



BRONZE ONE CENT

Blood's first numerically denominated stamp. **One cent fee for all services.** Volume discounts no longer needed. Government carriers were forced to a one cent marketplace.

One Known Transatlantic to France
June 18, 1850



acid cancel, blue interal 3 cds tied 5 cent 1847 postal issue blue cork cancel, tied by red TOO LATE
red COLONIES/&c ART. 13 accountancy handstamp manuscript "pr Steamer America"
manuscript 15 decimes due addressed to Montauban, France

One Known Transatlantic to Germany
March 25, 1852



acid cancel tied Bloods handstamp Type 17 3 cent 1851 block of 8 on reverse tied by cds
NYork^{AM} PKT 23 cds manuscript 30 and blue 13 red Aachen backstamp

Earliest Known Blood's 1 Cent Stamp
March 6, 1849



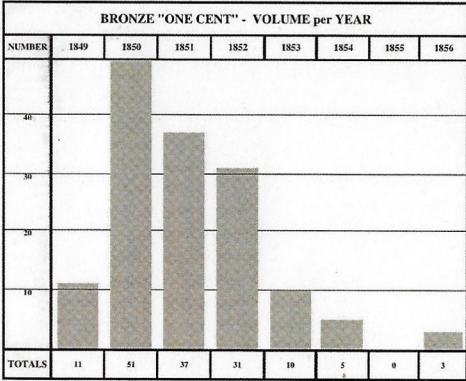
acid cancel blue Baltimore cds 10 cent 1847 postal issue tied by
blue "10 in oval" Philadelphia to Morgantown, KT 778 miles

Only 3 known to Europe.

One Known from Europe
March 27, 1850



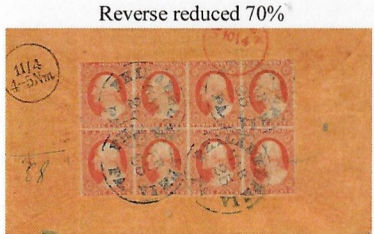
acid cancel tied, blue Phila integral 5 cent cds tied
blue Copenhagen Denmark cds red London transit circular postmark
Boston exchange office postmark with numeral 5,
Hamburg-Danish transit postmark on reverse
Blood's to the post office for outbound to Columbia, PA



Of 332 covers, 148 year specific.
Greatest incidence 1850.



Enlarged 150%



Reverse reduced 70%

January 5, 1849 newspaper announced Blood's One Cent stamps must be **prepaid**.

TEN CENT POSTAL RATE

11 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
10 cents to Boston

Combination with Two 5 Cent 1847 Postal Issues
March 11, 1850



acid cancel two 5 cent 1847 general issues, blue grid in circle cancel tied blue Philadelphia integral 10 cent cds Philadelphia to Boston, MA 307 miles

August 15, 1850

11 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
10 cents to Maine.



acid cancel, tied by red square grid handstamp red PHILADA RAILROAD straightline 10 cent 1847 general issue red square grid cancel tied red New York cds Philadelphia to Portland, Maine, 406 miles

Two Known to Canada
March 27, 1852



acid cancel, tied by blue Philadelphia cds Bloods handstamp Type 17 italicized numeral 10 six in circle handstamp addressed to New Brunswick, Canada

