

THE
MIKE FARRELL
COLLECTION
OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

DAVENPORT & CO.

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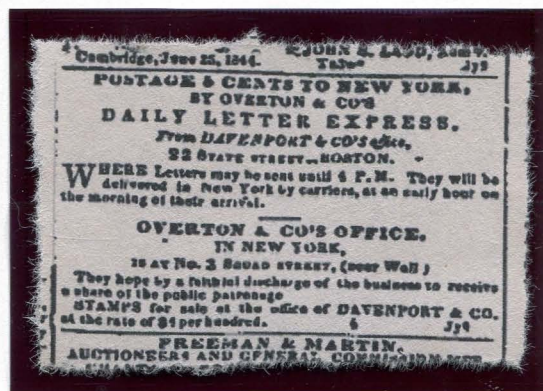
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DAVENPORT & CO.

Davenport & Co. worked as Boston agents for Overton & Co.'s independent mail service. A July, 1844 advertisement lists their office location at 22 State Street. By 1845 the office had moved to 29½ State Street, as indicated by their forwarding handstamp. The *Stimpson's Boston Directory* for 1845 lists a Hart Davenport at this address.



EXAMPLE
DAVENPORT & CO. HANDSTAMP
(FROM 1845 COVER)



ADVERTISEMENT
FROM THE *DAILY ATLAS*
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1844

A bogus stamp using the Davenport & Co. name was created, usually attributed to S. Allan Taylor. This "Davenport & Co. Penny Post" was most likely inspired by the Davenport & Co. independent mail mentioned above. Alternatively, it could possibly have been inspired by a Charles F. Davenport, who was a Post Office clerk in 1845 Boston.



BOGUS
1¢ BLUE (SHADE)
ON WHITE



BOGUS
1¢ BLUE (SHADE)
ON WHITE



BOGUS
1¢ BLUE (SHADE)
ON WHITE



BOGUS
1¢ BLACK
ON ORANGE SC