

Three Available Circulars

CIRCULAR.

SIR: Your attention is invited to the prompt, cheap and convenient method of conveying *Letters, Papers, and Small Parcels* to the Post-Office, and from one part of the City and Districts to another, (except Kensington and Spring Garden,) through the medium of

D. O. BLOOD & CO'S CITY DESPATCH.

By personal attention to the business, the proprietors mean to *deserve* the confidence of all who wish to make use of their facilities. Boxes are placed in careful hands in various parts of the city, from which three deliveries are made each day, at the low rate of 2 cents each letter.

City Letters may be pre-paid, or paid by the person to whom addressed.
All Letters for the Post-Office must be pre-paid.
Paid Stamps, at 2 cents each, may be had at most of the Box Stations.
Boxes in your immediate vicinity may be found at

Persons making constant use of the City Despatch, will find it convenient to have *Stamps always by them.* To such, a notice of the following prices of City and Post-Office Stamps (to be had at the Office, 48 South Third Street,) may be interesting:

CITY	STAMP.	POST-OFFICE	STAMP.
1 dozen, - - -	10 Cents.	3 stamps, - - -	5 Cents.
1 " - - -	20 "	6 " - - -	8 "
2 " - - -	35 "	1 dozen, - - -	12 "
4 " - - -	60 "	2 " - - -	20 "
6 " - - -	80 "	50 stamps, - - -	40 "
8 " - - -	\$1.00	100 " - - -	75 "

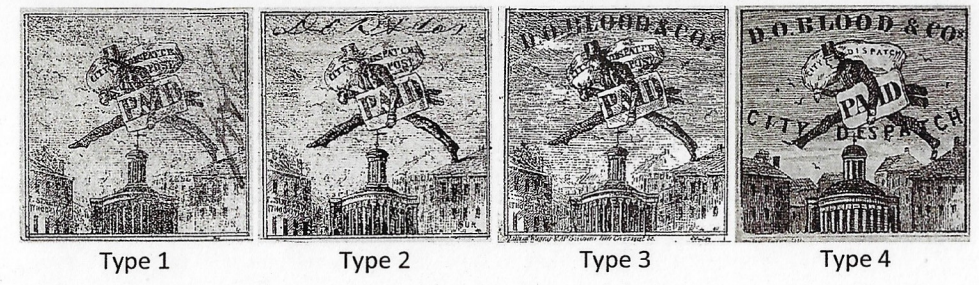
Funeral Notices, Circulars, Notices of Meetings, &c., (*in quantities*), delivered with promptness, at low rates.
N. B.—All of our Boxes have the name of D. O. Blood & Co. on them in large letters.

DANIEL O. BLOOD, }
WALTER H. BLOOD. }

D. O. BLOOD & CO.
Office, 48 South Third Street,
(Above the Girard Bank.)

Job Printing Office, Ledger Building, Phila.

Three Deliveries 7 & 10 A.M. & 2 1/2 P.M.



TYPE 2

June 30, 1845 Daniel Otis Blood purchased Philadelphia Despatch Post and remaining stamps. Provisional manuscript control marked **DOB&Co's.**, and created two types of delivery service. **"PAID"** stamps to thousands of city addresses by striding messenger. Outbound letters all to a single address: Third Street Philadelphia post office, Substantial volume discounts were offered. Many stores posted demonstration stamps and which were for sale.

7 CENTS :
2 cents to the post office
5 cents under 300 miles

Eighteen Known
September 16, 1845



uncancelled red New York integral 10 cent cds red PHILAD^A RAILROAD straightline Philadelphia to Boston, MA 304 miles

TYPE 2 - STRIDING MESSENGER "PAID"; VOLUME per YEAR				
NUMBER	1844	1845	1846	1847
20				
10				
TOTALS	0	14	0	0

Type 2 Striding Messenger stamps have been found on 18 covers, 14 are year specific second half 1845.

Philadelphia Post Office



The company moved several doors south on Third Street into the Girard Bank shown above and to the right of the post office. No Type 2 Striding Messenger unused stamps, proofs, or essays exist.