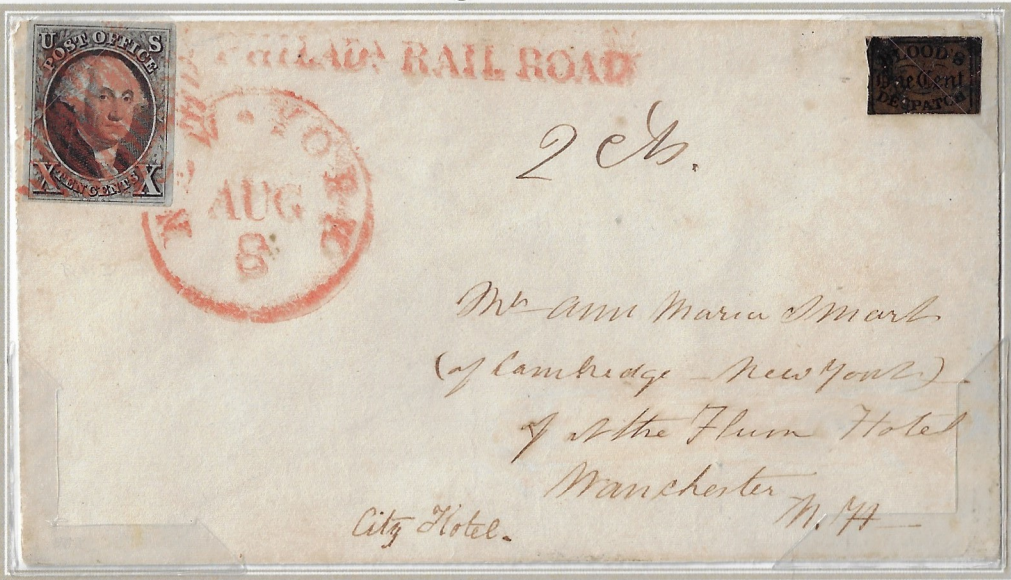
Postal Act of July 1, 1847 single letter intercity 5 cents up to 300 miles, **10 cents single over 300 miles.** or double rate under 300 miles.

One Double 10 Cent Rate
March 28, 1850

21 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
20 cents double to Ohio

11 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
10 cents to NH.

August 8, 1850



acid cancel red PHILADA RAILROAD straightline handstamp 10 cent 1847 general issue, cancel tied by red New York cds and red square grid handstamp Philadelphia to Manchester, NH 338 miles

One Known Way Cover
May 7, 1850



acid cancel tied 10 cent 1847 general issue, cancel tied by blue Baltimore cds manuscript 'Way' and 'paid' Philadelphia to Cincinnati, OH 568 miles

20
Italicized 20



acid cancel blue Phila cds, matching italicized numeral 20 Philadelphia to Cincinnati OH 568 miles

Three Known to Spring Garden District

5 CENTS:
5 cents to local address



Miss Catharine Marsh
9th & Depot
Spring garden
Bath Hotel.



One Known Strip of Five
All American Local Posts
February 14, 1852



FIVE CENT POSTAL RATE

One Known FORWARDED
March 28, 1850

21 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
10 cents over 300 miles to Boston
10 cents forwarded back to Phila

5 Cent Postal Issue Tied by Red "WAY 5"
November 3, 1850



acid and tied by 1 of 3
blue Baltimore cds
red "WAY 5" straightline
twice, one tied 5 cent 1847
Philadelphia to Easton MD
108 miles



acid cancel.
1847 5 cent cancel tied by blue
Phila integral 10 cent cds and
Boston black grid in circle.
red FORWARDED handstamped.
manuscript 5 underpayment.
red Boston cds.
red manuscript 20 due in Phila.
Philadelphia to Boston 307miles

Tied by
PHILAD^A RAILROAD
March 15, 1850

Two Tied by 5 in Circle



5 cent 1847 cancel tied
by red square grid
Philadelphia to New
York, NY 94 miles

Final Blood's Despatch stamp
concurrent with 1847 postal
issue. From 332 known covers,
66 combined with single 5 cent.

New York's red PHILAD^A RAILROAD straight
line handstamp known on 28 of 332 covers.
Tied examples represent only 2%.



Tied by Acid & CDS

At right both stamps are
separately cancel tied by
blue Philadelphia integral
rate cds; at left together,
each twice.



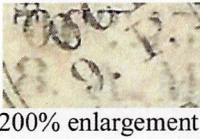
acid and blue cds tied
5 cent twice cancel tied
by blue Phila integral 5
cent cds
addressed to New York



acid and blue cds tied
5 cent cancel tied by blue
Phila integral 5 cent cds
Philadelphia to Huntingdon
PA 202 miles

CITY LETTERS

1 CENT:
1 cent to local address



One Known with 3 Different Delivery Dates
October 13, 14, 15, 1852



Three attempted deliveries: very faint 8AM **October 13th** failed; overstruck bold 9 PM delivery **October 14th** failed; 8 AM **October 15th** successful.

