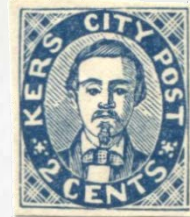


# SAMUEL ALLAN TAYLOR

- One of the most prolific and infamous forgers
- Born in Scotland, sent to New York at twelve years old
  - Ran away from home, briefly lived with a doctor
  - Worked as a messenger for New York telegraph companies
  - Became interested in stamp collecting and U.S. local posts
- Arrested for first stamp-related scam (that we know of) when he was eighteen
  - Sold envelopes with bogus "Hourly Express Stamps"
  - Called the scam "a tax on the gullible"

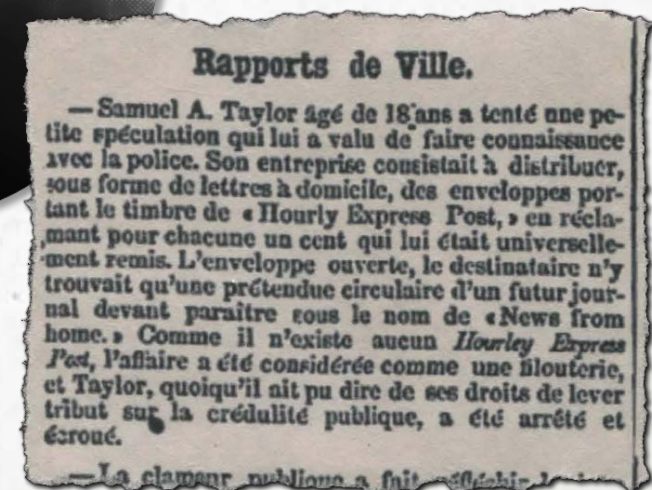


PORTRAIT OF  
S.A. TAYLOR  
LATE IN LIFE



KERS CITY POST BOGUS  
WITH TAYLOR'S PORTRAIT

*COURRIER DES ETATS-UNIS*  
NEW YORK - FEBRUARY 12, 1859



# SAMUEL ALLAN TAYLOR

## S. Allan Taylor's Packet List OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS, 81 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

Satisfaction guaranteed. Cash refunded for any Packet deemed unsatisfactory. No Charge for Price List.

