

HISTORICAL ASPECTS

Perhaps the nation's greatest philatelic story was the **emergence of prepaid postage stamps** during the struggle for dominance of private versus governmental postal services. The recent transportation revolution from horseman and stagecoach to steamboat and railroad had not passed any monetary savings on to the public.

During the 1830's private Parcel Express companies began transporting packages of jewelry, money, and bundles of letters between cities. By 1844 a network of Independent Mails was organized. Each company offered prepayment stamps, were very popular, and became known as the Peoples Mail. By mid 1845 the **inter-city** Independent Mails were legislatively terminated, although government rates were lowered appropriately.

In 1842 two private posts offered prepayment stamps for **intra-city** service. In 1845 the very few existing private posts continued, multiplied greatly in number, and exerted competitive pressure upon their respective local city carrier departments. Private posts offered convenient drop boxes, volume discounts, and special messengers. However, in 1861 private posts too were effectively **terminated by legislation**, with correspondingly interesting city carrier sequelae.

SIGNIFICANCE

During the mid 19th century Philadelphia was the second most populous city in the United States, forth in the Western World. This postal history exhibit reveals the **competitive struggle between private and government mail delivery**. **Postal rates were reduced by approximately two thirds and service greatly improved**. Philadelphia is unmatched by any city in the world for it's diverse, colorful, and rich legacy during the formative years of philately.

PARCEL EXPRESS COMPANIES by June 1843 provided colorful advertising labels, but did not sell pre-paid stamps however, only parcel express companies were permitted by law, but no remuneration for single letters.

HATCH & CO.'S EXPRESS

OPERATED : 1840 TO 1844
OPERATOR : GEORGE HATCH
LOCATION : 42 S. 3RD ST, PHILA
RATE : VARIABLE

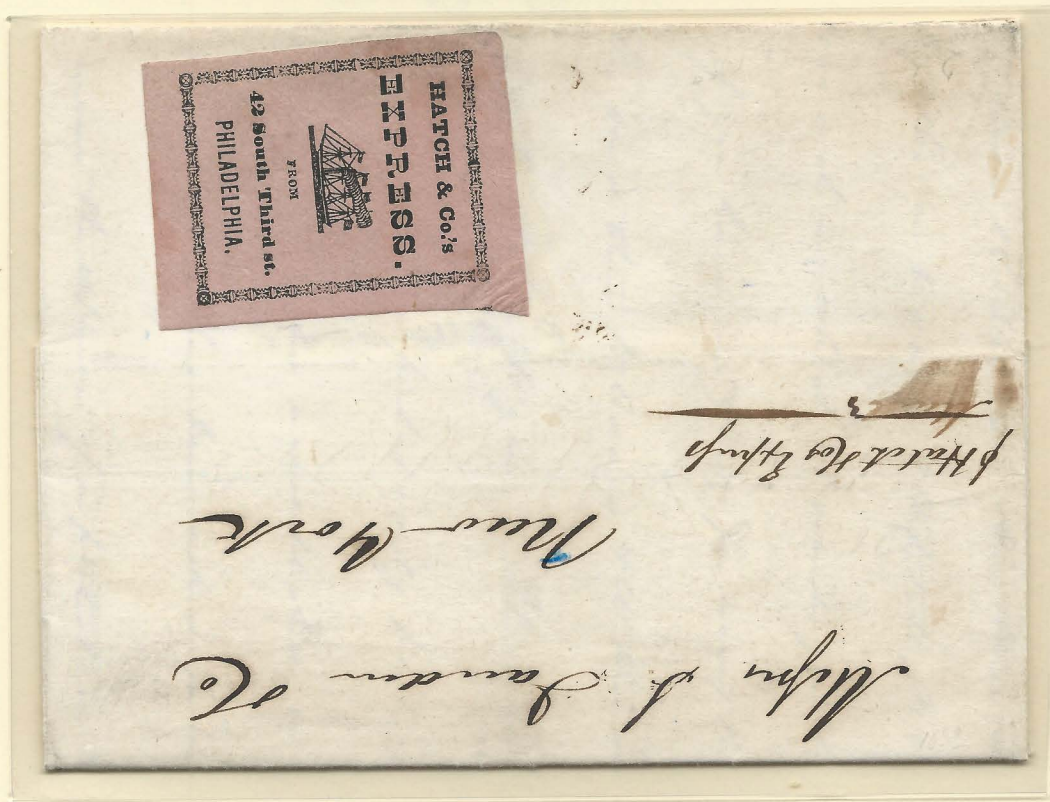
JULY 18, 1843

PINK HATCH & CO EXPRESS
LABEL

MANUSCRIPT "P HATCH COS
EXPRESS"

FROM PHILADELPHIA

ONE RECORDED - July 18, 1843



In 1836 Harden began in Boston, and by 1840 reached Philadelphia. During 1843 when advertising labels first appeared, he entrusted Hatch with his New York to Philadelphia route. In early 1844 Harden returned from his transatlantic and foreign exchanges to resume his domestic routes. On August 7, 1844 Harden sold this route to Livingston. Harden has often been called the "original expressman."

EXHIBIT PLAN

Express and Independent Mails - Frame 1
Philadelphia Local Posts - Frames 2 - 5
Philadelphia Carrier Department - Frames 6 - 8

IMPORTANT MATERIAL

Six unique advertising labels - Frame 1, a **triple conjunctive** parcel express, one of 3 recorded.

Ten unique handstamps - Frames 2, 3, and 4.

Seven unique adhesive stamps - Frames 4 and 5.

Nation's first fancy cancel handstamp - Frame 1, the better 2 of 3 documented.

Nation's first embossed envelope - Frame 3, the better of 2 documented.

World's third stamp producing entity - Frame 2, page 1

World's first pictorial stamp - Frame 2, the **earliest** documented.

World's first precancelled stamp - Frame 1, the **earliest** documented.

Original research, information, hypotheses, and conclusions are italicized. The significance of individual covers is headlined in bold blue. Highly important examples are **framed in blue**. Over 90% have been PF authenticated.

Parcel Express companies gave birth to many Independent Mails, which did sell pre-paid stamps. After July 1, 1845,

SECOND EARLIEST HARNDEN LABEL - June 15, 1844

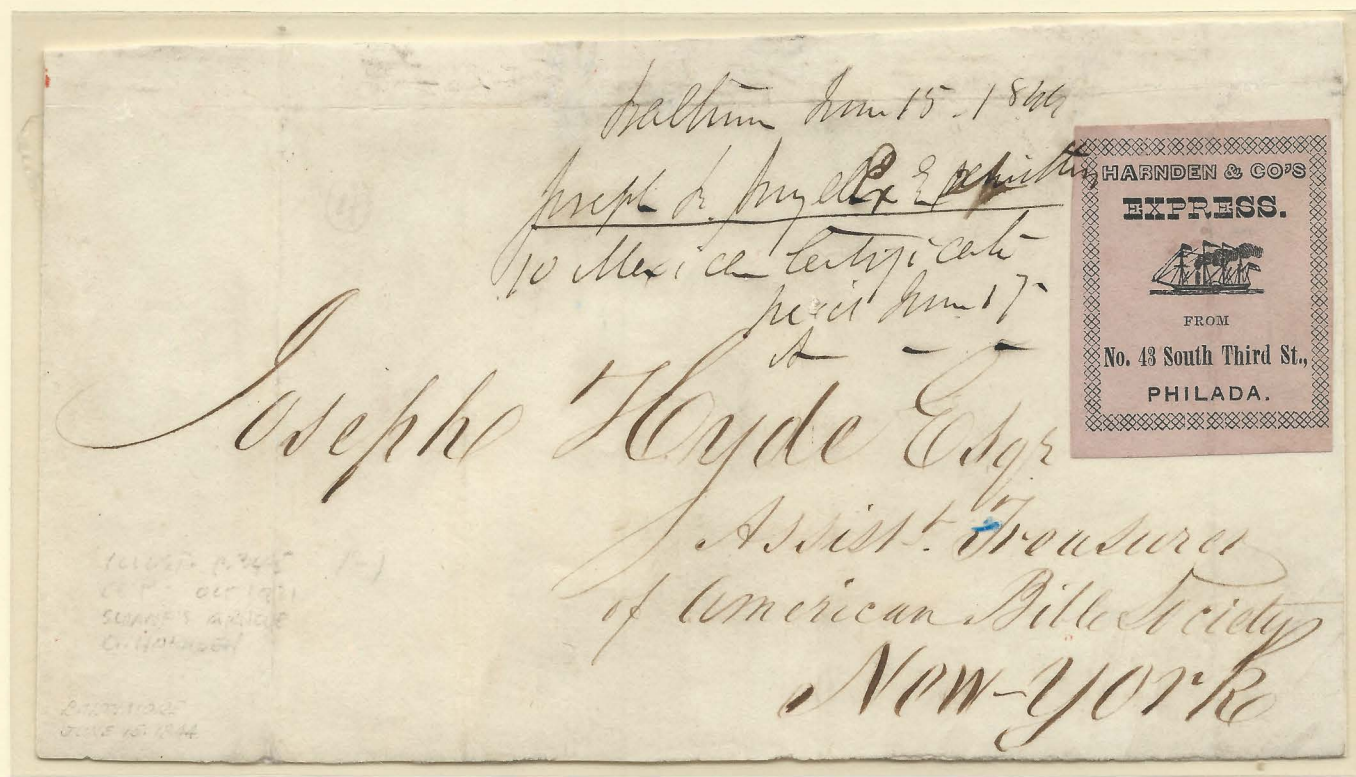
HARNDEN & CO'S EXPRESS

OPERATED : 1839 TO 1854

OPERATOR : WILLIAM HARNDEN

LOCATION : 43 S. 3RD ST.

RATE : VARIABLE



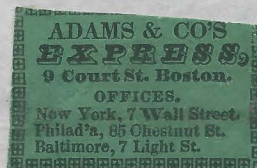
PARCEL EXPRESS

ONE RECORDED

GREAT NORTHEAST

ADAMS & CO'S EXPRESS

OPERATED : 1841 - 1854
 OPERATOR : ALVIN ADAMS
 LOCATION : 9 COURT ST, BOSTON
 7 WALL ST, N. Y.
 85 CHESTNUT ST, PHILA
 RATE : VARIABLE



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Mess. Charley Whelan
Philadelphia

MARCH 17, 1845

GREEN ADAMS & CO'S LABEL, REPAIRED

RED "3" (BITS)

INSIDE BOSTON DOCKET
 ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA

LIVINGSTON, WELLS & POMEROY'S EXPRESS

ONE RECORDED

OPERATED : 1844 - 1847
 OPERATOR : CRAWFORD LIVINGSTON
 HENRY WELLS
 GEORGE POMEROY
 LOCATION : 2 WALL ST, N.Y.
 43 S. 3RD ST, PHILA
 RATE : VARIABLE



NOVEMBER 26, 1844

FROM ALBANY



JANUARY 10, 1845

PINK WM. A. LIVINGSTON
 & CO. LABEL

MANUSCRIPT "ORDER"

MANUSCRIPT "\$15. ENCLOSED"

FROM NEW YORK

ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA

\$15. enclosed

order

Lindsay & Blakiston
Philadelphia
Pa

Adams & Co's Express was founded in 1841, and reached Philadelphia by January 22, 1842. By August 28, 1844 Adams reduced the parcel rate from 25 to 12 1/2 cents.* The top example shows red crayon 3 "bits" or 37 1/2 cents, triple rate for a bundle of three letters, or possibly money contents over \$200 (one bit per one hundred dollars content). In 1854 several express companies merged to form the well known Adams Express Company.

Livingston, Wells, and Pomeroy's Express was formed on April 27, 1844, shown in the middle example. Livingston purchased the New York to Philadelphia line from Harnden four months later, shown at bottom. Both were no charge for an "order."

* "ADAM'S EXPRESS AND INDEPENDENT MAIL," CALVET M. HAHN, THE COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, VOL. 69, NO. 3, MAY-JUNE 1990, P. 186, 194

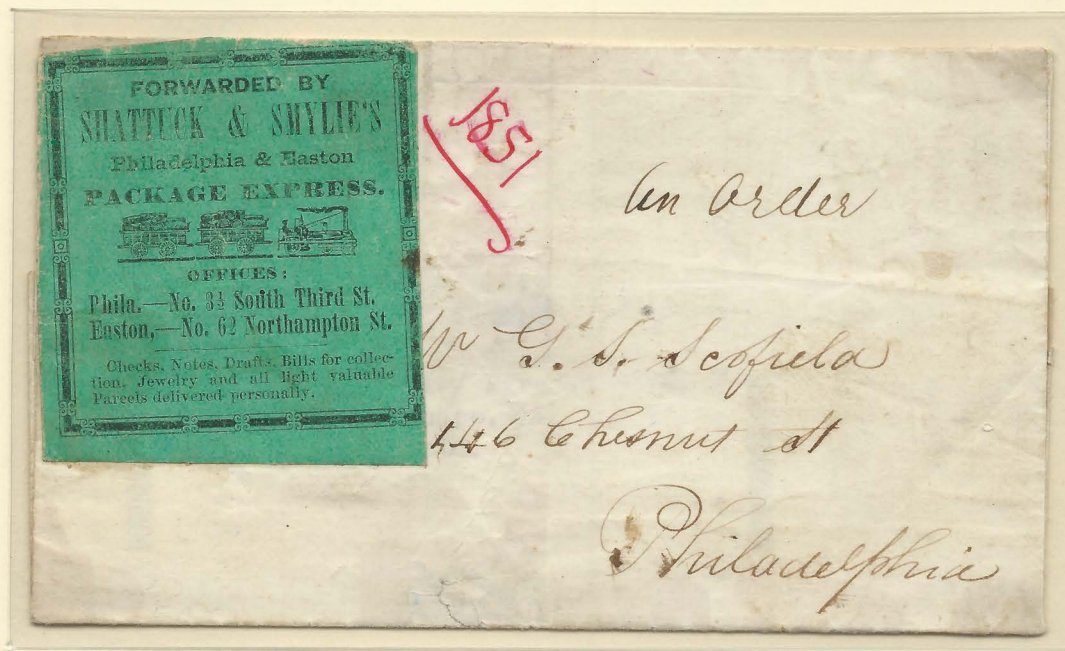
PARCEL EXPRESS

PENNSYLVANIA

SHATTUCK & SMYLIE'S EXPRESS

ONE RECORDED

OPERATED : 1851
 OPERATOR : SMYLIE
 LOCATION : 3 1/2 SO. THIRD ST.
 AND EASTON
 RATE : VARIABLE



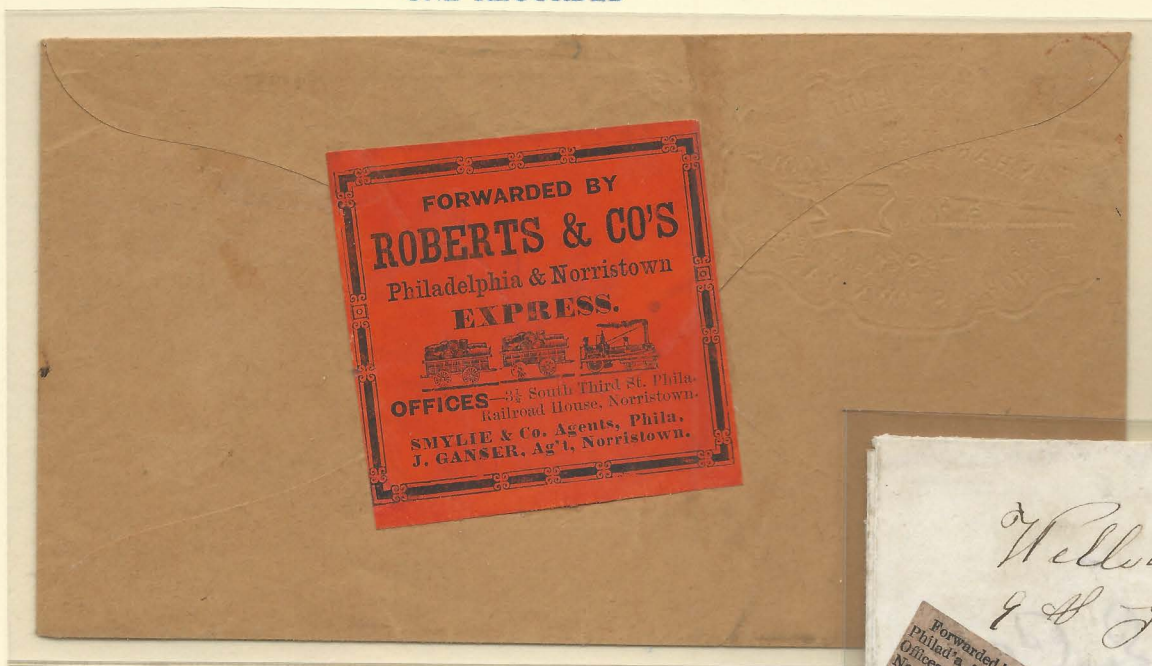
RED MANUSCRIPT "1851"
 GREEN SHATTUCK & SMYLIE'S
 PHILADELPHIA & EASTON EXPRESS
 MANUSCRIPT "AN ORDER"
 FROM EASTON
 ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA

PFC 2010

ONE RECORDED

ROBERTS & CO'S EXPRESS

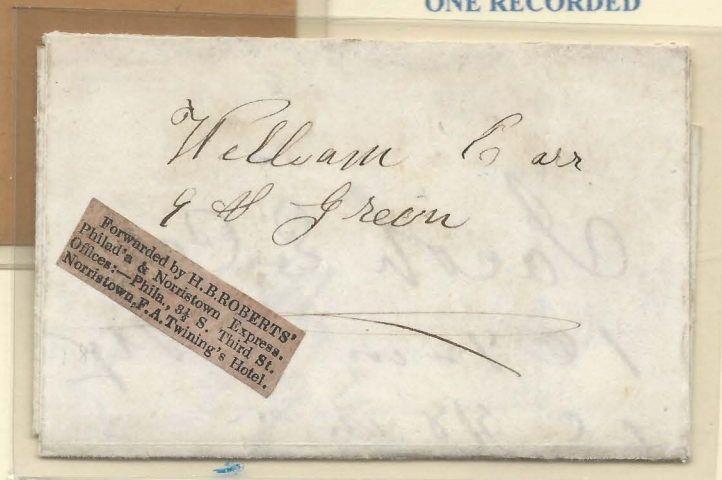
OPERATED : 1849
 OPERATOR : HB ROBERTS, SMYLIE
 LOCATION : 3 1/2 SO. THIRD ST,
 AND NORRISTOWN
 RATE : VARIABLE



SMALLEST OF ANY
 PARCEL EXPRESS-
 ONE RECORDED

UNDATED, CIRCA 1852 ORANGE ROBERTS LABEL, REPAIRED TO PHILADELPHIA PFC 2010

COPY OF FRONT



MARCH 22, 1849 PINK ROBERTS LABEL FROM NORRISTOWN TO PHILADELPHIA
 PFC 2010

Some companies carved out an **intrastate express niche centered upon Philadelphia**. Smylie was the agent for the top example, "Shattuck & Smylie's Philadelphia & Easton Package Express," and the bottom for Roberts & Co's "Philadelphia & Norristown Express." Each advertising label reveals the same address, circa 1850, of 3 1/2 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia.