One Known to Baltimore
November 12, 1845



manuscript "W" cancel blue Phila cds tied blue numeral 5 in circle Philadelphia to Baltimore, MD 98 miles

5 CENTS :
3 cents local delivery
2 cents post office drop letter

TYPE 2

One Known Drop Letter
Latest Known Type 2
December 15, 1845



blue Phila cds tied blue numeral 2 in circle local address



During Fall 1845 Type 2 stamps with provisional manuscript name, at left, were replaced with Type 3 printed name **D.O.Blood&Co's**, shown at right.

TYPE 3

Unused Pane of 12



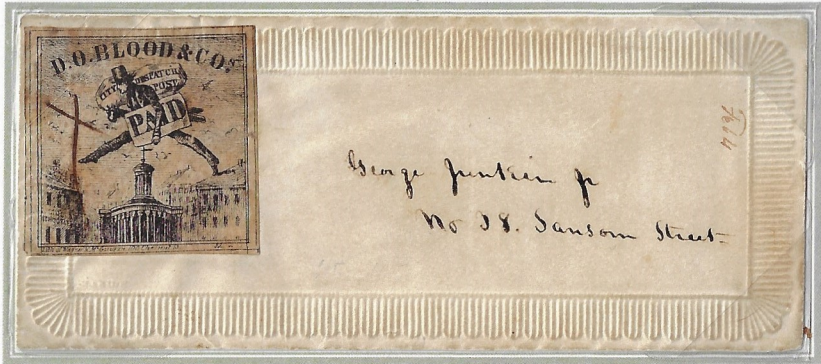
Only Type 3 is known in unused pane, all six from a single sheet. No proofs or essays are known.

Three Known City Letters
August 28, 1845

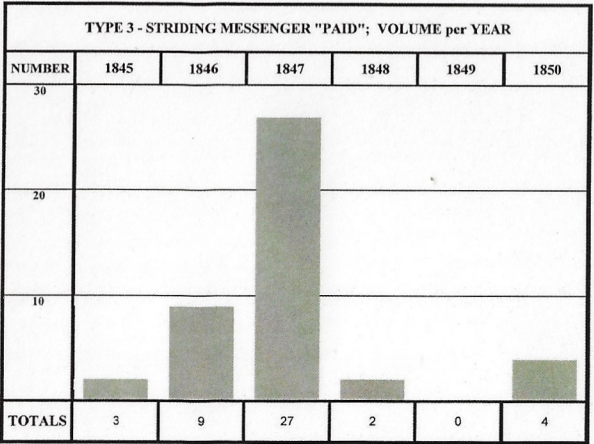


manuscript "X" cancel
local street address

One Known on Embossed Envelope
February 4, 1847



manuscript X cancel red double circle handstamp reverse
local address



Type 3 Striding Messenger found on 63 covers, 45 year specific. Peak year 1847.

TYPE 3

Four Known Red PAID Cancel
February 25, 1846

PAID
Type B

Handstamp Type B is 15 by 8 mm, known from February 19, 1845 until March 27, 1846,



red PAID cancel blue Phila cds blue numeral 5 in circle, twice addressed to Northern Liberties ©

One Known to Massachusetts
June 22, 1846



manuscript "X" cancel blue Phila integral 5 cents cds addressed to Massachusetts

Competitive pressure resulted in single stamp charge reduced from 3 to 2 cents by July 1, 1846.

Type 8 PAID Handstamps

Red Type 8



red Type 8 PAID handstamp local address

black Type 8 PAID handstamp local address green advertisement label

One Known Cancel by 2 Dots
May 4, 1847



two dots cancel local address

Handstamp Type 8 is 31 mm, "City Despatch" across top, but at bottom D.O.Blood & Co. Known from May 6, 1846 until December 27, 1847. PAID cash at Blood's office.

TYPE 3

Type 3 was **largest quantity**
and greatest number of years.

