

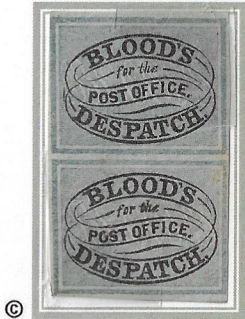
One Known
Double Transfer



Unused Single



One Known
Unused Multiple



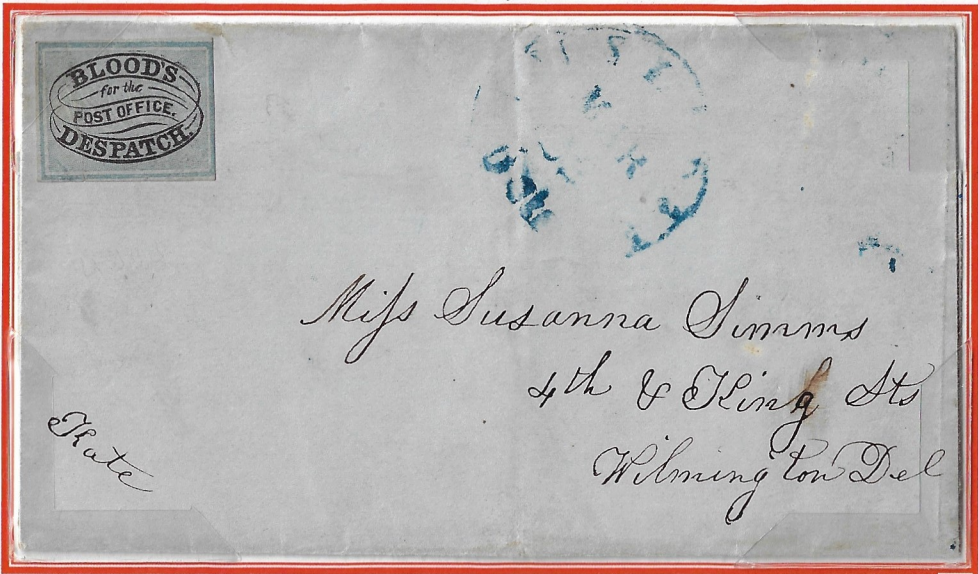
BLUE POST OFFICE

Blood's Despatch first appeared on handstamp Type 12 December 29, 1847, shown at end of Frame 2. The new name appeared on the next 5 stamps. Walter Blood departed and Charles Kochersperger joined. On May 25, 1848 the new company moved to 28 So 6th Street.

Public Ledger May 25, 1848

THE BUSINESS of BLOOD'S DESPATCH has increased to such extent that it has been found necessary to remove from Third street to a more central position and convenient Office, at 28 South SIXTH Street, above Chestnut. my25-t My13:r

Earliest Known All Five Types
March 22, 1848



uncancelled blue Philadelphia integral 5 cent cds
Philadelphia to Wilmington, DE 29 miles

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

Third Earliest Known
May 23, 1848



uncancelled blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Somerville, NJ 42 miles

Tied by Philadelphia CDS
August 24, 1848



uncancelled blue Philadelphia integral 5 cent cds tied
Philadelphia to Hancock, MD 199 miles

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

BLUE "POST OFFICE" - VOLUME per YEAR				
NUMBER	1847	1848	1849	1850
30				
20				
10				
TOTALS	0	28	6	0

Blue "For the Post Office" identified on 37 covers, of which 34 are year specific, great majority 1848. All were outbound.

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

Combination with 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue
One Known both Stamps Tied
September 5, 1848



7 bar grid cancel tied 5 cent 1847 cancel tied by blue Phila integral 5 cent cds tied
Philadelphia to Baltimore, MD 98 miles

New company name
BLOOD'S DESPATCH
in 1848 warranted new
types of handstamps.