- Packet No. 1 contains 75 Foreign Stamps, including Turkish, Hong-Kong, Saxony, Old Swiss, Sweden, Confederate States, Ecuador, Chili, Greece, Holland, New Granada, Russia, Ceylon, &c., and contains no French or English. Price \$1.00.
- Packet No. 2 contains 50 Foreign Stamps, including Venezuela, Turkish, Paraguay, New Granada, Luxemburg, Lieke, Holland, Sweden, Hanover, Italy, Hamburg, Hong-Kong, &c., and contains no French or English. Price 50 cents.
- Packet No. 3 contains 40 Foreign Stamps, including Holland, Hanover, Sandwich Islands, Italy, Ellensburg, and Leth, Hong-Kong, Sweden, Denmark, Baden, &c. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 4 contains 25 Obsolete Stamps, including Saxony, Sweden, Holland, Lieke, Luxemburg, U. S. Essays, &c. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 5 contains 20 British Colonial Stamps, including British Guiana, Malta, West Australia, &c. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 6 contains 40 Revenue Stamps, of denominations ranging from one cent to five dollars. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 7 contains 35 Local or Express Stamps, including Bancroft's, Albany Bazar, Blood's, Floyd's, Chute's, American Express Co's, Broadway F. O., Jenkins', Spier's, Stamford Bazar, and many rare and unatalogued specimens, all warranted genuine. Price 15 cents.
- Packet No. 8 contains 50 Local or Express Stamps, including all the varieties mentioned above, and many other rare specimens, all warranted genuine. Price 25 cts.
- Packet No. 9 contains 125 Local or Express Stamps, including all the varieties mentioned above, and all the College Stamps; also, Roudman's, Russell's, Winslow's, Westervelt's (new issue), Clark's, Gordon's, Langton's, and many other rare varieties, all warranted genuine. Price 20 cents.
- Packet No. 10 contains 10 varieties of Essays or Trial Stamps of the United States and other countries. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 11 contains 15 varieties of Canadian Revenue or Bill Stamps. Price 25 cts.
- Packet No. 12 (suitable for Dealers only, as it contains duplicates,) contains 100 Foreign Stamps, including no English or French, all in good condition. Price 50 cents.
- Packet No. 13 contains 50 varieties of fac simile Confederate Stamps, including Memphis, Mobile, Charleston, Richmond, Petersburg, &c. Price 15 cents.
- Packet No. 14 contains 25 varieties of Dressed Stamps, including Italy, French Colonies, Belgium, Luxemburg, Brunswick, New Granada, Hamburg, &c. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 15 contains 25 varieties of U. S. Revenue Stamps of different denominations. Price 15 cents.
- Packet No. 16 contains a Xylograph of the entire set of 50 New Caledonia Stamps. Price 15 cents.
- Packet No. 17 contains 40 unused Foreign Stamps, including Moldavia, Hawaii, Egypt, Hamburg, Spain, Luxemburg, New Granada, Camelia Dominion (half cent), Switzerland, Hayti, &c. Price 50 cents.
- Packet No. 18 contains 50 Foreign Stamps, including Old Spain, Venezuela, Denmark, Chili, Ecuador, Serbia, Brunswick, Turkey, etc. Price 50 cents.
- Packet No. 19 contains 110 varieties of Hamburg Local Stamps, being the entire series complete. Price 25 cents.
- Take notice that the Hamburg Local or Bitten Stamps sold by us are not of the spurious New York Manufacture.*
- Packet No. 20 contains 125 used and unused Stamps, including Spanish Old Issues, Uruguay, New Gren and Guatemala, New Havd or St. Domingo, Hawaii, British Guiana, Philippine Isles, Serbia, Sicily, Turkey, Egypt, Heligoland, Bremen, Prussian Envelopes, &c. Price \$2.00.
- Packet No. 21 contains 150 Local or Express Post Stamps, including all the rarer varieties, among which are Springfield Fair, McIntyre's, Cheever & Towle's, Westervelt's Envelopes, Little Wanderer's Aid Society, Swart's, Jenkins', Bayle's, Metropolitan, &c., all warranted genuine. Price 75 cents.
- Packet No. 22 contains 15 Foreign Revenue Stamps, including Spain, Switzerland, Nova Scotia, Great Britain, &c. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 23 contains 220 varieties of Local or Express Stamps, including nearly all kinds issued, all warranted genuine. Price \$2.00.
- Packet No. 24 contains 200 Local Stamps, including U. S., Hamburg, Saxony, Norway, New Brunswick, Great Britain, &c. Price \$1.00.
- Packet No. 25 contains 15 unused Stamps, including Serbia, Hawaii, Saxony, Austria, Rome, &c. Price 15 cents.
- Packet No. 26 contains 50 unused Stamps, including Guatemala, St. Domingo, Heligoland, Turkey, Egypt, Bremen (new issue), Portugal, Philippine Isles, Serbia, &c. Price \$1.00.
- Packet No. 27 contains 20 British Colonial and other Stamps, including Hamburg, Turkey, Malta, Switzerland, Bremen, British Guiana, Greece, &c. Price 25 cts.
- Packet No. 28 contains 15 unused Stamps, including Lieke, Schleswig, Brunswick, Sicily, Papal States, Hamburg, Moldavia, &c. Price \$1.00.
- Packet No. 29 contains 250 assorted Stamps (duplicates,) including Italy, Spain, Modena, Tuscany, Luxemburg, Portugal, New Bavaria, &c. Price \$1.00.
- Packet No. 30 contains 15 rare Stamps, guaranteed to be worth, at catalogue prices, of any dealer in America, 15 cents. Price 25 cents.
- Packet No. 31 contains 100 different varieties of Stamps, including Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Italy, Sandwich Islands, Greece, &c. Price \$1.00.

FIRST ISSUE OF TAYLOR'S  
THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S RECORD

S. A. TAYLOR PACKET LIST  
BOSTON, ADVERTISMENT

## THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S RECORD.

No. 1. MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 15, 1864. Price 5c.