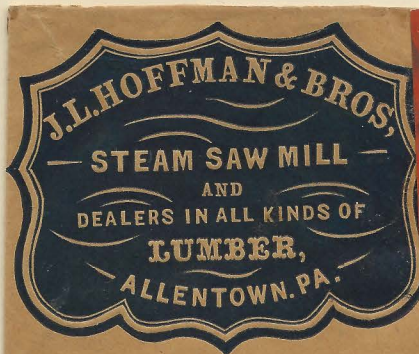
PARCEL EXPRESS

PENNSYLVANIA

HOWARD EXPRESS COMPANY

ONE RECORDED

OPERATED : 1846 - 1857
OPERATOR : MR. HOWARD
LOCATION : 248 CHESTNUT
RATE : VARIABLE



Miss Eva Trotter

Merch

Mr 36 no

Phil

\$202 93/100

CIRCA 1846-50 BLACK ON VERMILLION ALLENTOWN, PA
MANUSCRIPT "\$202.93" MANUSCRIPT "PAID 3/-"
ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA

At top left was a \$202.93 of money letter "Paid 3/-" 3 bits, or 37 1/2 cents for Allentown to Philadelphia. One bit was charged for each \$100. value increment.

The top right money envelope is one of only three recorded triple conjunctive parcel express examples. Originating in 1860 at the Howard Express Co. in Philadelphia, it was forwarded in Dunkirk, NY by the United States Express Co., and delivered in Erie, Pa by the American Express Co., both confirmed by company labels. Total triple charge was 8 bits.



Mr. Henry B. Dawson
Marianna
New York

UNDATED BLACK ON VERMILLION PHILADELPHIA
ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK

ONE RECORDED
TRIPLE CONJUNCTIVE

THE
HOWARD EXPRESS
COMPANY.

General Office, No. 248 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Box & Cask. \$49 55/100 for Collection.

On *Mr a Morgan*
Erie Pa

On account of *Cornelius W. Baska*
Phila da
1/6.

Return proceeds under cover of this Envelope, without delay.

INSTRUCTIONS.

If the enclosed be a Bill of Exchange, it must be presented on Delivery, the Agent sending it must enclose this Envelope and on the Package, the letter must be written on this part thereof, before receiving payment, and the Agent receiving it is not to accompany the Goods so marked, and must deliver it to the PROPER OFFICE FOR THE BILL.

If the enclosed be a Bill of Lading, the Agent sending it must enclose this Envelope and on the Package, the letter must be written on this part thereof, before receiving the same.

If simply Bill to collect, the Agent will present the same promptly, and if not paid, after a reasonable time will return it, giving under Remarks reasons why not paid.

Agents will be held personally responsible for neglect of Instructions.

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INDEPENDENT MAILS

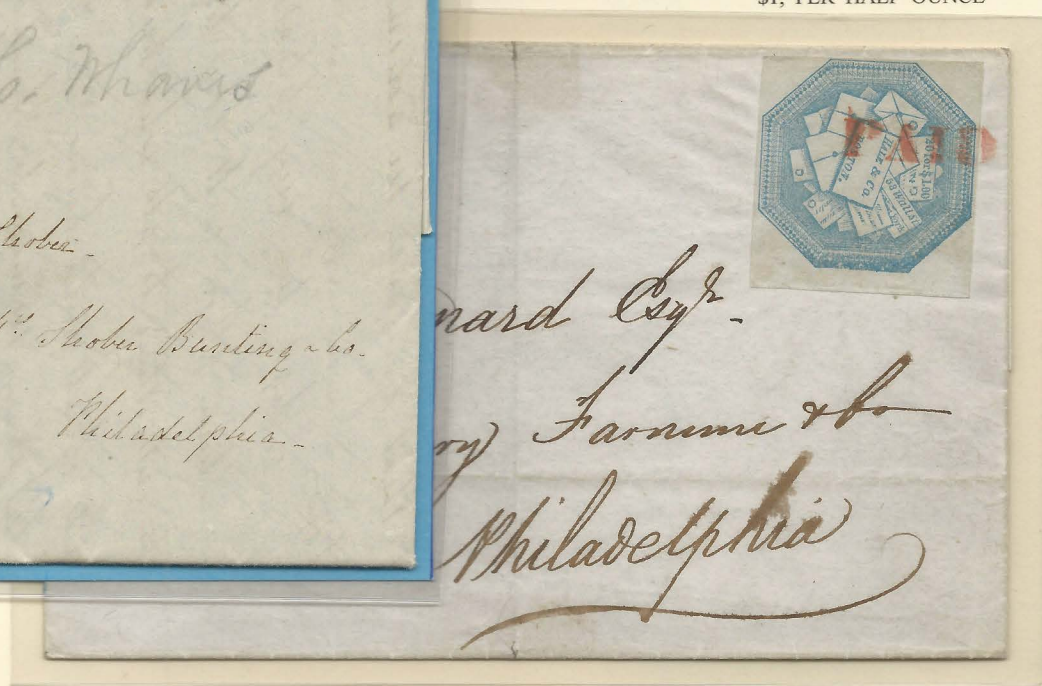
By the early 1840's some companies transported *single letters* in addition to bundles for inter-city mail in direct competition with the Federal Government. They were known as the "Peoples Mail" and the "Opposition Mail." By 1844 nine companies sold adhesive stamps for prepayment, and sometimes worked in conjunction with another. The government postage rate from Philadelphia to Boston of 18 ³/₄ cents was severely undercut by the Independent Mail companies, which charged only 6 ¹/₄ cents collect, or 5 cents prepaid. Government was suddenly under enormous pressure from private enterprise.

SINGLE RATE
"LIGHT BLUE"

WORLD'S FIRST PRECANCEL, EARLIEST RECORDED - June 2, 1844
3 RECORDED IN MAGENTA

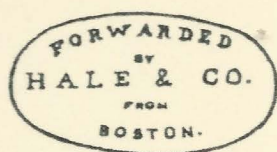
HALE & CO.

OPERATED : DECEMBER 1843
UNTIL JUNE 30, 1845
OPERATOR : JAMES W. HALE
LOCATION : 37 S. THIRD ST.
RATE : 6 ¹/₄ CENTS OR 20 FOR
\$1, PER HALF OUNCE



"RED ON BLUISH"

2 RECORDED IN PHILADELPHIA



MAY 27, 1845

RED ON BLUISH ADHESIVE,
MANUSCRIPT "R"

RED "PAID" TIED CANCEL

RED PHILADELPHIA OVAL
HANDSTAMP

ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA

PFC 2011



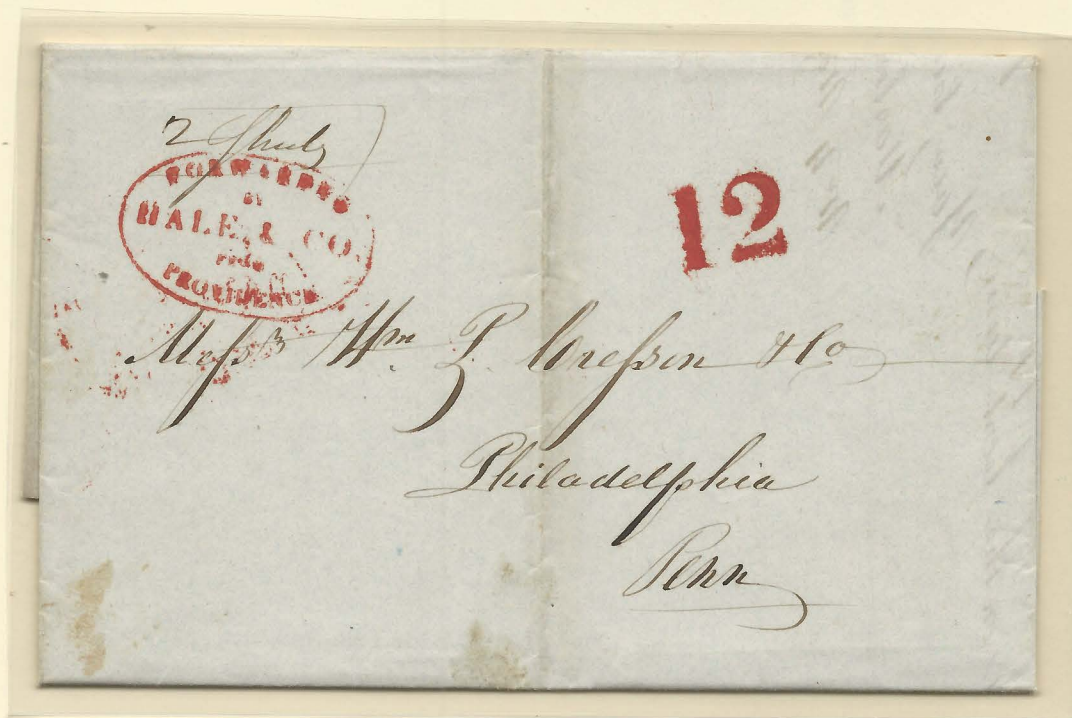
Hale invented the precancel by June 1844, perhaps for labor efficiency and to prevent reuse. The first three were in magenta, perhaps the precursors of the typical black penstroke precancellation. At top is the **earliest dated precancelled stamp**.

The red stamp, at bottom, reveals the full Hale address in Boston. After relocation the address was removed, initially obliterated by pen shown on the next page, and later by printing omission shown on the top examples.

DOUBLE RATE



JUNE 27, 1844 TWO STATE 1 HALE ADHESIVES, MANUSCRIPT ADDRESS DELETED
 ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA MAILED FROM NEW YORK PFC 2000



OCTOBER 28, 1844 12 CENT DOUBLE RATE RED OVAL PROVIDENCE HANDSTAMP
 ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA PFC 2013

Both examples are double rate and addressed to Philadelphia. The top examples pre-paid by two adhesive stamps, which purchased in **volume was only 10 cents**. Bottom example was the full 12 cent cash pre-paid or collect.

TRIPLE RATE

ONE RECORDED BLOCK OF ANY HALE ADHESIVE STATE



MAY 29, 1845 BLOCK OF THREE, HALE STATE 1 STAMP LETTER "R" CANCEL
 RED PHILADELPHIA OVAL HANDSTAMP MAILED FROM PHILADELPHIA
 ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK PFC 2010

ONE RECORDED TRIPLE RATE COLLECT VIA HANDSTAMPS



JULY 23, 1844 RED 12 1/2 HANDSTAMP RED 6 HANDSTAMP FROM NEW YORK
 ADDRESSED TO PHILADELPHIA PFC 2011

Triple rate from Philadelphia to New York *prepaid* stamp, at top, was only 15 cents, whereas 18 1/2 *collect*, at bottom. Compared to the government rate of 37 1/2 cents a **60% reduction**. The exhibitor's research on Hale large multiples on cover has revealed *three stamps on eight covers, four stamps on four covers*, but only **one block**. The bottom example 18 1/2 cents was an unusual combination of monetary systems: 6 cents in *American* and 12 1/2 cents in *Spanish currency denomination*. Hale's Philadelphia office was their third largest by volume.

Hale & Co. grew to approximately 25 offices, and in conjunction with other private mail companies, a network of 110 offices and 1100 agents. **Hale may have enjoyed as much as 60% of the market share of all intercity mail.**

INDEPENDENT MAILS

HALE CONJUNCTIVE

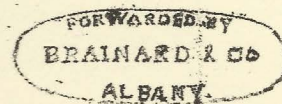
BRAINARD & CO.

11 CENTS:
5 CENTS PREPAID BRAINARD
6 CENTS COLLECT HALE

BRAINARD "BLACK" ADHESIVE STAMP

SEVEN RECORDED COVERS

OPERATED : JUNE 1844 TO JUNE 30, 1845
OPERATOR : BRAINARD FAMILY
LOCATION : 14 EXCHANGE ST., ALBANY
58 WALL ST., NEW YORK
RATE : 5 CENTS PREPAID OR 6 1/4



JULY 1844

BRAINARD TYPE 1 ADHESIVE
PENCIL CANCEL

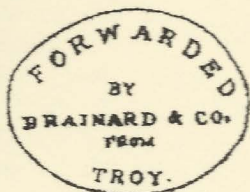
RED OBLONG BRAINARD
ALBANY HANDSTAMP

RED HALE "6" DUE HANDSTAMP

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Brainards New York to Albany/Troy route extended Hale's reach up the Hudson River, for additional charge. Likewise, Brainard utilized Hale to deliver their letters to Philadelphia.

EARLIEST RECORDED TROY OVAL
HANDSTAMP - September 5, 1844



SEPTEMBER 6, 1844

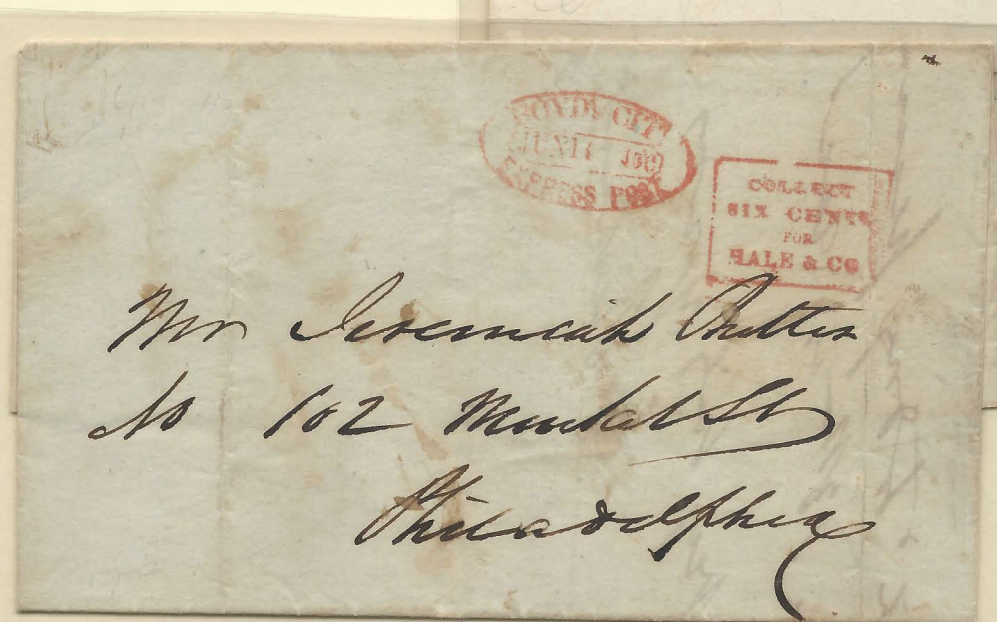
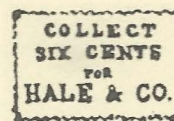
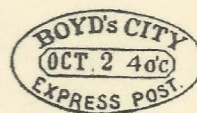
RED OVAL BRAINARD TROY HANDSTAMP

RED OVAL HALE NEW YORK HANDSTAMP

RED BOXED HALE COLLECT HANDSTAMP

RED HALE "6" DUE HANDSTAMP

DELIVERED TO PHILADELPHIA



BOYDS CITY EXPRESS POST

Only a few private posts had existed during the Independent Mail period. On very rare occasions they complemented companies such as Hales for local door delivery of single letters in New York City, bottom example.

INDEPENDENT MAILS

AMERICAN LETTER MAIL CO.

OPERATED : JAN. 23, 1844 TO JAN. 30, 1845
 OPERATOR : LYSANDER SPOONER
 LOCATION : 109 CHESTNUT ST. AND LATER
 101 CHESTNUT ST.
 RATE : 5 CENTS PREPAID, 6 1/2 CENTS
 COLLECT PER HALF OUNCE

SMALL BLACK EAGLE

FIVE BALTIMORE COVERS RECORDED; February 8, 1844

OVAL OF STARS;
 March 8, 1844



American Letter Mail Company's first issue was late January 1844. The Baltimore office closed within six weeks on March 13, 1844 resulting from an unsuccessful court trial, top left example showing a crude smudge cancel. Top right example demonstrates the New York red "oval of stars" cancel. Bottom left red PAID in Philadelphia. Bottom right example was letter/initial "C."

