm albino Type 1 buff with stars local address ©

Stamped envelopes were first advertised on
April 20, 1848

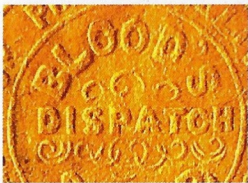
Type I address was 28 South 6th Street, prior to 1850.
Type II was expansion 26&28 South 6th Street.
Type III "PAID" no address 1852.

23.5 mm with Stars



enlarged 33%

19.5 mm with Scrolls

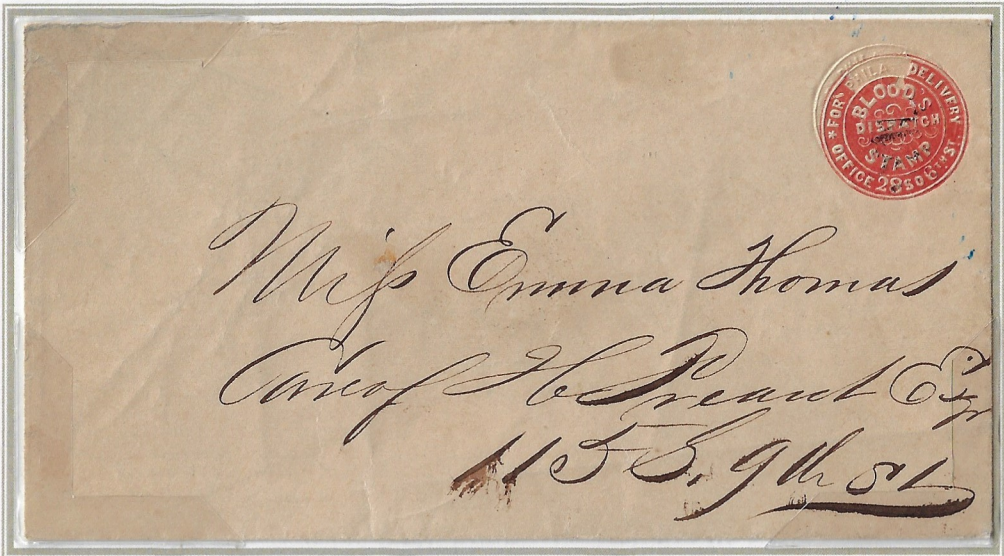


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All Type 1 and Type 2 are wove paper.
Blood's postal envelopes red indicia
measures 19.5 mm diameter with scrolls.
Precursor indicia are 23.5 mm diameter,
albino with stars.

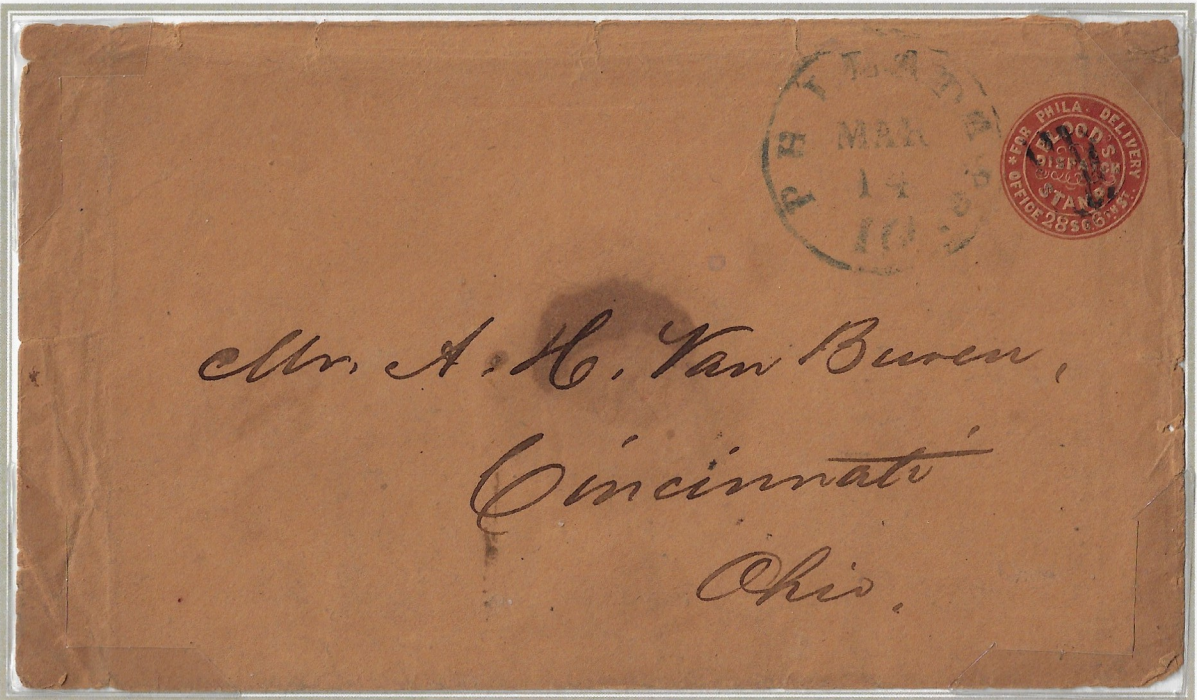
TYPE I: 28 So. 6th St.
Red on White Wove

