

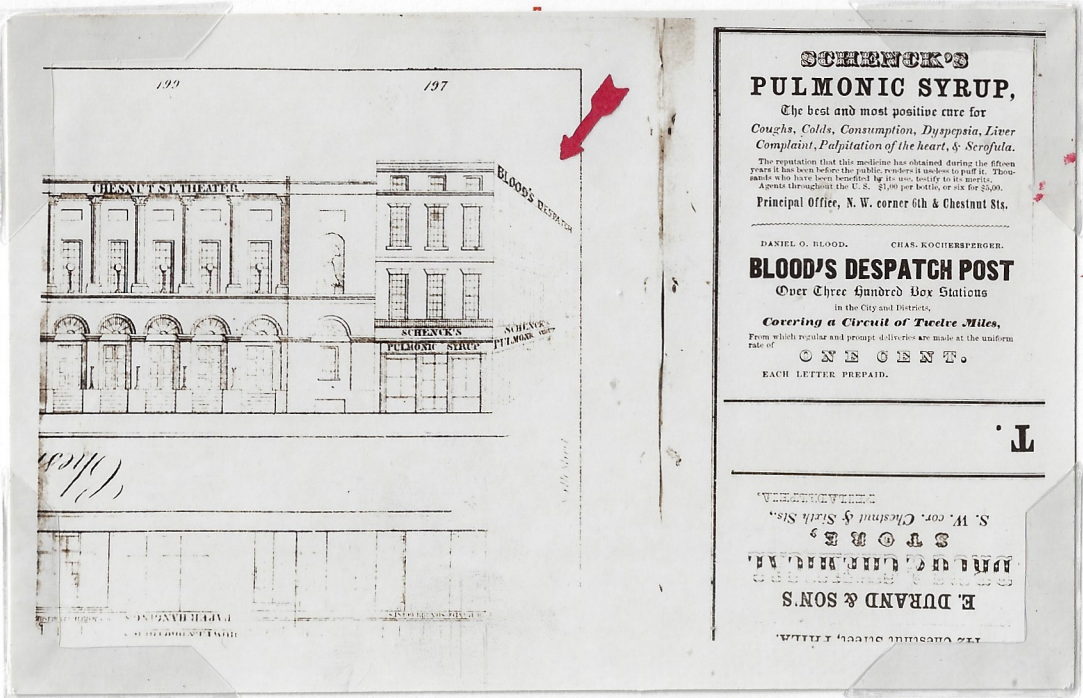
7 CENTS:  
2 cents to local address  
5 cents to New York

Earliest Known All Types Small Stamps  
August 24, 1848



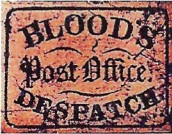
red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD straightline handstamp tied local and 1847 5 cent Philadelphia to New York 94 miles

New Office at Chestnut and 6th Street  
May 25, 1848



By May 25, 1848 the company moved several blocks west on Chestnut Street to population growth, across from Independence Hall.

BRONZE POST OFFICE



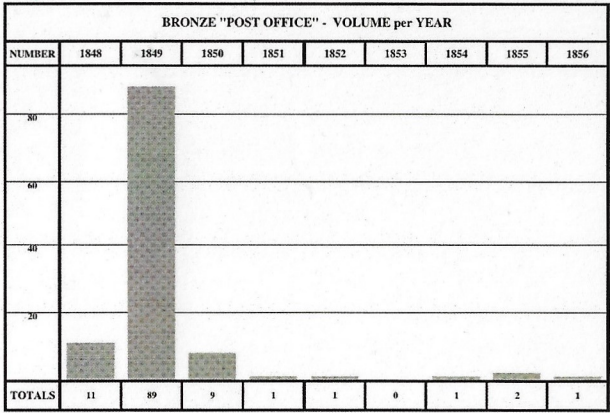
Enlarged 150%  
No unused singles, blocks, proofs, or essays are known.

Small rectangular stamps appeared by mid 1848. No monetary designation due to substantial volume discounts. "Post Office" outbound letters, and "PAID" local delivery continued.

Bronze "Post Office" stamps began soon after the new office in May 1848, and before introduction of acid cancel early 1849.

June 12, 1848 Public Ledger

PAID STAMPS OF BLOOD'S DESPATCH (each having the name "Blood's Despatch" on them) can be had at the Box Stations, or at the Office, 25 South SIXTH Street, opposite the *White Reading Room*. Jc12-tmy15:r



Bronze "POST OFFICE" stamps on 175 covers, 115 are year specific. The vast majority 1849.