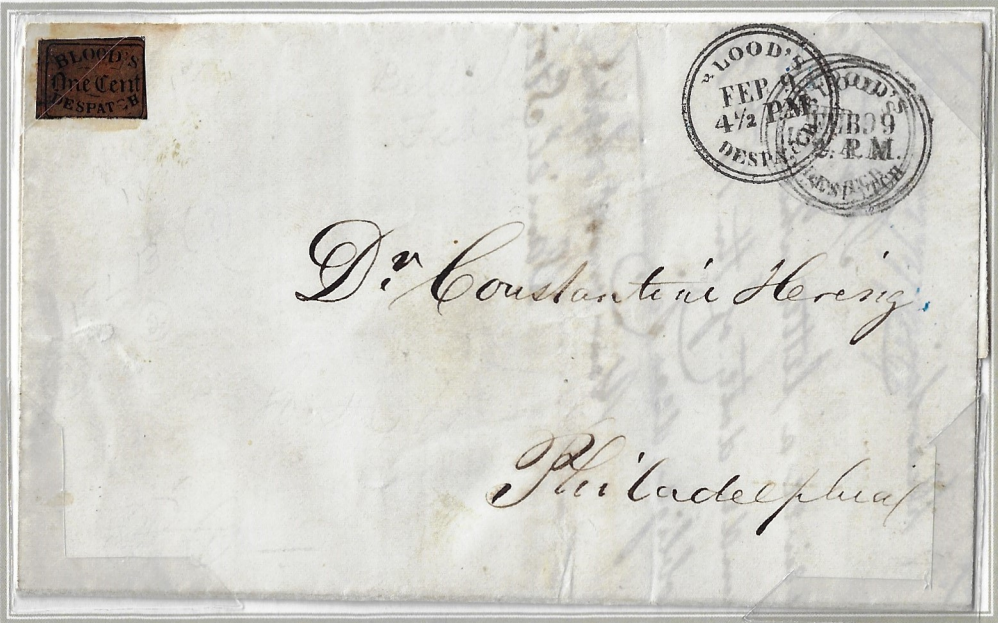
One Known with 3 Single Stamps
June 18, 1850



Triple payment for special service following Captain Benjamin Rush assistance.

Only 20% local door deliveries; 70 of 332 known covers.

One Known with 3 Deliveries Same Day
February 9, 1852



February 9th attempts: 10 AM; second 2 PM; third 4 1/2 PM.

Southwark District
September 25, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 addressed to Southwark



Type 17 handstamp is 20 mm double circle, known from September 10, 1851 until January 11, 1855.

Following the **Great Fire** of December 27, 1851, all must be prepaid by stamp or cash at Blood's office.
Type 18 handstamp is 22 mm double circle, known from May 13, 1852 until November 5, 1860.



Three Known Type 18 Handstamp



uncancelled Bloods Handstamp Type 18 "PAID" small ladies embossed envelope local address

Three Known Top Sheet Margin
March 9, 1852



acid and Bloods Handstamp Type 17 cancel tied local address

"Please deliver quickly"

Southwark District of Philadelphia County was south and adjacent to the old city. Since a post office had never existed in Southwark, Blood's was not forbidden.

Postal rate to 3000 miles was reduced July 1, 1851 to 3 cents prepaid. One Cent Bronze was the only Blood's stamp found in combination with both 1847 and 1851 postal issues. If not prepaid, 5 cents due recipient, as below.

4 CENTS:
1 cent local delivery
3 cents to New York

Embossed Envelope

January 11, 1852



acid cancel tied 3 cent 1851 cancel tied by blue Phila cds
Blood's Handstamp Type 17 addressed to NY

POSTAL ACT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1851

Two Known with 1 Cent Postal Issue

October 20, 1851



acid tied horizontal strip of 3 1851 one cent tied by blue Phila cds
Bloods Handstamp Type 17 Philadelphia to New Bern NC 461 miles

One Known 3 Cent Double Rate

March 30, 1853



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 two 3 cent 1851 cancel tied by blue cds
addressed to NY

2 Known Handstamp "WAY"

April 26, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17
3 cent 1851 cancel tied by Baltimore datestamp matching WAY handstamp
Philadelphia to Wheeling, VA 346 miles.