One Known Double Embossing, one Albino



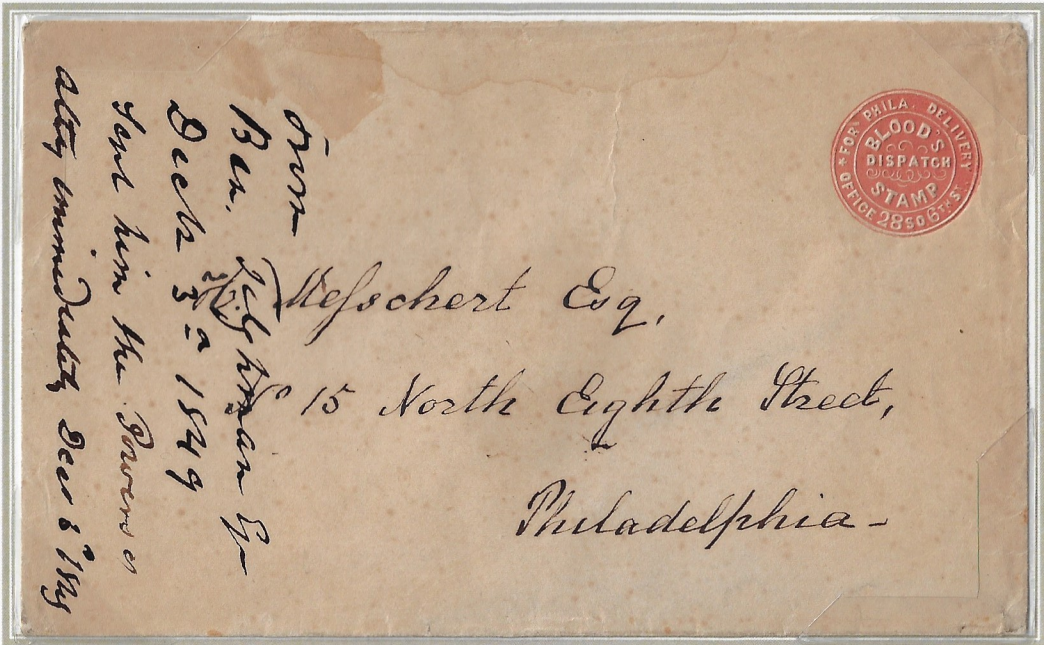
Type 1 white grid cancel local address ©

One Known to Ohio
March 14, 1850



Type 1 buff, grid cancel blue Philadelphia integral 10 cents cds Philadelphia to Cincinnati, OH 574 miles ©

Earliest Known Date Certain All Types
December 5, 1849



Type 1 white uncanceled local address

One Known Transatlantic All Types
January 8, 1853

21 paid
a Monsieur
Monsieur Nestor Frohnssohn
Quart - 25 Boulevard
Bonne Nouvelle à
Steamer
via New York
Paris
France