### To our Readers.

IN presenting the first number of this miniature sheet to the public, devoted as it is to such a peculiarly unique pursuit as the collection of Postage Stamps, we would beg leave to apprise those who are pleased to term the collection of Postage Stamps a "mania," a juvenile ridiculous amusement, and other delicate and complimentary designations, that this is not by any means the first organ distinctly devoted to the promotion and extension of the "studium (we only say) mania," which has yet appeared. Upwards of a twelve-month since a Journal devoted to the business made its appearance in England, and since that time various others have sprung up, and we are not aware that any of them have as yet, become defunct; on the contrary most of them appear to be in a highly prosperous condition, and look likely to outlive their defamers, a result which, we trust all Stamp Collectors will fervently pray for. Of course, the foregoing remarks are not intended for collectors. Those interested in the business will we trust favor us with that patronage and support which we shall endeavour to deserve, in an humble way. We shall be happy to receive original articles on the subject of Postage Stamps, and we shall also be glad to offer any assistance in our power to Collectors, through the medium of the column devoted to correspondents. We shall devote our attention more particularly to the notice of matters of more direct interest to Collectors on this side the Atlantic than in Europe, but we shall only notify our readers of all new issues which may be chronicled in the European Publica-

tions. In conclusion we trust our patrons will favor us with that support, which will enable us to publish the only medium at present available to Canadian Stamp Collectors, and trusting that our hopes in that direction may not be in vain, we boldly take our stand in the ranks of the Journals of Canada, and we would respectfully state for the particular benefit of the Ministry, the Opposition and the G. T. R., that our influence may not be purchased either through fear, favor, affection, or hope of reward.

### Canada 1c. Newspaper Wrapper Stamps.

This Stamp is entirely fictitious, no such Stamps ever having been issued by the Government of Canada. We are at a loss to understand why any person should have interested themselves in manufacturing such a Stamp, and that too before the collection of Postage Stamps became general in Canada. As only one or two specimens are known to exist, we presume the Stamp is hopelessly obsolete. It is a poorly engraved imitation on wood block of the present 1c. Stamp, and having the words "Newspaper Wrapper" irregularly engraved across the face of the Stamp.

### New Brunswick 2c. Yellow.

This Stamp made its appearance about December first, it is in the corresponding style of the 5c. and 10c. of that Province, and was irregularly engraved like the Nova Scotia 2c. for the convenience of soldiers' letters. It was engraved by the American Bank Note Company, New York.

### Answers to Correspondents.

J. K., Kingston.—The only Stamp used in British Columbia is the 2½d.  
A. L. D.—The Danish Envelope Stamps have not yet appeared in America.

- Was a stamp dealer in Montreal, Albany and Boston
- Sold his own forgeries and other forgers' works
- Started *The Stamp Collector's Record* in 1864
- First North American stamp journal
- Was very knowledgeable about stamps
- Could be quite mean to other dealers and collectors – especially those who challenged his forgeries



# SAMUEL ALLAN TAYLOR

- Sold the bogus “Baldwin’s Railroad” stamps in 1865
- George Stewart, Jr. exposed the stamps as fakes in his journal, the *Monthly Gazette*
- Taylor accused Stewart of being the *real* forger
  - Called Stewart’s journal “The Blowhard”
  - Was particularly nasty to Stewart, calling him one of “Barnum’s ... Freaks of Nature”
- Created a new forgery
  - Claimed the new bogus was genuine
  - Continued offering the previous forgeries as the “New Brunswick Manufacture”

SECOND BALDWIN'S  
FORGERY BY TAYLOR



FIRST BALDWIN'S FORGERY  
SOLD BY TAYLOR

ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE  
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ject of the Baldwin stamp we have a few words more to add for the benefit of the interested portion of the Philatelic public. The Blowhard informs us that the Baldwin stamps are announced by those who have them for sale as “An obsolete local of considerable rarity,” this, it is presumed, is intended to show up the barefaced audacity of the wretches who got up the pretended Baldwins; but, singularly enough, the Blowhard neglects to inform the public in what Journal the Baldwins were announced as such. Nor does he think it worth while to remind a forgetful public that it was in the columns of that delectable journal itself that the notice of the Baldwins first appeared, where, in the various numbers of that sheet for June, July, August, September, and October, 1865, the said announcement will be found. We don't think any further comment is necessary on our part, and when we state that from intelligence lately received from good authority in

