

BISHOP'S CITY POST

Henry S. Bishop ran this post as a carrier in conjunction with the United States Post Office. Bishop was appointed and bonded by the Post Master to make local deliveries for Cleveland and other Ohio cities.

The advertisement shown below was originally published in the Cleveland, Ohio *Plain Dealer* on March 22, 1854. This notice announced the post and its prices; 1¢ for deliveries to the post office and 2¢ for local deliveries. Not included in the clip is the list of thirteen regulations following under the notice.

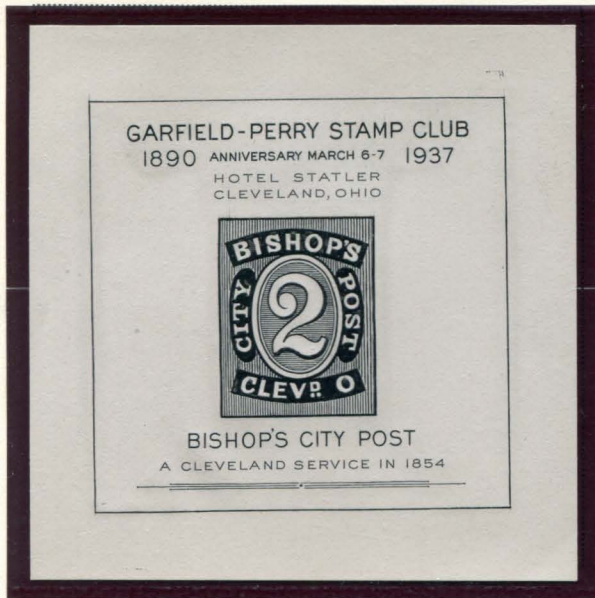
Stamps for this post seem to have been inspired by the stamps of the Cincinnati local, Browne & Co. Similar in design, the Browne & Co. stamps were issued around 1852.

Bishop's City Post issued two types of stamp. One stamp included a numeral "2" in the center. The other stamp left the center oval blank, so that a "1" or "2" could be written in manuscript according to the value that was needed.

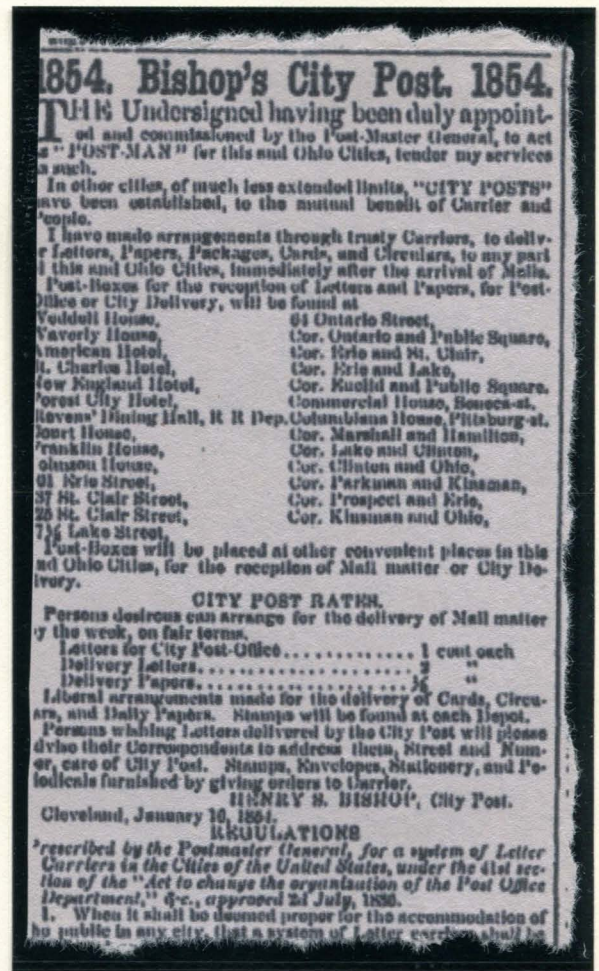
These stamps are quite rare. Of the Bishop's stamp featured here, less than ten examples are known.