LARGE BLACK EAGLE

5 CENTS :
PREPAID SINGLE RATE

ONE COVER RECORDED WITH "CC"

MAY 17, 1845

LARGE BLACK EAGLE

MANUSCRIPT "CC" CANCEL

PENCIL "67 DOCK"

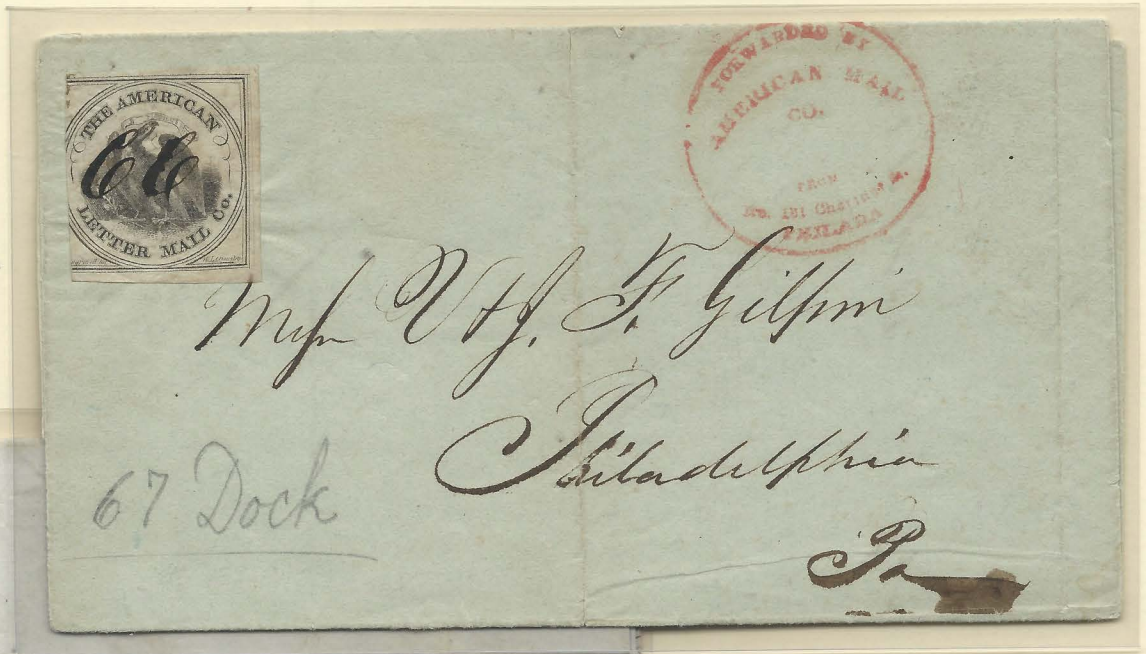
RED PHILADELPHIA TYPE B
HANDSTAMP

MAILED FROM NEW YORK

DELIVERED TO PHILADELPHIA

PFC 2000

ONE RECORDED "PAID"



ONE COVER RECORDED TO TROY



OCTOBER 15, 1844

LARGE EAGLE

MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL

RED TYPE B PHILADELPHIA
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "SINGLE"

MAILED FROM PHILADELPHIA

DELIVERED TO TROY, N.Y.

PFC 2001

Mid 1844 change of ownership was accompanied by a new adhesive stamp, the large black Eagle, which also did not declare a denomination, but was probably 5 cents by volume. The top example was cancelled by initials "CC." Calvin Case, a carrier for the Philadelphia office, who may have delivered this letter to 67 Dock Street for an additional two cents. The government rate for 80-150 miles was 12 1/2 cents, a **60% reduction** between Phila. and NY by the American Letter Mail Co.

In September 1844 the Philadelphia office moved several doors to 101 Chestnut Street, consistent with a new style Philadelphia Type B circle handstamp. The bottom example is the only recorded American Letter Mail Company delivery to Troy *without conjunctive assistance*. The government rate for 150-400 miles was 18 3/4 cents, reduced to 5 cents prepaid - a **73% reduction** by the "Opposition Mail."

DOUBLE RATE

SMALL BLACK EAGLE

10 CENTS :
5 CENTS, TWO PREPAID STAMPS

FIRST US FANCY CANCEL, TWO OF THREE RECORDED - February 15, 1844



ENLARGED FLORAL

FEBRUARY 15, 1844

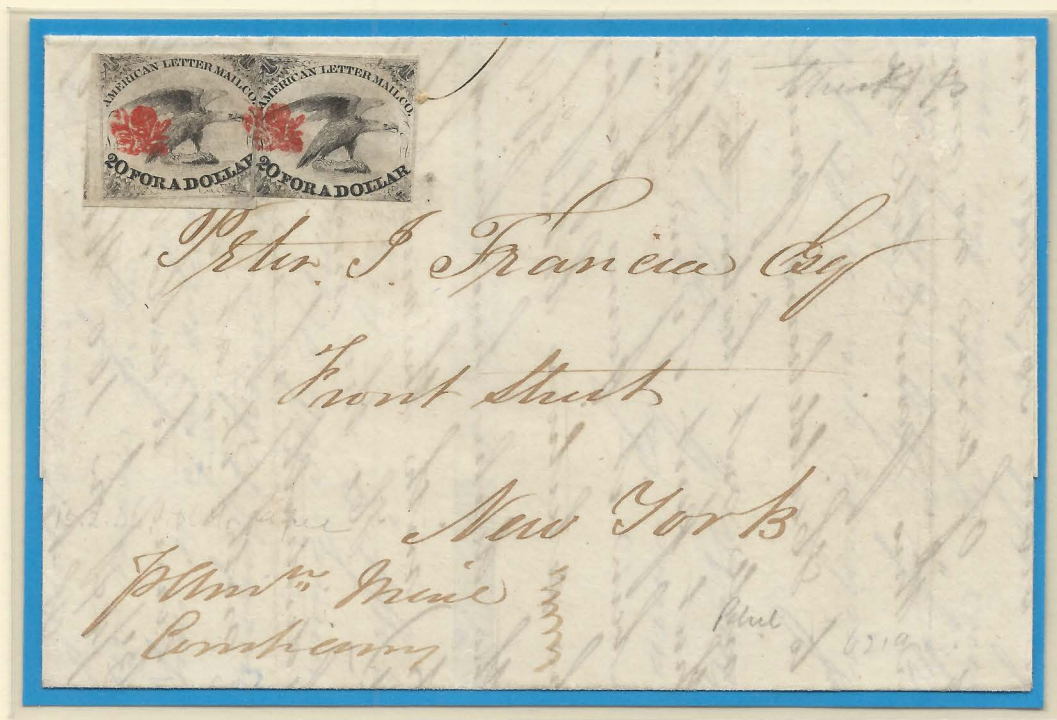
TWO SMALL BLACK EAGLES

RED FLORAL CANCEL

MAILED FROM PHILADELPHIA

ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK

PFC 1997, 2010



LARGE BLACK EAGLE



ALM-PHL-F11



NOVEMBER 14, 1844

TWO LARGE BLACK EAGLES

PENSTROKE CANCEL

RED PHILADELPHIA TYPE "B"
FORWARDING HANDSTAMP

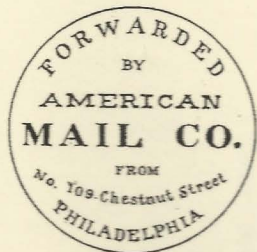
ADDRESSED TO PHILADELP[HIA]

PFC 2007

The February 1844 red floral design is the *earliest known “fancy” handstamp cancellation in the United States*, and possibly the entire modern world.* The double rate could be prepaid by two stamps of either black eagle style, large or small.

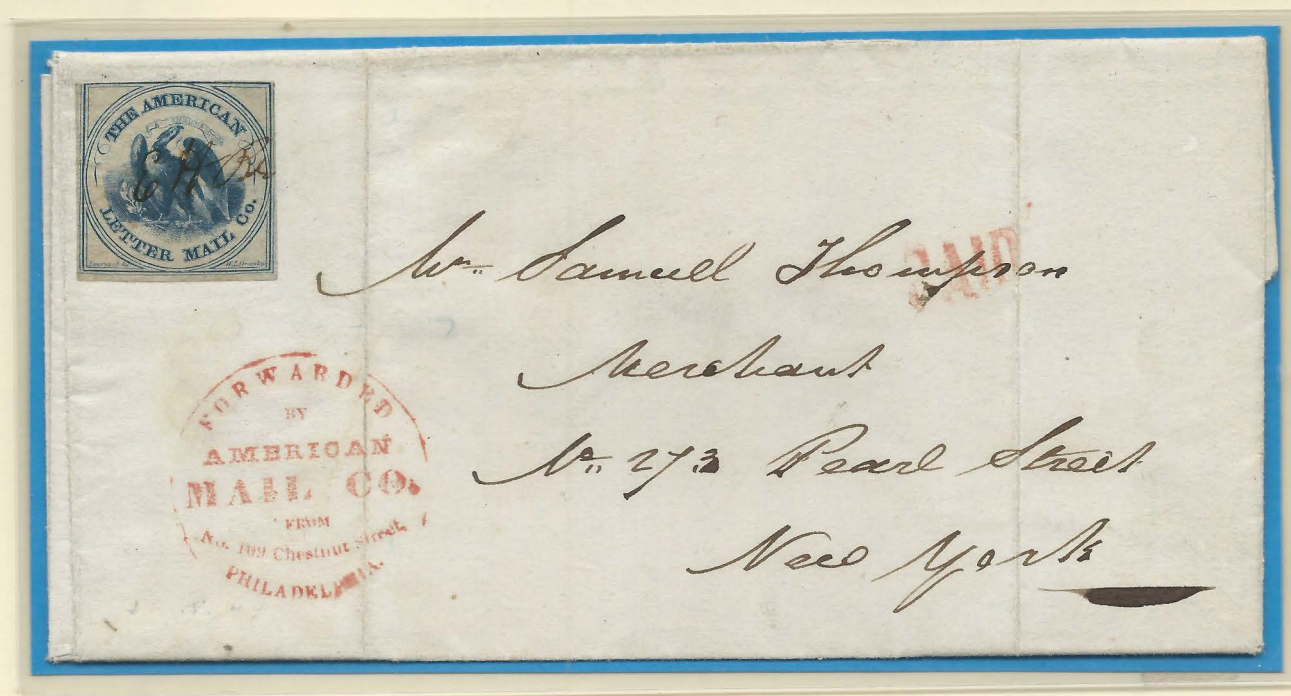
DOUBLE RATE - LARGE BLUE EAGLE

ALM-PHL-F10



10 CENTS : PREPAID DOUBLE RATE

EARLIEST OF TWELVE RECORDED COVERS - August 26, 1844



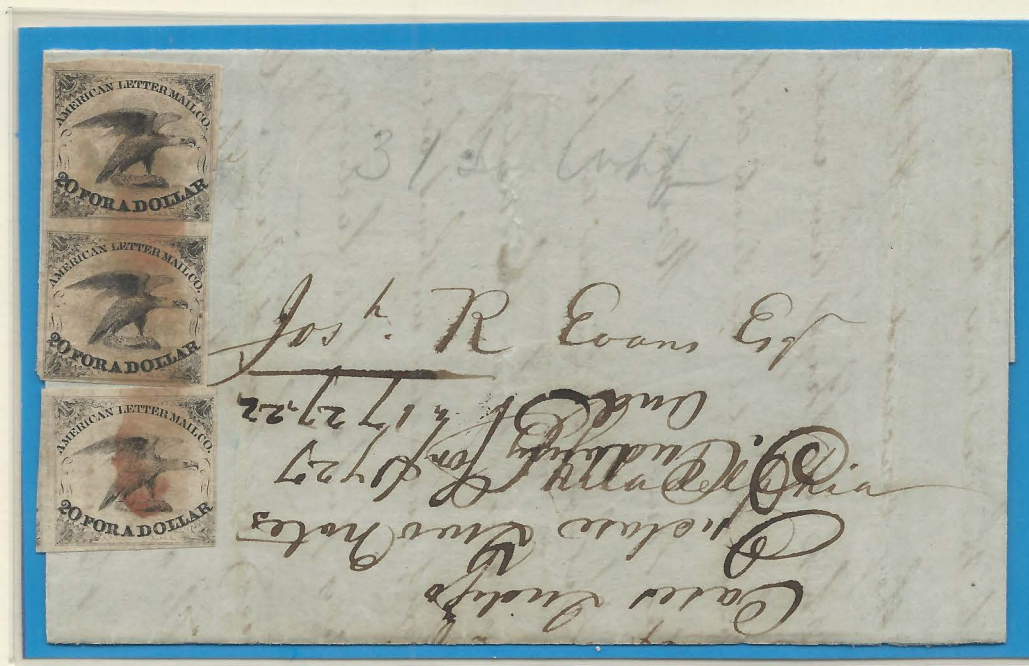
AUGUST 26, 1844 MANUSCRIPT E.H.B. CANCEL RED PHILADELPHIA TYPE A FORWARDING HANDSTAMP
 RED TYPE 1 PAID ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK PFC 1997

All surviving examples originated from Philadelphia, and the great majority during the late Spring of 1845, just prior to the termination of the Independent Mails. The identical design as the large Black, without denominated value. The **large Blue Eagle may likely have represented double rate prepayment**, perhaps modeled after the recently developed British system of Penny Black and the Twopence Blue. The above example is **the earliest recorded**, and *one of only two from 1844*. Large Blue Eagle stamps were not as versatile as large Black Eagle stamps, more easily used in multiple. Large Blue Eagle stamps had been speculatively placed into service near the end of it's viable period, some possibly in desperation on single letters.

TRIPLE RATE

15 CENTS :
5 CENTS PREPAID TRIPLE RATE

SMALL BLACK EAGLE - TWO RECORDED



FEBRUARY 15, 1844 VERTICAL PAIR AND SINGLE ADHESIVE
RED BRUSH STROKE CANCEL MAILED FROM NEW YORK
ADDRESSED TO "JOSH. R. EVANS ESQ / PHILADELPHIA" PFC 2004 & 2010

LARGE BLACK EAGLE - FIVE RECORDED



DECEMBER 1844

THREE SINGLE ADHESIVES

MAILED FROM PHILADELPHIA

ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK

RED OVAL NEW YORK
MARKING

MANUSCRIPT "STAMPED"

PFC 1991 & 2010

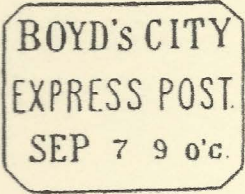
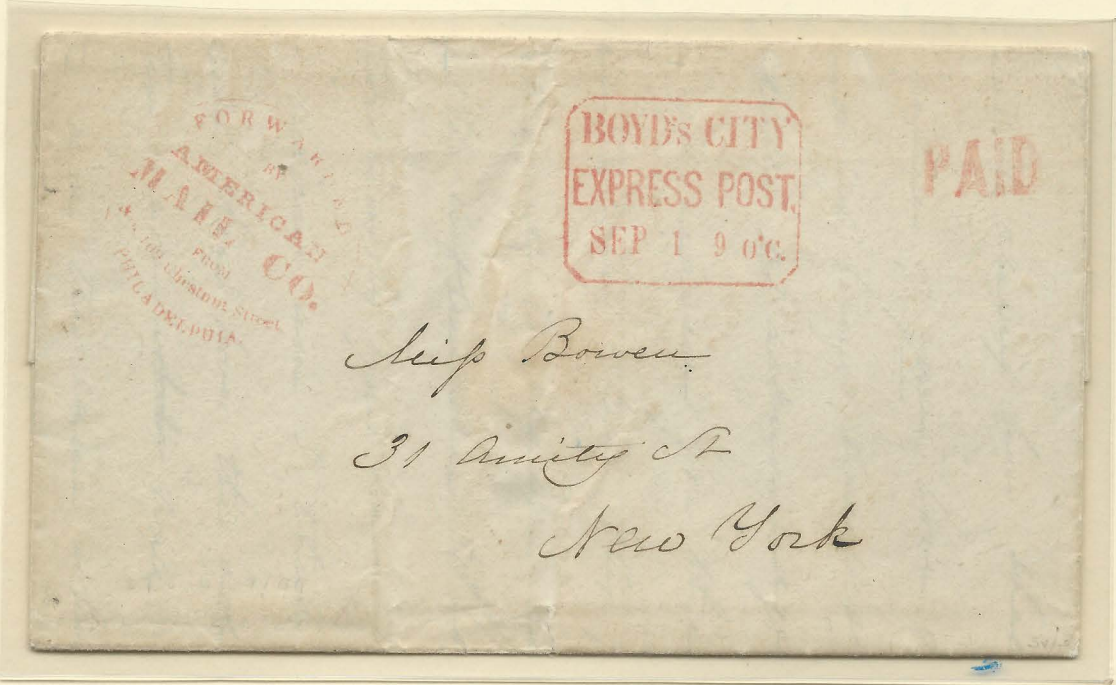
The prepaid triple rate for three sheets of paper from Philadelphia to New York was only 15 cents compared to the government rate of 37 1/2 cents, a 60 % reduction.

