

## WORLD'S FIRST SPECIAL PURPOSE STAMP

## One Known Unused



Type 1 Stamp

### TYPE 1

“For the Post Office” letters were all delivered to one address, the nearby old city post office. Less labor allowed greater volume discounts without delivering to thousand of street locations. The vast majority were **outbound letters**.

PAID

Very late Type B not known  
after March 27, 1846.

**Latest Known Three Cent Fee  
One Known to Vermont  
May 19, 1846**

13 CENTS:  
3 cents to post office  
10 cents to Vermont



Single stamp charge reduced from **3 to 2 cents July 1, 1846.** The latest known 3 cent fee at left.

blue Philadelphia cds  
blue numeral 5 in circle  
Philadelphia to Baltimore  
98 miles

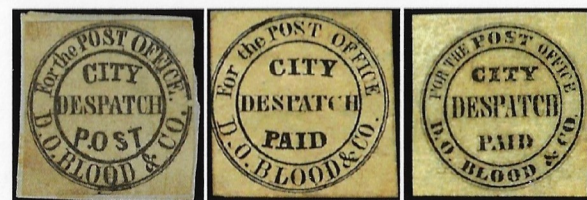
Two of known cut octagonal stamps, reminiscent of 1843; one cancelled, one uncanceled.

October 25, 1846

**Cut Octagon**  
November 30, 1846



blue Phila 5 integral  
rate 1 cds  
Philadelphia to Pottsville  
97 miles



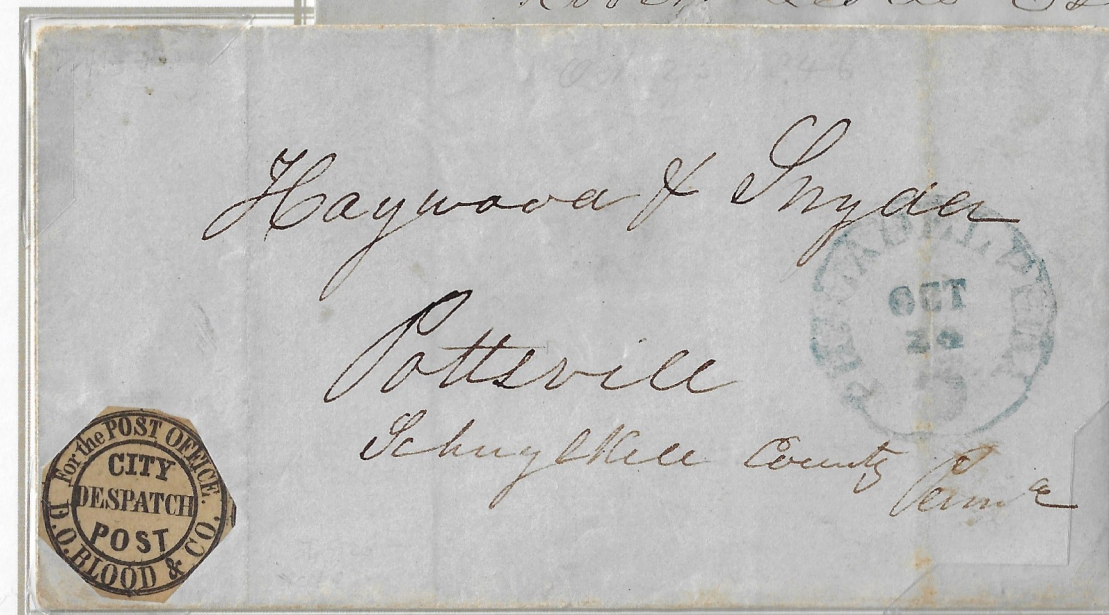
Type 1

Type 2

Type 3

TYPE 1 - FOR the POST OFFICE; VOLUME per YEAR					
NUMBER	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849
20					
10					
TOTALS	0	24	2	0	1