One Known Transatlantic  
November 5, 1849



acid cancel blue Phila integral 10 cent rate cds tied red November 19 receiving backstamp addressed to London

Second Earliest Known  
August 25, 1848



4 bar cancel tied blue Phila 10 cent integral rate cds Philadelphia to Natchez, MS 1,224 miles

12 CENTS:  
2 cents post office  
10 cents to Natchez

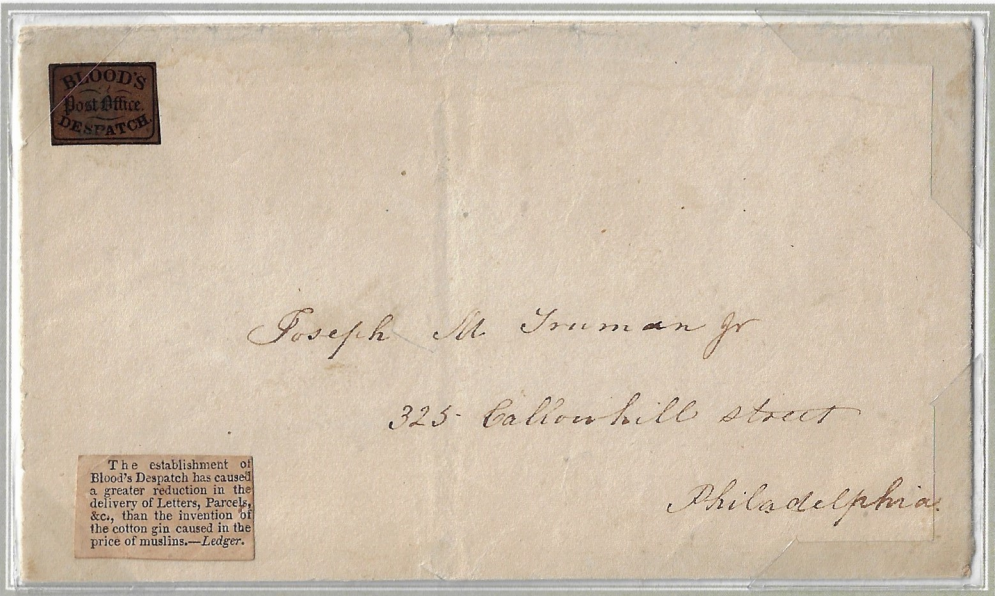


One Known Valentine with 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue  
All American Local Posts  
February 13, 1849



acid cancel blue Phila cds 1847 5 cent general issue tied by blue cds  
Philadelphia to Northampton PA 68 miles

One Known to Forbidden Spring Garden District



addressed to Spring Garden District pink advertising label

Three known valentines;  
only one is outbound.

One Known "All Gold" Illustrated

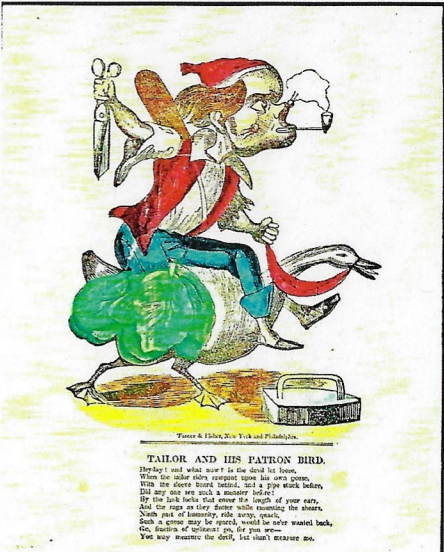


acid cancel tied all over gold illustrated valentine local address

One Known to New Hampshire  
September 25, 1849



red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD straightline handstamp tied local and 1847 pair 5 cent postal issue  
Red New York cds Philadelphia to Littleton NH 416 miles



75% Reduction

The establishment of Blood's Despatch has caused a greater reduction in the delivery of Letters, Parcels, &c., than the invention of the cotton gin caused in the price of muslins.—Ledger.

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OUTBOUND

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

Combination with Two 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issues  
June 4, 1849



acid cancel 1847 stamps blue grid in circle tied blue Phila integral rate 10 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Cincinnati, OH 576 miles

“Post Office” stamps were less costly all delivered to a single address for outbound mail. 100 % of predecessor Blue Post Office stamps outbound, but only 80% for Bronze stamps.