Washington DC

July 7, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 blue Phila integral 5 cent cds
addressed to Washington DC

3 Known Handstamp "FREE"

April 10, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 blue FREE in lozenge
Philadelphia to Washington DC. 136 miles

7 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
6 cents to New York

1852

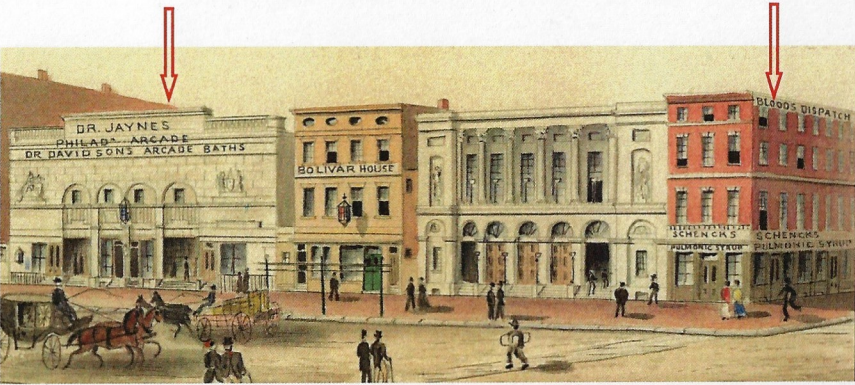
1 CENT:
1 cent local delivery

3 Known with Advertising Labels
July 1, 1852



acid cancel Blood's Handstamp Type 17 Blood's advertising label local address ©

Great fire December 27, 1851 destroyed Blood's office and 90,000 letters, most unpaid. Missing no deliveries, Blood's Despatch relocated 4 doors down 6th St to No. 15 Arcade and ceased door collect.



3 Known Cameo Advertising
March 31, 1852

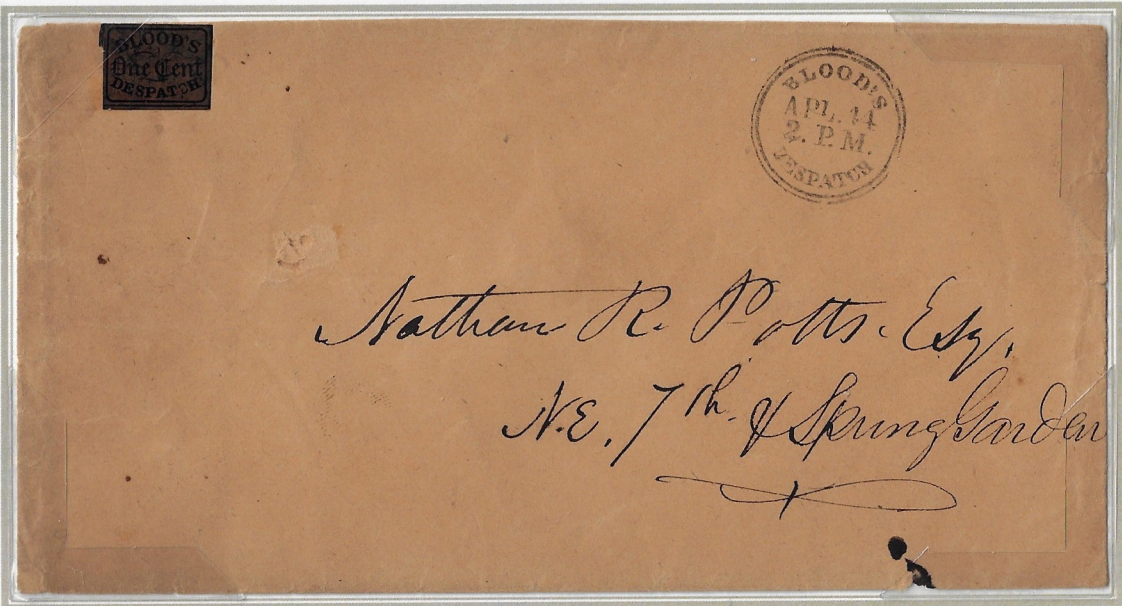


acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 local address

Spring Garden east, below, was close to Blood's office and Delaware River. However, western district, below far right, near Schuylkill River was much further away and given to Phila carriers.