TWO RECORDED SEXTUPLE RATE
37 1/2 CENTS
ALL INDEPENDENT MAIL COS



AUGUST 23, 1844 STAMPLESS COLLECT 37 1/2 CENTS
FROM NEW YORK RED PHILADELPHIA TYPE A HANDSTAMP
PFC 1997

CONJUNCTIVE WITH BOYDS



AUGUST 29, 1844 STAMPLESS RED PHILADELPHIA TYPE A HANDSTAMP RED TYPE 1 PAID
BOYD'S CITY ESPRESS POST HANDSTAMP ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK
PFC 2011

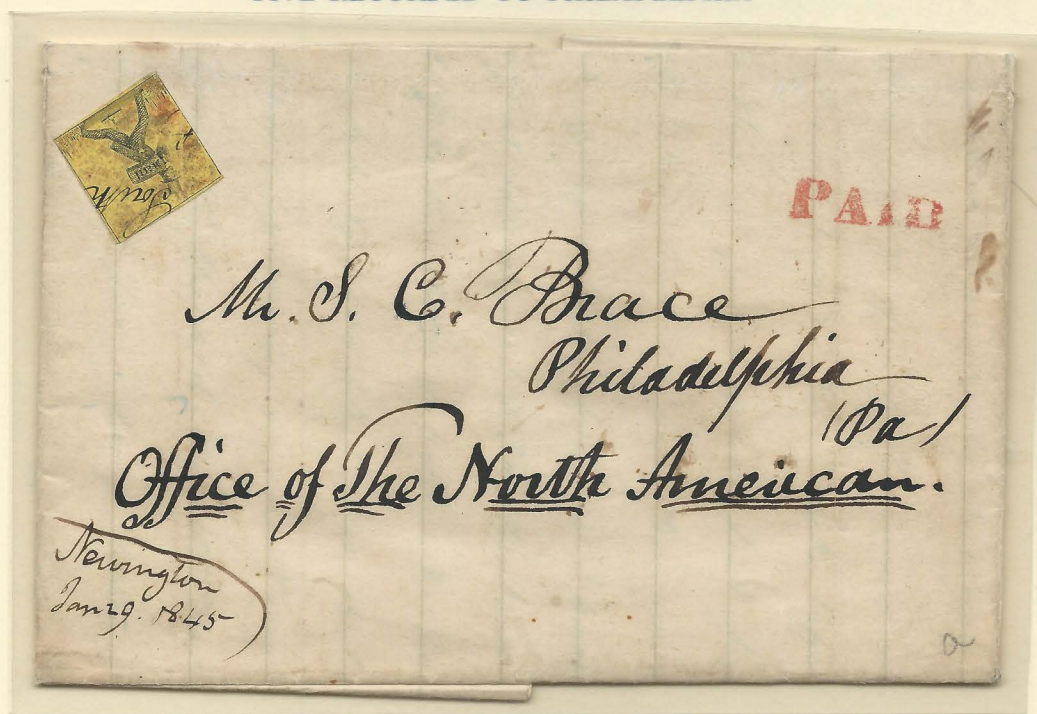
The only recorded American Letter Mail Co. cover with sextuple rate. Only one example exists with greater rate. Boyd's City Express was the only local post in New York City during the last half of 1844. Boyd's provided local door delivery, and served Independent Mail Companies such as the American Letter Mail Co. above, and Hales shown six pages previously.

"BLACK ON YELLOW"



OPERATED : JUNE 1844 TO JUNE 30, 1845
 OPERATOR : UNKNOWN
 LOCATION : HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT,
 NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA
 RATE : 5 CENTS PREPAID OR 6 1/4
 CENTS COLLECT, 1/2 OUNCE

FIVE RECORDED TO PHILADELPHIA



JANUARY 29, 1845 HARTFORD "SOUTH" STAMP RED "PAID" HANDSTAMP
 DELIVERED TO PHILADELPHIA PFC 2013

The Hartford Mail Company was a small company with intriguing **gigantic postman** stepping over a harbor. One year earlier by mid October 1843 the famous "striding messenger" appeared on postage stamps sold by the Philadelphia Despatch Post, and shown in the next frame. By mid November 1843, some Harden stationary showed a post man stepping over the Atlantic Ocean. The Hartford Mail Co. was one of three which reached as far south as Philadelphia, without any conjunctive assistance.

The Parcel Express companies transported bundles, and soon single letters, much cheaper than the government, and gave birth to a network of Independent Mail Companies. Hales and American Letter Mail were the largest. They all extended their reach by working in **conjunction**, including local door delivery by upstart Boyd's City Express Post in New York.

The **Federal Government could not compete with cheap rates**, and legislatively abolished the Independent Mails effective July 1, 1845, but capitulated to their established **low market rates**. Philadelphia to New York was lowered from 12 to 5 cents! Philadelphia to Boston was lowered from 18 to 5 cents, for an incredible **73% rate reduction**.

Parcel Express companies introduced free advertising label. Their derivative Independent Mails began sold pre-paid postage stamps in early January 1844, three years prior to the federal government.

OPERATED : 1842 - JUNE 1845
 OPERATOR : WILLIAM ROBERTSON
 LOCATION : 83 SOUTH SECOND ST
 93 CHESTNUT STREET
 RATE : 3 CENTS

BLACK OCTAGONAL STAMP - 3 CENTS

THIRD ENTITY IN THE WORLD PRINTING POSTAGE STAMPS

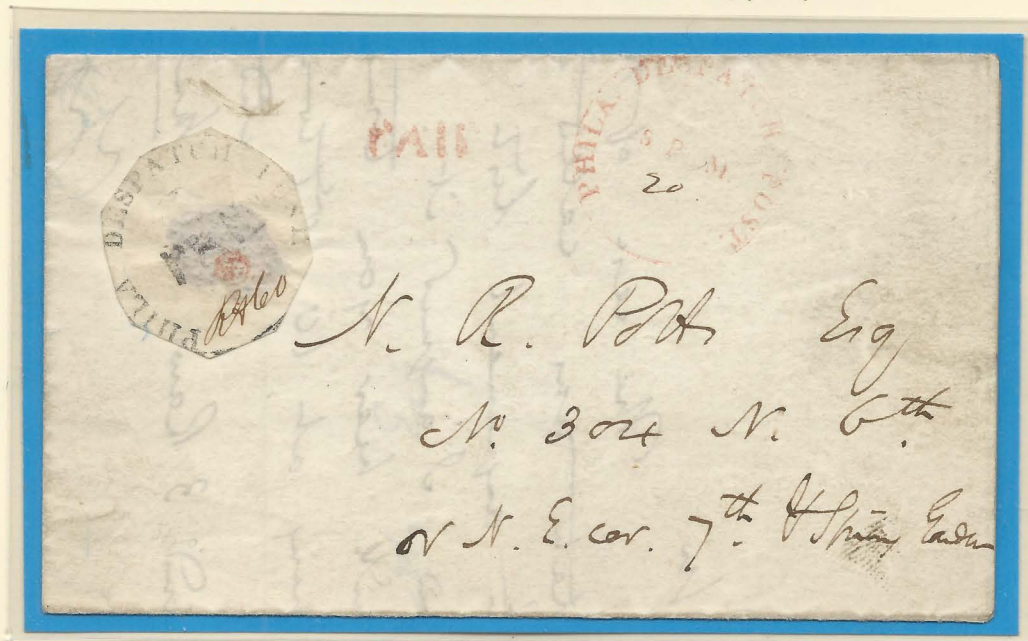
3 CENTS :
 3 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

SIX RECORDED COVERS - MARCH 20, (1843)



R&Co

PAID



MARCH 20, (1843) BLACK OCTAGONAL STAMP ON WAX MANUSCRIPT "R & CO" RED "DOTS IN CIRCLE" CANCEL
 BLACK "PAID" OBLITERATOR RED "PHILA DESPATCH POST / 3 PM" HANDSTAMP RED "PAID" HANDSTAMP
 LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 2001

Philadelphia Despatch Post was the third entity in the world to issue stamps very late in 1842, after Great Britain in 1840, and New York's Greig's City Despatch in 1842 from February to August. The first private post in Philadelphia was the only private post in the United States from December 1842 to mid June 1844. Seven stamps have survived, one on cover sequestered in the British Library for 115 years and unavailable to collectors, and one on small piece.

All covers included company red circular handstamp with namesake "PHILA DESPATCH POST." Delivery time of "10 AM" or "3 PM" was specified in the center. "Primitive" postage stamps were derived from only "3PM" handstamps, had no gum, and were affixed by wax. All prepaid postage stamps were manuscript controlled marked "R&Co" by owner Robertson, all stamps were cancelled in red, and all covers were locally addressed. Exhibitor's original research has determined the black handstamp "PAID" marking intended to obliterate delivery time from postage stamp rather than cancel to prevent reuse. Black stamp, pen "R&CO," red PAID, and red handstamp enlargements are shown above at left.

* "BLOOD'S PART 1: 15L2" MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; THE PENNY POST, VOL. 21 NO.1 (JANUARY 2013), PP. 16-37.

* "THE PHILADELPHIA DESPATCH POST" MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; THE COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, VOL. 92 NO. 6 (NOVEMBER 2013), PP. 355-370.

RED OCTAGONAL STAMP - 3 CENTS

Feb. 15. 1843.

EARLIEST RECORDED OF FOURTEEN -

3 CENTS:
3 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE

February 15, 1843

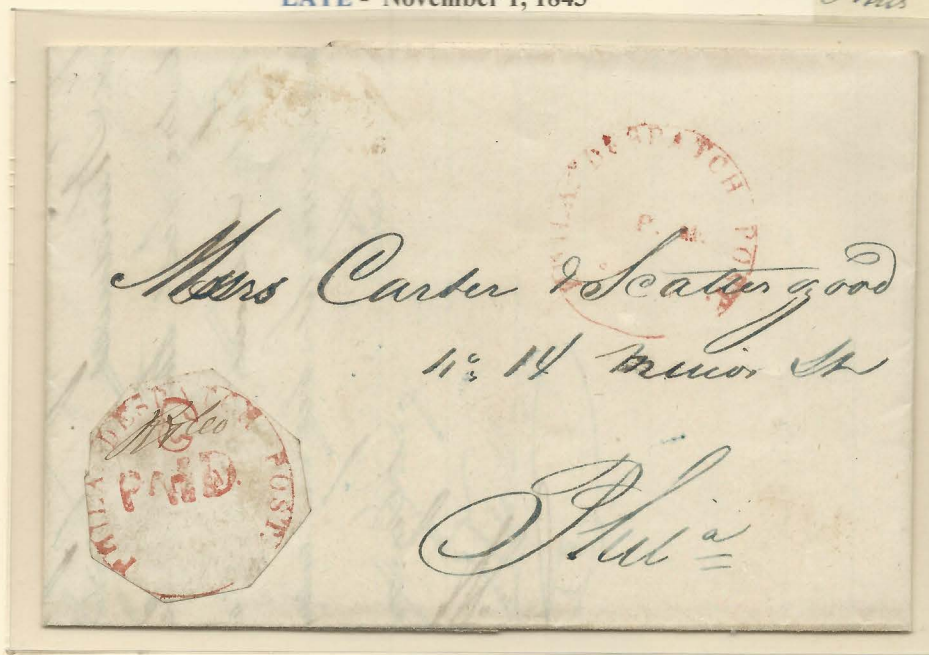


FEBRUARY 15, 1843 RED OCTAGONAL STAMP MANUSCRIPT "R&CO" RED "PAID" OBLITERATOR
RED CIRCLE OF DOTS CANCEL RED PHILA DESPATCH AM HANDSTAMP LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1999



LATE - November 1, 1843

Phil Nov 1st 1843.



NOVEMBER 1, 1843
RED OCTAGONAL STAMP
MANUSCRIPT "R&CO"
RED "3" CANCEL
RED "PAID" OBLITERATOR
RED PHILA DESPATCH POST PM
HANDSTAMP
LOCAL ADDRESS
PFC 2009



Within two months prepaid red octagonal postage stamps appeared, the earliest recorded February 15, 1843, shown at top. Identical "3PM" stamp design flaw in center, no gum, and pen control marked "R&Co" by owner Robertson. The inappropriate stamp design delivery hour was similarly obliterated by matching red "PAID" on each and every example. Exhibitor's original research has identified identical irregular font sized handstamp on several stampless covers. All 14 red stamp examples were cancelled in red to prevent reuse; top example by small red "circle of dots"; bottom example by numeral "3" in outline (enlargements on side). Bottom late example is only one week before latest on November 8, 1844. Both covers were nearby local door deliveries, much like concurrent covers with black octagonal stamps

* "BLOOD'S PART 2: 15L1" MORRIS, VERNON R JR MD; THE PENNY POST, VOL. 21 NO.2 (APRIL 2013), PP. 32-61.

* "THE PHILADELPHIA DESPATCH POST" MORRIS, VERNON R JR MD; THE COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, VOL.92 NO.6 (NOVEMBER 2013), PP. 355-370.

LOCAL POSTS

PHILADELPHIA DESPATCH POST

RED OCTAGONAL STAMP - 3 CENTS

9 CENTS:
3 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
6 CENTS UNDER 30 MILES

FIVE OUTBOUND COVERS

July 28, 1843

JULY 18, 1843
RED OCTAGONAL STAMP
MANUSCRIPT "R&CO"
THREE RED "3" CANCELS
RED "PAID" OBLITERATOR
ADDRESSED TO NEW JERSEY
PFC 1997



NORTHERN LIBERTIES DISTRICT

July 18, 1843 -

SEPTEMBER 19, 1843
RED OCTAGONAL STAMP
MANUSCRIPT "R&CO"
NUMERAL "3" CANCEL
RED "PAID" OBLITERATOR
RED "PHILA DESPATCH POST / PM"
LOCAL ADDRESS
PFC 2014



Although all black stamps were only to local addresses, one third of red stamps serviced outbound letters, given to the Philadelphia post office, shown at top. The bottom examples were locally addressed, although not nearby, one to Northern Liberties District at very bottom. The Philadelphia Despatch Post had positioned 70 collections boxes in the old city, whereas the post office had none.

Exhibitor's original research has demonstrated **incorrect chronological Scott Catalog numbering** as the first two listed should be reversed. Evidence supports black octagonal 15L2 preceded red 15L1 for respective earliest and latest recorded.

TYPE 1 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE - 3 CENTS

WORLD'S FIRST PICTORIAL STAMP, EARLIEST RECORDED

LOCAL DELIVERY

OCTOBER 10, 1843

3 CENTS :
3 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY*Oct. 10. 1843*MANUSCRIPT "R & CO"
RED "3" CANCELFAINT RED
"PHILADELPHIA DESPATCH
POST" CIRCULAR DATESTAMP

"TO THE POST OFFICE"

9 CENTS:
3 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
6 CENTS UNDER 30 MILES

ONE TIED BY OTHER CITY CDS

JULY 16, 1844

STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE
MANUSCRIPT "R & CO"

NUMERAL "3" CANCEL

TIED BY CHESTER CIRCULAR
DATESTAMPRED PHILADELPHIA CIRCULAR
DATESTAMP

RED MANUSCRIPT "6"

ADDRESSED TO CHESTER, PA.

PFC 2011



During Autumn 1843 iconic "striding messenger" prepaid postage stamps replaced "primitive" octagonal stamps. The world's first pictorial stamp illustrated a postman leaping over the nearby historic Merchants Exchange Building, which housed the old city's post office. Robertson & Co. 3 cent collect service was volume discounted prepaid \$2 per 100 stamps, or 2 cents each. Exhibitor's original research revealed two thirds delivered locally; only one third tied to the cover by cancel or government cds, as respectively shown above.

ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP



SEPTEMBER 25, 1844

RED "CITY DESPATCH POS"
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

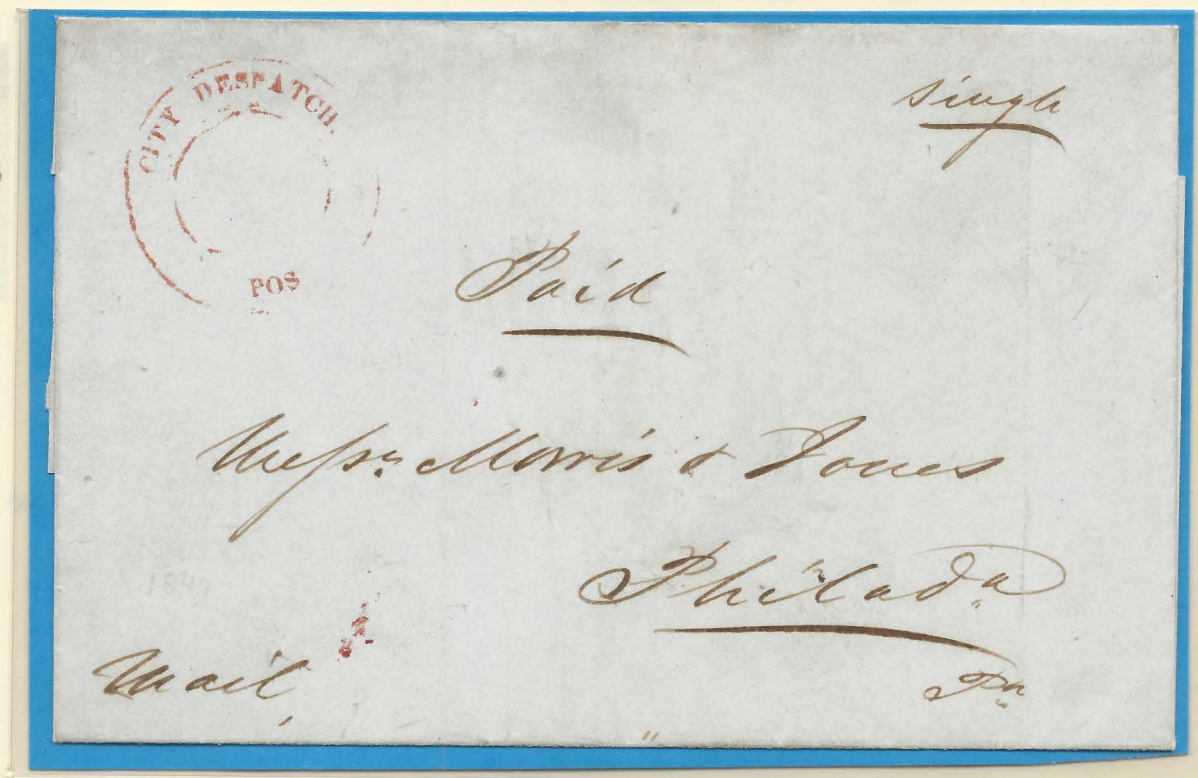
MANUSCRIPT "SINGLE"

MANUSCRIPT "MAIL"