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

Combination with 10 Cent 1847 Postal Issue  
May 9, 1849



acid cancel 1847 10 cent cancel tied by two Phila integral rate 10 cents cds  
Philadelphia to Pittsburgh 305 miles

From 175 known covers only 13 with advertising label, understandably scarce on outbound letters.

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

To Pennsylvania  
March 8, 1848



acid cancel tied blue Phila integral rate 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Pottsville, Pa 97 miles

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

To New York  
December 17, 1848



blue advertisement label acid cancel blue Phila integral rate 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to New York 97 miles

Blood in color and Blood's in name.—Notice that no Boxes or Signs are Blood's but those having "Blood's" on them in large letters.

125% enlargement

Blood in color and Blood's in name.—Notice that no Boxes or Signs are Blood's but those having "Blood's" on them in large letters.



12 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Washington DC  
5 cents to Philadelphia

One Known Redirected to Philadelphia  
October 19, 1849



acid cancel blue Phila integral 5 cent cds October 19 red Washington DC cds October 24  
Philadelphia PA to Washington DC 136 miles, each way

WASHINGTON D.C.

5 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
3 cents to Washington DC

One Known from 1852  
May 7, 1852



acid cancel red Phila integral 3 cent integral cds addressed to Washington DC

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Washington DC

4 Known Philad Railroad CDS  
July 9, 1849



acid cancel tied blue Philada RailRoad cds matching blue italicized numeral 5 Philadelphia to Washington DC 136 miles

13% to Washington DC. Only New York and Pennsylvania were greater. One returned to Philadelphia, top left.

5 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
3 cents to Washington DC

Secretary of the Treasury  
October 30, 1849



acid cancel tied blue Phila cds private letter to Secretary Meredith in Washington, DC



WAY COVERS

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Richmond, Va.

2 Known via Richmond Railroad



acid cancel blue Richmond Railroad cds blue italicized numeral 5 twice ©  
Philadelphia to Richmond 244 miles

At right are two Way covers, given to postal agent en route to Baltimore post office entry into the "Mails." Manuscript "way" or "W," on 11 covers, all south of Philadelphia. Top right "W5" for 5 cents due from addressee. Bottom right is the only "Way 20" for double weight over 300 miles. Top left is similar entrance into the Mails at Richmond.

W5

W5

Four Known "W 5"  
November 12, 1849

7 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
5 cents to Hancock, Md.



acid cancel blue Baltimore cds manuscript "W5" Philadelphia to Hancock, MD 199 miles

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

Combination with Single 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issue  
April 6, 1849



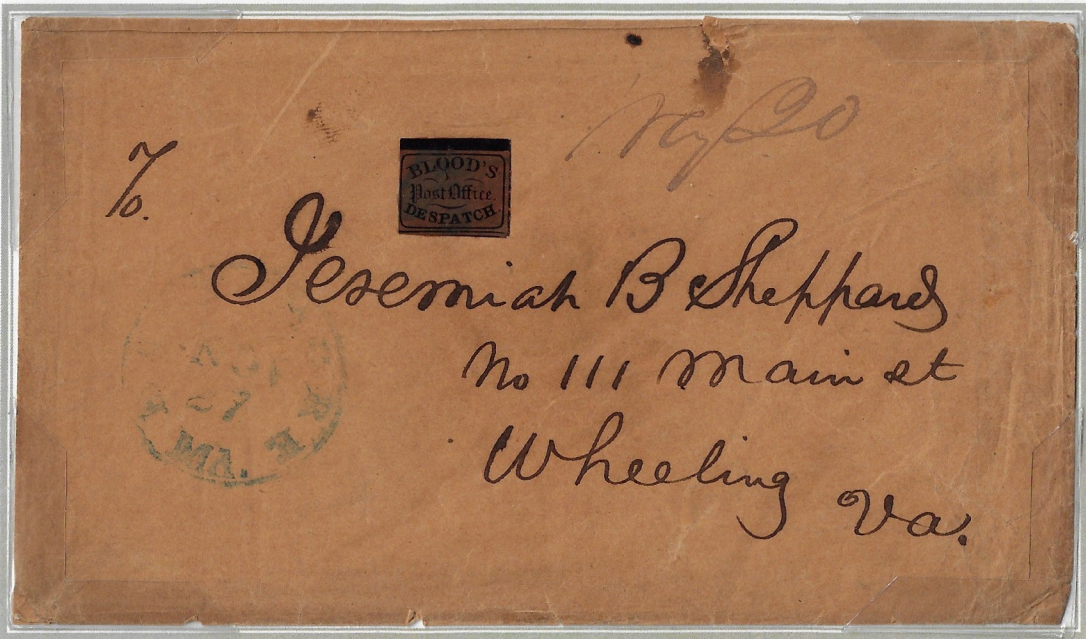
acid cancel 5 cent 1847 tied by blue Phila integral 5 cent cds  
Philadelphia to Paterson, NJ 95 miles

