

# CORNWELL'S MADISON SQUARE P.O.

Daniel H. Cornwell established his Madison Square Post Office around early 1856. By August of the same year, it was sold to Henry Bently, who operated the post until 1857. Bently then sold the post to Benjamin Lockwood, who had previously purchased Broadway and Swarts. The post office was no longer in operation by 1860.

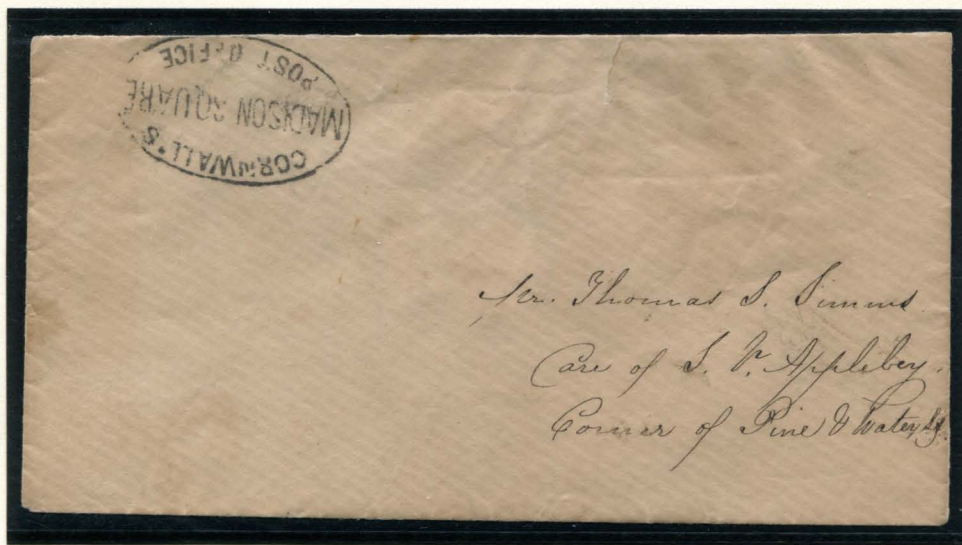
The post issued two stamps of the same design. The first was printed in red ink on a bluish paper. The second was printed in red-brown shades of ink on white paper.



52L1  
GENUINE  
1¢ RED  
ON BLUISH  
PF# 536834



52L2  
GENUINE  
1¢ BROWNISH RED  
ON WHITE  
PF# 545961



"CORNWALL'S MADISON SQUARE POST OFFICE" HANDSTAMP  
GENUINE

Cornwell's Madison Square Post Office used a handstamp, featured on the cover above, which misspelled the name of the post as "Cornwall's". This mistake was never corrected, and the handstamp was used throughout the life of the post.



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This first forgery can be recognized by the downwards hooked curl on Washington's mouth's left side. It was made by Thomas Wood for George Hussey, and according to Wood's records, about 3,000 stamps were produced before 1866. Of these 3,000 stamps, 2,000 were printed in "rose" and 1,000 were printed in "red".

At least two different settings were used to print these stamps. The "rose" printings are known in blocks of ten, and in tête-bêche pairs. The "red" printing is known in strips of three with much larger margins between the stamps. This was probably the later setting, as various flaws appeared, creating identifiable position variations.



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ ROSE  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ ROSE  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ PALE RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ PALE RED  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ ROSE  
ON CREAM  
TÊTE-BÊCHE PAIR  
(52L2)



FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)

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FORGERY A  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ ROSE ON WHITE  
BLOCK OF TEN  
(52L2)



FORGERY A - A2 - A1  
HUSSEY / WOOD  
1¢ RED ON WHITE  
STRIP OF THREE  
(52L2)



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In J. W. Scott's forgery, Washington has a thick lined mouth, slightly bent down on the left side, and with a thin vertical line going upwards on the right side. There's also a line between the "O" and "S" of "POST", making it read like "P OIS T". Later printings are rough and with various flaws on them.



FORGERY B  
SCOTT - ALBUM CUT  
1¢ BLACK  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT - ALBUM CUT  
1¢ BLACK  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ DEEP RED  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ RED (SHADE)  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ RED (SHADE)  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ PALE RED  
ON CREAM  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY B  
SCOTT  
1¢ ORANGE RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



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S. A. Taylor's forgery and F. Deraedemaeker's engraving in J.-B. Moens' 1864 catalogue are very similar, and one was probably based upon the other.

Both designs depict Washington with a small mouth, and his forehead has no shading lines at all. The main difference between the two designs are the corner circles, which are irregularly shaped in Taylor's stamps, while fully round in the other forgery.



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ BLACK  
ON VIOLET BLUE  
(52L1)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ BLACK  
ON GRAY GREEN  
(52L1)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ BLACK  
ON ORANGE BUFF  
(52L1)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ PALE PURPLE  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ PALE PURPLE  
ON WHITE H LAID  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ GREEN  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ GREEN  
ON WHITE H LAID  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ BLACKISH BROWN  
ON WHITE H LAID  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 4  
1¢ BLACKISH BROWN  
ON WHITE V LAID  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 12  
1¢ RED  
ON GRAY  
(52L1)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR - FORM 12  
1¢ RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)

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FORGERY C  
TAYLOR  
1¢ VIOLET RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR  
1¢ RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR  
1¢ ROSE RED  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR  
1¢ YELLOW ORANGE  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY C  
TAYLOR  
1¢ RED  
ON YELLOW SC  
(52L2)



FORGERY E  
DERAEDEMAEKER / MOENS  
1¢ BLACK  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY E  
DERAEDEMAEKER / MOENS  
1¢ ROSE  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)



FORGERY E  
DERAEDEMAEKER / MOENS  
1¢ VIOLET  
ON WHITE  
(52L2)