Type II buff, no cancel blue Philadelphia cds red PHILA PAID in octagon
manuscript 21 and Steamer via New York France red French entry mark on reverse
addressed to Paris, France

Type I and Type II determined by office address. On May 25, 1848 Bloods Despatch moved into 28 South 6th St across from Independence Hall. By January 10, 1850 Blood's expanded into 26 6th St. After the great fire of December 27, 1851 Blood's moved 4 doors down Chesnut St; **Type III** postal envelopes replaced new address with PAID.

One Known PHILADA RAILROAD Circular Datestamp

©



Type 11 white, grid cancel	manuscript 10	Philadelphia to Cincinnati, OH 574 miles
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One Known with Blood's Handstamp

December 8, 1852

One Known Type II “Drop Letter”

October 6, 1851

 Jas. G. Barnwell
 Geo. August
 Charles L. Wolff Esq
 3011. North W. St.
 Phila

Type II buff, no cancel	blue Phila cds, matching numeral 1 in double octagon handstamp local address	©
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Blood's Despatch delivered to post office. For one cent the letter was held for two days as many local business men frequented the PO. If not called for the **drop letter** was carried to street address.



Mr Jos I Nickley
359 Market St
Deposited 7th after 9

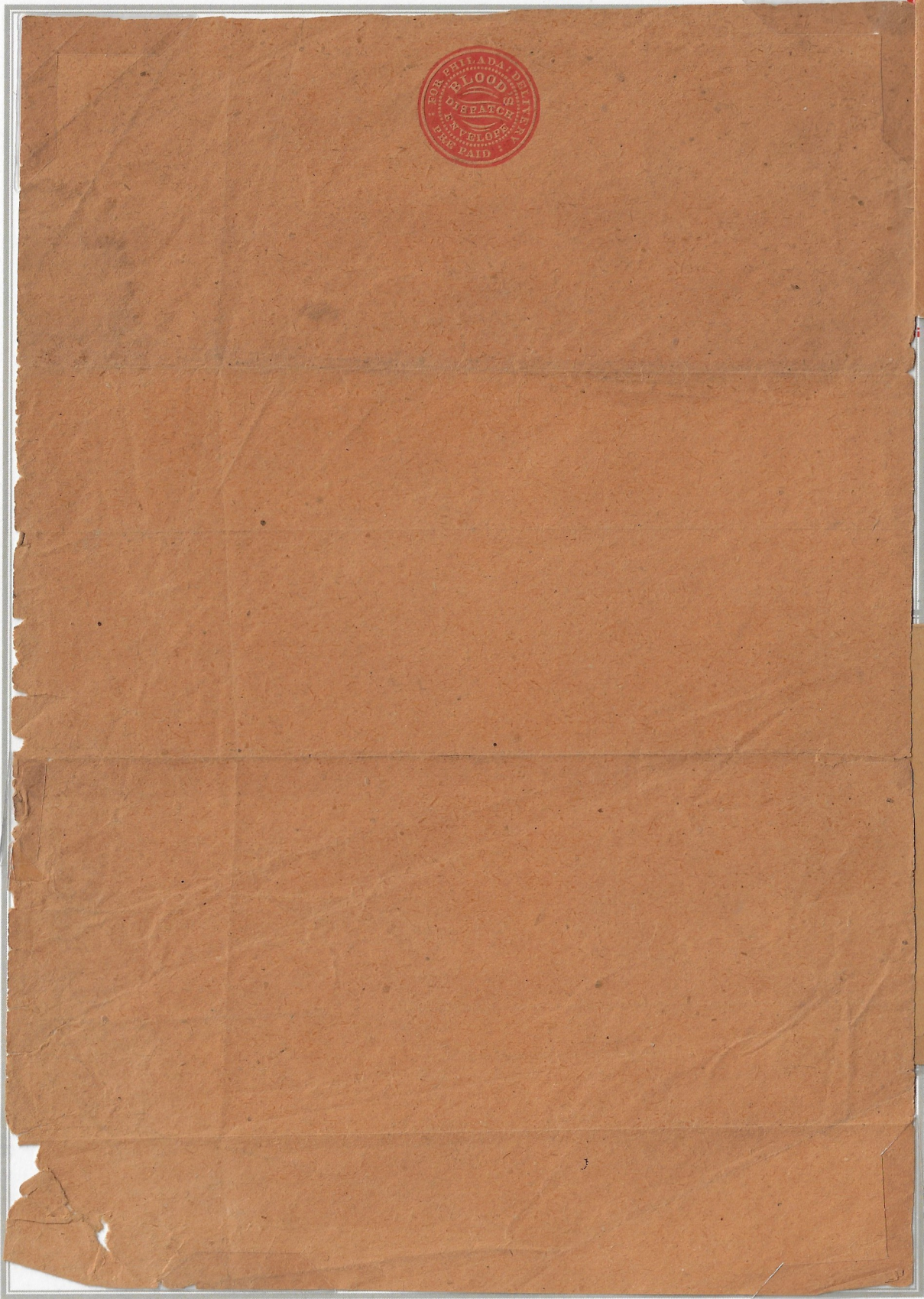
Type 1I white, no cancel Blood's Handstamp Type 17 local address