1 CENT:
1 cent local delivery

6 Known to Spring Garden District
April 11, 1852



acid cancel Blood's Handstamp Type 17 addressed to Spring Garden

2 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
1 cent drop letter

2 Known Post Office Box
April 5, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 blue Phila cds matching numeral 1 in octagon addressed to Post Office Box 851



Carrier 1 cent in octagon

2 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
1 cent carrier delivery

4 Known Carrier Delivered
February 5, 1852



Forbidden Spring Garden District was challenged. Above, properly delivered to carrier department but 2 one cent charges. Blood's direct, at left, only 1 cent total, half price.

Blood's Despatch forced a one cent market confirmed by post office numeral one handstamp for drop letter and carrier delivery.

One Known All Over Illustrated Carriage Envelope
All American Local Posts
January 15, 1856



acid cancel tied, Blood's Handstamp Type 17, 3 cent 1851 cancel tied Philadelphia cds
Philadelphia to Magnolia, MD 81 miles.

Blood's Despatch thrived offering **1 cent service**, survived the great fire of 1851, established **300 collection box** stations, expanded into Spring Garden, delivered 3-4 times per day, and directly to railroad agents. Collectively Blood's Despatch stamps peaked in 1849, but continued beyond 1852 as sprinkle of far late outliers serviced by successor Blood's Penny Post.

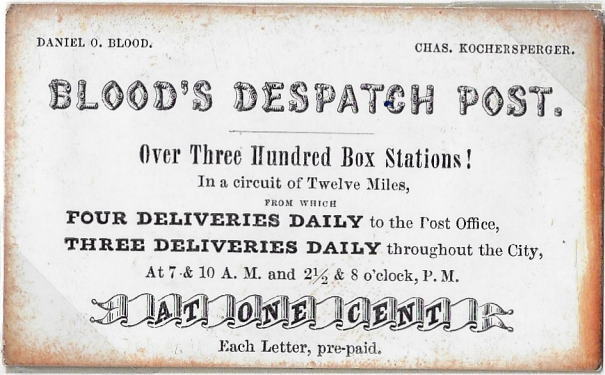
11 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
10 cents to Alabama

2 Known to Alabama
January 13, 1851



acid cancel blue Phila cds, matching italicized numeral 10 Philadelphia to Mobil, AL 1,096 miles

Blood's Despatch Pocket Card



2 Known to Mississippi
March 5, 1852



acid cancel tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17 3 cent 1851 tied Phila to Natchez, MS 1,224 miles

4 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
3 cents to Tennessee

1 Known to Tennessee
March 1, 1853



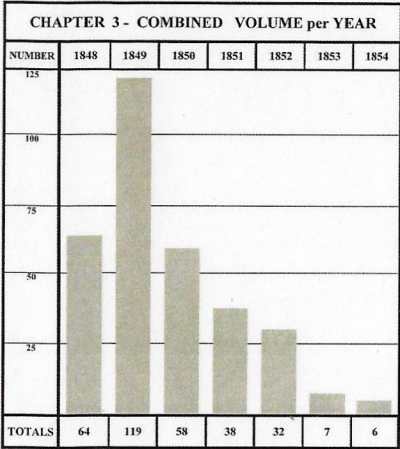
acid cancel tied, blue Phila integral 5 cents cds tied Blood's Handstamp Type 17
Philadelphia to Pulaski, TN 859 miles

Wisconsin
August 18, 1852



Philadelphia to Waukesha, WS 868 miles

4 CENTS:
1 cent to post office
3 cents intracity rate



BLOOD'S DESPATCH						
Year	1848	1849	1850	1851	1852	1853
BLUE "PO"						
GREEN "PAID"						
BRONZE "P.O."						
GOLD "PAID"						
BRONZE 1 CENT						