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SOUVENIR IMPRESSION
1937 ANNIVERSARY OF
THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

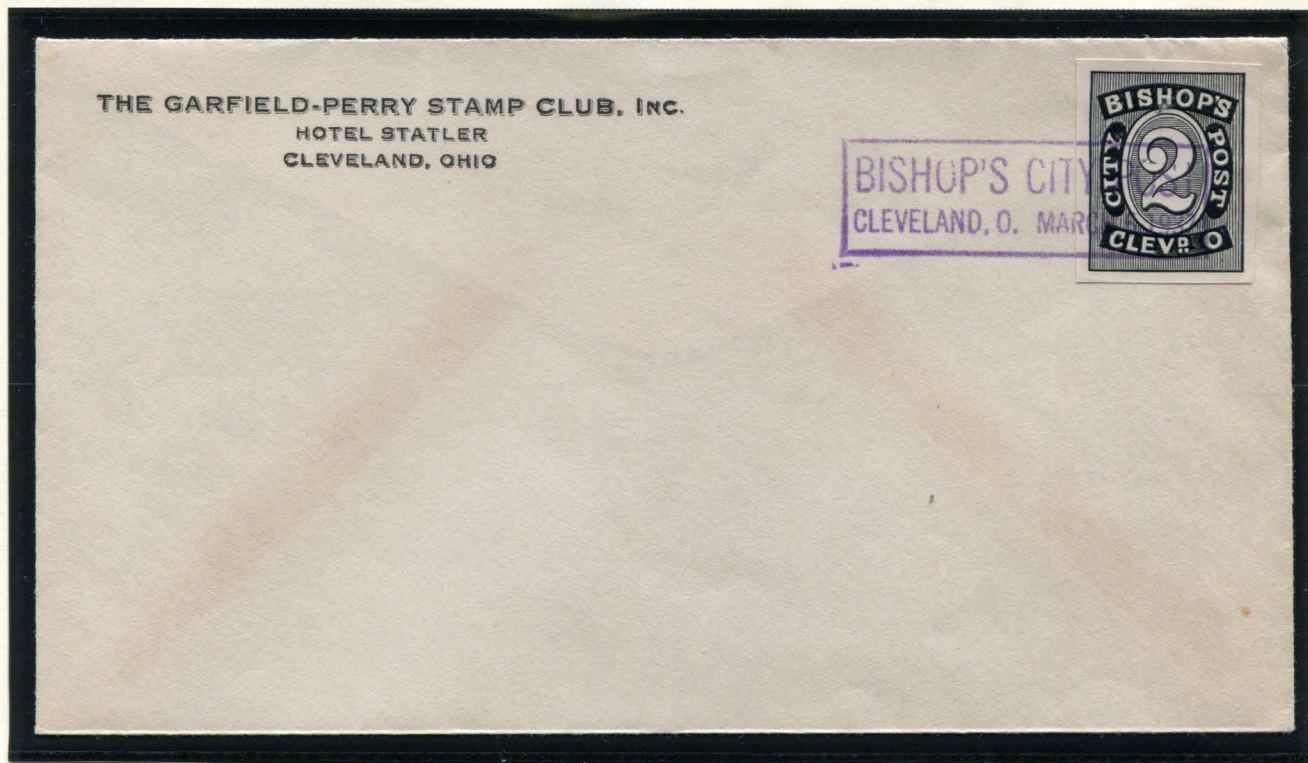


NEWSPAPER CLIP
PLAIN DEALER - CLEVELAND, OHIO
MARCH 22, 1854

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The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in Cleveland produced a souvenir impression of the 2¢ Bishop's stamp in 1937. The impression was printed on a small sheet with information about the post and the club, which hosted its anniversary stamp show that year on March 6th through the 7th. These sheets included a heavily embossed image of the stamp in the center.

The cover below is a souvenir made with a facsimile stamp cut from one of the 1937 sheets. The cover is philatelically cancelled with a boxed slogan handstamp reading "BISHOP'S CITY POST / CLEVELAND, O. MARCH 6, 1937".



SOUVENIR COVER
1937 ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB
FACSIMILE STAMP : 2¢ BLACK ON WHITE
PURPLE BOXED SLOGAN HANDSTAMP CANCEL