TYPE III: PAID
Red on Buff Wove

One Known Late Demonitized 1847 Postal Issue with
All Types Blood's Postal Envelope
August 19, 1853

TYPE III: PAID
Red on White Wove

One Known Unused Entire Wrapper All Types



Blood's Handstamp Type 17 10 cent 1847 general issue, cancel tied by blue Phila cds ©

Latest known demonitized
1847 postal issue was 1854.



One Known Type III "Drop Letter"
December 29, 1856



Blood's Handstamp Type 19 Phila cds, matching numeral 1 in octagon ©
addressed to Phila post office

One cent for all local service in Philadelphia
included the post office per above drop letter.

July 3, 1858



Blood's Handstamp Type 21 cancel 3 cent 1857 general issue cancel tied by grid ©
Phila cds Philadelphia to Hoboken, NJ 93 miles

Act of Congress August 31, 1852 authorized
prepaid stamp & letter envelopes effective
July 1, 1853. Four years earlier Blood's
Despatch had been first in the United States
to offer this postal convenience.

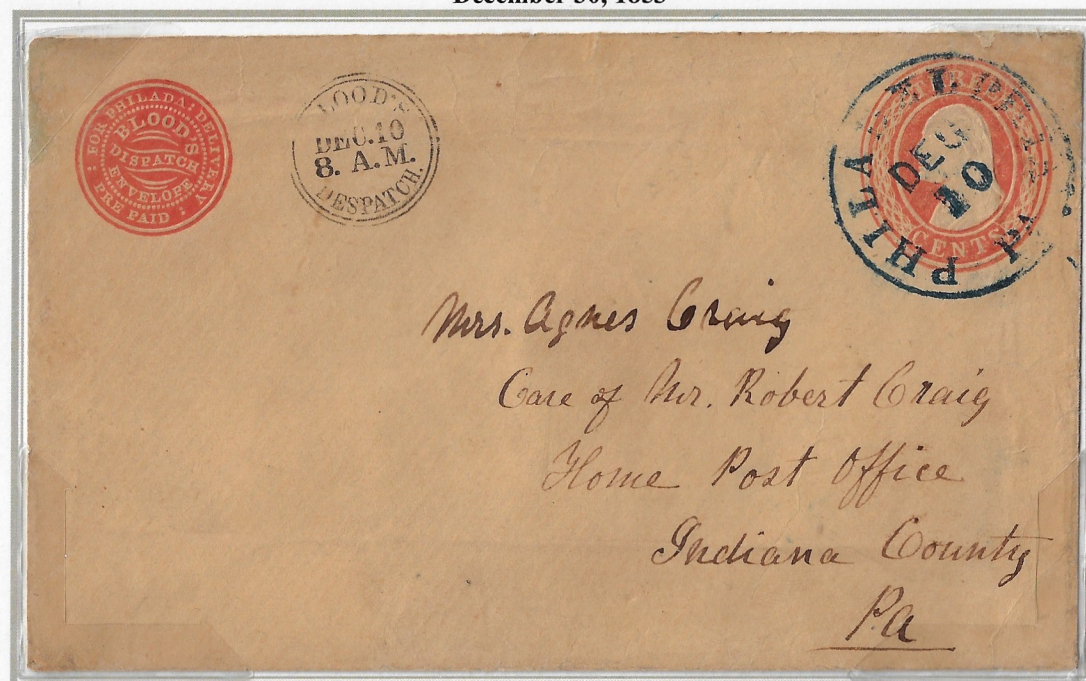
October 4, 1858



Blood's Handstamp Type 19 Phila octagonal datestamp ©
Blood's and government combined embossed postal stationery
Philadelphia to Lambertville, NJ 41 miles

TYPE III: PAID
Red on Buff Laid

Earliest Known Blood's Embossment on U.S. Postal Stationery
December 30, 1853



Blood's Handstamp Type 17 blue Phila cds cancel Philadelphia to Indiana, PA 277 miles ©

As a convenience for customers, Blood's purchased USPO stamped envelopes and imprinted the Blood's design top left corner. Since the USPO did not begin until mid 1853, **all combinations are Type III.**