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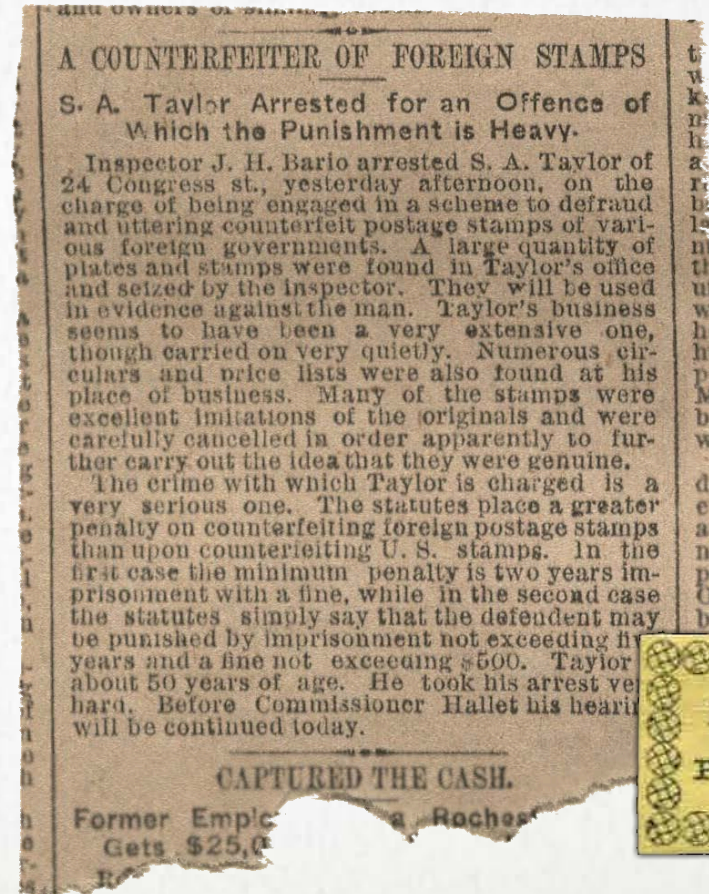


- Made forgeries of *any* stamps, but especially of U.S. local posts
  - Was responsible for many of the bogus or fantasy stamps
  - Was quick to produce stamps from descriptions in other journals
  - “Frankenstein” bogus stamps built from parts of other stamps
- Worked with other forgers
  - Printed stamps with Westervelt to “legitimize” the philatelic local stamps
  - Some other forgers are believed to be Taylor operating under different names
  - Trifet confessed to creating a Hawaiian forgery which Taylor sold – he later worked to get Taylor arrested



# SAMUEL ALLAN TAYLOR

- Arrested in 1890 for selling foreign stamps – probably stopped dealing stamps around this time
- Participated in other scams, inventions and investments outside of stamps
  - Occasionally worked as a chemist
  - Skilled at advertising – supposedly invented streetcar advertisements
- Stamp forgeries come in a wide variety of different colors
  - Used whatever inks and papers he could acquire
- Forgeries usually typographed
  - Printed in forms
    - Arrangements of different stamp dies
  - NO known multiples



ARTICLE FROM  
BOSTON DAILY  
ADVERTISER  
NOVEMBER 21, 1890



FLYNN'S BOGUS WITH  
BENTLEY'S DISPATCH  
FORGERY AT RIGHT

# **THE TAYLOR FORMS**

**NEW RESEARCH INTO TAYLOR'S WORK**

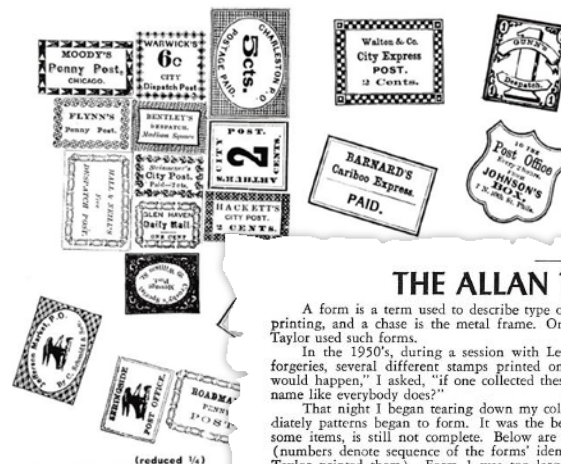


# THE TAYLOR FORMS

Taylor printed his forgeries as they were needed. It isn't likely that he had a grand scheme or plan of how his forms would be set from printing to printing. However, philatelists have long thought that some of Taylor's forms could be reconstructed.

A serious attempt to reconstruct Taylor forms was set into motion by Sherwood Springer and has been continued by several collectors. Springer's forms are classified into three groups based on common forgeries types and theorized time periods: A forms; B forms; and C forms.

PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF ONE OF TAYLOR'S COMPOSITE FORMS



## THE ALLAN TAYLOR FORMS

A form is a term used to describe type or other matter secured in a chase ready for letterpress printing, and a chase is the metal frame. On page 24 of my 9th edition I explain how S. Allan Taylor used such forms.

In the 1950's, during a session with Len Persson while comparing our collections of Taylor forgeries, several different stamps printed on unusually distinctive paper caught my eye. "What would happen," I asked, "if one collected these things by paper and ink instead of by the company name like everybody does?"

That night I began tearing down my collection and rearing it by color, and almost immediately putting it into forms. It was the beginning of a work that, due to the extreme form of some forms, is still not complete. Below are the 11 subjects that comprise what I term "Form 1" (numbers denote sequence of the forms' identification and have no bearing on the order in which Taylor printed them). Form 1 was too large to include in this edition. It and other forms will appear in future editions.



SPRINGER  
TENTH EDITION  
(1985) PAGE 56

SPRINGER CATALOGUE  
FOURTH EDITION (1966)  
PAGE 45

# THE TAYLOR FORMS

OFFSET IMPRINT ON REVERSE OF  
SWIFT & CO EXPRESS FORGERY  
CLOSEST THING TO A TAYLOR "MULTIPLE"  
FORM AB7



WORKING ON NEW FORMS BY ORGANIZING STAMP COLORS

Working with the Farrell Collection, we are able to study a large group of Taylor forgeries together in one place and can see patterns start to form. We have put together over sixty new forms based on common colors. These forms also sometimes match with Taylor's packet advertisements.

These new, so-called "Boussery forms" are classified into four groups that expand on Springer's lettered groups: AA forms; AB forms; BB forms; CC forms. These forms are built when groups of at least five different forgeries in at least two different common color sets are discovered. Additional short forms, or "S forms", represent forms with only three or four different stamps, but in multiple different common colors.