Way 20

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One Known "Way 20"  
November 27, 1849

22 CENTS:  
2 cents to post office  
20 cents to Wheeling, Va.



acid cancel blue Baltimore cds manuscript "Way 20"  
Philadelphia to Wheeling, VA 346 miles

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7 CENTS:  
2 cents to local address  
5 cents to New York

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2 cents to local  
5 cents to New York

PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD

One Tied by Red Numeral 5 in Circle  
April 9, 1849



acid cancel tied red numeral 5 in circle tied  
red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD straightline handstamp  
addressed to New York

Blue Advertisement Label  
February 7, 1849



acid cancel tied red numeral 5 in circle blue advertising label  
red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD straightline handstamp addressed to New York

One Known to Rhode Island  
February 1, 1849



© acid cancel pink advertisement label red PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAILROAD straightline handstamp  
matching red New York integral 5 cent cds Philadelphia to Bristol, RI 286 miles

Small Envelope  
February 12, 1850

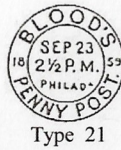


acid cancel tied local address on Delaware River

Latest Known Far Outlier  
October 9, 1860



acid cancel Type 21 Blood's Handstamp Type 21 local address

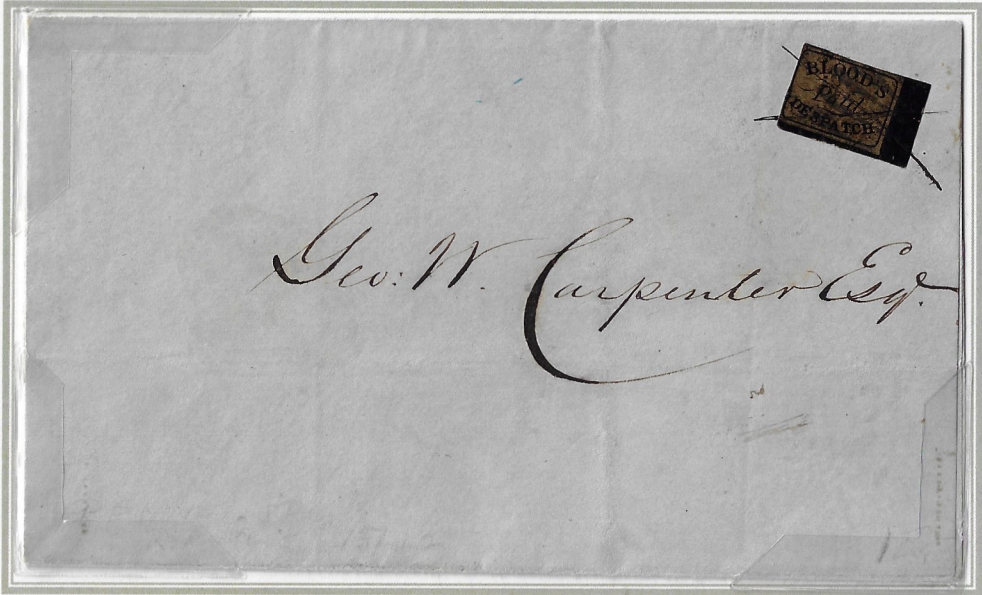


Type 21



2 CENTS:  
2 cents local delivery  
*Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1848*

**Earliest Known**  
**Latest Known "X" Cancel All Blood Stamps**  
September 13, 1848



manuscript X cancel    printed circular    local address

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**GOLD PAID**

**One Known Unused**  
**Corner Selvedge**



Gold PAID was city stamp successor to pale green PAID. City delivery 80% for each. Local mail ideal for colorful advertisement labels on 25%.

