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OF INDEPENDENT MAILES

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UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

5 CENT PARCEL DELIVERY

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5 CENT PARCEL DELIVERY COMPANY HISTORY

Little information is recorded regarding the 5 Cent Parcel Delivery service which issued stamps with the names "Cory and Smith" printed on the bottom. This company might have operated in St. Louis in the late 1800s/early 1900s. During this time, a William Smith and Walter Cory are recorded in St. Louis directories, both working in express careers (Smith as "baggage" or "dispatcher" and Cory as a clerk.)

EXPRESS LABEL

The 5 Cent Parcel Delivery stamps are printed in red on white paper, and feature the text "5 CENTS" in a decorative shield as the central illustration. They also include the facsimile signature of "Cory and Smith" at the bottom. These stamps are perforated horizontally only, indicating they were probably printed in either coils or, more likely considering the time period, single column booklet panes.



FCSD-S1
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
H. PERF 12 | V. IMPERF



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BOTTOM MARGIN