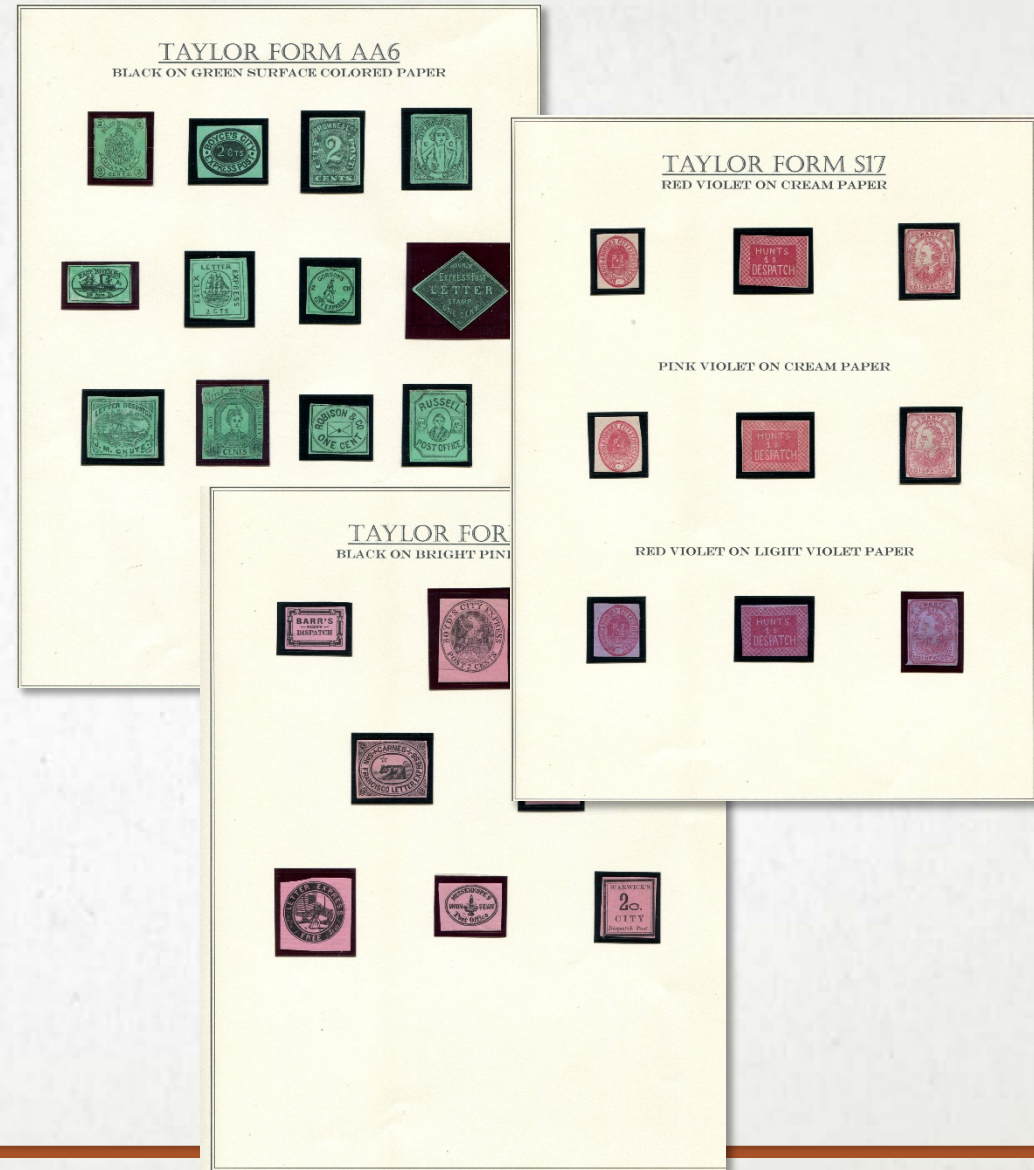


# THE TAYLOR FORMS

These forms were built from personal study of the Farrell Collection, and have not yet been reviewed by the greater philatelic public. They represent work still in progress and are subject to change.

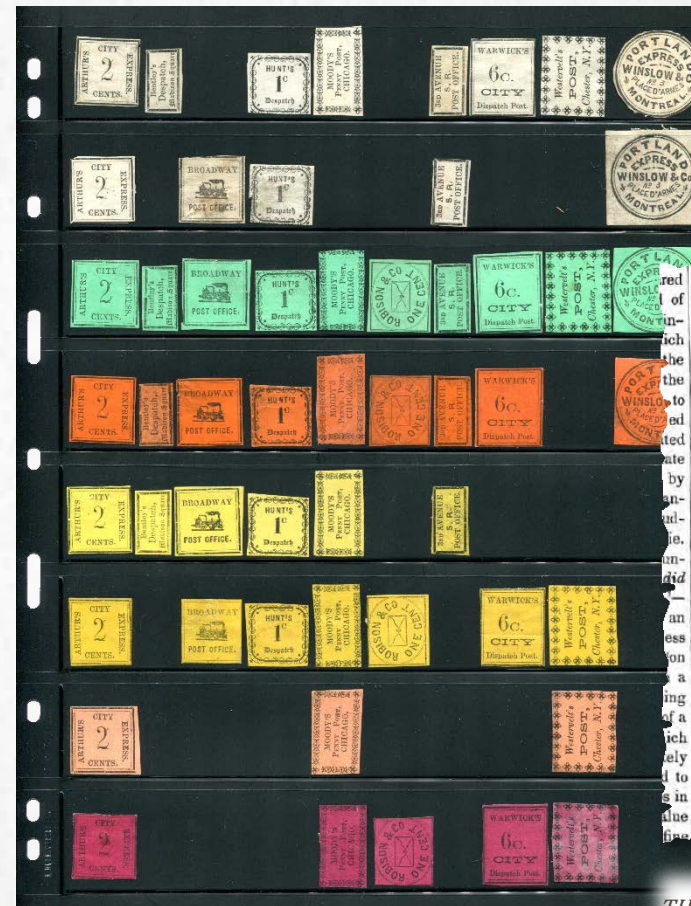
Now, in conjunction with this presentation, we have published these forms on the *Farrell Reference Collection* section of the Carriers and Locals Society website – we welcome collectors to share their feedback and insights on our research.

<https://www.pennypost.org/farrell.asp>



# WHY THE TAYLOR FORMS MATTER

- Helps more accurately attribute forgeries to Taylor
  - The “Montreal Form” – probably Taylor’s first forgery form
- Gives a probable timeline of when some forgeries were made
- Helps predict what forgeries might exist in different colors
- Encourage collectors with new goals
  - Collectors can focus on specific forms



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