

THE
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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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

FIVE CENT PARCEL DELIVERY

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FIVE CENT PARCEL DELIVERY

COMPANY HISTORY

Operating in Boston during the late 1800s/early 1900s, this company carried parcels within the city. The company went through many different name changes during its operation. Starting as "Five Cent Parcel Delivery Co." in 1890, it was quickly succeeded by "Five Cent Parcel Despatch Co." Then in 1894, the name was again changed to Merchant's Five Cent Parcel Delivery Co. It operated under this name until 1899, when it became Merchant's Parcel Delivery Co. The final form of the company, Merchant's Parcel and Express Co. ran from 1902 until around 1907.



FCPD-S1 : 5¢
RED ON YELLOWISH CREAM
H. ROUL 10.75 | V. IMPERF
TOP MARGIN



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EXPRESS STAMPS

The Five Cent Parcel Delivery stamps are, true to their name, denominated 5¢. A stamp affixed to a package was good for its delivery within the city.

The first stamps include the text "Series A" on the right side. There are no recorded "Series B" stamps - possibly because the next stamps issued used the Parcel Despatch Co. name.

The stamps were designed in a similar style to other Boston express companies of the time, with full decorative engraving. They were printed in red on yellow papers, and were rouletted horizontally. It is likely they were printed as coil strips or single column booklet panes.

FIVE CENT PARCEL DESPATCH

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