NEW YORK ORIGIN

PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS

PFC 2010



CITY DESPATCH

TWELVE RECORDED COVERS, TWO WITH STRIDING MESSENGER

Feb 13. 1845



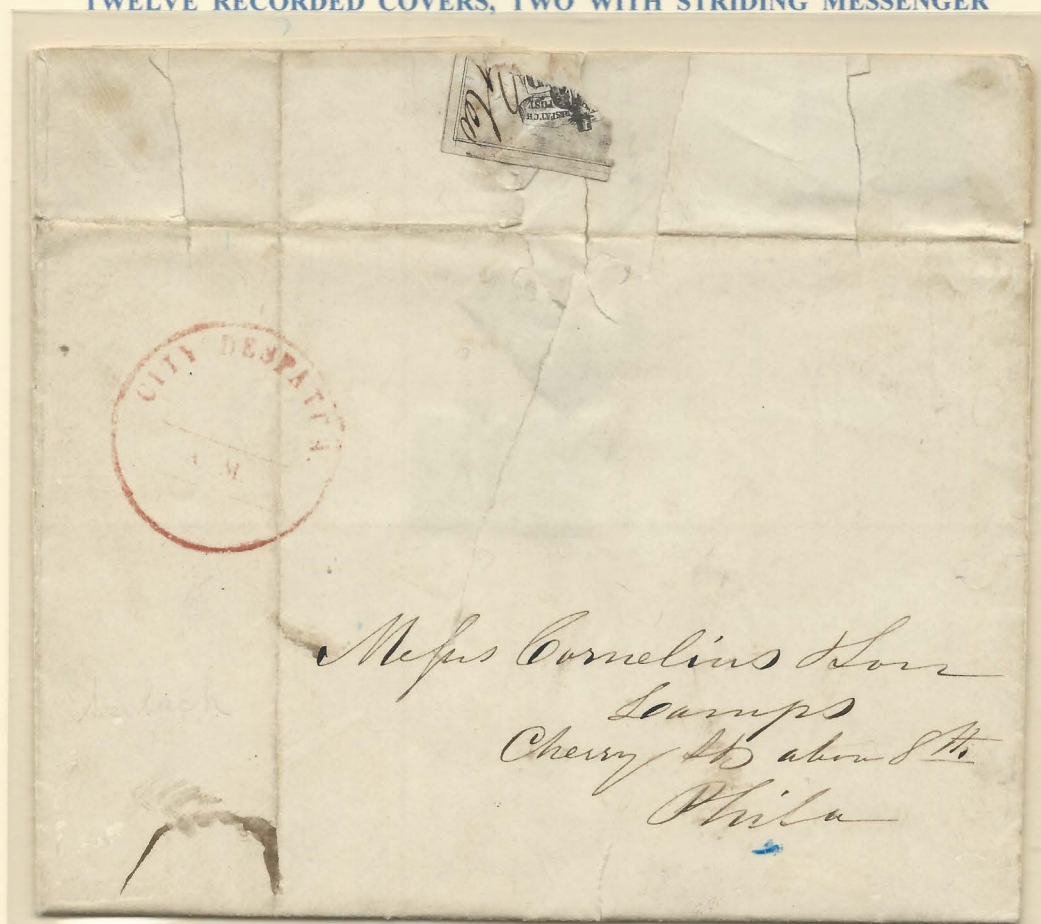
FEBRUARY 13, 1845

RED "CITY DESPATCH AM"
HANDSTAMPPORTION OF STRIDING
MESSENGER
INITIALED "R & CO"

PITTSBURGH ORIGIN

PHILADELPHIA ADDRESS

PFC 2010



From December 1842 until June 1844 the only local post in the United States was the Philadelphia Despatch Post. The above two companies above operated between September 1844 and January 1846. The exhibitor submits that both the *City Despatch* and the *City Despatch Post* were a Philadelphia Despatch Post rival, subsidiary, or takeover* suggested by the lower example displaying a partial striding messenger stamp.

* "ROBERTSON AND THE CITY DESPATCH," VERNON R. MORRIS JR. M.D., *THE CHRONICLE*, VOL. 54, NO. 3, AUGUST 2002, P. 173-185

LOCAL POSTS

D.O. BLOOD & CO.



OPERATED : JULY 7, 1845
 OPERATOR : DANIEL BLOOD UNTIL 1852, THEN
 CHARLES KOCHERSPERGER
 LOCATION : 48 SOUTH THIRD STREET
 RATE : VARIABLE

TYPE 2 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE - 3 CENTS

SIXTEEN RECORDED COVERS

"TO THE POST OFFICE"

8 CENTS :
 3 CENTS TO POST OFFICE
 5 CENTS UNDER 300 MILES



NOVEMBER 12, (1845)
 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE
 MANUSCRIPT "DOB & CO"
 MANUSCRIPT "W" CANCEL
 BLUE PHILA DATESTAMP CANCEL
 BLUE "5" IN DOUBLE CIRCLE
 ADDRESSED TO BALTIMORE

PFC 1997 & 2010

ONE DROP LETTER, LATEST RECORDED -

DECEMBER 15, 1845

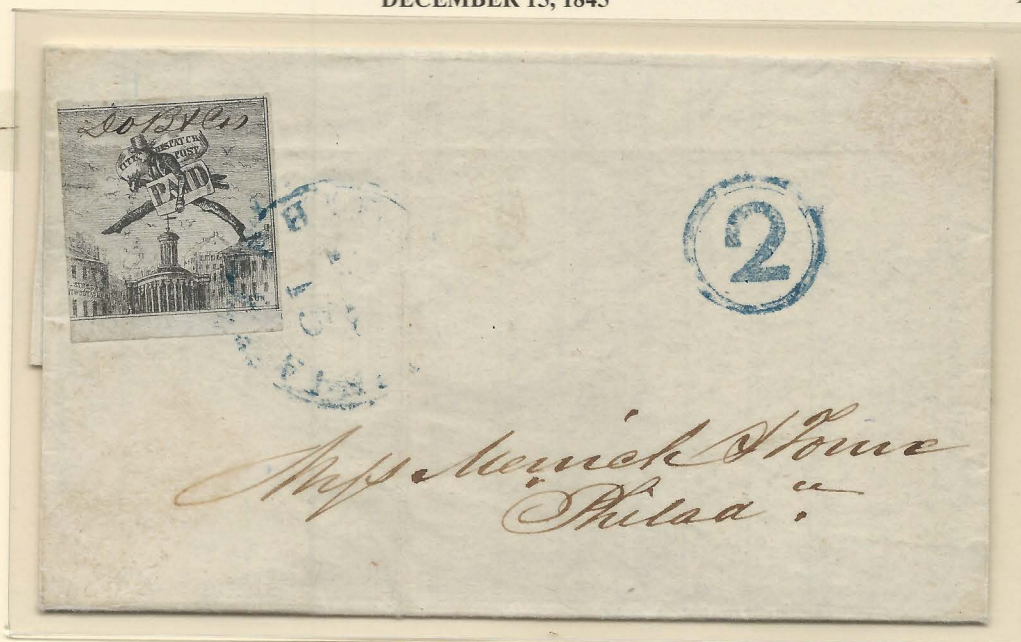
LOCAL

5 CENTS:
 3 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
 2 CENTS "DROP" LETTER HELD

Phi Dec 10-1845

DECEMBER 15, 1845
 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE
 MANUSCRIPT "DOB & CO"
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
 CANCEL
 BLUE "2" IN DOUBLE CIRCLE
 HANDSTAMP
 LOCAL ADDRESS

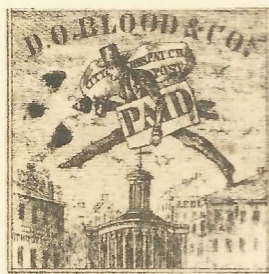
PFC 1991



Daniel Blood purchased the Philadelphia Despatch Post on June 30, 1845, the last day of the Independent Mail period. Blood acquired the lithography stone and remainder postage stamps, subsequently initialed "DOB & Cos." Exhibitor's original research has recorded only 16 covers from August 5, 1845 until December 15, 1845. Prepaid stamps remained 3 cents each, or 25 cents per dozen. The lower example was delivered to the post office and held for 2 cents.

Blood promptly moved the principal office a few doors south of Third and Chestnut above the Girard Bank and across from the Merchants Exchange Building housing the Philadelphia post office. The historic Girard Bank building had been the "First Bank of the United States" from 1795 until 1811.

TYPE 3 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE - 3 CENTS



PAID

FEBRUARY 25, 1846

"DO BLOOD & CO" STRIDING
MESSENGER ADHESIVE

RED "PAID" CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS



Reemacher
SW corner of 2nd & Green sts
Phila.

768
 225
 113
 51



W. H. Smith Esq.

FEBRUARY 24, 1848

"DO BLOOD & CO" STRIDING
MESSENGER ADHESIVE

BLACK "DOTS" CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2001

MAY 5, 1847

"DO BLOOD & CO" STRIDING
MESSENGER ADHESIVE

MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL

BLUE PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP CANCELADDRESSED TO SPRING GARDEN
GARDEN DISTRICT

PFC 2000

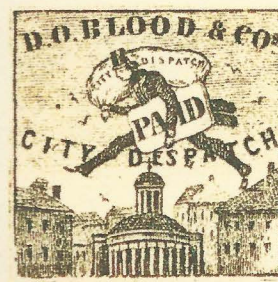


Within months Blood & Co. prepared **new striding messenger stamps** from original template, adding namesake "D.O. Blood & Co." across top. Owner manuscript control marking was discontinued.

Exhibitor's original research has recorded 59 covers from **September 17, 1845 until February 24, 1848**. By June 1846 the single prepaid rate was reduced from **3 to 2 cents**. The vast majority were cancelled; top example by tall red "PAID," middle example by typical "group of dots," and bottom by manuscript "X" although serendipitously tied by government cds.

TYPE 4 STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

ONE RECORDED COMBINED WITH 1847 ISSUE



AUGUST 6, 1847

"D O BLOOD & CO / CITY DESPATCH"
STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE

MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL

5 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE
ADHESIVE

BLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE CANCEL

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO NEW HAVEN, CONN

PFC 1997 & 2010

EARLIEST RECORDED GRID CANCEL - December 8, 1847

DECEMBER 8, 1847

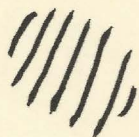
"D O BLOOD & CO / CITY DESPATCH"
STRIDING MESSENGER ADHESIVE

GRID CANCEL

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK

2001 PFC



CITY DESPATCH was added across the middle to create the fourth and final striding messenger design, which largely served local door delivered "city letters." To prevent local reuse, the great majority were cancelled. Very few served outbound letters, explaining only one combined with newly introduced 1847 government general issue stamps, shown at top. Exhibitor's original research has recorded only **42 covers from June 30, 1847 until September 8, 1849**. Grid cancels were largely 1848 through mid 1849.

VOLUME DISCOUNTS

SIX CIRCULARS RECORDED, THREE AVAILABLE

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

2 above Race Buck Hotel

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.	2 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.



15L3



15L4



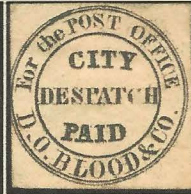
15L5



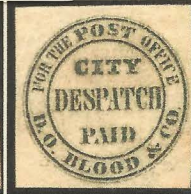
15L6



15L7



15L8



15L9

By early 1846 Blood & Co. **bifurcated their business model**, separating letters according to delivery. Either door delivery of "**city letters**" to thousands of Philadelphia address's, or easy post office delivery across Third Street for outbound "**post office**" letters. The world's first special purpose stamp, with double circle "For the POST OFFICE" across top, shown above right.

Blood & Co. posted **sample demonstration stamps** in numerous retail businesses, where stamps were sold. Above is one of the 3 available to collectors. At bottom are images of the 4 striding messenger and 3 geometric stamp designs.

* "BLOOD'S PART 7: 15L7" MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; *THE PENNY POST*, VOL. 22 NO.3 (JULY 2014), PP 48-50.

* "BLOOD'S PART 8: 15L8" MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; *THE PENNY POST*, VOL. 22 NO.4 (OCTOBER 2014)

TYPE 1 DOUBLE CIRCLE ADHESIVE - 3 CENTS



MARCH 13, 1846

TYPE 1 DOUBLE CIRCLE STAMP

RED "PAID" HANDSTAMP CANCEL

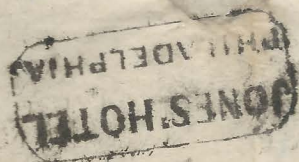
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLUE "5" IN DOUBLE CIRCLE

PAID

EARLIEST TIED DOUBLE CIRCLE STAMP

MARCH 13, 1846



OCTOBER 18, 1846

MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP TIED

JONES HOTEL / PHILADELPHIA HANDSTAMP

ADDRESSED TO VIRGINIA

PFC 2009

James K. Skinker Esq
Barnett Mills
Tangier Co
Virginia

ONE NUMERAL "3" RECORDED;
LATEST 3 CENT RATE; May 19, 1846

May, 18th,
1846.

MAY 19, 1846

BLUE PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP WITH
"ATTACHED 10"

ADDRESSED TO
VERMONT

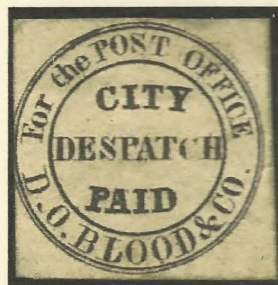
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Mr. Leonard Herriman,
Craftsbury,
Vermont.

Blood & Co. business bifurcation produced the world's first explicit special purpose "To the POST OFFICE" stamp. Exhibitors original research revealed an active philatelic period from **January 24, 1846 until December 7, (1846)**; and only **24 recorded** covers. Moreover, by mid 1846 Blood & Co reduced single stamp charge from 3 to 2 cents; bottom example the latest confirmed 3 cent stamp. The **earliest date certain tied** cover for the series was March 13, 1846, at top.

TYPE 2 DOUBLE CIRCLE ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS



EARLIEST RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC BLOOD'S
ONE RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC WITH DOUBLE CIRCLE



JULY 27, 1847

TYPE 2 DOUBLE CIRCLE STAMP

BLUE PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP TWICE

BLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE

"1/-" MARKING IN ENGLAND

MANUSCRIPT "PER STEAMER"

ADDRESSED TO
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

PFC 1997 & 2010

FOUR COMBINED WITH
1847 GENERAL ISSUE



OCTOBER 21, (1847)

TYPE 2 DOUBLE CIRCLE
ADHESIVE

UNCANCELLED

5 CENT 1847 GENERAL
ISSUE ADHESIVEBLUE "PAID" IN
LOZENGE CANCELBLUE PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO BALTIMORE

PFC 2007

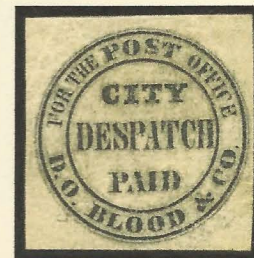
By late December 1846 "POST" was replaced with "PAID," probably to avoid antagonizing the post office directly across Third Street. Exhibitor's original research has recorded 61 covers from December 23, 1846 until July 21, 1848. Only 20% were tied to cover. At top is the earliest Blood's transatlantic example.

LOCAL POSTS

TYPE 3 DOUBLE CIRCLE ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

D.O. BLOOD & CO.

EARLIEST RECORDED - April 16, 1847



NINE RECORDED TO CANADA



FOURTEEN COMBINED WITH
1847 GENERAL ISSUE



PRESIDENT POLK
FREE FRANK

Exhibitor's original research recorded 64 covers, an active philatelic period from April 16, 1847 until February 26, 1849, all outbound letters, none cancelled, one free frank President Polk (bottom).

"BLOOD'S PART 9: 15L9" MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; THE PENNY POST, VOL 23, NO 1, (JANUARY 2015), PP 12-60.



EARLIEST RECORDED - March 22, (1848)



Miss Susanna Simms

State



W. Stephen Lawson
Baltimore

TWO 1847 TIED



PHILA RAIL ROAD

ONE COMBINED WITH
10 CENT 1847

M. Carr



Maryetta Bullock
Mount Holly
New Jersey.

Blue oblong stamps retained "for the POST OFFICE," and replaced double circle stamps for outbound letters. Exhibitor's original research has recorded 36 on cover from May 3, 1848 until March 23, 1849, all outbound letters, and precious few cancelled. Seven combined with 1847 general issue stamp, only 2 of which are tied, both shown above.



ONE RECORDED
COMBINATION 1847

By Blood's Dispatch, which has no match

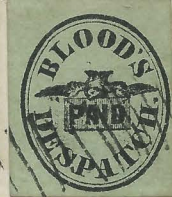


SIX TIED BY GRID

*By Blood's Dispatch, which has no match,
You'll go at once
To South Penn Square
at once address S.*



*To Miss E Schmidt
Corner 4th & George Street
Northern Liberty Phila*



SIX CUT TO
SHAPE



ONE CORNER
MARGIN



Geo. W Carpenter Esq.

Green oval "dove with envelope" BLOOD'S DESPATCH stamps replaced striding messenger city stamps, retaining "PAID" from the mail sack. Exhibitor's original research has identified 45 covers from April 7, 1848 until December 24, 1848, all cancelled except for the single combination with 1847, shown at top, but only 8 were tied.

A whimsical phrase at top summarized this exhibit: "By Blood's Dispatch, which has no match, You'll go at once..."

1848-49 RECTANGULAR "POST OFFICE" - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED SMALL RECTANGULAR

August 24, 1848



PHILADA RAIL ROAD

Paid

Pyramm Glanville Esq
 Corner Burlington & South St
 New York

1848
 W. M.
 Philadelphia
 August 24

AUGUST 24, 1848

RECTANGULAR "POST OFFICE"
ADHESIVE

FAINT GRID CANCEL

RED PHILAD^A RAILROAD
STRAIGHTLINE HANDSTAMPADDRESSED TO
NEW YORK

ONE TRANSATLANTIC COVER -

November 5, 1849

NOV 19
 349

LONDON NOV 19, 1849

LATEST RECORDED

October 9, (1859-61)



Purvis

Mr. R A Purvis
 North East corner of 4th & Walnut -
 Phila

Blood's Despatch printed a new generation of **small rectangular stamps**. **Earliest recorded was August 24, 1848**, shown at top, five months prior than previously recorded*. Over a short period of time this "POST OFFICE" stamp replaced blue oblong stamps. Exhibitor's *original research* has recorded **159 covers**, an active philatelic period from **August 24, 1848 until November 5, 1850** (although largely an 1849 stamp). The latest recorded outlier was October 9, (1859-61), shown at bottom.