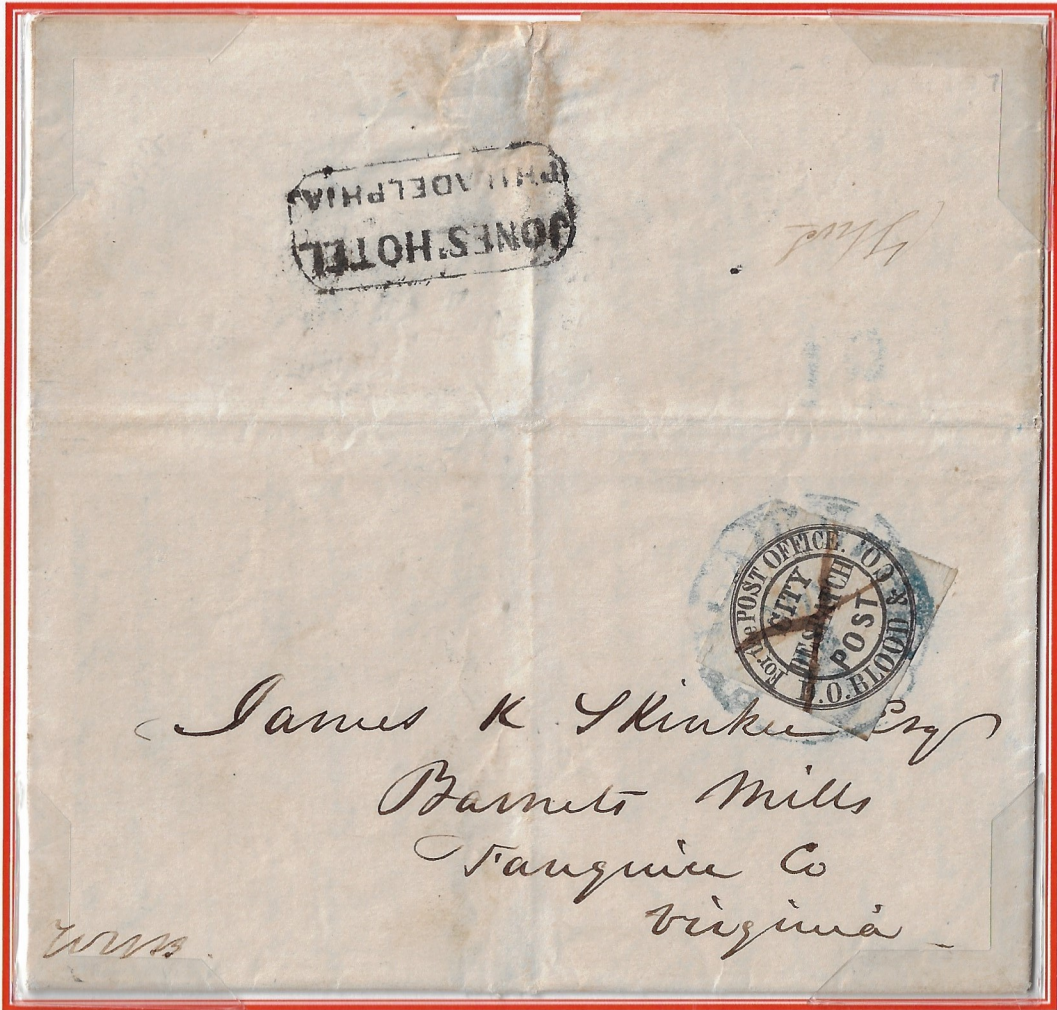
Total known 28 on cover with 27 year specific. The great **majority 1846**. Only one unused stamp known.





7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Virginia

One Known Hotel Cover  
October 17, 1846



Like predecessor Philadelphia  
Despatch Post, DO Blood  
serviced city hotels.



manuscript X cancel  
blue Phila cds tied  
Jones Hotel origin  
Philadelphia to  
Fauquier Co, Virginia  
182 miles

TYPE 1

Two Known Wrappers  
May 5, 1846



blue Philadelphia cds attached numeral 10 Philadelphia to Boston 307 miles

Latest Known  
October 1, 1849



blue Phila integral 5 cent cds manuscript free Philadelphia to Washington DC 136 miles

2 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
FREE to Washington DC

Two FREE to Washington DC  
July 14, 1846



blue Phila cds blue FREE in oval Philadelphia to Washington DC 136 miles

Blood's office was 100 yards  
to Philadelphia's post office.