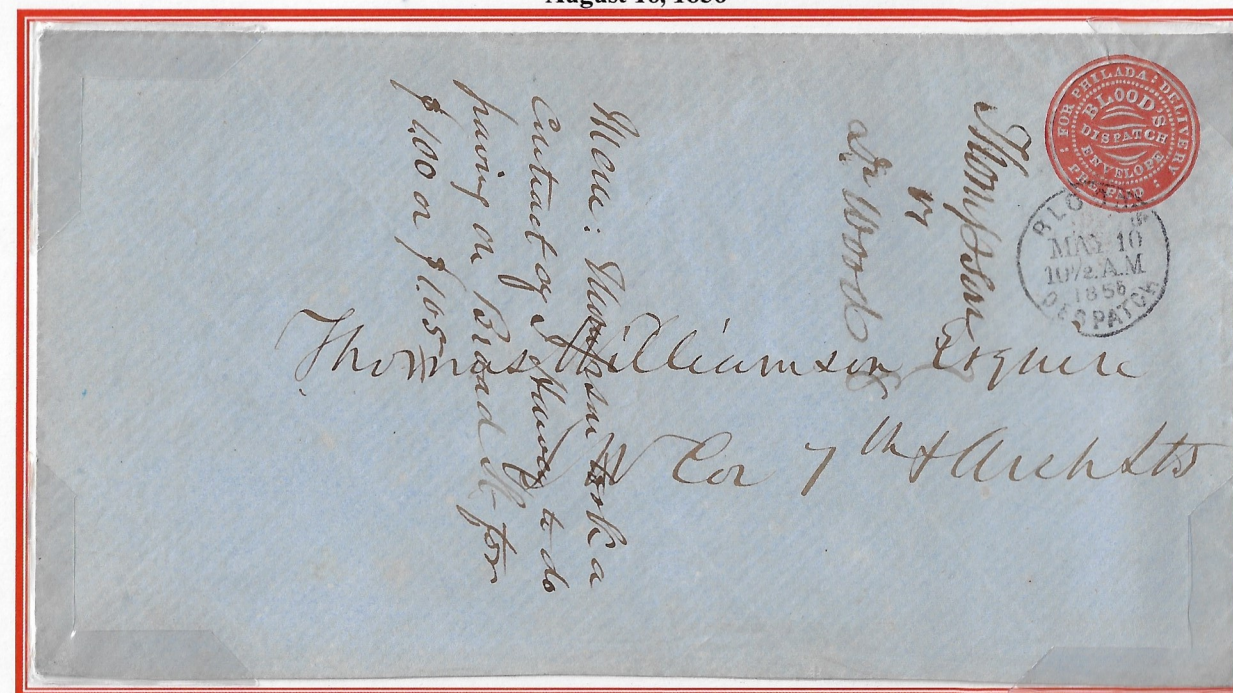
September 15, 1858



Blood's Handstamp Type 21 local address ©

TYPE III: PAID
Red on Blue Laid

Two Known Blood's Blue Postal Envelopes
August 10, 1856



Blood's Handstamp Type 19 cancel local address ©

TYPE III: PAID
Red on White Laid

1854 transitioned from **wove to laid paper**. When held up to light wove paper appears much like wove cloth, whereas laid paper has narrow parallel lines. Type I and II were all wove. Type III was both wove and laid paper. Only laid paper is known in all 3 colors: buff, white, blue.

November 6, 1854

Four Known Inbound to Blood's Office



3 cent 1853 general issue tied by Columbus, OH cds addressed to Blood's Dispatch office Columbus, OH to Philadelphia, PA 469 miles. ©



Blood's Handstamp Type 17 cancel Phila cds cancel Wilmington cds backstamp Philadelphia to Wilming- ©



Reduced 35%

BLOOD'S POSTAL ENVELOPE COMBINATIONS

One Known Albino with 10 Cent 1847 Postal Issue
November 5, 1850



uncancelled Blood's Handstamp Type 15 blue Phila 10 cent integral cds
Type I Philadelphia to Shelbyville, TN 678 miles



Type I Embossed
enlarged 25%

Colorless albino embossment with distinctive scroll may have been second precursor reduced to 19.5 mm.

One Known with Eagle Carrier Stamp



uncancelled Eagle carrier stamp, red star cancel 1 cent 1851 postal issue, red star cancel
Type III addressed to western Spring Garden District

Prepaid Blood's envelope to post office for carrier delivery to remote area of Spring Garden. Late 1851 carriers still preferred two cents.

One Known with 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue
May 13, 1850



2 bar grid cancel blue Phila integral 10 cent cds
two 5 cent 1847 postal issues, cancel tied by blue cds
Type I Philadelphia to Marietta, OH 424 miles

One Known Any Type Blood's Stamp
December 28, 1857



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 21
Type III manuscript "In Haste"
addressed to Spring Garden District

