The Rapid Package Delivery Company was owned by M.J. Howard. It operated in Los Angeles in the 1910s.

The company issued 10¢ stamps ("coupons") in \$3 booklets, which contained ten panes of three stamps each.

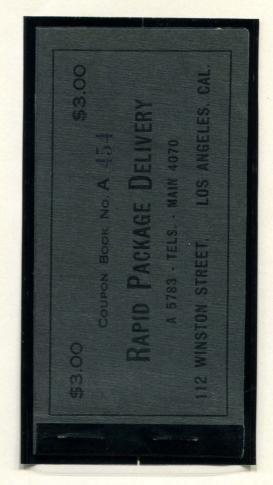
The first stamps issued by the company were printed in red and black ink on greenish-blue paper.



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RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 1 (CIRCA 1912) 10¢ RED & BLACK ON BLUE



RAPID PACK, DELIVERY BOOKLET TYPE 1 \$3 BLACK ON GRAY CONTROL # A 454

Good for Delivery of Package Under 35 jounds Package Uel. Rapid F 112 WINSTON STREET 112 elivery LOS ANGEL inston Street long A 5783 - Main 4070 CALIFORNIA a sere au

RAPID PACK, DELIVERY TYPE 1 (CIRCA 1912) 10¢ RED & BLACK ON BLUE USED ON PIECE PENCIL MARK CANCEL *RAPID PACKAGE DEL." THREE LINE HANDSTAMP

The example above was used as payment for a delivery to Hollman Business College in Los Angeles.



D.L. HOLLMAN PRESIDENT OF HOLLMAN BUSINESS COLLEGE

The second and third issues of stamps were printed with the same design on slightly different paper. The stamps were printed by the Dillingham Printing Company, who also printed stamps for several other Los Angeles local delivery stores. These stamps are known with and without commas after "Los Angeles".



RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 2 (CIRCA 1912) 10¢ BLUE ON BLUE-GREEN COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES"



RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 2 (CIRCA 1912) 10¢ BLUE ON BLUE-GREEN NO COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES"



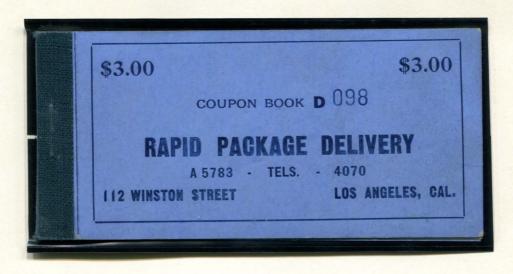
RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 2 (CIRCA 1912) 10¢ BLUE ON BLUE-GREEN ONE SINGLE / ONE PANE OF THREE COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES" TYPE 2 BOOKLET COVER BLUE AND RED ON BLUE CONTROL # C 596



RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 3 (CIRCA 1913) 10¢ BLUE ON GREEN COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES"



RAPID PACK. DELIVERY TYPE 3 (CIRCA 1913) 10¢ BLUE ON GREEN VERTICAL PAIR NO COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES" COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES"



RAPID PACK, DELIVERY TYPE 3 (CIRCA 1913) 10¢ BLUE ON BLUE-GREEN ONE PAIR / ONE PANE OF THREE NO COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES" / COMMA AFTER "LOS ANGELES" TYPE 3 BOOKLET COVER BLUE ON BLUE CONTROL # D 098