**One Known with Type 15 Handstamp**  
September 2, 1850

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



acid cancel    Bloods Despatch Handstamp Type 15    5 cent 1847 postal issue, blue ink cancel    ©  
blue Philadelphia integral 5 cent cds    Philadelphia to New York, NY 94 miles

2 CENTS:  
2 cents local delivery

**Blue Advertising Label**



Type D handstamp cancel tied    light blue advertising label    local address

**One Known Ornate Envelope**



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GOLD "PAID" - VOLUME per YEAR						
NUMBER	1848	1849	1850	1851	1857	1860
15						
10						
5						
TOTALS	9	14	1	1	1	1

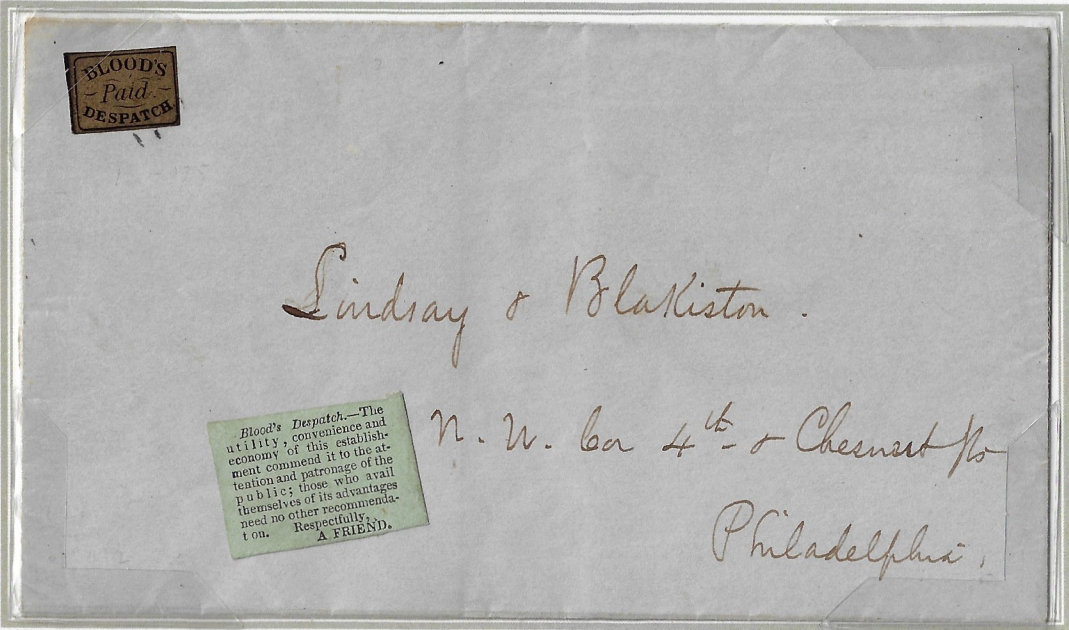
Identified on 50 covers, 27 year specific. Peak 1849

Across from Independence Hall, additional space was needed; first advertised by **January 10, 1850**. Type 15 double circle 22 mm is known from April 24, 1850 until November 23, 1851.



Type 15

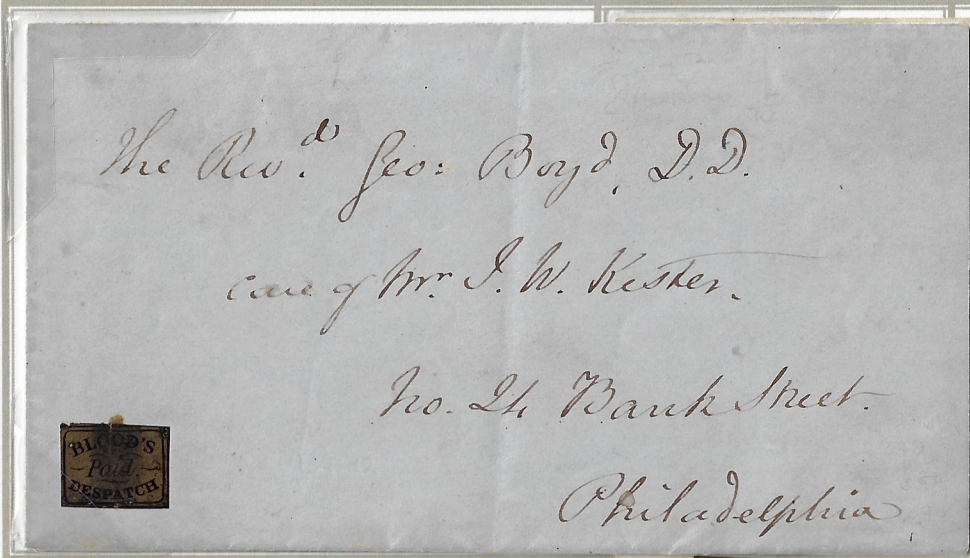
**Green Advertising Label**  
January 22, 1849