Type 9 Handstamp also 31 mm. Differs
from Type 8 center PAID replaced with "2
Cts" collect door delivery. Red is known
from July 1, 1846 until February 4, 1847.
Black used thereafter from March 14,
1847 until February 25, 1848.

manuscript X cancel
fancy enclosure
local delivery

One Known Type 9 with All Types Striding Messengers



undated manuscript X tied black handstamp Type 9



Type 9 red

1846



uncancelled red handstamp Type 9 local address



Miss M. Eber,
187 Chestnut St

TYPE 3 - OUTBOUND

8 CENTS:
3 cents to post office
5 cents to New York single

Second Earliest Known
October 13, 1845



dots cancel blue Phila cds blue Phila numeral 5 in circle Philadelphia to New York 94 miles

13 CENTS:
3 cents to post office
10 cents to New York double

New York
November 5, 1845



manuscript "W" cancel blue Phila cds tied blue numeral 10 in circle Philadelphia to New York, NY 94 miles ©

TYPE 3 - ADJACENT DISTRICTS

8 CENTS:
3 cents to post office
5 cents to Spring Garden

Spring Garden District
May 4, 1847

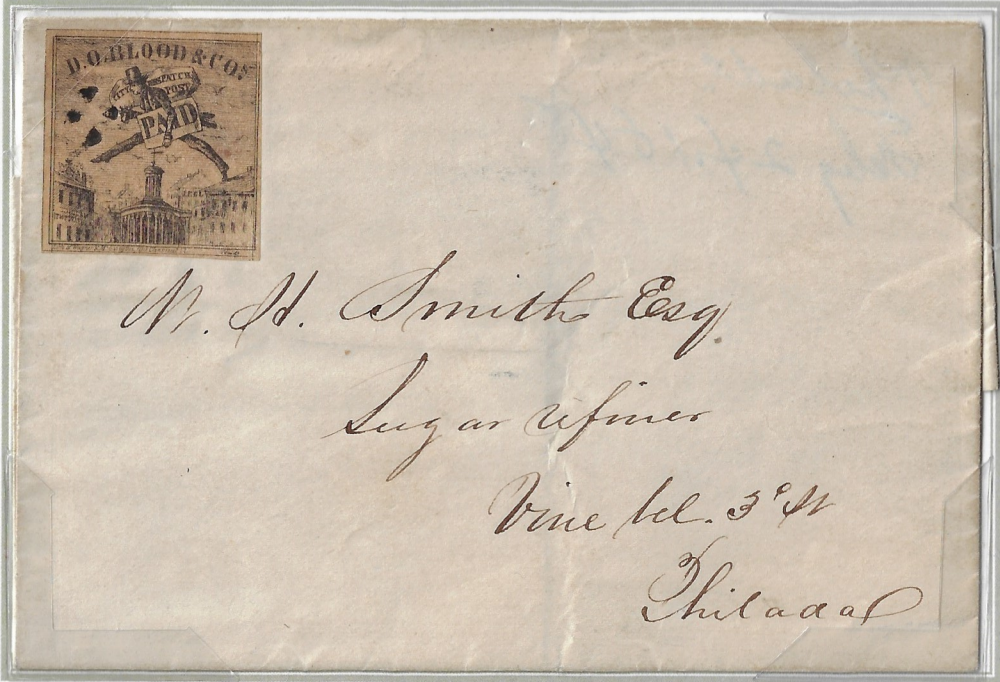


manuscript "X" cancel blue Phila integral 5 cents cds blue Phila cds local address ©

85% were local delivery. Since the Spring Garden District had a post office, Bloods service was inter-city mail **forbidden** per Act of 1845, and therefore given to post office which charged 5 cent delivery. Bottom right to Northern Liberties was allowed as they had no post office.