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

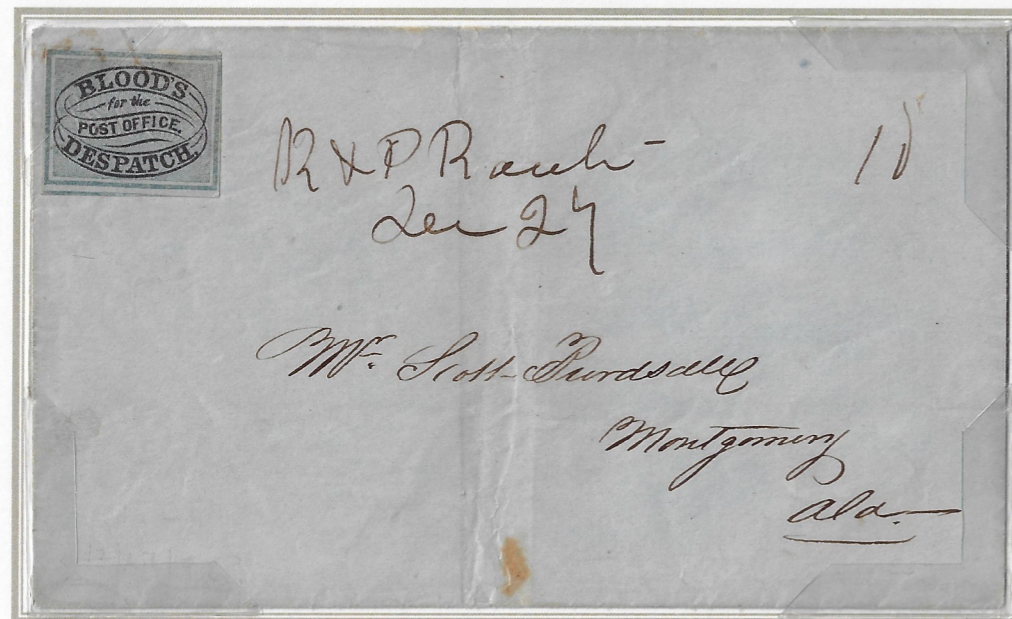
Blood's Despatch "PAID" Handstamp
March 19, 1848



vertical pair 5 cent 1847 postal issue tied by blue Phila integral 10 rate cds
Blood's Despatch double circl handstamp manuscript "Paid 10 cts"
Philadelphia to St. Louis, MO 887 miles

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

One Known to Alabama
December 27, 1848



7 bar grid cancel tied manuscript 10 rate
Philadelphia to Montgomery, AL 936 miles

Blood's Despatch reached Missouri, and
for the **first time Alabama and Texas.**

One Known All 5 Types from Europe
One Known to Texas
September 23, 1848

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



uncancelled blue Phila integral rate cds manuscript 10 rate
Philadelphia to New Braunfels, TX 1,716 miles

7 CENTS:
2 cents to rail road
5 cents to Rhode Island

One Known with 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue
Both Tied by Red "RR" Handstamp



cancelled by red PHILAD^A RAILROAD straightline handstamp 5 cent 1847 tied by same
Philadelphia to Pawtucket, RI 276 miles ©

7 CENTS:
2 cents to rail road
5 cents to Rhode Island

Two Known to Rhode Island
September 8, 1848



red PHILAD^A RAILROAD straightline handstamp matching red New York integral 5 cent cds
Philadelphia to Providence, RI 272 miles ©

RAILROAD AGENT

PHILADA RAIL ROAD

Route agents on railroads would accept letters from Bloods in "open bags." Postal markings were not applied until accepted by a post office. New York was entry into the "Mails" for trains headed north to New England. Red Philadelphia Railroad straight line was applied in New York. Two of 3 known are displayed; one with 1847 postal issue.

Late trains south from Philadelphia would soon enter the "Mails" in Wilmington, Delaware, as below right, with faint blue Wilmington cds on reverse.