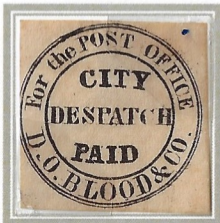
Dec 23 1846

Earliest Known  
December 23, 1846



manuscript X cancel blue Phila 5 integral rate cds  
Philadelphia to Baltimore 98 miles

TYPE 2



Unused Type 2

Second printing "FOR THE POST OFFICE" replaced "POST" in center with "PAID." Blood's letters crossed the Mississippi and Atlantic Ocean. At right is the earliest known cover with any type of Blood's stamp to Europe.



July 27 1847

Earliest Known Transatlantic All American Local Posts  
July 27, 1847



uncancelled, tied twice by blue Phila integral 10 cent cds blue PAID in oval Liverpool cds  
Manchester cds addressed to Manchester, England

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to West Chester, PA

Second Earliest Known  
January 1, 1847



manuscript X cancel blue Phila integral 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to West Chester, PA 25 miles

Cut to Shape  
May 24, 1847



uncancelled blue Phila integral 10 cent cds tied Philadelphia to Erie, PA 421 miles

TYPE 2 - FOR THE POST OFFICE; VOLUME per YEAR					
NUMBER	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
30					
20					
10					
TOTALS	1	37	1	0	0

62 Type 2 stamps on cover identified;  
39 year specific. Peak year clearly 1847.



7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Baltimore

Second Earliest Known with 1847 Postal Issue All 3 Types  
October 24, 1847



© uncancelled 5 cent 1847 stamp tied by blue PAID in oval blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Baltimore, MD 98 miles

TYPE 2

Two Known to Philadelphia County  
October 14, 1847



cut octagon tied by blue Phila integral rate cds Philadelphia to Germantown, PA 5 miles ©

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Germantown

Earliest known all 3 Types with 1847 postal issue was the same month on October 15, 1847.

Second Earliest to Cross Mississippi River All Bloods Stamp Types  
One Known "PAID in Oval" Tied  
April 24, 1847



Earliest Bloods to St. Louis was to same addressee earlier same month on April 5, 1847.

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Albany

One Known to Albany  
June 7, 1847



© uncancelled blue NY & Phila RR cds blue numeral 5 in circle Philadelphia to Albany 228 miles

Favor Bag to New York  
August 21, 1847



red New York cds red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD Philadelphia to Boston 307 miles ©

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Boston



One Known City Delivery  
December 18, 1847

Intended for "post office" delivery this example delivered to street address.  
Type 8 handstamp final month of service;  
latest example December 27, 1847



Type 8  
Handstamp

Type 8 Handstamp  
local address  
advertising label

One Known Multiple  
February 17, 1847



Letters sealed with Blood's labels, at top; or rarely with Blood's stamps, bottom. Both torn open. Payment handstamp confirmed. Ad labels were not useful on outbound letters, only 3 known.

Type 8 Handstamp  
blue Phila integral 5  
cents cds  
blue PAID in lozenge  
Philadelphia to Mount  
Holly, NJ 22 miles.



7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to PA



*Doc. J. Walker*  
*Spread Eagle*  
*Post Office*  
*PA*

ADDRESSED TO SPREAD EAGLE, PA  
February 13, 1847 or 1848



reduced 25% uncanceled, tied by blue Phila integral 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Spread Eagle, PA 18 miles



*You'll say 'tis a very fine thing, I suppose,  
To sit unmolested and warming your toes;  
No care in your pate & no wife at your back  
To stun you from morning to night with her clack;  
With your snuff and Cigar and your tumbler of grog,  
Your tortoiseshell Cat and your spaniel Dog;  
What else can afford any pleasure in life?  
I'll tell you - a smart little sensible wife;  
Her beauty and graces will gladden your sight,  
Her presence afford you a constant delight,  
So do get a wife, and get settled I pray  
Before the return of next Valentine's day.*



## TYPE 3



Unused Stamp

12 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
10 cents to Canada

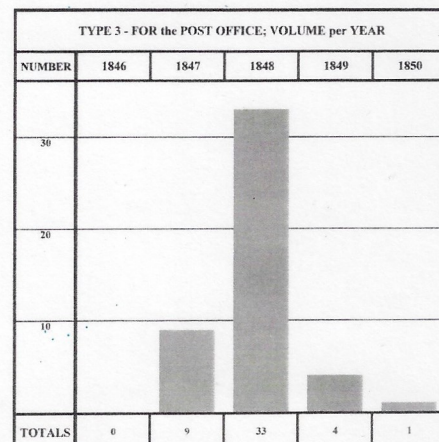
**Three Known with 10c 1847 Postal Issue**  
March 9, 1848



