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ROCHE'S CITY DISPATCH

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This Delaware local post was founded by James L. Roche, who worked as a clerk in the Wilmington Post Office. For a brief period between 1849 and 1852, Roche ran a newspaper, periodical, and delivery service. Only thirteen genuine Roche's City Dispatch stamps are recorded.



129L1  
GENUINE  
2c BLACK  
ON GREEN SC



ROCHE'S CITY DISPATCH CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP  
GENUINE ON COVER

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The only Roche's City Dispatch forgeries known are based on the illustration produced by Scott for their stamp albums.

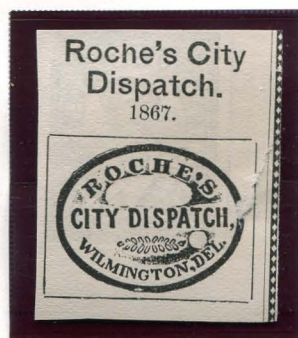


ILLUSTRATION  
CUT FROM ALBUM  
SCOTT  
2¢ BLACK  
ON WHITE  
(129L1)



FORGERY  
MODERN COPY  
SCOTT  
2¢ BLACK  
ON THICK GREEN  
(129L1)