* "SOME COMMENTS ON BLOOD'S REVISITED," SHACHAT, NORM; *THE PENNY POST*, VOL. 2, NO.3 (AUGUST 1992), PP. 30-34* "BLOOD'S 15L17: PART 12," MORRIS, VERNON, *THE PENNY POST*, VOL.23, NO. 4, (OCTOBER 2015), PP 31, 32, 55

1848-49 RECTANGULAR "POST OFFICE" - 1 CENT

8 RECORDED WITH 10 CENT 1847



MAY 9, (1849-50)

RECTANGULAR "POST OFFICE"
ADHESIVE STAMP

ACID CANCEL

10 CENT 1847 ADHESIVE STAMP

BLUE PHILADELPHIA CDS

ADDRESSED TO PITTSBURGH

PFC 1993



TWO RECORDED VALENTINES



FEBRUARY 13, (1849)

EMBOSSED ENVELOPE

RECTANGULAR "POST OFFICE"
ADHESIVE STAMP

5 CENT 1847 ADHESIVE STAMP

BLUE PHILADELPHIA CDS

ADDRESSED TO NORTHUMERLAND

PFC 1985 & 1999

Exhibitor's *original research* has recorded **46 covers in combination with 1847** general issue postage stamp: 8 covers with 10 cent 1847; 38 covers with 5 cent 1847. This small rectangular "POST OFFICE" stamp has been **incorrectly listed by Scott Catalog** as 15L17, five positions later than chronology would require.

1848-49 RECTANGULAR "PAID" - 2 CENTS



EARLIEST RECORDED -

September 13, 1848

LATEST RECORDED MANUSCRIPT CAN-

Sept. 13th 1848

LATEST RECORDED -

November 3, 1851



Messrs. E. J. Etting & Bro.

46 No. Wharves-

SIX RECORDED COMBINED WITH
1847 GENERAL ISSUE

Mr. J. P. Jones Rev.

183. William Street.

New York.

St. G. I. Co.

4th. Belton Walnut

Philadelphia

LATEST RECORDED 4 BAR GRID CANCEL
ON ANY BLOODS - July 24, 1849

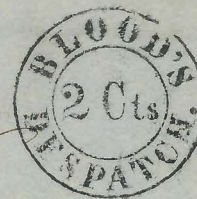
Within a few months pale green oval designs were replaced with small rectangular adhesives. Reserved for city delivery, "PAID" had been retained from the striding messenger, and not denominated. Exhibitor's *original research* has recorded only 45 examples, actively in service from September 13, 1848 until November 3, 1851,* each one demonstrated above. Largely an 1849 stamp, it bridged the transition from manuscript and grid cancels to acid mutilation.

* "BLOOD'S SMALL 15L12 'PAID'," MORRIS, VERNON R. JR MD; *THE PENNY POST*, VOL. 9, NO.3 (JULY 2001), PP. 37-38

1848 HANDSTAMP 25 MM MARKINGS

"2 Cts" COLLECT

Retail Druggists send
their orders to large houses
for fresh supplies through
Blood's Despatch.



A. B.

*Blood's Despatch office
No 28 S. 6th St. Philad*

1847

ONE RECORDED
WITH STARS



"PAID"

ONE RECORDED WITH STARS



Mr. George Stille

St Louis

Missouri



C. Martin

Martin

St. Louis above Juniper

Phila

By 1848 Blood & Co. reorganized and changed its name to BLOOD'S DESSPATCH. "Collect" service was 2 cents. Prepaid 1 cent. Transition from large 31 millimeter handstamps with stars in center to 25 millimeter double circle handstamps without stars, morphed through *two unique handstamp variations, NEW TO PHILATELY*, which retained old style stars in center of new smaller double circle design.

1849 RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT"

FIFTEEN COMBINED WITH 10 CENT 1847



AUGUST 13, 18450

RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT" STAMP

ACID CANCEL

10 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE STAMP

RED SQUARE GRID CANCEL

RED PHILADA RAILROAD STRAIGHTLINE

RED NEW YORK CDS

ADDRESSED TO PORTLAND, MAINE

PFC 2013

72 COMBINED WITH
5 CENT 1847

NOVEMBER 3, (1849-50)

RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT" STAMP

5 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE STAMP

RED "WAY/5" HANDTAMP TWICE

BLUE BALTIMORE CDS TWICE

ADDRESSED TO MARYLAND

PFC 1999

ONE RECORDED TO GERMANY
March 25, (1852-53)

COPY OF REVERSE



On February 19, 1849 the Postmaster General reduced the carrier rate to 1 cent in several large cities including Philadelphia. Blood's Despatch pre-empted the government by its own rate reduction on January 8, 1849. "ONE CENT" design is self explanatory and no longer required volume purchases. Exhibitor's original research has recorded 293 examples with an active philatelic period from **March 6, 1849 until June 1853**. Three transatlantic covers have been recorded; one to England, one to France, and **one to Germany**, shown at bottom including image of reverse. One of 12 "southern mail" WAY covers in middle.

1849 RECTANGULAR "ONE CENT"



FOUR RECORDED WITH MULTIPLE STAMPS

June 18, 1850



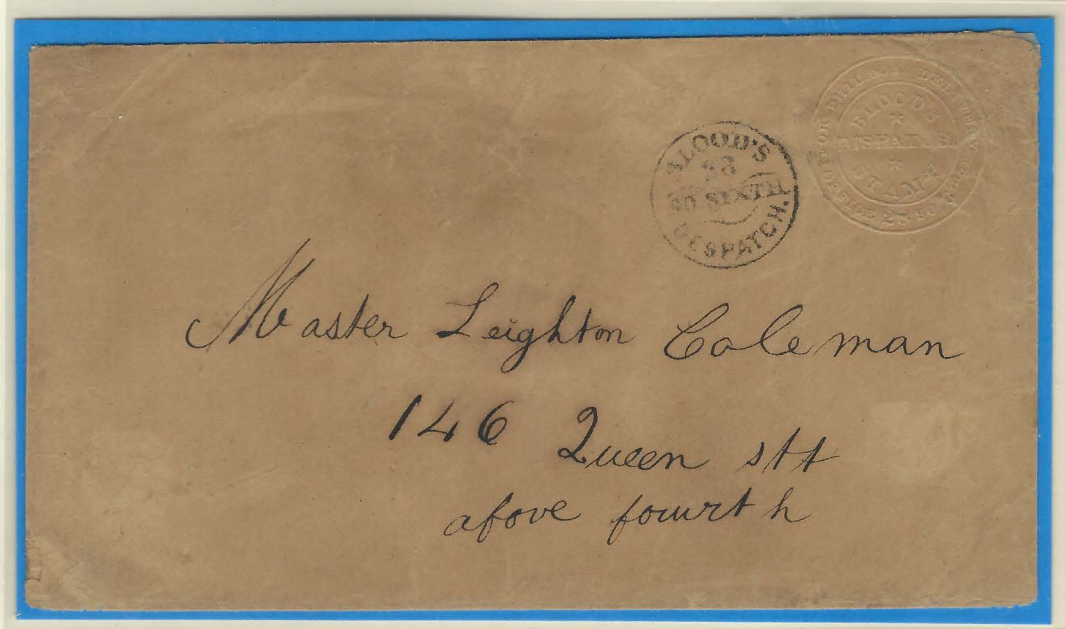
Recd. June 18/50

ONE RECORDED FROM EUROPE
DENMARK - March 27, 1850TWO RECORDED WITH
THREE 1 CENT 1851 STAMPS
October 29, (1851-52)TWO RECORDED TO CANADA
March 27, 1852

COPY OF REVERSE



TWO RECORDED ALBINO - FIRST USA EMBOSSED ENVELOPE



STAMPED ENVELOPES, each of which will take a letter without further charge through "BLOOD'S DESPATCH," can be had at 48 SOUTH THIRD St., at 20 cts. a dozen. ap10 13myfr



UNDATED

BLOOD'S ALBINO EMBOSSED ENVELOPE

UNCANCELLED

BLOOD'S HANDSTAMP MARKING

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2008

TWO RECORDED WITH 1847 GENERAL ISSUE



ONE RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC BLOOD'S ENVELOPE OF ANY TYPE

January 8, 1852



JANUARY 8, 1852

TYPE 2 EMBOSSED ENVELOPE

UNCANCELLED

RED "PHILA. / PAID" IN OCTAGON

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "21 C PAID"

MANUSCRIPT "6"

ADDRESSED TO PARIS, FRANCE

PFC 2000

Prepaid embossed envelopes were produced by Blood's Despatch five years prior to government entires,* confirmed by April 10, 1948 newspaper notice top left, advertising "Stamped Envelopes." Albino embossments trials were unsatisfactory, top example, and likely were predecessor of the typical colored embossments: Type 1 in the middle for 28 South Street, which expanded next door to include 26 South Sixth Street by May 2, 1851, at bottom, for Type 2.

* "BLOODS DESPATCH REVISITED", STEVEN ROTH, THE PENNY POST, VOL.1, NO.4, P.22

** "BLOOD'S FIRST ISSUE ENVELOPE", SCOTT. TREPEL, THE PENNY POST, VOL. 10, NO. 1, P. 29

1853 BLUE AND PINK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - April 16, (1853)



APRIL 16, (1853)

BLUE AND PINK BLOOD'S
PENNY POST ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

BLOOD'S DESPATCH
HANDSTAMPBLUE PHILADELPHIA
DATESTAMP, TWICEBLACK "N. YORK BR. PACKET
23 APR 20" HANDSTAMPADDRESSED TO BRUNSCHWEIG,
GERMANY

TWO TRANSATLANTIC COVERS

SEPTEMBER 26, (1853)

BLUE ON PINK ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

BLOODS HANDSTAMP

6 THREE CENTS STAMPS,
2 MISSING

BLUE PHILADELPHIA CDS

ADDRESSED TO SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN
OCT 10 / 1853

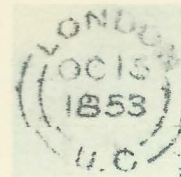
Lydin A. Barclay
and J. H. H. H.
Aberdeen
Scotland

W. Hodgson Junr. 1853



ONE RECORDED TO CANADA

OCTOBER 11, 1853

BLUE AND PINK BLOOD'S
PENNY POST ADHESIVE
ACID CANCELBLOOD'S DESPATCH
HANDSTAMP1 CENT 1851 GENERAL
ISSUE ADHESIVETHREE 3 CENT GENERAL
ISSUE ADHESIVELONDON U.C.
OCT 15 / 1853

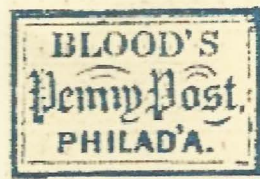
Blood's Despatch reorganized again in 1853, and was renamed **BLOOD'S PENNY POST**. Blue and pink on bluish stamps were sold by **mid April**. Blood's Penny Post boasted 500 collection boxes in various drug stores, grocery stores, and hotels.* The Government was years away from lamp post boxes. **Both transatlantic examples** are shown above.

* "BLOOD'S DESPATCH REVISITED," STEVEN M. ROTH, *THE PENNY POST*, VOL. 1, NO. 4, NOVEMBER 1991, P. 23

LOCAL POSTS

BLOOD'S PENNY POST

1853 BLUE AND PINK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED MULTIPLE -



St. Lewis
Spruce Street
Phila



EARLIEST RECORDED
BLOOD'S NESBIT

1854 BLACK ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - February 17, 1854

2 Feb 17, 1854



LATEST RECORDED - January 21, (1855)



Immediate delivery
is requested by the Despatch

ONE RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC
GERMANYONE RECORDED FROM EUROPE -
GREECE

Athens, June 2, 1854.



24 K.R. AMERICA
9 UBER BREMEN

In early 1854 the Blood's Penny Post issue in "Bronze on Black Glazed" paper, but **did not last a full year**. Exhibitors original research less than **25 covers have survived**. The earliest on February 17, 1854 and latest on January 21, 1855, both shown above. All examples above have been certified by the PF.

1854 BRONZE ON LILAC ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

EARLIEST RECORDED - May 3, 1854

May 3/54

TWO COMBINED WITH 1851 10 CENT
ONE TO CALIFORNIAONE COMBINED
WITH 1857 10 CENTTHREE RECORDED TO
CANADA EAST

Bronze ink printed on lilac paper was the third "Blood's Penny Post" adhesive stamp. Earliest recorded was on May 3, 1854, at top, and in common use until the very end, shown at top.



1854 - 1861 BRONZE ON LILAC ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

SIX RECORDED TRANSATLANTIC

ONE RECORDED TO FRANCE



3 BACKSTAMPS



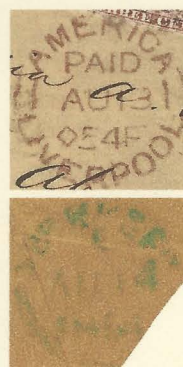
THREE RECORDED TO GERMANY



24
9 K^rR AMERICA
ÜBER BREMEN



ONE RECORDED TO SCOTLAND



Bloods Penny Post delivered letters nine times a day: four city and five Post Office deliveries. The government was no match, delivering only two times a day, in summer three times.

1854 - 1861 BRONZE ON LILAC ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



NOVEMBER 11, 1856

BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
POST ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

3 CENT 1851 GENERAL ISSUE
ADHESIVE

PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL

BLOOD'S DESPATCH DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO MCKEESPORT, PA

PFC 2003



AUGUST 7, 1861

BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
POST ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

BLOOD'S DOUBLE CIRCLE DATESTAMP

3 CENT 1857 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

GRID CANCEL

PHILADELPHIA OCTAGONAL DATES-

OCTOBER 8, 1861

BRONZE ON LILAC BLOOD'S PENNY
POST ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

BLOOD'S DOUBLE CIRCLE DATESTAMP

3 CENT 1857 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL

ADDRESSED TO SENECA FALLS, NEW YORK

PFC 2000



By December 1857 Blood's Penny Post collected and delivered letters every daylight hour.* Bronze on Lilac stamps were used into the early civil war on political covers.

FOUR COVERS WITH FIVE OF ANY BLOOD'S TYPE



THREE BLOOD'S WITH "OLD STAMPS" -

August 26, 1961



COPY OF VALENTINE

Large valentines eventually required prepayment, and preferably sent by Blood's Special Messengers.*

1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

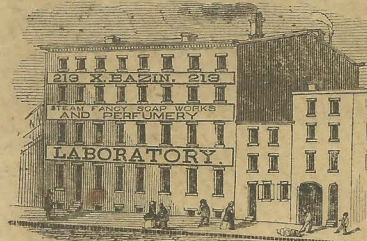


Mr. Jenkins

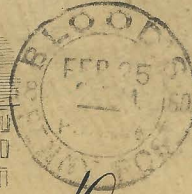


GRID IN OVAL

X. BAZIN,



PHILADELPHIA.



Dr. C.W. Hornor
Cor. 14th & Walnut St.
Philadelphia



JOSEPH GRESSMAN,



WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN
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TOBACCO & SEGARS,
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 and all articles of the Trade.
 S.W. Corner of Second & Noble Sts.
 And No 45 Noble Street.
PHILADELPHIA



Wm. Tail Esq
28 Bare St
Baltimore
Md



ONE TRANSATLANTIC
 COVER RECORDED -
 May 25, 1859

Charles Kochersperger purchased the business on October 31, 1855, established Kochersperger & Co, but continued "Blood's Penny Post." In 1856 the office relocated to 28 South Fifth Street where it remained for the final six years.



Robert ...
Chas ...
Scotland



1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED
EMBOSSSED
LOVE LETTER



ONE RECORDED MULTIPLE



Blood's Penny Post did not charge by weight. Blood multiples were required for oversized envelopes, distant, or "collect" delivery, above middle. At top is a late May embossed cover with love letter enclosure. Bottom is the only Oregon Territory cover.