Type D handstamp cancel tied    small green advertising label    local address



Earliest Known Tied by Acid  
February 5, 1849



Earliest Known Acid Cancel  
January 29, 1849



One Known Cameo Cover  
Very Late Outlier  
September 17, 1857



5 CENTS:  
2 cents to local address  
3 cents Easton PA

Gold Paid stamps were acid cancel by January 29, 1849; Bronze Post Office stamps by January 24, 1849. The first of any type of Blood's was Blue stamp January 21, 1849 shown in previous frame.

Philadelphia cds tied    Bloods Despatch Handstamp Type 19  
3 cent 1851 postal issue cancel tied by cds    Philadelphia to Easton, PA 58 miles

2 CENTS:  
2 cents local delivery

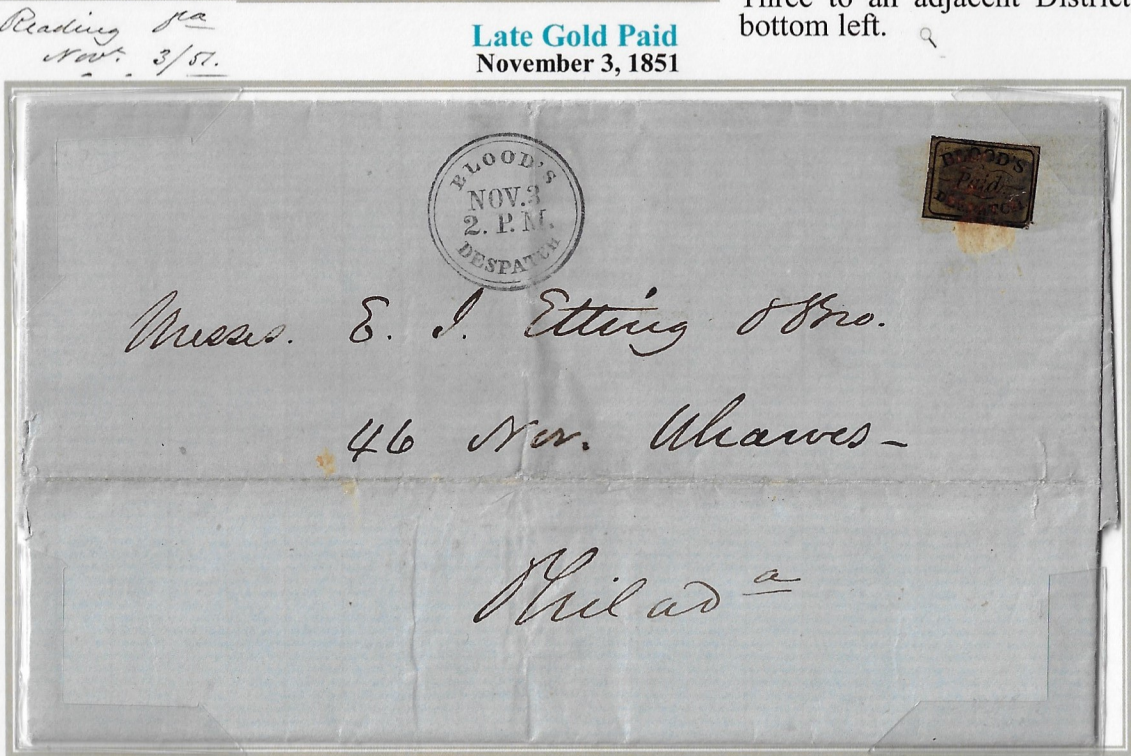
One Known to Northern Liberties District



Saml. Bispham Esq.  
261 Market St.

Two of 50 were inbound, from Reading Pa., bottom center. Three to an adjacent District, bottom left.

Late Gold Paid  
November 3, 1851



Latest Known 4 Bar Grid  
July 24, 1849



2 CENTS:  
2 cents local delivery

Bronze "Post Office" and Gold "PAID" appeared soon after mid 1848 move, and prevalent in 1849.

BLOOD'S DESPATCH								
Year	1848	1849	1850	1851	1854	1855	1856	1860
BRONZE "POST OFFICE"								
GOLD "PAID"								