Northern Liberties District
February 24, 1848

3 CENTS:
3 cents local delivery



four dots cancel local address ©

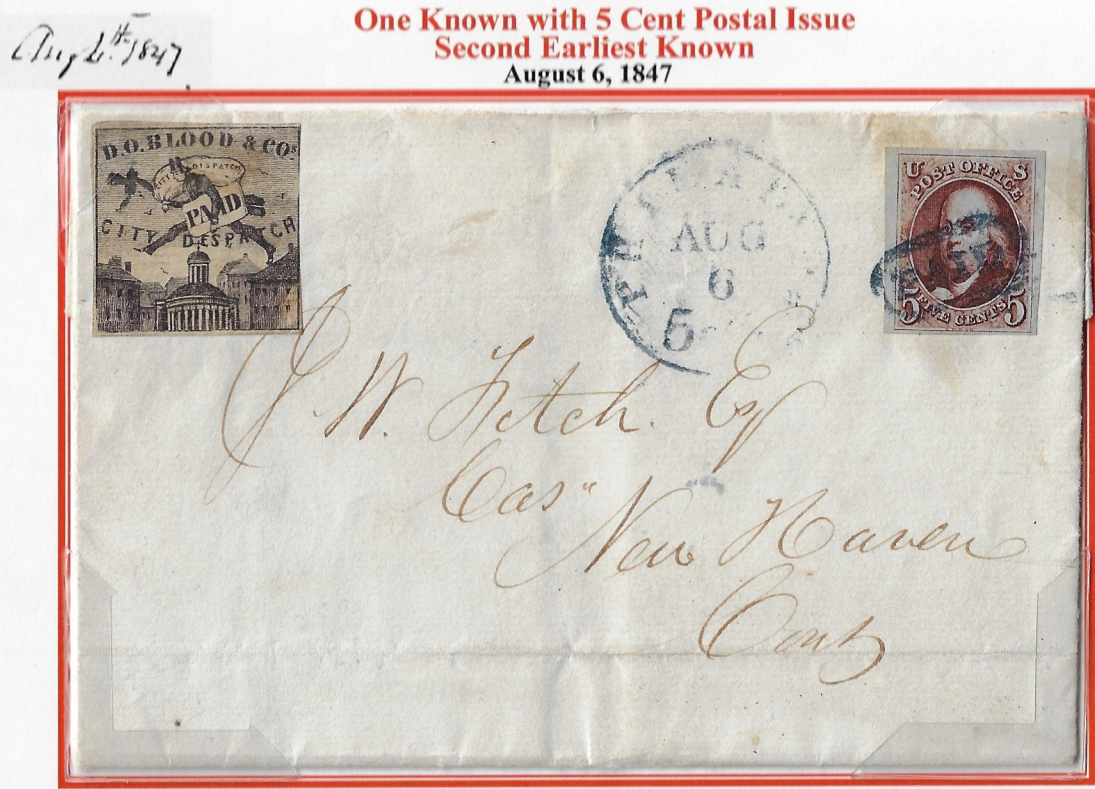
TYPE 4

ALL AMERICAN LOCAL POSTS EARLIEST KNOWN
with 1847 POSTAL ISSUE

ADVERTISING LABELS

One Known All Types from Daniel Blood-
Pink Advertising Label

D.O. Blood



One Known with 5 Cent Postal Issue
Second Earliest Known
August 6, 1847

1847 postal issues were appropriate with Blood's "post office" stamps, rather than "city" stamps. From four Types of Striding Messengers only 2 combinations are known. Type 4, at left the earliest Blood's of any type with 1847 postal issue. The later example is Type 3, shown on final page.



manuscript X cancel
two yellow labels
local address

By mid 1847 colorful labels promoted DO Bloods service, Found on one third of Type 4 striding messenger covers. Some display 2 labels.

Pink Advertising Label
November 19, 1847



manuscript X cancel pink label local address



2 Advertising Labels
November 20, 1847

TYPE 4 - STRIDING MESSENGER "PAID"; VOLUME per YEAR					
NUMBER	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
10					
TOTALS	0	12	6	1	0

Type 4 Striding Messenger stamps on 43 covers, only 19 are year specific. Greatest year 1847.

TYPE 4

Dec 8, 1847.

Earliest Known All Bloods Grid Cancelled

December 8, 1847

Type C large oval 7 bar grid cancel is known from December 8, 1847 until November 24, 1849.