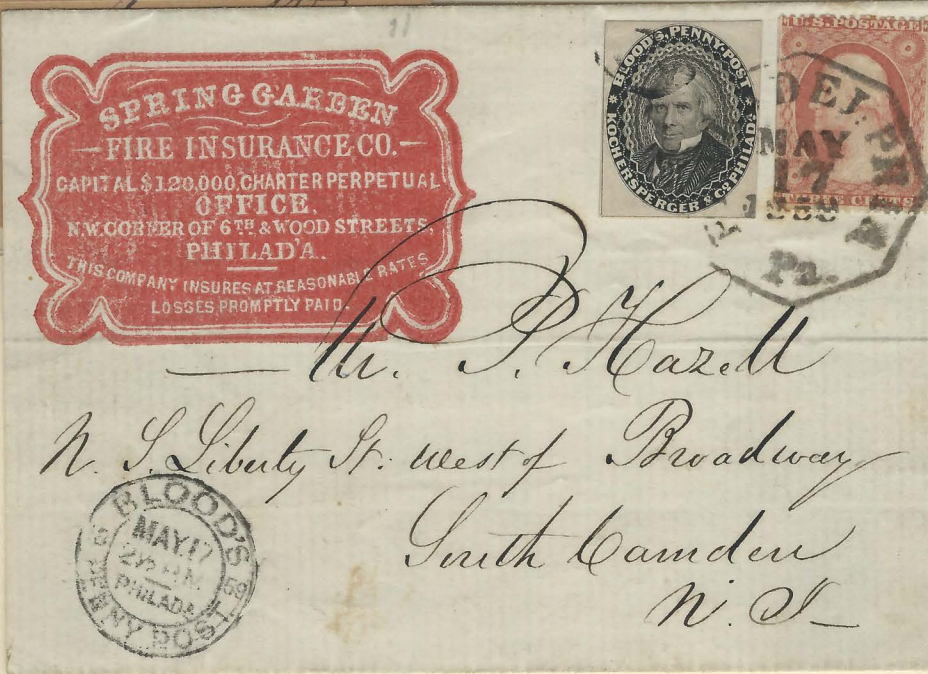
1858 - 1861 "KOCHERSPERGER" ADHESIVE - 1



TWO MOURNING COVERS



TWO RECORDED INSURANCE WRAPPERS

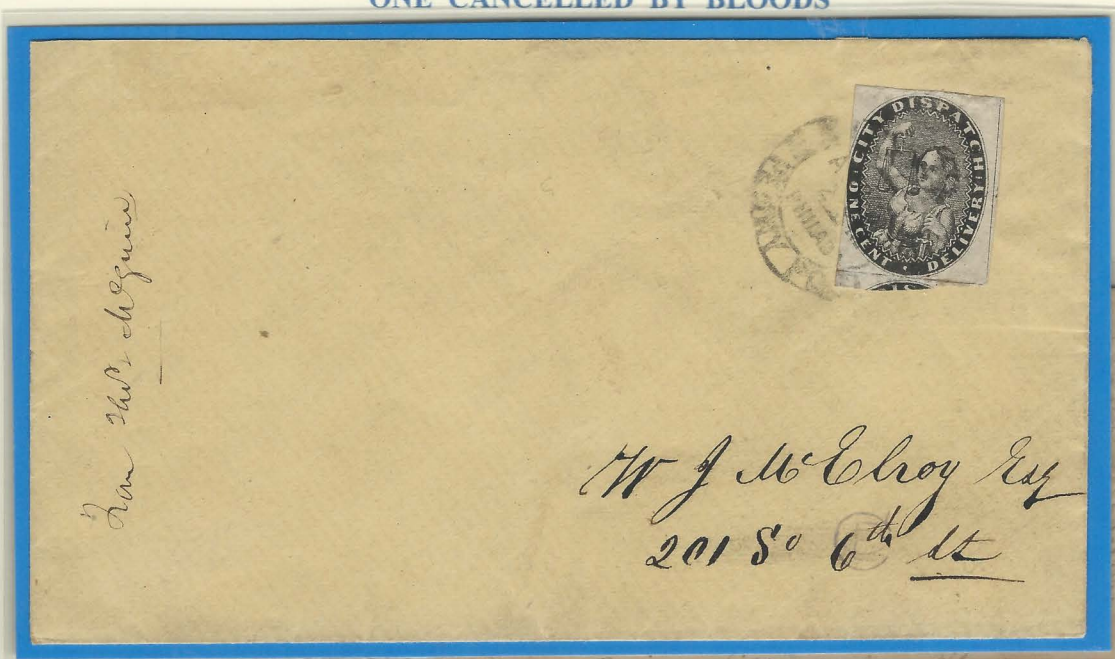


"SCALES OF JUSTICE" - 1 CENT

ONE CANCELLED BY BLOODS



ONE RECORDED VALENTINE



COPY OF VALENTINE ENCLOSURE



Top example was cancelled and serviced by Blood's Penny Post. "City Dispatch" likely was operated and possibly owned by Blood's, as cover to government scrutiny, especially in the adjacent districts now better served by the Philadelphia Sub Post Offices. For example, the valentine in middle was addressed to the Spring Garden East District. Bottom cover demonstrates all three handstamp types.

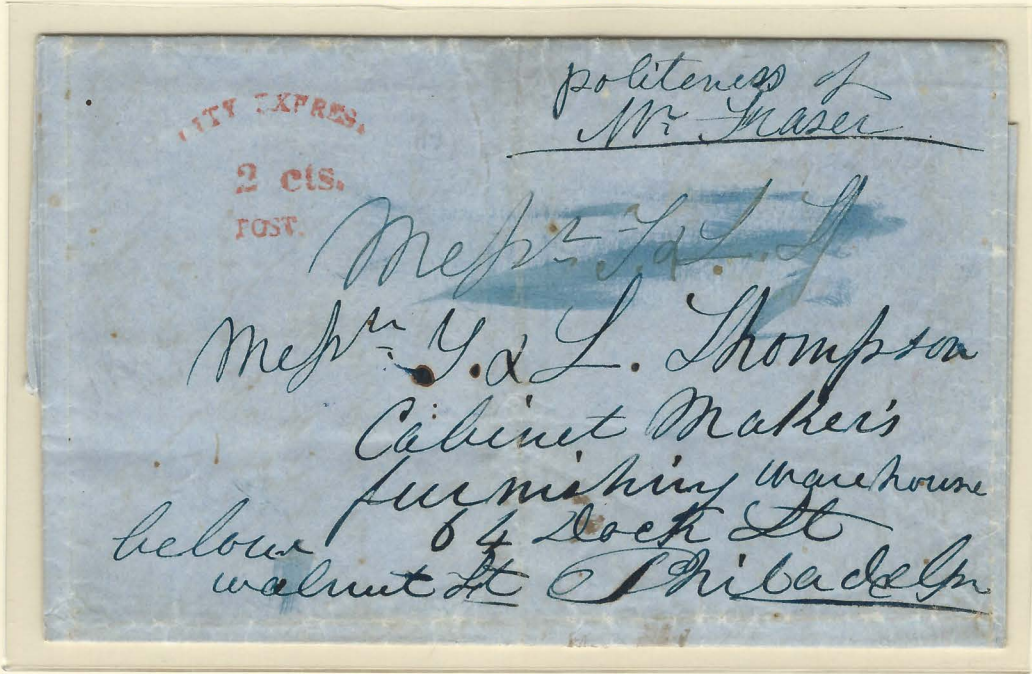
LOCAL POSTS

CITY EXPRESS POST

2 CENTS :
2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

OPERATOR : CALVIN TYSON
LOCATION : UNKNOWN
RATE : 2 CENTS
DATE : 1844 TO 1846

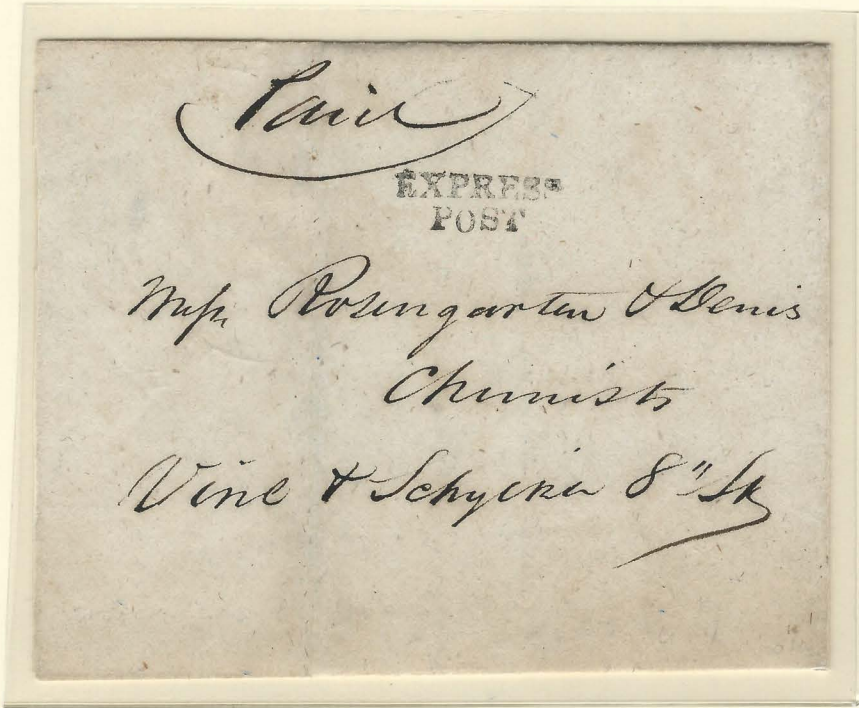
ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP



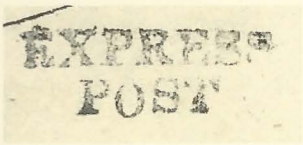
JULY 24, 1846 RED OPEN TOMBSTONE "CITY EXPRESS / 2 CTS. / POST" HANDSTAMP STAMPLESS
TRANSPORTED PRIVATELY FROM OXFORD, PA. PFC 2010

EXPRESS POST

ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP



JANUARY 22, 1846 STAMPLESS "EXPRESS / POST" HANDSTAMP
MANUSCRIPT "PAID" LOCAL DELIVERY PFC 2011



The City Express Post may have originated as early as 1844. Handstamps are recorded by January 1846 at bottom, and July 1846 at top.

BLACK ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS:

2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE

5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 1, 1846

BLACK ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

DELIVERED TO BALTIMORE, MD.

PFC 1999



BLACK ON PINK ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS:

2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE

5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

SIX RECORDED STAMPS



APRIL 28, 1846

BLACK ON PINK ADHESIVE
UNCANCELLED

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLUE "S" IN DOUBLE
CIRCLE HANDSTAMPBLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

DELIVERED TO NEW YORK

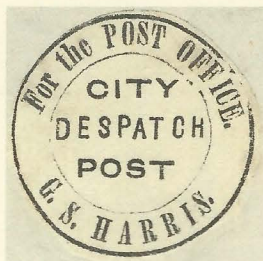
PFC 1999



The City Express Post sold adhesive stamps early 1846. However, on November 24, 1846 Tyson sold the business to D.O. Blood & Co. Most **surviving examples were outbound letters** delivered to the Philadelphia post office. 2 cents had been the market cost in early 1846, comparable to D.O. Blood & Co. and Philadelphia carrier collection to the post office.

OPERATOR : GEORGE S. HARRIS
 LOCATION : 119 N. 4TH STREET (?)
 RATE : 2 CENTS
 DATE : 1847

TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

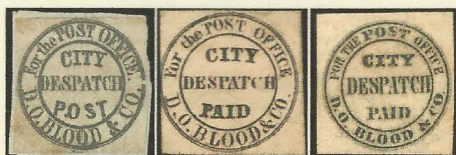


7 CENTS :
 2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
 5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 15, 1847 TYPE 1 HARRIS ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP DELIVERED TO MERCERSBURG, PA. PFC 1997



Harris Type 1 was very similar to contemporary D.O. Blood double circle prepaid stamp designs "For the Post Office / Post," shown directly above. Also, Harris Type 1 and Type 2 (next page) were in service concurrently during July 1847.

TYPE 2 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

4 CENTS :
2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
2 CENTS DROP RATE

ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 5, 1847 TYPE 2 HARRIS ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP WITH ATTACHED "2", TWICE LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1999

2 CENTS:
2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP

UNDATED
HARRIS 2 CTS
HANDSTAMP
LOCAL ADDRESS



The exhibitor submits that **Harris Type 2 adhesive stamps paid local delivery**, complementing Type 1 on outbound letters. For 2 cents prepaid Harris delivered the top example to the post office, held by the postmaster for an additional 2 cents noted by "attached 2" Philadelphia datestamp. **4 cents was very high, and not competitive with D.O. Blood & Co volume discounted rates of 1 cent.**

TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

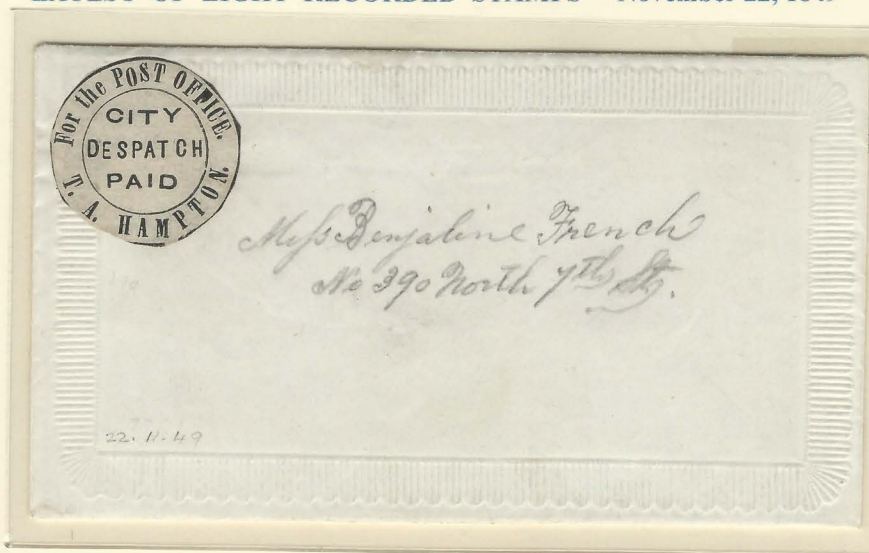
2 CENTS :
2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

LATEST OF EIGHT RECORDED STAMPS - November 22, 1849

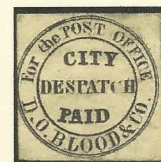
HAMPTON



HARRIS



Philadelphia Nov 22/49
Benjaline French



MIMICK BLOOD

NOVEMBER 22, 1849 TYPE 1 HAMPTON ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED
LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1999

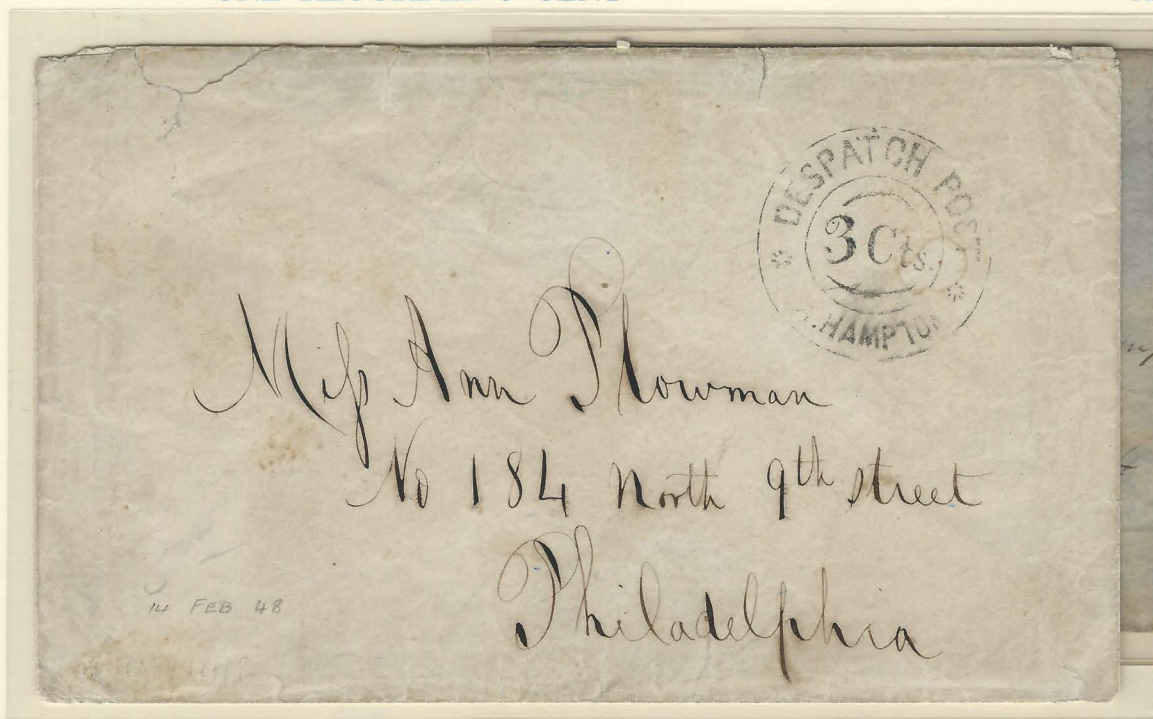
Four of six "POST OFFICE" examples were outbound. Aggressive delivery (above) to Benjaline French entered **Penn District**, previously inter-city, but now also served by Bloods Despatch and soon Philadelphia carriers. No Type 1 examples were cancelled, with one exception. Hampton's timeline was after Harris, possibly resulting from a purchase.*

Both Hampton and Harris mimicked Blood & Co's reduced image at right. **Mimicking Bloods wasn't enough**; 3 cents and even 2 cents collect, confirmed by handstamped below, was not competitive with D.O. **Blood's one cent** service.

HANDSTAMP MARKINGS

ONE RECORDED 3 CENT

THREE RECORDED 2 CENT



3 CENTS "DUE" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP LOCAL ADDRESS

2 CENTS "DUE" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP
LOCAL ADDRESS

LOCAL POSTS

T. A. HAMPTON

TYPE 2 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

OPERAROR : THOMAS HAMPTON
LOCATION : 9 PROSPECT ALLEY (?)
RATE : VARIABLE
DATE : 1847—1849

12 CENTS :
2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
10 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE OVER 300 MILES

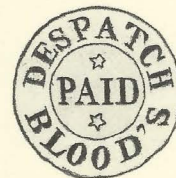
TWO RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMPS



MAY 23, (1848) TYPE 2 HAMPTON ADHESIVE NUMERAL "3" CANCEL
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP ADDRESSED TO NEW ORLEANS PFC 1999

HANDSTAMP MARKINGS

TWO RECORDED "PAID"



MIMICK BLOOD

"PAID" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP
LOCAL ADDRESS

Type 2 bears a striking resemblance to the predecessor Harris Type 2 "PAID." A common template may have been available prior to name entry, for stamps at top, and handstamps at bottom. Hampton as well as Harris "PAID" resembled if not mimicked Blood Despatch "PAID," reduced image on right.

OPERATOR : ALFRED W. AUNERS
 LOCATION : 34 RACE STREET
 RATE : 2 CENTS
 DATE : 1851

BLACK ON GREY - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS :
 2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE
 5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

TWO RECORDED STAMPS - ONE COVER



FEBRUARY 7, 1851 MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL MANUSCRIPT "POST OFFICE"
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP DELIVERED TO POTTSVILLE, PA. PFC 1999



Alfred Auner was a tobacconist in 1851 at 34 Race Street (Northeast part of the old city). He was listed In 1852 -1853 as printer at 124 North 10th Street. Occupational trades and locations changed not infrequently.

The round shape, name at top, and large "Paid" in the center resembles earlier **Harris Type 2**, **Hampton Type 2**, and Blood's "for the Post Office" series. The former two were located in tobacco shops, whereas Blood's red collection boxes were generally placed inside drug stores and not tobacco shops.

LOCAL POSTS

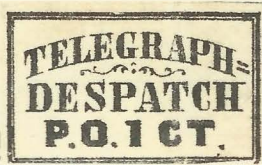
TELEGRAPH DESPATCH P.O.