Wilmington, DE cds

Two Know Type 15 Handstamp with
10 Cent Postal Issue
January 11, 1850



Type 15 Bloods Despatch handstamp red New York cds red NY grid in circle
10 cent 1847 postal issue cancel tied by red PHILADELPHI^A RAILROAD straightline handstamp
manuscript "Paid" Philadelphia to Boston 307 miles ©

7 CENTS:
2 cents to rail road
5 cents to Delaware

Second Earliest Known
May 3, 1848



4 bar grid cancel Wilmington backstamp cds
Philadelphia to Wilmington, DE of 29 miles. ©

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

Earliest Known Acid Cancel All Blood's Types
One Known with Advertising Label
January 21, 1849



1849

Only 6 examples are known from 1849, half on this page. Latest is a far outlier by 8 months.

Acid cancel appeared early 1849, soon became Blood's standard. Acid permanent discoloration prevented reuse in Philadelphia, and discolored the cover, useful today to philatelists "tied" to cover. Advertising labels were not very useful on letters destined for other cities. Only one known outbound with label, at left.

acid cancel tied
blue Phila integral 5 cents cds tied
blue advertising label
Philadelphia to Orwigsburg, PA 87 miles

Second Latest Known
March 23, 1849



4 bar cancel times 3 blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Rahway, NJ 71

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

Latest Known
November 14, 1849



uncancelled blue Phila integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to New York 96 miles

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

12 CENTS:
2 cents to post office
10 cents for double to New Jersey

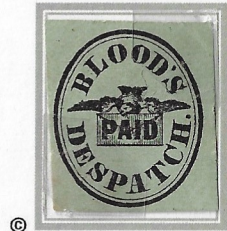
One Known with 10 Cent Postal Issue
October 2, 1848



uncancelled 10 cent 1847 postal issue tied by blue Phila integral rate cds
Philadelphia to Mount Holly, NJ 22 miles

©

One Know Unused



Two Known with 1847 Postal Issue



Two of 45 have an 1847 postal issue: one with two 5 cent stamps, above; another single 5 cent not seen in 40 years.

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

Earliest Known
April 7, 1848



4 bar grid cancel red New York integral rate cds
matching red PHILAD^A RAILROAD straightline handstamp
Philadelphia to Boston 307 miles

GREEN PAID

Green PAID stamps replaced earlier Striding Messengers for more expensive delivery to thousands of city doors. Nine of 45, however, were outbound easily taken to the post office, shown at left. Aggressive volume discounts left little cost difference between post office delivery verses thousands of local addresses.

Green city stamps showed a 98% cancel rate, only 25% tied to cover.