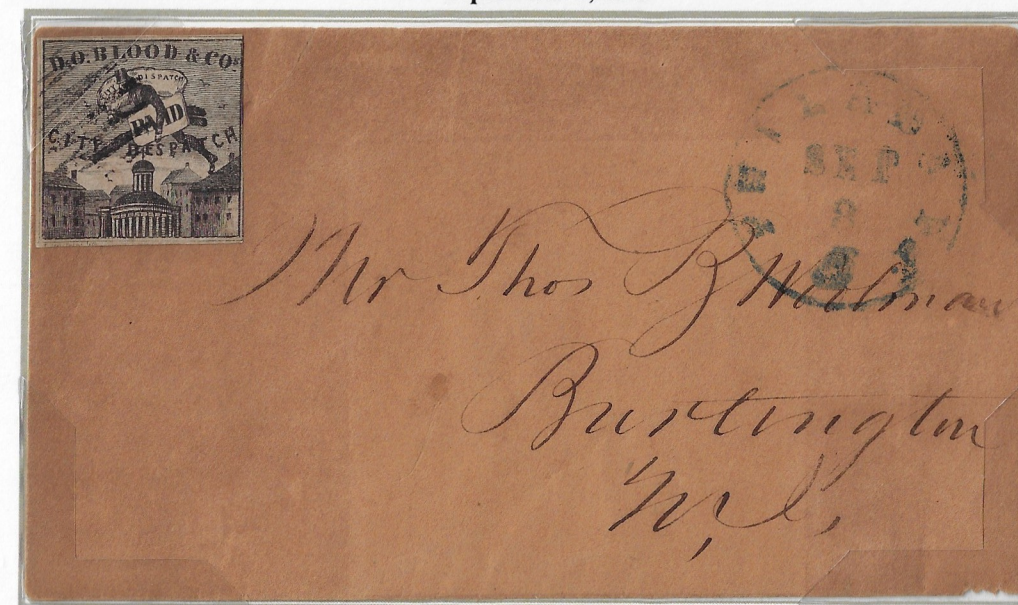
Type C



7 bar grid cancel blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to New York, NY 94 miles

Latest Known Type 4
Only One 1849 All Three Types

September 8, 1849



7 bar grid cancel, twice blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Burlington, NJ 21 miles

Dec 29, 1847

One Known All Bloods Cancelled by Type 12 Handstamp

Earliest Known Type 12 Handstamp

December 29, 1847

Type 12 double circle 25 mm without stars handstamp is known from December 29, 1847 until July 12, 1848.

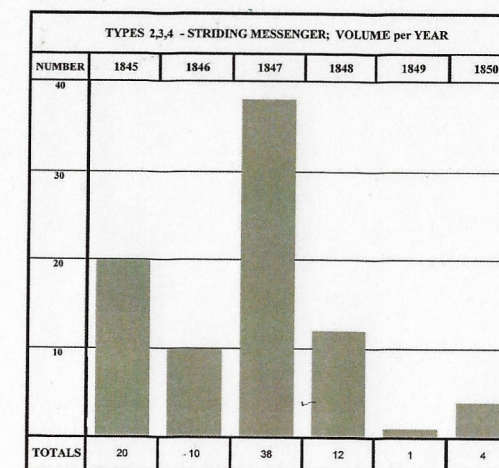


Type 12



Blood's Despatch cancel blue Phila integral 5 cent cds addressed to New York

By late December 1847 new handstamp markings appeared. Earliest known Type C and Type 12 are at left. Both examples are the only known Striding Messengers of any Type so cancelled,



Total Striding Messenger covers is 127, 85 year specific. Greatest collective incidence had been 1847.

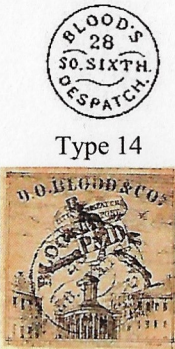
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One Known with 5 Cent Postal Issue
August 24, 1850

1850 LATE SERVICE

A cluster of 4 very late outliers in 1850, all on this page, each Type 3 stamps. December 7, 1850 is the latest known date certain Striding Messenger any Type. Pamphlet at right was year dated. DO Blood & Co prepaid stamps were serviced by successor Blood's Despatch confirming continuity of service for previous company stamps.

Blood's moved to 28 South Sixth Street May 1848 across from Independence Hall. Blood's Despatch Handstamp Type 14 is 19 mm, known from April 13, 1849 until March 23, 1850.