One Known Special Messenger



Type III local address

22 CENTS:
20 cents transcontinental
2 cents collect local address

BLOOD'S COLLECT 2 CENTS

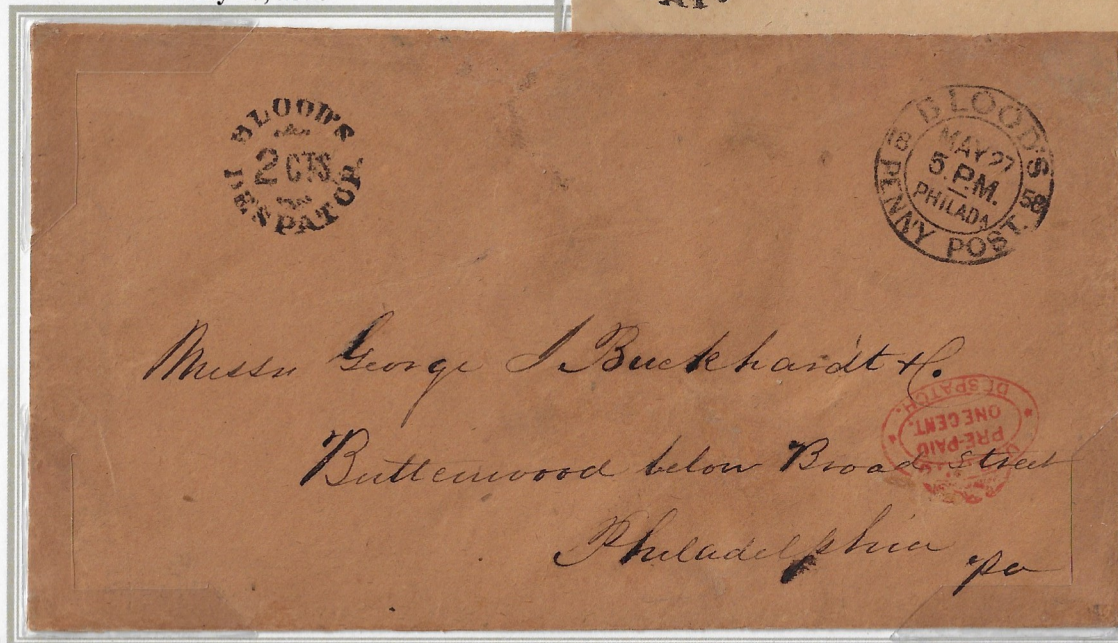
July 2, 1860



© May 14, 1858

Wells Fargo transcontinental given to Bloods Penny Post for local door delivery 2 cents collect. Wells Fargo obliged to pay government's rate over 3000 miles, 10 cents per ounce, per postal envelope: bottom example single; top double rate with additional postage by stamps.

One Known Spread Eagle Carrier Postal Envelope
All Types Blood's Stamp or Handstamp
May 27, 1858



Handstamp Type 20 is 18 mm for collect door service; known from November 4, 1852 until December 18, 1861.

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Type 20

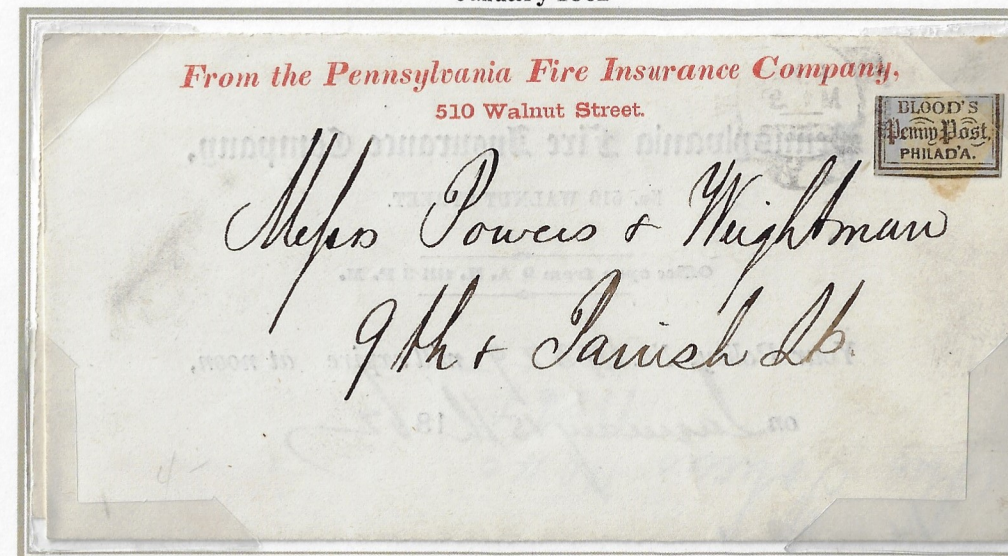


Red spread eagle double oval

Philadelphia Carrier Department late prepaid envelope mistakenly given to Blood's for 2 cents collect.

EPILOGUE

Insurance Policy Wrapper
January 1862



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 21 local address

US Government v Kochersberger & Co settled in US. Court of Eastern District of Pennsylvania late 1861 all streets in the city of Philadelphia "post routes" for government use only. Blood's **ceased Saturday January 11, 1862** and sold their mailboxes to the Philadelphia post office. Philadelphia's carrier department required payment with recent 1861 postal issue, and assumed all letter collection and delivery, **for double, like all other cities.**

Attempted Blood's Penny Post After Termination
July 23, 1862



© acid cancel tied no Blood's Handstamp US Penny Mail July 23 double octagon handstamp 1 cent 1861 postal issue tied by second US Penny Mail handstamp addressed to Kensington, PA