2 CENTS:
2 cents local address

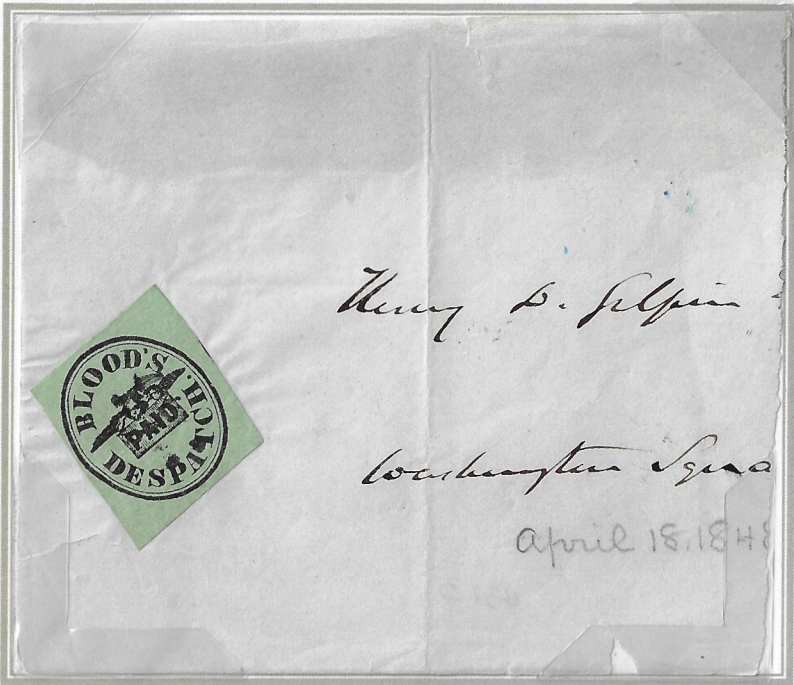
Inbound from Cape May, NJ
August 1848



5 bar grid cancel local address

Second Earliest Known
April 18, 1848

2 CENTS:
2 cents local address



non contemporaneous pencil date local address

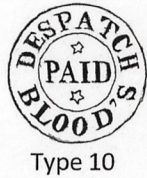
GREEN "PAID" - VOLUME per YEAR				
NUMBER	1847	1848	1849	1850
20				
10				
TOTALS	0	17	4	0

Pale Green "City Stamps" identified on 46, 21 year specific, the majority 1848.

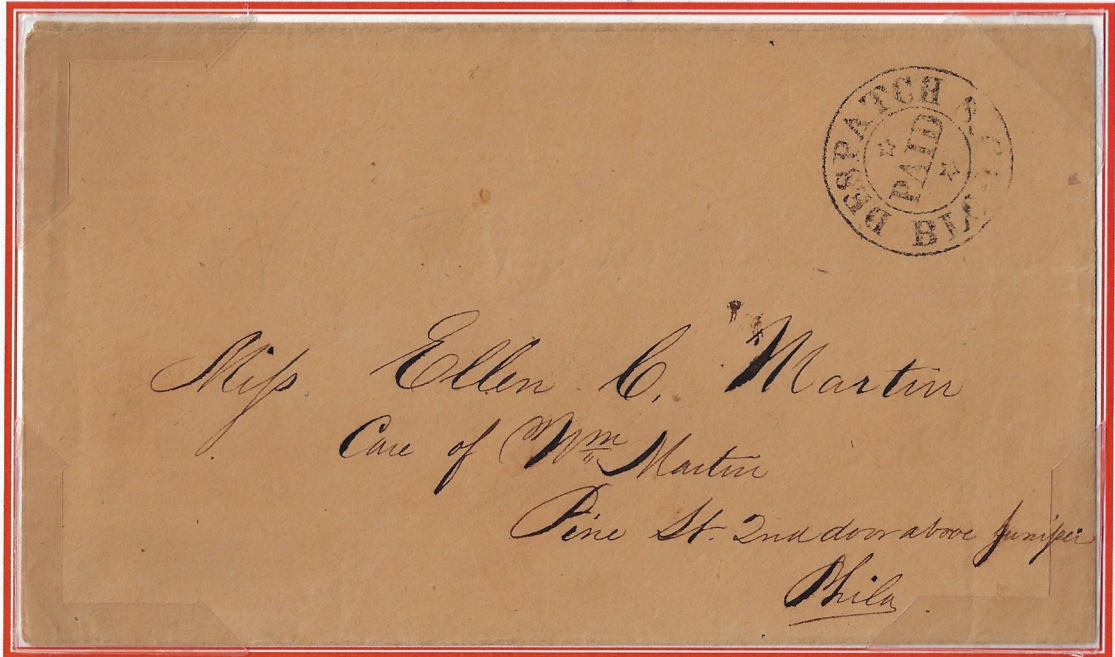
HANDSTAMP EVOLUTION

Type	Size	Image	Stars	Company Name
Type 9	DC-31		Yes	CITY DESPATCH
Type 10	DC-25		Yes	DESPATCH / BLOOD'S
Type 11	DC-25		Yes	DESPATCH / BLOOD'S
Type 12	DC-25		No	BLOOD'S DESPATCH
Type 13	DC-25		No	BLOOD'S DESPATCH

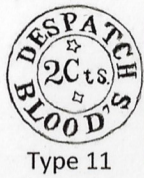
Type 9 was modified by Bloods Despatch into smaller double circle, but retained two stars: "Despatch" above Type 10 and 11. Modified to Despatch below with no stars Type 12 and 13.