Type 14



manuscript cancel 5 cent 1847 issue tied by blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Pikesville, MD 108 miles

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Latest Known Date Certain Striding Messenger All 4 Types
December 7, 1850



Type 3 single dot cancel local address

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Feb 28th / 50

One Known to Mississippi
March 1, 1850

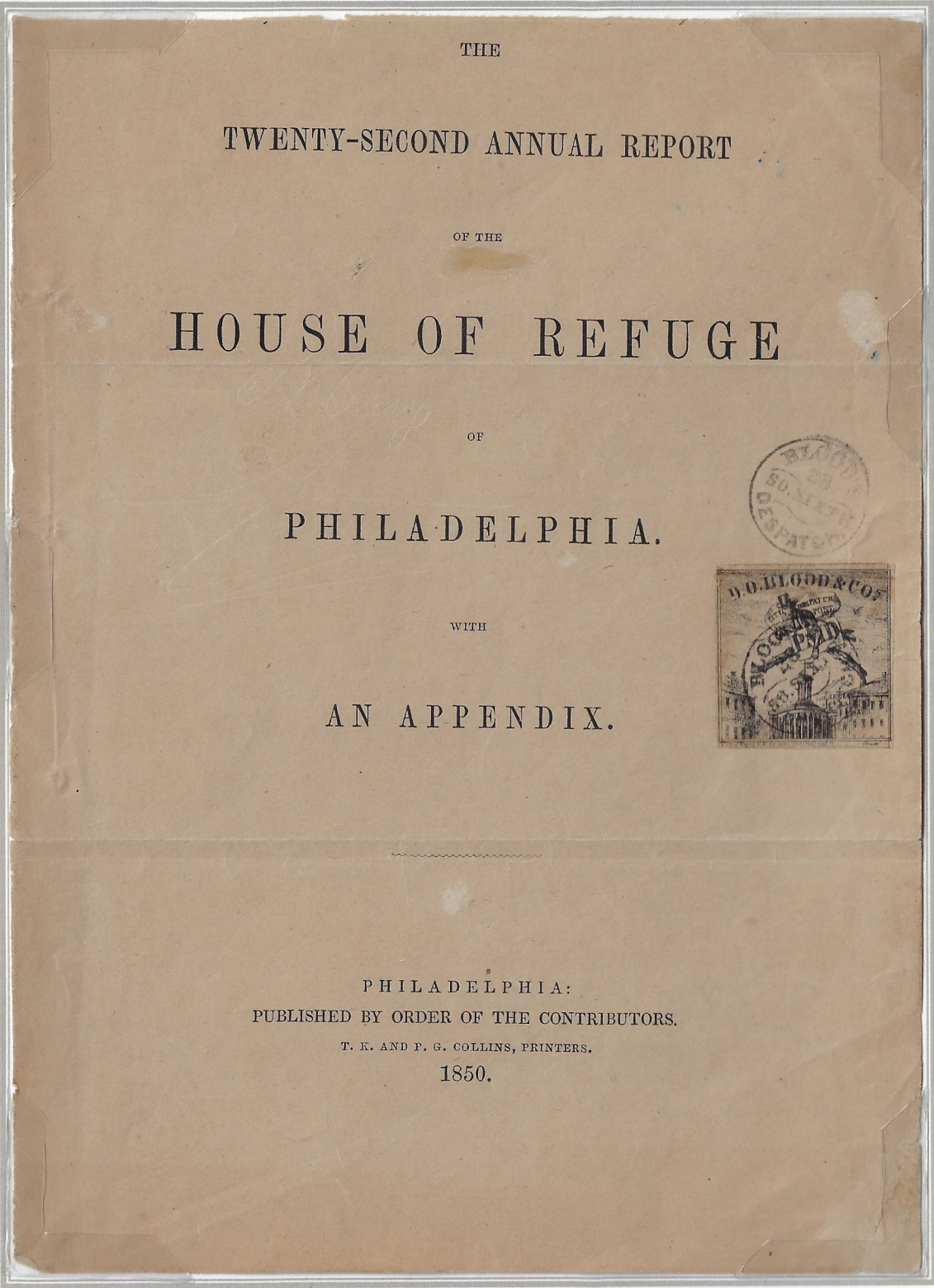


manuscript "X" cancel blue Phila integral 10 cents cds Philadelphia to Natchez, MS 1,224 miles

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D.O. BLOOD & CO.; Striding Messenger "PAID"						
Year	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
Type 2						
Type 3						
Type 4						

One Known Type 14 Handstamp Cancel All 4 Types
One Known Pamphlet All 4 Types
1850



Handstamp Type 14 cancel second Type 14 auxiliary marking House of Refuge twenty second annual report pamphlet

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