6 CENTS:
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE
5 CENTS UNDER 300 MILES

TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

OPERATOR : UNKNOWN
LOCATION : 61 SOUTH 8TH STREET
RATE : VARIABLE
DATE : 1848-1850 *

SIX RECORDED STAMPS, ONE WITH 1847 GENERAL ISSUE



JUNE 29, 1848 UNCANCELLED 1847 5 CENT GENERAL ISSUE STAMP TIED BY BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK PFC 2009

ONE EXAMPLE TIED, LATEST RECORDED - January 12, 1849

1 CENT :
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE
FREE FRANK



JANUARY 12, 1849 PEN CANCEL BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP
BLUE "FREE" IN LOZENGE DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. PFC 1999

The first 1 cent denominated postage stamp in the United States. April 25, 1848 is the earliest recorded, 11 months prior to the Philadelphia and New York carrier departments, and 8 months before Bloods Despatch. The latest recorded, at bottom, was only days after Bloods Despatch began selling 1 cent denominated stamps, perhaps doom for this issue.

The Type 2 adhesive is unique, has not been available in decades, is printed "2 cents", and reveals the address, 61 South 8th Street, same as contemporary Briggs Despatch.

1845 HANDSTAMP MARKINGS - 3 CENTS

OPERATOR : WILLIAM STAIT
 LOCATION : 80 CHESTNUT STREET
 48 SOUTH 3RD STREET
 RATE : VARIABLE
 DATE : 1845 - 1851

THREE CENT RATE

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TYPE A"



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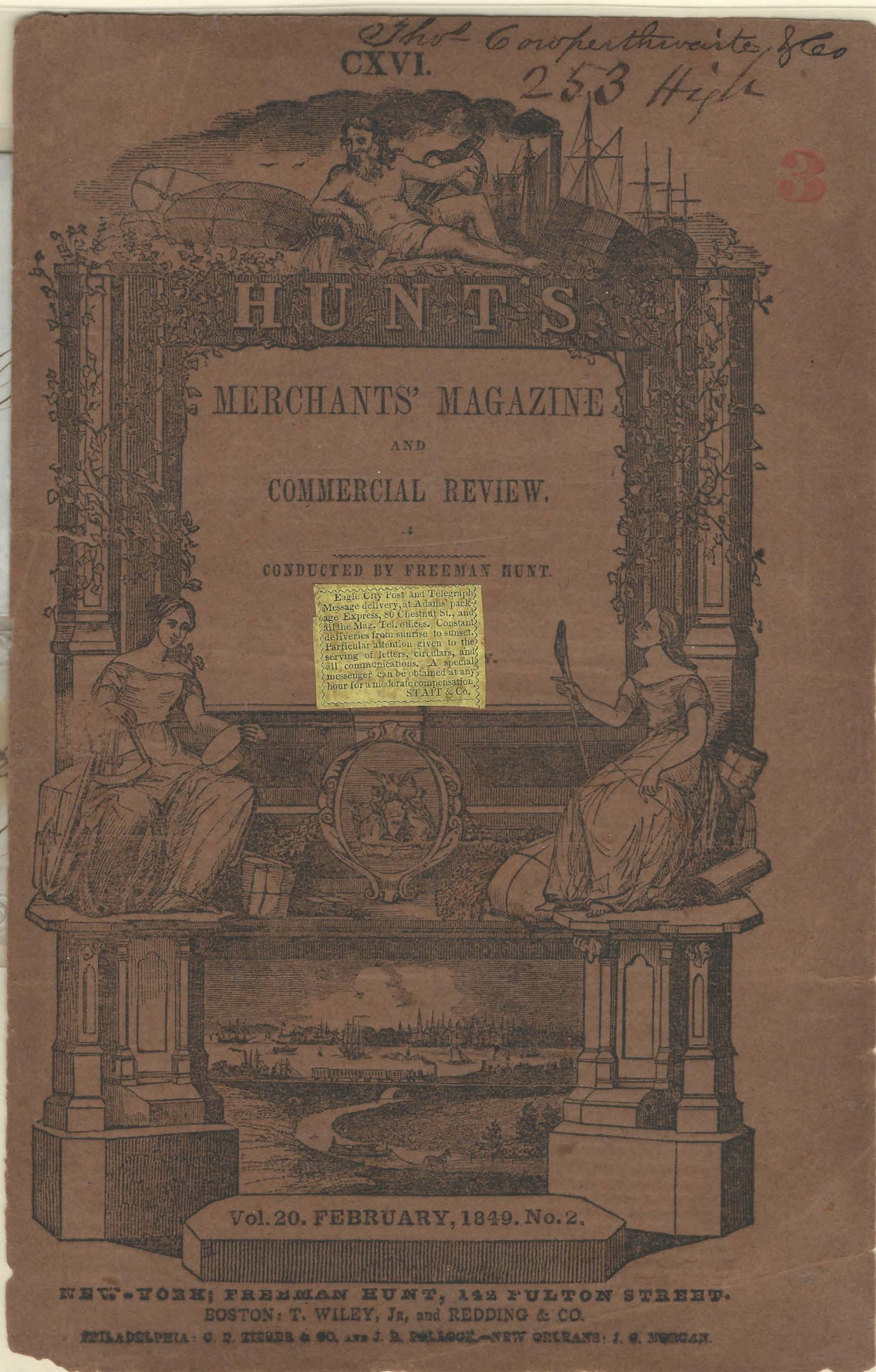
No 10
No 4
Above

Within weeks of Independent Mail closure, William Stait left the American Letter Mail Co, and started the Eagle City Despatch Post. All three examples above were marked due "3" cents for door delivery, competitive with Blood & Co. at the time, and cheaper than the post office. Type A handstamp, at top left, shows an Eagle image, recorded as early as July 30, 1845.

* "EAGLE CITY POST AND STAIT'S DESPATCH,"
 GORDON STIMMELL, THE PENNY POST, VOL. 1,
 NO. 2, APRIL 1991, P. 10

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LOCAL POSTS

EAGLE CITY POST

ONE RECORDED OVERSIZED HANDSTAMP

ONE RECORDED "FROM THE MAILS"

POSTPAID, BY
ADAMS CO.



Mr. Nathan G. Potter Esq.
No 36 North Second Street
Philadelphia
Pa



Jacob Meyer Esq.
Philadelphia

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30/5



Oversized envelopes were 5 cents, shown at left. The top right cover entered the government mail in Wilmington Delaware outbound to Philadelphia, and mysteriously given to the Eagle City Post, rather than the Philadelphia carrier department.

The bottom right example was collected by Eagle City Post and delivered to the Philadelphia post office as a drop letter and held for pick up, total cost 5 cents.

1846 COGWHEEL ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

ONE RECORDED WITH
5 CENT 1847*March 8th 1849*

MARCH 8, 1849

MANUSCRIPT X CANCEL TIED

5 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE,
NUMERAL 12 IN CIRCLE TIED

ADDRESSED TO CARLISLE, PA

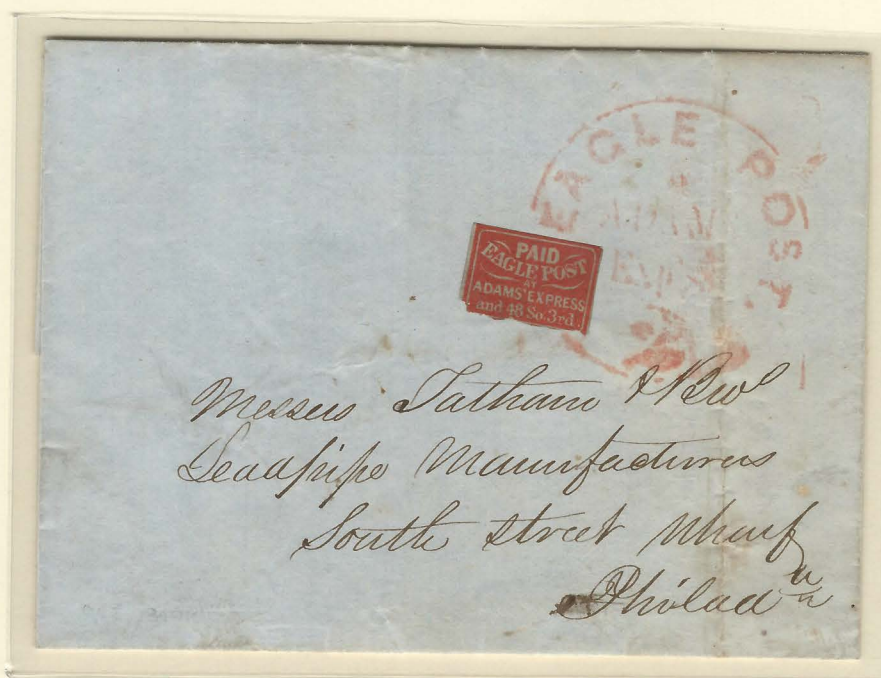
PFC 2013

ONE RECORDED WITH
LARGE RED "PAID"

Rates just **reduced to 2 cents**, on October 1, 1846 Eagle City Post sold "cogwheel" stamps, although four months following Blood's rate reduction. The design included **Adams Express** for an inbound source of letters. The Type C handstamp, center left, promoted the company's Magnetic **Telegraph Messenger** Department. Only one example is **combined with 1847 stamp**, at top.

Also, four examples of a handstamp adhesive have been recorded, two on cover, but neither available for decades.

1849 RED ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



TYPE "F"

OCTOBER 20, 1849

RED EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

RED HANDSTAMP CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 1998

TYPE "H"

DECEMBER 28, ?

RED EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

UNCANCELLED

RED HANDSTAMP CROSSED OUT

RED TYPE 2 "PAID", CROSSED OUT

DELIVERED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.

PFC 2001



William Stait was the only serious Blood's competitor. By 1848 the company name was reduced to Eagle Post. By September 1848 they expanded to a second office at 48 South 3rd Street, the former location of D.O. Blood & Co. Not until **late 1849** were new stamps issued for prepayment **reduction to 1 cent**, where Blood's and the Philadelphia carrier department had been for most of the year. These stamps **mimicked Blood's small rectangular stamps**.

1849 BLUE ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED LARGE RED "PAID"

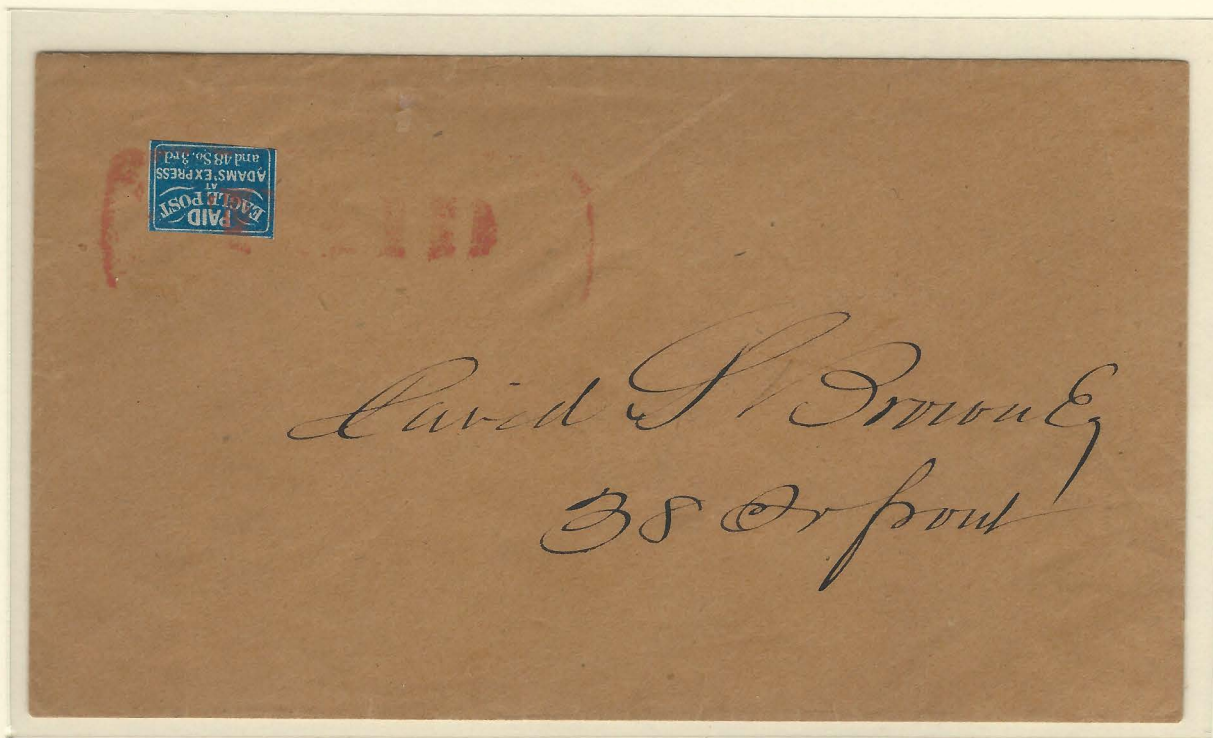
UNDATED

BLUE EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

RED TYPE 4 "PAID" CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2000



TYPE "L"

JUNE 19, 1852

BLUE EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

PENCIL CANCEL

RED STAITS DESPATCH
HANDSTAMP

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2001

Blue Eagle Post stamps mimicked Blood's Despatch recently introduced small rectangular stamps, very popular indeed, and a style used by many local posts such as Teese, Carters, Briggs, and Priests. By April 1850 "Staits" name appeared on handstamps, lower example. By November 1851 "Eagle" was dropped, perhaps to avoid confusion with the 1851 general issue Eagle carrier stamp.

4 CENTS :

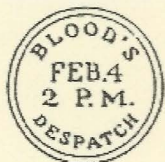
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE

3 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 3000 MILES

1852 BLUE ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

OPERATOR : MITCHELL TEESE
 LOCATION : WASHINGTON & 6TH
 RATE : 1 CENTS
 DATE : 1852 - 1854

ONE RECORDED COVER MISTAKENLY SERVICED BY BLOOD
 ONE RECORDED ACID CANCEL



JUNE 8, (1854)

BLUE ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

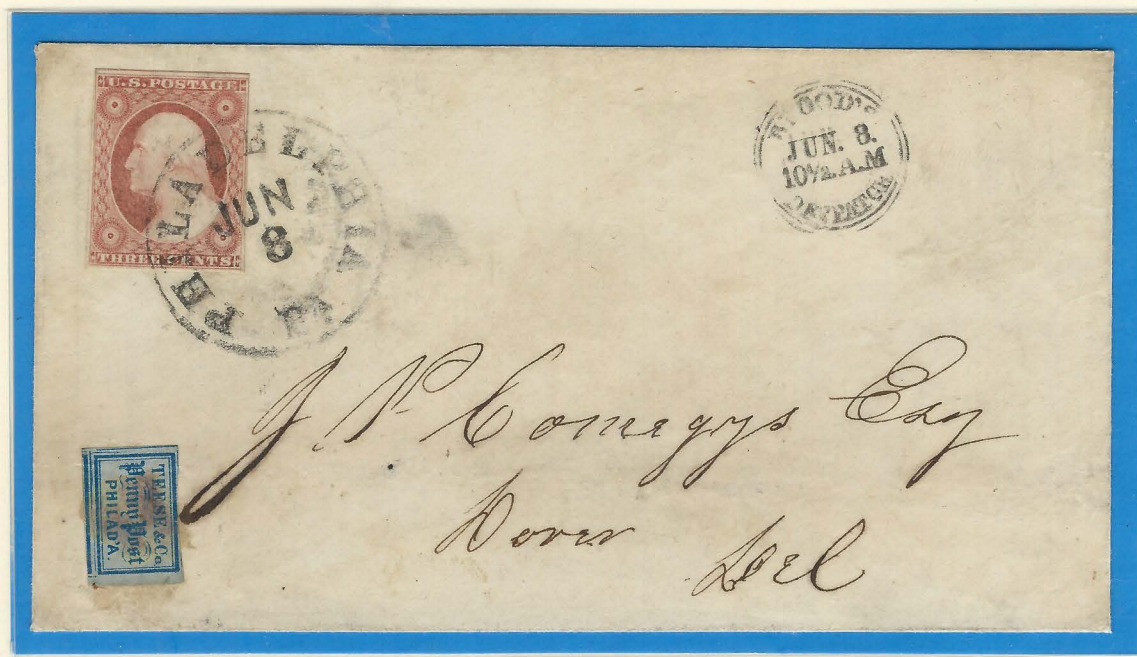
1851 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLOOD'S DESPATCH DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO DOVER, DEL

2009 AND 1988 PFC



AUGUST 4, (1853)

BLUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA
3 CENT ENTIREADDRESSED TO
LANCASTER CO.

PFC 2009



FEBRUARY 11, (1852-4)

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RED PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL

ADDRESSED TO HUNTERDON
COUNTY, N.J.

2000 PFC

Teese mimicking Blood's Despatch paid off. The sender of the top example purchased Teese stamps, but mistakenly placed dropped into a Bloods box, who by acid cancel **mistakenly provided the service!** The only example of *any* local post serviced free by another company.

ONE RECORDED TETE-BECHE COVER ALL PHILADELPHIA LOCAL POSTS

ONE COMBINED WITH
PREPAID DROP LETTER

Mint of the United States.

Messrs. Nathan Lotter & Co.

No 36 North Front St
PhilaHon John K. Kane
No 36 Grand St

POSITION

OF

ELI K. PRICE

ON THE

LIQUOR QUESTION,

DEFINED BY THE FACTS.

INTERS.

Teese & Co. delivered this large 1854 pamphlet to the Kensington district for 3 cents, clearly forbidden as inter-city mail, and testing the Philadelphia Consolidation Act of 1854 which enlarged the city limits. Three stamps may have been necessary for the greater distance, risk, and/or a bundle of publications. An unusual tete-beche pair is present.



Large fancy valentine cover handstamped by an ornamental oval frame with light strike of spread eagle, stars, and olive branches. The only recorded "Union Despatch" marking *may represent a valentine delivery company* that was short lived.