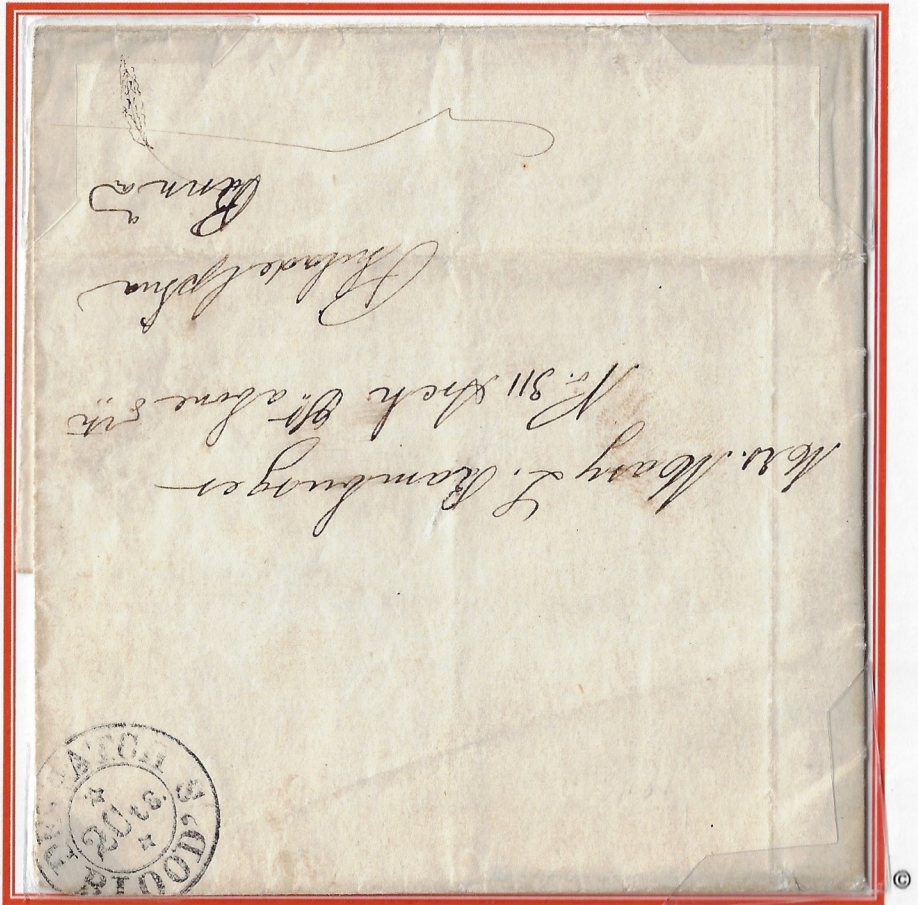
Only One Known Type 10 "DESPATCH BLOOD'S" Handstamp



Type 12 & 13 Blood's Despatch Handstamp



Only One Known Type 11 "DESPATCH BLOOD'S" Handstamp



DISTRICTS

2 CENTS:
2 cents local address

Two Known to Northern Liberties



4 bar grid cancel tied three times mourning cover local address ©



Along the Delaware River, north of the old city was **Northern Liberties** District, south **Southwark**. Along the Schuylkill River, north of the old city **Spring Garden District**; south **Moyamensing**.

3 Known to Southwark District



5 bar cancel pink advertisement label local address ©

TYPE C CANCEL

Cancel applied to stamp to prevent reuse, and not placed on cover.

TYPE D CANCEL

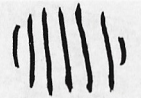
2 CENTS:
2 cents local address

3 Known Cut to Shape



cut to shape, 7 bar cancel manuscript PAID local address

Type C seven bar marking known for two years from December 8, 1847 until November 29, 1849 solely as cancel, not as dated handstamp on the cover.