Backstamp

uncancelled tied by blue Phila integral 10 cent cds  
10 cent 1847 cancel tied by second blue Phila integral 10 cent cds  
Montreal backstamp Philadelphia to Montreal Canada 458 miles

Third "FOR THE POST OFFICE" 67 examples includes 14 with 1847 postal issue, only 3 with 10 cent stamp. Appropriate combinations were on out-



Type 3 identified on 67 covers, 47 year specific. The majority 1848.



TYPE 3

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to New Jersey

Earliest Known  
April 16, 1847



© uncancelled, tied by manuscript blue Phila integral 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Somerville, NJ 42 miles

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Pennsylvania

March 22, 1848



© uncancelled, smudge tied 5 cent 1847 stamp tied by blue Phila cds.  
manuscript "Paid 5" Philadelphia to New Holland, PA 61 miles

One Known FREE to President All American Local Posts  
January 7, 1848



uncancelled, tied by blue PAID blue Phila integral 5 cent cds two blue FREE in oval  
FREE FRANK Philadelphia to Washington DC 136 miles

FREE intercity government mail to President Polk.

2 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
FREE FRANK US President

One Known with Numeral 5 in Circle  
December 7, 1847



© uncancelled, tied by numeral 5 in circle New York & Phila RR cds  
Philadelphia to New York 93 miles

Two 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue  
July 21, 1848



© uncancelled two 5 cent 1847 stamps, each tied by blue Phila integral 10 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Montreal, Canada 458 miles

12 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
10 cents to Canada

Of 67 covers only 21 with stamp  
tied; one by numeral handstamp.



Favor Bag to New York  
February 10, 1848

12 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
10 cents to Boston



red New York integral  
10 cents cds  
red PHIL<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD  
straightline  
Philadelphia to Boston  
307 miles

One Known with PAID in Box  
June 23, 1848



uncancelled, tied  
by blue RR cds  
blue PAID in box  
Philadelphia to  
Pittsfield, MA  
254 miles

Three Known "Way 5"  
April 11, 1848



uncancelled, tied by  
manuscript "Way 5"  
blue Baltimore cds  
Philadelphia to Hancock,  
MD 199 miles

TYPE 3

Latest date certain D.O.Blood & Co.  
"Post Office" stamp was April 3, 1850.  
Service by successor Blood's Despatch  
confirms continuity of company's  
acceptance of previously sold stamps.

DOBlood delivered to Philadelphia carrier  
department which also charged 2 cents.

Late 1840's was a 2 cent market for  
all local service similar to other large  
cities. Below confirms Philadelphia  
carrier department 2 cent rate.



Carrier numeral 2  
In double circle

One Known to Northern Liberties District



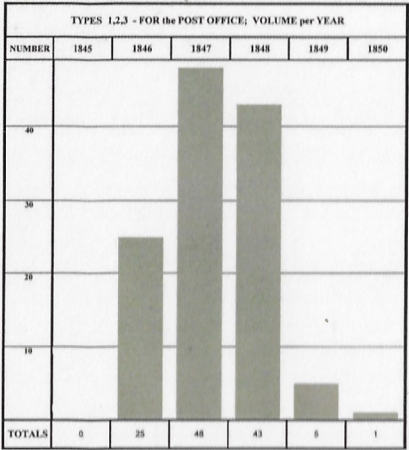
Latest Known All Three Types  
April 3, 1850

April 22 1850



uncancelled, blue Phila cds tied red Reading, PA cds  
Philadelphia to Easton, PA 71 miles

4 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
2 cents Northern Liberties District



Railroad agents accepted  
letters from D.O.Blood &  
Co. Heading north, two at  
top, and south at right,  
entered the mails at New  
York and Baltimore, per  
circular datestamps.

Three Types "For the Post Office"  
total 157 covers; 122 are year specific.  
1847 slightly greater than 1848. Late  
outliers serviced by Blood's Despatch.

D.O. BLOOD & CO.; For the Post Office						
Year	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
Type 1						
Type 2						
Type 3						