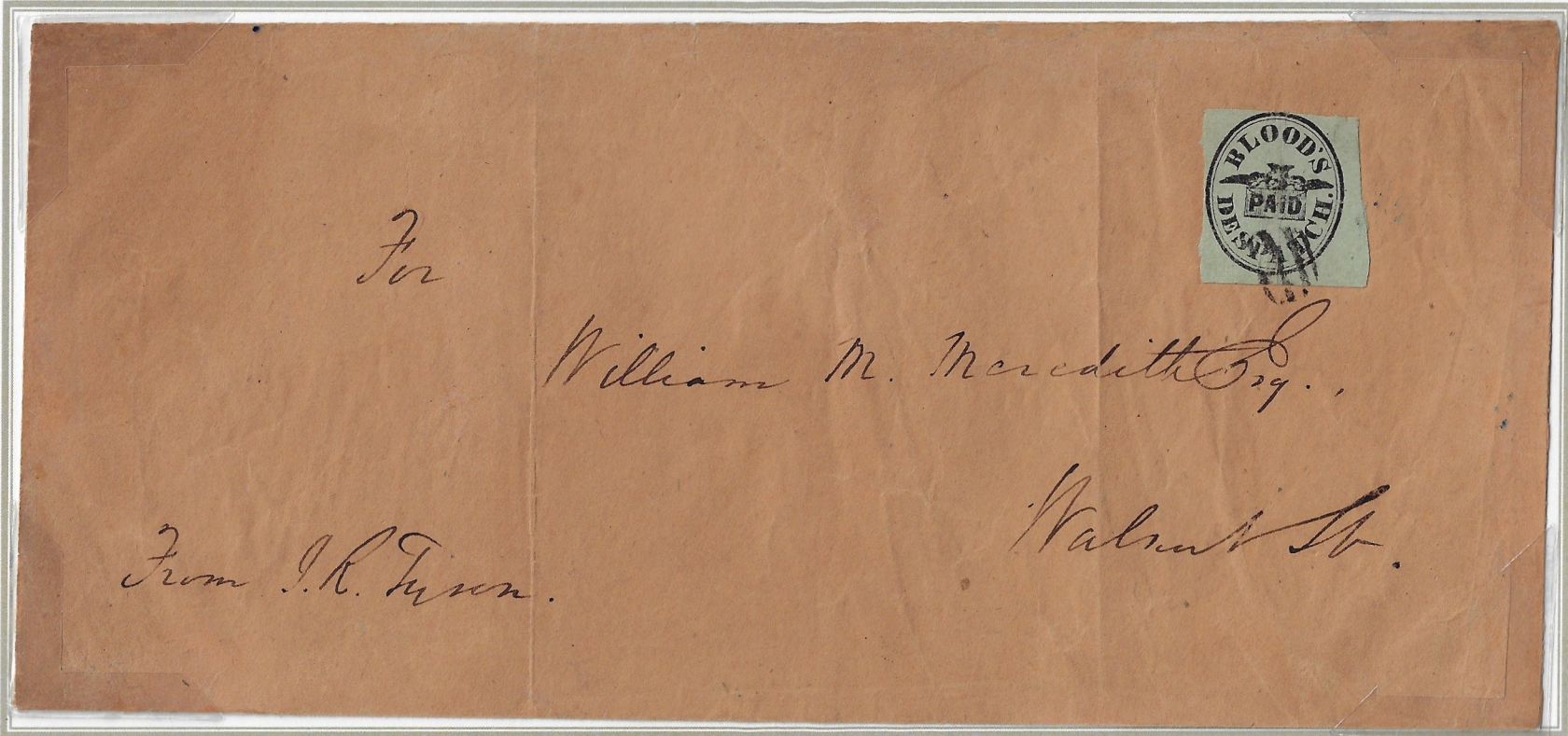
Type C Cancel



7 bar grid cancel local address

Secretary of Treasury Meredith

2 CENTS:
2 cents local delivery



4 bar grid cancel tied green label on reverse local address

William Meredith was president of the Philadelphia City Council for 15 years before Secretary of the Treasury for President Zachary Taylor March 8, 1849. Large legal size envelopes single stamp not double charge. One of 5 known tied by 4 bar cancel



Type D four bar marking known for 15 months from April 28, 1848 until July 24, 1849 solely as cancel, not as dated handstamp on the cover.

Milliners, Mantuamakers, &c., send patterns, silk, braid, and all their small articles, thro' Blood's Despatch.

Type D Cancel



4 bar grid cancel blue advertising label local address

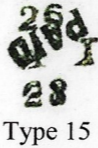
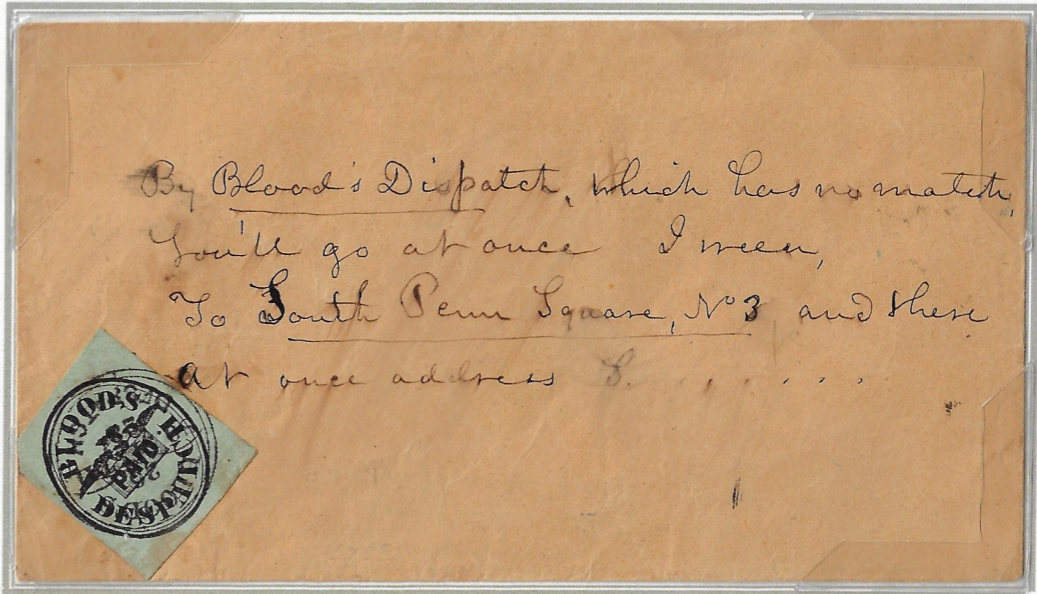
1850 LATE SERVICE

One Known 10 Cent 1847 Postal Issue with Type 15 Handstamp



Blood's Handstamp Type 15 10 cent 1847 postal issue cancel tied by blue Philadelphia integral cds Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, PA 305 miles

Two Known Cancel Tied by Blood's Handstamp



Blood's Handstamp Type 15 twice cancel tied local address

Blood's Despatch moved to 28 South Sixth Street May 1848. **January 6, 1850** expanded next door into 26 So. Sixth Street. Handstamp Type 15 is 19 mm, known from April 24, 1850 until February 7, 1851.

Blood's Dispatch, which has no match,

One Known Corner Margin
September 6, 1848



4 bar grid cancel local address

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

No Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Office of the Company, on Wednesday the 4 of Sept. 1848

One of three known printed circulars. Only known corner margin 45 covers.

Latest Date Certain
December 3, 1849



pink advertisement label dated enclosure absent

2 CENTS:
2 cents to local address